



# Pembroke Pines Charter Schools Charter Chat 2021-2022

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*Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!*

**Vision** - Our vision, as a community, is to cultivate character, and foster life-long learning through a challenging educational experience in a safe environment.

**Mission** - It is our mission to prepare students to succeed in a global society by providing a personalized and rigorous curriculum through excellence in teaching.

## Important Phone Numbers

### City Manager/ Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Charles Dodge  
954 - 450-1040

### Central Campus

Sean Chance - Principal  
Crystal Shelton - A.P. Elem.  
Dr. Linda Montoto -  
A.P. Middle  
Elem. - 954-322-3300  
Middle - 954-322-3300

### East Campus

Channale Augustin - Principal  
Dr. Maria Garcia - A.P.  
954 - 443-4800

### FSU Campus

Dr. Lisa Sporillo - Principal  
Dr. Kimberly Pizzo - A.P.  
954 - 499-4244

### West Campus

Michael Castellano - Principal  
Samantha Grandson - A.P. Elem.  
Alan Pfau - A.P. Middle  
Elem. - 954-450-6990  
Middle - 954-443-4847

### Planet T Uniforms

954 - 538-0066

### Transportation Authority

954 - 364-4790

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**School Fees:**  
ONLY Cash or money order  
after May 1, 2022.

**Service Hours Due:**  
Friday, May 20, 2022

**Activity Fee for the  
FSU Campus due:**  
Thursday, June 9, 2022

## General Information

### Advisory Meeting

The next Advisory Board meeting for East, Central & West Campuses will be on February 1, 2022 at the Central Campus. You will receive service hours for attending.

### Arrival/Dismissal

PPCS is committed to providing students an education in a safe and secure learning environment. Please know that for school safety, children are not to arrive at school prior to 8:15 am (8:05 East & West Campus) or to remain on school grounds after 3:45 pm. The school has a supervised before and after school child care program for students who need to be dropped off or picked up earlier or later than the times listed above at a cost.

### Email Communication

In an effort to assist with going green, Pembroke Pines Charter Schools will be sending messages and information via technology. It's very important that you keep your contact information up to date, including your email address. There are two

ways for you to obtain information:

1. Messages will be sent via ParentLink/FOCUS which is by telephone and/or email.
2. Messages will be posted on-line on our website, pinescharter.net.

Please be sure to keep the school informed of any changes in your address, phone number(s) and email address.

### Safety



FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and schools officials. [www.getfortifyfl.com](http://www.getfortifyfl.com)

### Uniform Policy

All students must be in uniform each day. Navy blue

bottoms, appropriate uniform shirt as well as uniform sweater and/or jacket. Solid navy blue jacket/sweater may be used. Please assist in making sure your child's shirt is properly tucked in. ID's should be displayed at the middle and high school levels. Please remember to put your child's name on all sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts. The uniform policy may be viewed at [www.pinescharter.net](http://www.pinescharter.net)

## Advisory Board Dates

Date	Campus	Time
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Central, East and West Campuses	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, 2022	Central, East and West Campuses	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3, 2022	Central, East and West Campuses	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 7, 2021	Central, East and West Campuses	6:00 p.m.

**Important Dates****January****Character Trait - Respect**

- 1/21 - National Hugging Day
- 1/26 - Class Pictures - FSU
- 1/27 - Spelling Bee 4th & 5th Grade - FSU
- 1/28 - Code Red Drill - FSU
- 1/18 - 2/11 - Jump Rope For Heart Fundraiser - WE
- 1/18 - 2/25 - Student Council Shoe Drive - CE
- 1/24/28 - Literacy Week
- 1/24 - 2/4 - Read-a-Thon Fundraiser- CE
- 1/27 - Spelling Bee Grs. 3-5 - CE
- 1/28 - Valentine's Day Individual Pictures - CE

**February****Black History****Character Trait - Honesty**

- 2/1 - Kids Book Club - FSU  
AR Dress Down Day - CE
- 2/2 - Tornado Drill - FSU
- 2/3 - Report Cards via FOCUS - FSU  
100th Day of School
- 2/7- 11 - Scholastic Bookfair - WE  
National School Counselor's Week  
Fire Drill - FSU
- 2/8 - PTA Family Night - WE  
SOS Dress Down Day - CE/M
- 2/10 - Jaguar Parent Workshop - Run,  
Hide, Fight - Safety Protocols
- 2/11 - Interim Reports
- 2/14 - Early Release  
A Day of Service and Love  
Valentine's Day  
K-Kids Dress Down Day - CE  
PTSA Dress Down - CM
- 2/15 - Code Red Drill - FSU
- 2/16 - Code Black Bomb Drill - FSU
- 2/17 - Taste of Pines Event
- 2/21 - President's Day - No school
- 2/23 - Spring Picture Day - FSU

**March****Women's History Month****Character Trait - Self-Control**

- 3/1 - Elem. Admin. Dress Down Day - CE  
Science Olympiad Dress Down CM
- 3/3 - Elem Spring/Personality Pictures - CE
- 3/8 - SOS Dress Down
- 3/9 - Middle Spring Pictures - CM
- 3/10 - Re-enrollment ends today!**
- 3/13 - Day Light Savings
- 3/15 - PTA & PTSA Dress Down CE & CM
- 3/17 - Early Release
- 3/18 - Teacher Planning Day - No School
- 3/21 - 25 - Spring Break
- 3/28 - Teaching Planning Day

CE= Central Elementary      CM=Central Middle  
E=East Campus              FSU=FSU Campus  
WE= West Elementary      WM= West Middle

## Teacher and Non-Instructional Staff of The Year 2021-2022

Teacher of the Year	Non-Instructional Staff of the Year	Campus
Jennifer Wilson	Felix Rodriguez	Academic Village - Middle School
Lourdes Ramirez	Berta Cuevas	Academic Village - High School
Taylor Orsini	Letitia Brown	Central Elementary
Ana Grau	Briana Godfrey	Central Middle
Gisela Naranjo	Emilio Salgado	East Elementary
Rabia Yousuf	Natalia Zapata	FSU Campus
Jeanine Rodriguez	Katrina Gonzalez	West Elementary
Gina Asada		West Middle

### Faculty Expanding Their Areas of Expertise

We would like to recognize Mrs. Karine Miranda from the FSU Campus who is expanding her expertise beyond her current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified as a School Counselor.



Written threats, verbal threats, posted images, and videos that reference any act of violence or threat of violence against a student(s) or school campus will be investigated immediately.

It does not matter if the threatening comment was sent in a private chat thread, or said in a private conversation between friends. It does not matter if the threatening comment was intended as a joke. As per Florida state law, ALL school-related threats, no matter the intent, are a serious crime and chargeable as a felony.

Our Threat Assessment Team is always ready to respond to all potential threats made towards our local students and school campuses. This school year we have investigated various potential threats which led to the arrest of several students on felony charges, even after they indicated that the threats they made were intended as a joke. SCHOOL THREATS ARE NEVER A JOKE, and can have a lasting impact on a child's life.

Our police department will continue to work together with parents, teachers, administrators, the School Board of Broward County, local Charter Schools, and our elected officials to ensure the continued safety of our schools.

Please speak with your children about school threats, and help us prevent these crimes from occurring in the future.

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
THREATS: IT'S NO JOKE Campaign Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3lujlrEhWY>

