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A Word from the Pirate Principal

Dear Pirates,

As the school year ends, we smile as we reflect on what a wonderful journey the 2023-2024 school year was. Boca Ciega Pirates students and staff experienced a year of improved campus culture and successes both academic and athletic.

This year BCHS students and staff worked to diligently to improve campus culture by planning and implementing intentional activities to build relational capacity. These activities included but were not limited to Monday morning circles within our 9th grade classes, increased student involvement in PBIS campus initiatives, grade-level homecoming week competitions, a student section for football games, the Fundamental Leadership team of mentors, academy assemblies/shits/awards ceremonies, holiday celebrations, games in the courtyard, new interest clubs (chess, crochet) and a calculated focus on restorative practices. As a result of our actions BCHS has decrease discipline infractions by more than 58%.

Academically Pirates success included: more than 30 students recognized for academic excellence at the SPC Dr. Vilma Fernandez-Zalupski Academic Awards. BCHS comprised over 20% of the students recognized by SPC at the Mac J. Williams Awards ceremony. BCHS students made up 59% of students recognized at the Dr. MLK, Jr. awards breakfast. Of all south Pinellas County high schools BCHS had the greatest number of student fellows recognized at the Vyrle Davis Academic Awards and the Maria Edmonds Academic Awards ceremonies. CWMP will have a national conference competitor this year while the senior pass rate for CNA and EKG certifications are 94% and 95%. BCHS will represent PCS at the State of Florida National History Day competition for the 3rd year in a row. We had Scholastic Art and Writing award winners including Silver and Gold Key recipients, and BCHS had the most number of students of all south county high schools recognized by the College Board for achievement on AP test, the PSAT and SAT.

At the senior award ceremony, BCHS Pirates were awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships and at this year's AVID signing ceremony, AVID seniors earned over \$4.4 million in scholarships, outperforming the class of 2023 by \$100,000. This dollar amount is merit based and does not include Bright Futures or TSIC, and we expect it to grow from there as FAFSA dollars continue to roll in. As you can see BCHS is a center for academic excellence.

There is so much more that I can say that won't fit on the front page of this newsletter. We are so proud of our Pirates and all that they continue to accomplish. THE Boca Ciega High School is the most elite school in Pinellas County. It is a chest full of treasures!

Thank you for your time, be kind and pass along that Pirate Pride!

Jennifer Gil

Principal
Jennifer Gil

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Celebrating a Year of Theatrical Triumphs!



By Ms. Hadidi

As we bid farewell to another remarkable school year, it's with immense pride and gratitude that we reflect on the outstanding accomplishments of our theater troupe and the unwavering support of our community.

Our stage came alive with riveting performances this year, captivating audiences with productions that showcased our students' talent, dedication, and creativity. We extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for our unforgettable renditions of "Radium Girls" and "Addams Family." Your presence and encouragement mean the world to us.

At the District One Act Festival, our production of "Words, Words, Words" left a lasting impression, earning accolades and acclaim. We're thrilled to announce Angelica Genetiano's stellar achievement as the recipient of the All-Star Cast Member award—an honor well-deserved for her exceptional performance.



In addition our participation at the International Thespian Festival was nothing short of extraordinary. Apollo D'Amico's Critics Choice win for their impeccable costume design for Lady Macbeth and Angelica

Genetiano's Honorable Mention for her stellar production package for "Addams Family" further exemplify the caliber of talent within our troupe.

This year's accomplishments extended beyond the confines of our school. We proudly acknowledge our students' involvement in theater opportunities within the wider community. Including Payton Bradley, whose play, "The Recital," was selected and performed for the Lift



Every Voice Play Festival and Angelica Genetiano's who was awarded Most Sustainable Costume Design at the Dali Fashion Festival.

As we usher in a new chapter, we're thrilled to introduce our esteemed Thespian Honor Society Officers for the upcoming year:

- President: Hailey Claxton
- Vice President: Seth Krieger
- Historian: Reese Vandewalle
- Secretary: Gia D'Amico
- Treasurer: Mason Silvers
- Fundraising Chair: Ni'yanna Sands
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Congratulations to these exceptional individuals who will lead our troupe with passion and vision. We also extend our warmest congratulations to all the new inductees who met the requirements to join our esteemed troupe, #1472, this year. Your dedication to the craft is truly inspiring, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for each of you.

As we look ahead to another year of theatrical excellence, we're filled with excitement and anticipation. Thank you for your unwavering support, and here's to many more unforgettable moments on and off the stage.

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The 2023-2024 school year has been memorable for the Boca Ciega High School AVID program. Not only did we have over 600 students enrolled in the

AVID elective, but we also revalidated our National Demonstration School Status. Specifically, our AVID seniors have much to be proud of. We had 44 seniors recognized for their AVID pinning status. To receive a pin, students are required to take AVID for two years, including Senior year, be accepted into a four-year university or enlisted in the Armed Forces, take three AP or dual enrollment classes, have an unweighted 3.0 GPA and complete 20 hours of community service. 100% of our AVID seniors were accepted into a 4-year College or University and together they earned over 4.5 million dollars in scholarship offers and this number does not include Bright Futures Scholarships or Take Stock in Children Scholarships. The 2023-2024 school year has been a record-breaking year, and the AVID team would like to thank staff and the community for their continued support and a special congratulations to all the seniors at Boca Ciega High School for all their amazing accomplishments this year!



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Pirates Newest CNA's

On April 25, nursing assistant students took the Florida Nurse Aide examination. Twenty-five students passed both the examination to allow them to call themselves Certified Nursing Assistants (C.N.A.s). We are so proud of their accomplishment.



