



# Pembroke Pines Charter School Charter Chat

## Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!

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### Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year

**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.

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. Our students are off to a terrific start! We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and parents. Please contact us if we can assist you in making the transition a smooth one.

#### 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.

#### Early Release Schedule

Pembroke Pines Charter Elementary School will be dismissing their students at 12:45 p.m. on the following days so that teachers can attend educational workshops:

- Thursday, October 19, 2017
- Friday, December 22, 2017
- Thursday, February 22, 2018
- Thursday, March 22, 2018
- Wednesday, June 6, 2018

#### 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, or FOCUS which is by telephone and/or email. 2. Messages will be posted on-line on our website, pinescharter.net. 3. Messages will be sent via Jupiter Grades and/or Pinnacle. 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, 2018.

#### Newsletter

This is the first newsletter of the year. The newsletter will be distributed 2-3 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 Cas-

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**Central Middle** - Mr. Peter Bayer  
**FSU Campus** - Mr. Sean Chance  
**West Elem.** - Dr. Lisa Libidinsky  
**West Middle** - Mr. Kenneth Bass  
**AV Middle & High School** - Mr. Aner Gonzalez

#### School Fees

Please be advised that after May 1, 2018 you may only pay with cash or money order when paying for your child's fees.

#### Uniform Policy

All students must be in uniform each day with navy blue bottoms, appropriate uniform shirt as well as uniform sweater and/or jacket. A solid navy blue jacket/sweater may be used. 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).

#### Volunteering/Service Hours

Now is a great time to begin your service hours. Please review our volunteer guidelines that went home in the first day packets. Parents, remember to log your hours on a volunteer log sheet and get it signed each day you volunteer. This is how your hours are recorded. All service hours must be fulfilled prior to May 25, 2018 unless prior arrangements have been approved by administration.

### Important Phone Numbers

#### City Manager/ Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Charles Dodge  
954-435-6500

#### Central Campus

Mr. Sean Chance-Principal  
Ms. Jenny Iznaga-A.P.  
Dr. Kimberly Pizzo-A.P.  
Elem.- 954-322-3330  
Middle-954-322-3300

#### East Campus

Mr. Kenneth Bass-Principal  
Dr. Linda Montoto-A.P.  
954-443-4800

#### FSU Campus

Dr. Lisa Libidinsky-Principal  
Mr. Alan Pfau-A.P.  
954-499-4244

#### West Campus

Mr. Michael Castellano-Principal  
Ms. JoAnna DiGioia-A.P.  
Ms. Channale Augustin-A.P.  
954-450-6990  
954-443-4847

### Support Our Schools

The Support Our Schools Committee would like to remind each charter school family to turn in a Pledge Form. Pledge forms are available in the front office of each campus.

Each family is asked to donate \$250.00 per household to help support our schools.

For more information, please email [pinescharter.sos@gmail.com](mailto:pinescharter.sos@gmail.com).

#### **SOS Dress Down Days 2017-2018**

10/10/17	11/14/17
12/12/17	1/16/18
<b>SOS Walk-a-Thon 1/24/2018</b>	
2/13/18	3/13/18
4/10/18	5/8/18

#### Advisory Meetings and dates.

The next Advisory Board meeting for East, Central & West will be on October 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the East Campus. You will receive service hours for attending.

The next Advisory Board Meeting for the FSU Campus will be held on September 27 at 6:00pm.

These are the dates, campus and times for the Advisory Board Meetings for East, West and Central

Date	Campus	Time
Tuesday, October 3, 2017	Central	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7, 2017	West	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	East	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 9, 2018	Central	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6, 2018	West	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 6, 2018	East	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3, 2018	Central	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 1, 2018	West	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 5, 2018	East	6:00 p.m.



## Important Dates

### September

9/22 - Grade 1- Apple Festival (parents allowed) - CE  
 9/26 - PTA Dress Down - CE  
 9/26 - Parent ONLY Open House (7th & 8th Grade) -WM  
 9/27 - Parent ONLY Open House - CM  
 9/27 - FSU Advisory Board Meeting  
 9/27 - Parent ONLY Open House (6th Grade) - WM  
 9/28 - Kindergarten Apple Festival – FSU  
 9/28 - Bright Star Banking Day - CE  
 9/28- Charter Family Night  
 9/30 - All Pro Dad Kickoff - E  
 Parent Night - CE/M  
 10/4 - Open House - CM  
 10/4 – Book Fair and Multicultural Night – FSU  
 10/5 – Dress Down Day– FSU  
 10/10 - PTSA General Board Mtg.- WM  
 10/18 - FSA/EOC/Technology - CM  
 10/19 - Career Day - CM  
 10/19 – 5th Grade/Staff Volleyball Game – FSU

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

## 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.

### Central Campus

Glenda Piompino - ESOL  
 Jilian Taylor-Smith - Gifted  
 Michael Walker - Gifted  
 Vivian Vergara - Gifted

### East Campus

Yessenia Darna - ESOL  
 Damaris Hernandez - Gifted  
 Jennifer Lugo - ESOL  
 Donald Nicolas - ESOL  
 Sherryl Ogden - ESOL  
 Cheree Davis - Gifted

### FSU Campus

Daniel Capiro - ESOL  
 Elizabeth Fisher - ESE  
 Alixandra Ricci-Johnston - ESOL  
 Alison Miller - ESE  
 Ana Pacini - ESOL  
 Olga Perez - ESE  
 Elizabeth Slaski - Guidance  
 Maryann Tuttle - ESOL & Autism

### Academic Village High School

Carina Blanco - ESOL  
 Jennifer Carson - ESOL  
 Ghulam Dossul - ASL  
 Nahomi Hernandez - ESOL  
 Ariel Taylor - ESOL  
 Janet Westphal - ESOL  
 Keidran Willis - Weight Training and Volleyball

### West Campus

Amy Frey - ESOL  
 Michelle Dougherty - Gifted  
 Mari C Faircloth - Gifted  
 Hector Martinez - Gifted  
 Jeanine Rodriguez - Gifted  
 Fanny Rojas - Gifted  
 Lisa Vickers - Physical Science

### Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Parents and students, please make note of the following pursuant to Florida Statute 1003.44

Each "student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his or her parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart."

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the principal at the campus your child attends.

### Central Middle PTSA Fundraisers

Parents are asked to support our PTSA as they prepare their two annual fundraisers to support school and student events for the 2017-2018 school year:

### America's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser - Central

Parents are asked to register for the number of boxes they would be willing to assist in selling (off campus). Each box sold is worth

2 Parent Hours towards their 30 hour requirement. Students who sell the most boxes will be eligible for prizes.

### Walkathon Fundraising Event - Central

Students are asked to raise a minimum of \$40 to pay for participation in the Annual PTSA/SGA Walkathon held at the CB Smith Park on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 9:00am-3pm. Parents may also earn volunteer hours to help work this event.

Please contact PTSA President, Lisa Villaran at [Irvillaran@yahoo.com](mailto:Irvillaran@yahoo.com) Or Glenda Franco at [gfranco@pinescharter.net](mailto:gfranco@pinescharter.net) to register to volunteer.