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For The Parents, Students, Faculty, Staff & Community Of Countryside High School - Pinellas County, Florida

Mission:

At Countryside High School, we are committed to educate and prepare all students for career, college, and life.

Vision:

The vision of Countryside High School is 100% student success.



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A Note From The Principal

Cougar Family,

We hope your family has recovered from the unprecedented storms that have greatly impacted our school community. As we enter the second academic quarter, the goal of our administration is to immediately reestablish learning and academic pacing to support the success of all our Cougars. This new quarter brings new opportunities to refresh academic goals and re-establish good habits for a successful finish to the semester. We have backed our annual homecoming events up to the week of November 16, as we have had two interruptions to our planned days. Homecoming week will include dress up days, a competitive pep rally, and a bayou-themed dance.

As our students engage in the second quarter, we want to remind families that CHS also provides credit recovery for all core academic areas to support each Cougar graduating on time. Tutoring has been expanded this quarter at Countryside High School to include Mondays and Wednesdays in the media center. Please reach out to our school counselors or administration should you need any academic support for your student.

We look forward to an exciting winter sports and activities schedule as we offer soccer, basketball, and wrestling. Our school has experienced great attendance this year at athletic events and evening performances. Student tickets are available for each athletic event and performance on campus and are sold during lunches.

Thank you again for supporting our school and always supporting our Cougars. We will see you on campus soon!

Go Cougars!

Taylor K. Henderson, Sr. Principal





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2024/2025 Important Dates

November 13th......Midterm Report

November 25, 2024 - Nov. 29, 2024 THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS *November

25-26. 2024 Possible Hurricane Make-up Days

December 5th Senior Portrait

December 20th End of Second Quarter

December 23, 2024 – Jan. 3, 2025 WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

January 6th Possible Hurricane Make-up Day

January 7th Students Return – 2nd Semester Begins

January 10th Final Grades Due in FOCUS

January 16th Report Cards Issued

February 7th Midterm Report

February 17thNO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

March 14th End of Third Quarter

March 17, 2025 – Mar. 21, 2025 SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

March 28th Final Grades Due in FOCUS

April 3rd.....Report Cards Issued

April 4th.....Quarter 3 Principal's Recognition – PBIS

April 18th......NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

April 21st NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

April 25th......Midterm Report

Students – Students released two hours early.

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Student Parking

This 2024/2025 school year Countryside High School will begin enforcing the need for students to purchase a parking pass to park on school property. In today's school environment, security is of the utmost importance. Our staff must be able to know whether a vehicle has a right to be parked on campus or if someone has entered the campus without permission. Students will be required to purchase the general parking permit for \$5. The basic parking placard, which will hang from the rear-view mirror, will allow staff to identify which vehicles do belong on school property.



The students will be given a grace period, until September 5th, to purchase the parking placard. After that there will be a progression of discipline. It will be as follows:

- 1st offense: Written Warning (grace period to buy placard)
- 2nd offense: A referral to their AP for inability to follow school rules.
- **3rd offense:** A referral to their AP and parking privileges revoked until parking permit purchased.
- 4th offense: the vehicle will be booted (wheel lock). A parking permit would need to be purchased/arranged for when released.
- **5th offense:** The vehicle will be towed from the property, continuously towed until they purchase a placard. (Cost of the tow will be the responsibility of vehicle owner)

The placards can be purchased on Revtrak.com. Once purchased, your child will be able to get their placard from the SRO office.

We would appreciate your cooperation in complying with the parking requirements. If there are any questions, feel free to contact our SROs, Ofc. Comini and Ofc. Faulk.



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Student Services – Guidance Deptartment

<u>Bright Futures Scholarship</u> – Is now open for Seniors! Students must submit a completed FFAA application to apply to BF. We recommend that seniors turn in all their completed hours by December to their School Counselor for entry onto their transcript. All students must submit volunteer / work site proposals for review & approval. All forms may be found on the PCS District website or available in Student Services. Once approved, then students can begin to track their hours. Seniors apply at: www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org.

<u>Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarship</u> – Is now open for Seniors! The PEF & Jump Start scholarship provides over 100+ scholarships that your student could be eligible for. Deadline to apply is January 31, 2025. Seniors apply at: https://pinellaseducation.org/students/.

Looking for more scholarships? Stop by the College & Career Center to meet with Ms. Cobb in G4

<u>FLVS / PVS</u> – Did you complete a summer virtual class? If so, email your School Counselor to let them know to secure your grade/credit onto your high school transcript.

<u>Xello</u> – PCS uses Xello to help students define their future goals for college and career. This online program is accessible via each student's Clever account. All grade levels have assigned tasks they are to complete each semester. Learn more about Xello at www.xello.world

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<u>SPC Spring Dual Enrollment</u> – Student who meet eligibility requirements and would like to take classes for Spring term, must set up an appointment with their School Counselor to complete the registration paperwork. Deadline to register for Spring term: November 21st.

