



Pembroke Pines Charter Schools Charter Chat 2022-2023

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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. Maria Garcia -
A.P. Middle
Elem. - 954-322-3300
Middle - 954-322-3300

East Campus

Channale Augustin - Principal
Melissa Fernandez - 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, 2023.

Service Hours Due:

Friday, May 19, 2023

Activity Fee for the

FSU Campus due:

Thursday, June 8, 2023.

General Information

Advisory Meeting

The next Advisory Board meeting for East, Central & West Campuses will be on February 7, 2023 at the Central Campus. For the FSU Campus, the Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, March 9, 2023. 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 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

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. 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

Advisory Board Dates

Date	Campus	Time
Tuesday, March 7, 2023	Central Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4, 2023	Central Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2, 2023	Central Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6, 2023	Central Campus	6:00 p.m.
Date	Campus	Time
Thursday, March 9, 2023	FSU Campus	6:00 p.m.

Important Dates**February**

1/9 - 2/17 - Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser - WE
 2/1 - 2/10 SGA Valentines Sales - WM
 Tornado Drill - FSU
 2/3 - Multicultural Day - CE
 2/3 - Report Cards - FOCUS FSU
 2/6 - 2/10 Book Fair - WE
 2/6 - Lockdown Drill - FSU
 2/6-10 - Guidance Counselor and School Therapist Appreciation Week
 2/6-10 - Friendship Gram - East
 2/7 - SOS Dress Down - CM/CE
 2/8 - 100th Day of School Events K - FSU
 Principal's Honor Roll - CM
 2/8 - Black History Family Night - CM
 2/9 - 101 Days of school Gr. 1 - FSU
 Teacher & Non-Instructional of The Year Celebration - River of Grass
 2/10 - Career Day - FSU
 2/10 - 8th Gr. Orientation at HS - CM
 2/10 - Winter Dance - CM
 2/13 - 102 Days of school Gr. 2 - FSU
 Fire Drill - FSU
 2/13-3/13 Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser - East
 2/14 - Early Release
 Interim Reports Issued
 A Day of Service and Love
 Valentine's Day
 2/14 - Friendship Day - WE
 2/15 - Spring Picture Day - FSU
 2/15 - STEM Showcase - WE
 2/15 - Honor Roll Celebrations - CE
 2/16 - Honor Roll Celebrations - East
 2/17 - Q2 Honor Roll - WE
 2/17 - Taste of Pines Event
 2/20 - President's Day - No school
 2/21 - Dress Down Day - CE/CM
 2/22 - United States of First grade-WE
 2/23 - Community Reading - CE
 2/23 - Publix Math Night - East
 2/24 - Busch Gardens 7th gr. Field Trip -WM
 2/24 - Bomb Drill - FSU
 2/24 - Black History Month Dress - East
 2/28 Dress Down Day - CM

March

3/1 - Honor Roll - WM
 Lockdown Drill - FSU
 3/2 - Early Release at 12:00 pm
 3/6-10 - Good Luck Gram - East
 3/7 - Fire Drill - FSU
 Parent Advisory Board - CE
 3/9 - Parent Advisory Board Meeting - FSU
3/10 - Re-enrollment ends today!
3/12 - Day Light Savings
 3/16 - Early Release
 3/17 - Teacher Planning Day - No School
 3/20 - 24 - Spring Break

Teacher and Non-Instructional Staff of The Year 2022-2023

Teacher of the Year	Non-Instructional Staff of the Year	Campus
Gustavo Gil	Nikisha Vielot	Academic Village - Middle School
Maurice Holland		Academic Village - High School
Barbara Albear	Doris Howard	Central Elementary
Alexandra Jimenez	Jorge Rojas	Central Middle
Andrea Nejaime	Ana Rodas	East Elementary
Karen DeSimone	Susan McColman	FSU Campus
Marly Martinez	Keith Cowvins	West Elementary
Mercedes Cortes	Ileana Lazo	West Middle

Faculty Expanding Their Areas of Expertise

We would like to recognize Ms. Melissa Jean Baptiste and Caridad Guzman from West Middle school who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions. Ms. Baptiste in the field of Science and Ms. Guzman in the field of Gifted.



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>