As a result, the following students can now call themselves C.N.A.'s:

Kathryn Ables, CNA
Victoria Bolivar, CNA
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Pirates Newest C.E.T.'s

Fifty-five seniors in the Center for Wellness and Medical Professions passed the National Healthcareer Association's examination for Certified Electrocardiographic Technicians on May 1, 2024. They worked hard throughout the year to attain the content needed to pass this very difficult test. The curriculum covered the theory behind the creation of an electrocardiogram, the possible rhythm abnormalities that might occur in the heart's electrical conduction system, cardiac stress testing, ambulatory monitoring, and myocardial infarctions. During the year, each student was required to perform 12-lead ECGs on ten live subjects.

Now, these students have the privilege of using the credentials C.E.T., which stands for Certified Electrocardiographic Technicians. We are very proud of their hard work!

Cadence Am, CET
 Emma Baker, CET
 Emerald Beaulieu, CET
 Zayne Bournand, CET
 Daniel Camauta, CET
 Chayla Chambliss, CET, CNA
 Amiya Corbin, CET
 Brianna Coriale, CET
 Yohani Cortes, CET
 Miles Dallara, CET, CNA
 Alexander Diaz - Perez, CET

Akilah Dottin, CET
 Zaquira Douglas, CET, CNA
 Aiyana Edwards, CET
 Jacob-Patrick Fegan, CET
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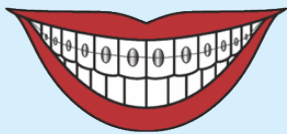
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The BCCHS Work Experience Program has several students in need of part-time employment. If you are familiar with a business that may be hiring, please email Mark Gabriel (BCCHS Work Program Coordinator) at gabrielm@pcsb.org. Thank you for your assistance.



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2024 Track & Field Big Shots

By Coach Green

You have heard of great athletes such as Shacarra Richardson, Alison Felix, Melissa Jeffries, Noah Lyles, and Erriyon Knighton. These are former Olympians that will represent the USA, with the exception of Alison Felix, in the 2024 Olympic games in Paris. Well, meet Zakilya Zeigler, Malayna Mallory, Amira Bryant, Amara Cabassa, Ra'Ziyah Mills, Ja'keem Jackson, Cunray Jenkins, Walter Flounory and Jamari Ward. These are nine of 50 track and field team members that advanced to the regional track and field meet that will take place on Wednesday, November 8, at Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda, FL. The top 4 athletes in each event that placed in the district meet, earned this honor to move forward. For some, such as Ra'Ziah Mills, Jamari Ward and Walter Flounory, this will be their first time competing at the regional level. Ra'ziah will compete in the 100 hurdles, Walter in the 100-meter run and Jamari will compete in the long jump. The 5'11' freshmen has already jumped 20' consistently. For others, it is a repeat of previous years. Malayna Mallory is the only athlete that advanced to the State meet last year earning 6th place respectively in the shot-put. She has also broken her shot-put record, that she broke after a 10-year stint, with a toss over 41.'



ZZ, as she is affectionately known, has also broken the school's 200-meter record of 25.60, by running a 25.50 this season. This record was held by one of our Hall of Fame 2023 inductees, LaToya Jordan. She is also seconds off of breaking Ms. Jordan's 400-meter run record as well. Amira Bryant will also compete in 4 events, the triple jump, 200-meter run, 400-meter run and the 4x400 relay. Amarah Cabassa will compete in the 400 hurdles and 4x400 relay, along with Skye Johnson. On the boy's side, Ja'keem Jackson will compete in the triple jump and Cunray Jenkins in the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter run. If all goes well, we look forward to these athletes moving ahead to state. If these athletes continue to fare well in their perspective sport, we can look forward to seeing them compete in the Olympics in years to come! *Let's go Pirates!*



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Reflection on First Year at Boca Ciega High School

Written by Lillie Fair

Changing schools is tough; just ask any student who has had to do it. This holds true for teachers too. I moved from East Bay High School in Hillsborough County after teaching there for 8 years. I loved “The Bay,” the kids, the staff, and the administration but the commute became too much for me, a Saint Petersburg resident, so I made the switch.

I was offered jobs at Boca Ciega and at Osceola. I chose Boca Ciega because its demographics were more like East Bay than Osceola’s. Also, Ms. Gil, Ms. Lewis, and Dr. O’Brien impressed me with how they presented the English Department, the general sense of direction of the school, and how they communicated with each other. I felt welcome here.

Now that my first year is almost over, I can sincerely say that I am as happy here as I was at East Bay. I love my students—each unique, silly, serious, studious, engaged or unengaged one of them. I am housed in room 4-204: I have windows! Mr. Cook

entertains the students and staff during class passings with his guitar; Mr. Rafal, Ms. Claudio, Mr. Genes, Ms. Hardacre, Ms. Ingebretsen, Ms. Krusemark, Ms. Howard, Ms. Harrington, Mr. Gabriel, Mr. Darnold, Mr. Clarke, and Paula Douglas (who arrived with me at the beginning of the year) are so welcoming to everyone who passes through these halls. I feel like I have been here much longer than a year because I feel like I belong here.

So, count me in: I am ready for the 24/25 school year as a committed Pirate, Arrr. I hope to improve my AVID skills, stretch many young minds who love literature, or hopefully, will learn to love literature in my classroom, and encourage a general love of learning among all my students.

Thank you all for an incredible first year.