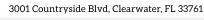
<u>SAT / ACT test fee waivers</u> – You must apply each school year at: www. applyforlunch.com to see if you meet eligibility. To register for an SAT / ACT exam log onto their sites at: www.sat.org & www.act.org

Important Dates:

- ASVAB Testing Sign ups for this test is in our media center. Test date:
 November 6th
- Bright Futures & FAFSA Information Night is November13th @ 6 p.m. in our media center
- SPC Spring Registration Last day to register is November 21st
- FAFSA Set to open for our senior class on December 1st (tentatively)



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Who is my School Counselor? By student's Last Names:

- A-G: Ms. Harris: harrisjul@pcsb.org
- H-O: Ms. Parsley: parsleye@pcsb.org
- P-Z: Ms. Santiago: santiagok@pcsb.org
- ISTEM students: Mrs. DeGarmo: degarmoca@pcsb.org



All Things Attendance

Cougar students and families

First, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and communication regarding your student and their attendance. Each day many of you reach out and let us know if your student will be attending school, any hardships they may be experiencing or to ask questions about their attendance. It is our vision here at CHS to graduate 100% of our students. One major component toward achieving this vision is every student is in attendance and not missing valuable instructional time.

Below I have listed a general breakdown of some of our attendance policies. These are the most common areas I get questions regarding students' attendance:

- 1. Tardies student is not present in class when bell rings
- 1 10 minutes late = TAR (tardy)
- 11- 22 minutes late = EXT (extreme tardy)
- 23 + minutes = PND w/comment (absent majority of class period)
 - *Every 3rd tardy = an absence (excused or unexcused) Also, there are additional consequences for excessive tardiness.

Such as:

- 1-2 = Teacher warning
- 3-4 = Teacher Contact Parent
- 5 = Assigned lunch detention
- 6+ = Teacher written disciplinary referral with progressive consequences (ISS)
- 2. PTL permission to leave early (requested by parent or guardian in person, by email or note sent with student)
- a. PTL's do affect your students' attendance record
- b. *Every 3rd early release = an absence (excused or unexcused)
- c. We ask that you try and schedule all doctors' appointments during non-school hours, if possible

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- 3. Absences Parent or Guardian must notify Mrs. Perry of their student's absence prior to the end of the school day of the absence, if possible, provide written notification within 48 hours of the students' return to school. Otherwise, the absence is unexcused.
- a. The maximum number of days that a student may be absent without acceptable documentation justifying the absence is five (5) consecutive days.
- b. After five (5) days, the parent or guardian will need to provide documentation from a physician or public health unit within 48 hours of the student returning to school.
- **4. Testing attendance** student attendance during this time, is taken at the location of the test by a Proctor. The Proctor, at the end of the allotted testing time will submit the attendance rosters to me and I will update this information in your students' portal. Please be patient, this process may take up to a day or more to update.
- **5.** Reporting your students' absence You may go to https://www.pcsb.org/countryside-hs clink the link on the top right "Report a Student Absence" Please include student name, date of absence, reason, birthdate and grade. If applicable, please attach any supporting documentation.
 - You may also call Mrs. Perry at (727)-725-7956 ext 2051 or email perrypa@pcsb.org
- 6. Where to locate the Pinellas County Attendance Policy, please visit: httsp://www.pcsb.org/ Page15059 on the Pinellas County Schools website www.pcsb.org

Again, thank you so much for your continued support and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Mrs. Perry





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Students, join us at our monthly FBLA Club meetings and upcoming events for FUN, FUN, FUN! We are so excited to kick off the Countryside FBLA 2024-2025 year with 32 students at our last meeting. We enjoyed seeing our returning members as well as some fresh faces. To our new guests, we hope you will join our club as we continue to grow together. Check out the dates below for FBLA events, community service, fundraisers, competitions, meetings and more.

SAVE THESE DATES:

CLUB MEETINGS- Thursdays after school on Nov. 21st, Dec. 19th, and our School Day Field Trip Fall Rally on Nov. 14th at the St Pete Coliseum.

What you join yet? Don't worry you still have time if you decide and \$35 annual dues are in by Nov. 21st. For more info, contact FBLA Club Advisor Mrs. Yaeger in A-6 or at yaegerj@pcsb.org, or talk on campus with a member of your awesome FBLA Officer Team: Ryan Rocco *President*, Michael Fee *Vice President*, Syd Youran *PR Manager*, Sammy Coschignano *Historian*, Jo Pioquinto *Treasurer*, Lucy Wilson *Parliamentarian/Secretary*.









Coding Sky Rockets at CHS with the All New Cougars Who Code Club!

The excitement and enthusiasm are contagious as the Girls Who Code Club expanded to create the Cougars Who Code Club. In September, a dozen CHS students attended, and we have the CHS 2024/2025 Cougars Who Code Club Officer team elected and ready to greet you at upcoming meetings and socials. Besides guest speakers, we will be building and programming Ham Radio communication ETRON and GEOCHRON and Arduino kits based on the three equipment grants received from ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio. UPARC Upper Pinellas Amateur Radio Club is teaming forces with volunteers to help students build and learn to boost their interest in coding and radio technician licenses.

Save these interactive meeting and build dates to join us in A-6 right after school on Nov. 18th, Dec. 16th and each month in 2025. Meet your New 2024/2025 Cougars Who Code Officer team (pictured from left to right): Secretary Tessa Eaton, PR Manager Lucy Wilson, President Lily Bahm, and VP Dana Puga.





