



# Pembroke Pines Charter Schools Charter Chat 2024-2025

*Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!*

PPCS

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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, March 4, 2025 at the Central Campus. The FSU Campus, Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, April 10, 2025. 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

date, including your email address. There are two ways for you to obtain information:

1. Messages will be sent via 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. 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)**

### Volunteer Hour Expectations

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

### Advisory Board Dates

Date	Campus	Time
Tuesday, March 4, 2025	Central Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1, 2025	West Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6, 2025	East Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 10, 2025	Central Campus	6:00 p.m.
Date	Campus	Time
Thursday, April 10, 2025	<b>FSU Campus</b>	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 5, 2025	<b>FSU Campus</b>	6:00 p.m.

## 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****February**

2/11 - Interim Report Issued  
SOS Dress Down Day  
2/11 - Honor Roll - CE  
2/12 - Honor Roll - CM  
2/12 - Sawgrass Recreational Park  
2nd - WE  
2/13 - Teacher & Non-Instructional  
Of the year Ceremony - River  
of Grass Auditorium @ 6:30 pm  
2/13 - Zoo Miami 3rd - CE  
2/13 - Chance's Treats - CM  
2/14 - Early Release @ 12:45 p.m.  
A Day of Service and Love  
Valentine's Day  
2/14 - Box of Love 2nd - East  
**2/15 - Re-enrollment ends today!**  
2/17 - School Closed - President's Day  
2/18 - Math Night -FSU  
2/18 - PTA Dress Down - WE  
2/18 - Dress Down Day - CM  
2/19 - Miramar Cultural Play 1st - East  
2/19 - Miramar Cultural Play 1st - FSU  
2/19 - Museum of Science 2nd - FSU  
2/20 - Dress Down Day - FSU  
2/20 - Lion Country Safari 4th - CE  
2/21 - PTA Mother / Son BBQ - WE  
2/21 - Sea World 5th - CE  
2/21 - Universal Studios 7th - WM  
2/21 - Bush Wildlife 4th - East  
2/21 - Kona Ice - East  
2/21 - JA Biztown Field Trip 5th - East  
2/20 - Taste of Pines - City Center  
2/24 - Black History Festival - WE/WM  
2/24 - Group & Club Pictures - FSU  
2/25- 3/3 Field Days - CE  
2/25 - Dress Down Day - WE  
2/25 - Dress Down Day - CE/CM  
2/25 - Debate Broward - WM  
2/26 - Dress Down Day - FSU  
2/26 - STEM Showcase - WE  
2/27 - All Pro Dads - FSU  
2/27 - Black History Parent Night - CM  
2/28 - MODS 2nd - East  
2/28 - Dr. Seuss Day K-5 - East

**March**

3/3 - Living Black History Museum East  
3/4 - Dress Down Day - WE  
3/4 - Career Day - CE  
3/4 - Dress Down Day - CM  
3/4 - Heat Nation K-5 Winners - WE  
3/5 - 3/7- Washington D.C. 8th - WM  
3/5 - Everglades Holiday Park 4th - East  
3/6 - Coral Springs Center KG - FSU  
3/7 - Miami Children's Museum  
KG- WE  
3/10-11 Young at Art Museum  
In house 4th - WE  
3/11 - SOS Dress Down Day  
3/12 - UTAP Visit - East  
3/13 - Responsibility Row 5th - East  
3/13 - Multicultural Night - CE  
**3/13- Charter Study Day - Early  
Release**  
3/14 - PTA Color Run - WE  
3/14 - PTSA Spring Dance - CM

## Teacher and Non-Instructional Staff of The Year 2024-2025

Teacher of the Year	Non-Instructional Staff of the Year	Campus
Margaret O'Connor	Alberto Alvarez	Academic Village - Middle School
Doina Lutchi		Academic Village - High School
Jill Wolfe	Marilyn McKissick	Central Elementary
Rita Campbell	Sundas Paracha	Central Middle
Sydney Maynard	Damian Melendez	East Elementary
Karen Rodriguez	Yaniel Cervantes	FSU Campus
Jennifer Delgado	Pedro Zavala	West Elementary
Hyaptia Mata	Monica Gomez	West Middle

### Faculty Expanding Their Areas of Expertise

**West Campus**

Chrisafina Lowry - 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=z3lujlrEhWY>