



Pembroke Pines Charter School Charter Chat 2024-2025

Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!

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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.

General Information

Advisory Meeting

The next Advisory Board meeting for East, Central & West Campuses will be on **Tuesday, October 1, 2024** at the West Campus and for the FSU Campus on **Thursday, October 10, 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 a.m. (FSU and West Campus 8:05 am) or to remain on school grounds after 3:45 p.m. 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 three (3) ways for you to obtain information: 1. Messages will be sent via ParentLink, which is by telephone, text and/or email. 2. Messages will be posted on-line on our website, pinescharter.net. 3. Messages will be sent via Canvas or FOCUS.

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

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 in writing by April 30, 2025.

Newsletter

This is the first newsletter of the year. The newsletter will be distributed 2 times per year. Please visit the school website for up to date news and information.

Parent Liaisons

The Pembroke Pines Charter Schools have a parent liaison assigned to each campus. The liaisons are listed below:

- East Campus** - Mr. Sean Chance
- Central Elem.** - Mr. Michael Castellano
- Central Middle** - Mr. Peter Bayer
- FSU Campus** - Mr. Sean Chance
- West Elem.** - Dr. Lisa Maraj
- West Middle** - Mrs. Channale Augustin
- AV Middle & High School** - Mr. Jonathan Bonilla

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. ID's should be displayed at the middle and high school levels. Solid navy blue jacket/sweater may be used. Please remember to put your child's name on all sweaters, jackets and sweat-shirts. The uniform policy may be viewed at www.pinescharter.net

Volunteer Hour Expectations

30 hours per family.
<https://youtu.be/vKUfhJat6g8>

SOS Foundation

The Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation, a 501c3, was established in January of 2004 to assist teachers and students through the creation of a one-million-dollar endowment. These monies provide scholarships for high school graduates, teacher scholarships for advanced degrees, and Employee of the Year bonuses for instructional and non-instructional employees in the Pembroke Pines Charter School System. For more information please visit: <http://www.ppcsf.org/>

Important Phone Numbers

City Manager/ Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Charles Dodge
954 - 450-1040

Central Campus

Sean Chance - Principal
Shannon Torres - 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 Maraj- 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
Friday, May 2, 2025

Service Hours Due:

Friday, May 30, 2025

Activity Fee for the FSU Campus due:

Monday, June 2, 2025

Important Dates**September****Suicide Prevention Month****Hispanic Heritage Month**

- 9/10 - Dress Down - SOS
 9/11 - 5th Grade City Center - FSU
 9/12 - 3-5 Curriculum Night @ 6 pm - EC
 9/14 - 21 - Peace Week
 9/17 - Dress Down - EC
 Dress Down - WE
 Constitution Day
 National IT Professional Day
 Dad's Take Your Child to School
 9/18 - Ice Cream Social / Book Fair FSU
 UTAP Visit - EC
 9/19 - Dress Down - FSU
 9/20 - 3-5 Birthday Celebration - EC
 9/21 - International Day of Peace
 9/24 - Dress Down - EC
 9/25 - JPW: FOCUS for Families
 PTA General Meeting - FSU
 UTAP Visit - WE
 Dress Down - WM
 9/23-9/27 - Scholastic Book Fair CE, CM
 9/26 - Charter Study Day - 12:00 pm
 Dismissal
 Applefest KG ONLY - FSU
 JPW: FOCUS for Families - FSU
 9/27 - Apple Palooza 1st grade - CE
 Applefest KG - WE