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Save The Date

Countryside High is the Place to be on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, from 6:00pm to 7:30 pm for the 16th Annual No. Pinellas Co. College & Career Fair

Once again, Countryside High is hosting our 16th Annual North Pinellas County College & Career Fair with exhibitors from across the county, state, and nation. This is the annual **FREE** event for students, parents or guardians, and the public. It is endorsed by Florida Tours and Pinellas County Schools as one of the most prestigious in the area, drawing over 1000 attendees. Why is it so popular? It is because a student's career can start here! Attendees can talk with many exhibitors to get free information from college administrators, vocational schools, major employers, military recruiters, and more. The campus and concourse open at 6 pm. For more details, contact us at (727) 725-7956 x2318 or email Kathleen Lamb at pcs.lambk@pcsb.org. Starting in the new school year students may also visit the on-campus Cougar Career Fair & Employment Center in G-7A for more information about the event, and employment opportunities, or to sign up as a student ambassador volunteer on October 29th. A wonderful way to get volunteer hours for scholarships!







2024-2025 Countryside High School Coaches' Contact Information

| Sport | Contact Name | Contact Position | Sign in |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Football | Schmitz, Eric | Head Coach | schmitze@pcsb.org |
| Football (JV) | Pipkins, Thomas | JV Head Coach | pipkinst@pcsb.org |
| Volleyball | Freyer, Fran | Head Coach | freyerf@pcsb.org |
| | Naes, Taylor | Assistant Coach | naest@pcsb.org |
| Swimming/Diving | Mark Kantzler | Head Coach | kantzlerm@pcsb.org |
| Bowling | Patterson, Dion | Head Coach | pattersondi@pcsb.org |
| Cross Country – Girls | Shackton, Bill | Head Coach | Shacktonw@pcsb.org |
| Cross Country – Boys | Givens, Eileen | Head Coach | givense@pcsb.org |
| Golf – Girls | Davis, Jared | Head Coach | davisjar@pcsb.org |
| Golf – Boys | Raynor, Cory | Head Coach | raynorc@pcsb.org |
| Cheerleading (all) | Walker, Alison | Head Coach | andersonali@pcsb.org |
| Basketball – Girls | Ashlin, Heather | Head Coach | ashlinh@pcsb.org |
| Basketball – Boys | Patterson, Dion | Head Coach | pattersondi@pcsb.org |
| | Crawford, Chris | JV Head Coach | crawfordchris@pcsb.org |
| Soccer – Varsity Girls | Nolan, Sean | Head Coach | nolanse@pcsb.org |
| – JV Girls | Mosher, Tanner | Assistant Coach | moshert@pcsb.org |
| Soccer – Boys | Gangi, Ricardo | Head Coach | gangir@pcsb.org |
| | Mosher, Tanner | Assistant Coach | moshert@pcsb.org |
| Wrestling | Jefferies, Andrew | Head Coach | jefferiesa@pcsb.org |
| | Longano, Joe | Assistant Coach | PENDING |
| Baseball | Eby, Michael | Head Coach | ebymi@pcsb.org |
| Lacrosse – Girls | Yongue, Jack | Head Coach | yonguej@pcsb.org |
| Lacrosse – Boys | Weaver, Luke | Head Coach | weaverluk@pcsb.org |
| Softball | Bunday, Rebecca | Head Coach | bundayr@pcsb.org |
| | Gannaway, Alice | Assistant Coach | gannawaya@pcsb.org |
| Flag Football | Pusateri, Tom | Head Coach | pusaterit@pcsb.org |
| Track – Girls | Shackton, Bill | Head Coach | shacktonw@pcsb.org |
| | Atherholt, Tony | Assistant Coach | atherholtm@pcsb.org |
| Track – Boys | Givens, Eileen | Head Coach | givense@pcsb.org |
| Tennis – Boys/Girls | Smith, Daniel | Head Coach | smithdan@pcsb.org |

Principal: Mr. Taylor Henderson; hendersont@pcsb.org Athletic Director: Mrs. Erin Overall; overalle@pcsb.org

Athletic Coordinator: Mr. Tony Klemmer klemmera@pcsb.org Athletic Trainer: Ms. Katie Craigie katie.craigie@baycare.org

- Mandatory Insurance link: https://www.hsri.com/K12_Enrollment/Main/ default.asp
- Link for Physicals/Paperwork: athleticclearance.com

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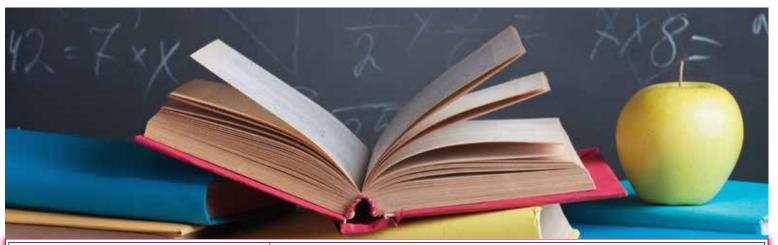






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