

Junior Jags Newsletter

Pembroke Pines
Charter Schools
Academic Village
Middle School

Administrative Team

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Peter Bayer

Assistant Principal

Jennifer Diaz

Guidance Counselor

Jennilee Abolafia

Our MISSION

The Pembroke Pines Charter Community will provide a challenging educational foundation to prepare students for college success and responsible citizenship.

Our VISION

At Pembroke Pines Charter Schools, we are "Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow."



A Cambridge Certified Center

September 2020

Empowering students for the possibilities of tomorrow!

College Citizenship Community



Canvas Tips

If your child is experiencing any technological difficulties, we ask that you please visit the our main page for assistance.

www.pinescharter.net

If your child is having difficulty with any of our web based programs, please go to the bottom of your CANVAS page and complete the 'Help Request Form". Link is below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYpKKZnSWvYIKa-4uvrnlnfi7wY_G2rTZg-8rC6mZ5WjL7rA/viewform

Every student **MUST** log on to CANVAS **each** day. This is imperative, as it is our way of taking attendance during this time of online learning.

As a general rule, Canvas is viewed to show completion of assignments. Jupiter Grades will always show the accurate grade reflected on the assignment. To keep it simple, review Canvas for completion and Jupiter for accuracy of grades.

It is important that you remind your child about online etiquette and proper behavior. Students that do not comply with BCPS policy on technology will be disciplined, which includes but not limited to, permanent removal from virtual chats, along with alternate assignments. Code of Conduct violations will also be documented in school records.

Students are required to be visible during their Zoom sessions.

Important Announcements



Parent Advisory Meetings

Parent Advisory Meetings are scheduled and listed on our Village Hub Canvas calendar. Meetings will be held virtual until further notice.

Uniforms

Students are not required to wear uniforms during online learning. The main focus is to get our students motivated to complete assignments. We do, though, strongly encourage students to wear their uniforms to maintain a structured environment at home.

On-Campus Supervision

Although students are not on campus, we have security monitoring our facilities.

Parent Volunteer Hours

Parent volunteer hours are expected to be completed by May 25, 2021. Parents are expected to complete 30 hours (per family) of service to our charter schools. .

Student Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct (Student Survival Guide) was sent via email. The Survival Guide can also be found on "The Village Hub" Canvas page. Please note our school complies with BCPS, in conjunction with our Proactive Discipline Plan. The Student Code of Conduct still stands true during our remote learning.

FSA/EOC Exams

All state exams are scheduled for Spring 2021. We will be discussing state exam expectations during our Curriculum Meeting in January.

Athletics Department

Sports for the 20-21 school year has been placed on hold until we are fully in our brick and mortar location. We encourage all our athletes to participate and be ready to shine!



Athletics Dept.

Anthony Kelly

Athletics Director

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Fortify

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. We encourage all stakeholders to bookmark the link below:

<https://getfortifyfl.com/>



Tips for Parents On Virtual Experience

Keeping your child focused on their tasks can be challenging. Below are a few tips that can guide you to a healthier experience.

- Select a quiet location in your home for your child's home learning to occur.
- Keep a Routine: List a schedule / agenda that will help your child focus on the day's assignments (to do list).
- Students should stretch and have some movement in between classes. Ride a bike or get some sun! Break should be free from cell phone use.
- Schedule lunch time and snack time during school hours.
- Take time for Family: Dinner together, conversations, games, etc.
- Every morning we have a great social-emotional activity on our Oasis Canvas page! This is a great way for our village to help support our students during this challenging time.

Should you have concerns, we are here to support you!



Canvas Tip—Sync Calendar!

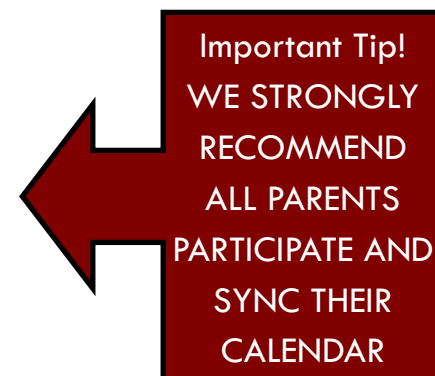
It is strongly recommended that you sync "The Village Hub" calendar to your phone and/or computer devices. As a staff, we have found google is the easiest and most visually appealing method to view the calendar. We will not be using Jupiter Grades to post events. Syncing your calendar feed will ensure you have all events accessible on any device. Below is the link that will guide you to the instructions:

Google Calendar Sync

community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10579-4212710321

Outlook Calendar Sync

community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10578-4212710320





Employee Performance Assessment

Parents have the opportunity to provide input into the faculty and administration performance evaluations. If you are interested, please provide the Principal with your input by April 30, 2021.



Charter School Liaison

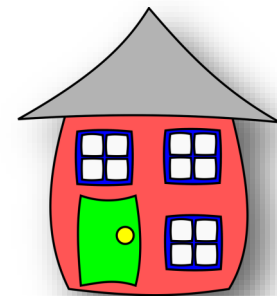
Our Charter School Liaison for Academic Village is Aner Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager. You may reach Mr. Gonzalez at agonzalez@pinescharter.net or 954.431.4884.



Dispute Resolution Procedure

There is a procedure by which the charter school board resolves disputes. The school board is aware of this dispute resolution procedure.

- Parents speak with teacher. If not resolved...
- Parents speak with administrator. If not resolved...
- Parents speak with principal. If not resolved...
- Parents speak with Charles Dodge, City Manager



Address Change

Please note: If your address changes, you must complete an address change form and attach a copy of a current utility bill (light, water, etc.) The utility bill **MUST** have the name of the parent/ guardian and complete address. **Updating this information in Jupiter Grades and/or the emergency contact card does not complete the process.** This form and utility bill can be turned in to the front office.

“Culture does not make people. People Make Culture.”

- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Our Village has always driven our culture. Thank you to all stakeholders for your never-ending support. It truly takes a village.



Important Dates

For the latest updates on all events, check Canvas. We strongly encourage students and parents to sync the Village Hub calendar to their personal calendars (see page 3)

All dates below are subject to change pending opening of schools. Refer to Canvas for the most updated information.

September

- 7—Schools Closed
- 11—Interim Reports Issued
- 14—Parent Advisory Meeting (6PM, Virtual Link will be sent)
- 28—Schools Closed

October

- 16—Last Day of Quarter 1
- 19—Teacher Planning Day

- 20—Quarter 2 Begins
- 26—Red Ribbon Week

November

- 3—Teacher Planning Day
- 9—Anti-Bullying Week
- 11—Schools Closed
- 12—Report Cards Issued (1st Quarter)
- 17—Interim Reports Issued (2nd Quarter)
- 23—Thanksgiving Holiday (schools closed all week)



Faculty Members Broaden Their Areas of Expertise

All of our professional teachers are continuously upgrading their skills and developing increased levels of content expertise. We would like to recognize those teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter High School who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college work and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject. While completing this work, they will be teaching those subjects to students. They have been approved by the School Board of Broward County to teach out of field. Paula Berti (Gifted), Jennifer Carson (Gifted), Lisa Coolidge (Gifted), Lauren Hindmarsh (Gifted), and Rebecca Lewis (Gifted and Computer Applications).

City of Pembroke Pines- Academic Village Middle School

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