October

- 10/1-10/31 - Band Snap Fundraiser CM
 10/1 - Advisory Board Meeting - East, Central and West Campuses @ West Campus
 Fox-Mar Student Pictures - FSU
 Dress Down EC
 10/2 School Custodian Appreciation
 Fox-Mar Student Pictures - CE
 10/3 - No School
 10/8 - Dress Down - SOS
 10/9 - Fox-Mar Student Pictures - EC
 10/10 - Advisory Board Meeting - FSU
 10/14 - Teacher Planning Day (No school)
 10/15 - Dress Down - EC
 10/16 - Dress Down Dot Day - FSU
 AR Party K-2 - CE
 10/17 - Family Night - WM
 Dress Down - FSU
 AR Party 3-5 - CE
 10/18 - Trunk or Treat - FSU
 3-5 Birthday Celebration - EC
 10/22 - Dress Down - EC
 10/23 - 31 Red Ribbon Week
 10/24 - Trunk or Treat - EC
 Read for the Record
 10/25 - Spook Central - CE
 10/29 - Dress Down - EC
 10/31 - Fall Festival - EC
 Fall Festival K Parade - CE
 PTSA Funathon - WM

CE-Central Elem. CM-Central Middle
 E-East Campus FSU-FSU Campus
 WE-West Elem. WM-West Middle

Advisory Board Dates for Central, East and West Campus at 6:00pm**2024-2025 Advisory Board Dates**

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – Central Campus	Tuesday, October 1, 2024 – West Campus
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – East Campus ***	Tuesday, December 3, 2024 - Central Campus
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – West Campus	Tuesday, February 4, 2025 – East Campus
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – Central Campus	Tuesday, April 1, 2025 – West Campus
Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – East Campus	Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – Central Campus ***

***Meetings fall on first Tuesday of each month – with exceptions – November 5, 2024 (no school) changed to November 12, 2024 and June 3, 2025 (last day of school) changed to June 10, 2025.

East Campus – 10801 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, FL 33025 – 954-443-4811
 Central Campus – 12350 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026 – 954-322-3300
 West Campus – 18500 Pembroke Road – Pembroke Pines, FL 33029 – 954-4434847

FSU Advisory Board Meeting - October 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm**Faculty Expanding Their Areas of Expertise**

We would like to recognize the following teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter Schools who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject(s). While doing this they are teaching those subjects to students. They have been approved to teach out of field by the Pembroke Pines Charter School's Governing Board.

AV Campus

Alyssa Benitez - ESOL
Bianca Carbone - ESOL
Luz Marina Gil - Dance Technique I & Intro to Dance
Patricia Jackson - ESOL
Heather James - ESOL, English I, Intensive Reading II
Rebecca Lewis - CPTR Appl. Business 2
Lisette Ponce - ESOL
Sabahat Shareef - Environmental Science
Merry Zhuravlev - Math Data & Fin Lit, Algebra I Intense

Central Campus

Kristin Bianchi - ESOL
Erick Corretjer - Gifted
Yessenia Darna - Gifted
Amy Dreilinger - Intense Reading / Lang. Arts
Maria Gonzalez - Gifted
Aaron Johnson - Gifted
Shari-Kaye Moye - Gifted
Brian Vasil - Gifted
Elizabeth Vega - Gifted

East Campus

Jimena Aguilar - ESOL
Sarina Kiesel - ESOL
Melissa Madia - Kindergarten Science
Andrea Nejaim - Gifted
Frances Padron - Gifted
Estrella Quiroz - Gifted
Tiffany Schaffhauer - ESOL
Mandira Young - ESOL

FSU Campus

Cynthia Coronado - ESOL
Debra Dubin - Elem. Ed K-6
Allison Garfield - ESOL
Karine Miranda - School Counseling PK-12
Richard Owen - ESOL
Ana Pacini - ESOL
Sara Rodriguez - ESOL, Gifted
Jeannie Roldan-Verges - Elem. Ed K-6
Adiela Vasquez - ESOL

West Campus

Sienna Aleman - ESOL
Tanya Carrillo - ESOL
Joseph Clergeau - Gifted
Rachel Cohen - ESOL
Jennifer DeVesa - ESOL
Caridad Guzman - ESOL
Patricia Harris - ESOL, Elem. Ed. K-6
Antoinette Hepburn - ESOL
Shumaila Katia - Gifted, Mathematics 5-9
Connie Laurent Calvin - Gifted
Cecily Nunez - Social Science 5-9
Alyssa Rodriguez - ESOL
Sheila Rossi - General Science 5-9
Primrose Thompson - Gifted