



Pembroke Pines Charter Schools Charter Chat 2023-2024

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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.

Advisory Meeting

The next Advisory Board meeting for East, Central & West Campuses will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the East Campus. For the FSU Campus, the Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2024. 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 FSU & 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

General Information

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

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

Advisory Board Dates

Date	Campus	Time
Tuesday, March 5, 2024	East Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2, 2024	Central Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	West Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 4, 2024	East Campus	6:00 p.m.
Date	Campus	Time
Thursday, April 11, 2024	FSU Campus	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 11, 2024	FSU Campus	6:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES:

School Fees:
ONLY Cash or money order after Friday, May 3, 2024.

Service Hours Due:
Friday, May 24, 2024.

Activity Fee for the FSU Campus due:
Monday, June 10, 2024.

Important Dates**February**

2/13 - Interim Report Issued.
 2/13 - Dress Down Day - CE, CM
 2/13 - A/B Honor Roll - CE
 2/14 - Early Release @ 12:45 p.m.
 A Day of Service and Love
 Valentine's Day
 2/15 - G.R.A.D.E. Graduation Gr. 5-CE
 Teacher & Non-Instructional
 Of the year Ceremony - River
 of Grass Auditorium
 2/16 - 4th grade Everglades National
 Park Field Trip - FSU
 2/19 - School Closed
 2/10 - Raising Positive Children
 Presentation
 2/20 - Dress Down Day - CE, CM
 2/21 - All Pro Dads - FSU
 Club Pictures - CE
 2/22 - Taste of Pines - City Center
 2/26 - Chance's Treats - CM
 Club Pictures - CM
 2/27 - Dress Down Day - CM
 2/28 - Career Day - FSU
 Community Reading Day - CE

March

3/5 - Dress Down Day - CE, CM
 3/7 - **Charter Study Day - Early
 Release**
 3/8 - Multicultural Night - CE
 3/10 - **Re-enrollment ends today!
 Day Light Savings**
 3/12 - SOS Dress Down Day
 3/13 - Spring Pictures - FSU
 3/15 - SGA Dance - CE
 3/18/21 - Washington DC. Trip - CM
 3/19 - Dress Down Day - CE, CM
 3/20 - STEAM Family Night - FSU
 3/21 - Early Release @ 12:45 p.m.
 3/22 - Teacher Planning Day
 3/25 - 29 - Spring Break

April

4/8-9 - St. Augustine Field Trip - FSU
 4/10 - No School
 4/16 - Report Cards Issued
 4/17 - All Pro Dads - FSU
 4/19 - Flamingo Gardens Field Trip
 3rd grade - FSU
 4/24 - Universal Studios Field Trip -
 5th grade

Teacher and Non-Instructional Staff of The Year 2023-2024

Teacher of the Year	Non-Instructional Staff of the Year	Campus
Paula Berti		Academic Village - Middle School
Nancy Altimore	Debbie Centron	Academic Village - High School
Itzia Rivera	Liz Morffi	Central Elementary
Vincent Verdile	Meme Monagas	Central Middle
Kimberly Hemmis	Bertha Moncada	East Elementary
Marjorie Mitter	Carol L. Busk	FSU Campus
Laura Clahane	Deisy Cortina	West Elementary
Dianna Salcedo-Machado	Katrina Gonzalez	West Middle

Faculty Expanding Their Areas of Expertise

We would like to recognize Alyssa Rodriguez from West Elementary school who is expanding her expertise beyond her current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions in the field of ESOL



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=z3lujrEhWY>