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Dear Green Devil Parents and Students.

I hope everyone had a relaxing and peaceful holiday break. It's hard to believe that this school year is already half over. We have enjoyed many successes here at SPHS both in our classrooms and in our many extracurricular activities. Specifically, we had one of our students, Sage Summer who was named a National Merit Semifinalist. In our athletic programs, Green Devils have excelled in football, volleyball, golf, cross country and swimming with all our Fall Sports programs advancing into the State Regional playoffs, with Swimming, Golf and Cross Country all advancing athletes into the State Finals. Our music and drama departments continue to produce superior performances this first semester. I am extremely proud of our students' talents and efforts, and I look forward to seeing what the spring semester brings.

I am asking that you please take a few minutes and read all the valuable information provided in this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's preparation moving forward into second semester, please contact us.

Finally, I truly appreciate the parent support that is provided here at SPHS. It is one aspect that makes our school great. Please feel free to call if we can assist your son/daughter in any way as we provide our students with a first-class education!

Go Green Devils!

Darlene Lebo *Principal*

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mr. Goodrich (9th-11th) A to L Ext.2015 Ms. Diaz (9th-11th) M to Z Ext.2016 Mr. Bryant All Seniors Ext.2017 Ms. Kaur-Barrett All IB Students Ext.2018

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Ms. Saez Last names H to O Ext. 2062
Dr. Hallas Last names P to Z Ext. 2063
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The School Board generally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the conference hall of the administration building, 301 Fourth St. SW, Largo. The public is invited and may speak by signing up at the meeting. The meetings are televised Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. for two weeks following the meeting date on WPDS-Ch. 14, Bright House Cable Ch. 14. and Verizon Americast Ch. 14. For information, contact the board office, 588-6402, or information services, 588-6000. For more information about Pinellas County Schools, check out the website at www.pinellas.k12.fl.us.

2024-25 STUDENT CALENDAR

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

*Our campus is open from 6:30am-2:30pm each day. No student should be dropped off before 6:30am and all students (unless they are in a school sponsored event and with an adult sponsor) should be OFF campus no later than 2:30pm. Our office hours are 7:00am to 3:00pm.

If you need to sign your child out early from school, please make sure to do so prior to 1:30pm. NO PTL's will be permitted after 1:30, students cannot be released during the last 25 minutes of the day.

SAC MEETINGS

All parents and guest are welcomed and encouraged to join us for our SAC meetings. Only voting members who attend 80% of meetings may vote. Meetings are the second Monday of the month, begin at 6:00pm, and are held in the cafeteria. Please join us.

MEDICATION INFORMATION

All students that plan to carry and selfadminister an inhaler, epi-pen, pancreatic enzymes, or diabetic medication must have an Authorization to Carry Form per PCSB medication policy. Physician and parent signatures are required. The forms are available in Student Services, room 1-135, or contact the school nurse.





"DEVIL'S DOINGS"

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Jan. 20: MLK Jr. Day - No school for students.

Mar. 14: End of third quarter

Mar. 17-21: Spring Holidays – No school for students

April 18: No school for students
April 21 No school for students

May 26: Memorial Day – No school of students
May 29: End of fourth quarter. Last day of school

End of fourth quarter. Last day of school. Students released 2 hours early.

DRESS CODE FOR 2024-25

All clothing must be appropriately sized, securely fastened and cover midriff, back, sides, and all undergarments at all times. For example, suspenders should be over the shoulders, pants secured at the waist, belts buckled, no underwear as outerwear, no underwear exposed.

- Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to the other armpit and down to mid-thigh. All tops must have sleeves and cover the entire shoulder.
- Rips, holes, or tears in clothing must be below mid-thigh.
- See-through, revealing, or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meets the minimum requirements of this dress code.
- Gang paraphernalia, garments and/or jewelry, tattoos, or other insignias, which display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, alcohol, or tobacco-related wording/graphics or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in school shall not be worn.
- Clothing must not state, imply, or depict hate speech or imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or any other characteristics protected by federal or state law or Board policy.
- Any articles of clothing or jewelry that may cause injury including, but not limited to, items with spikes, or sharp objects, wallet chains, and heavy link chains are not allowed.
- Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, roller skates, skate shoes, and bedroom slippers.
- Form fitting leotard/spandex type clothing is not allowed unless proper outer garments cover to midthigh length or longer.
- Clothing and footwear traditionally designed as sleepwear shall not be worn.
- Head gear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas, sweatbands and/or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors on campus unless permitted by the principal for religious or medical reasons. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours, however these articles must not violate this dress code.

St. Petersburg High School t-shirts are always encouraged and welcomed to show your school spirit.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

GRADUATION:

GRADUATION DAY for class of 2025 is May 29th at the Baycare Sound, 7:30pm.

 Traditional seniors will be meeting with their counselor in January for a graduation check. Parents, be sure to check with your senior about their status.

PINELLAS EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

Ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, numerous scholarship opportunities are available to high school graduating seniors in the Pinellas County Public School system. Students only need to fill out one application to match their needs and future interests with nearly 100 scholarship opportunities. The 2024-2025 scholarship application is now open. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact alex.buell@pinellaseducation.org.

BRIGHT FUTURES:

The Florida Bright Futures website opened on October 1, 2024 and ALL seniors are asked to register. ONLY seniors should apply by going to: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. Please take advantage of this free money to pursue educational opportunities. The application process takes about 7-8 minutes to complete.

REMEMBER: NO APPLICATION = NO FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES MONEY

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Be sure your senior is checking their senior TEAMS for scholarship opportunities. All other grade levels can come to guidance and look through the scholarship book!

VOLUNTEER/WORK HOURS:

Volunteer hours or work hours forms can be accessed at https://www.pcsb.org/Page/3554 and once completed can be submitted to the appropriate school counselor.

SAT AND ACT:

Please visit the following test websites to register:

- SAT: www.collegeboard.com
- ACT: www.actstudent.org
- HIGH SCHOOL OR CEEB CODE: 101530
- TEST PREPARATION: <u>SATPractice.org</u> and www.khanacademy.org

CREDIT RECOVERY:

Credit recovery via edmentum is available after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2-3pm for ALL STUDENTS. Athletes should check with their counselor regarding credit recovery that aligns with NCAA eligibility requirements.

COLLEGE VISITS:

Juniors and seniors looking for their "perfect fit" for higher education are encouraged to take college visits. They should go to Room 1-107 to pick up and fill out a TDE form PRIOR to the trip. Proof of the visit must be provided to Room 1-107 upon return to receive an excused absence. A total of 4 "College Days" are allowed.

COLLEGE and CAREER FAIR

On February 3rd, 6-8pm at Pinellas Technical College. Over 100 universities and employers will be present.

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UPDATING INFORMATION IN FOCUS/ONLINE FORMS

It's very important that we have the most current information for your student. This includes correct address, phone number, email and contact numbers. Please update your address, phone number, and/or email address by logging into the Student Reservation System with your Parent Username/password off of the www.pcsb.org website. If your address has changed please email your 2 proofs of residency along with your student's name to fowlerti@pcsb.org or meltonp@pcsb.org. Also, when you login to FOCUS you will be prompted to complete the first day of school forms(Parent Acknowledgement of Student Code of Conduct, Media Release, Directory Information Optional Opt-Out, Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement, Technology Equipment Acceptance and Responsibility, Residency Questionnaire, School-Based Healthcare Services and the Student Clinic Card) online. Once you have completed the forms you will then have access to student's grades, attendance, and messaging.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

It is with great pleasure that the St. Petersburg High School Administration and Staff in conjunction with the St. Petersburg High School Alumni Association host a ceremony to honor the

following 2025 inductees to our Athletic Hall of Fame. The following people will be inducted on

Jan. 17, 2025 before the varsity basketball game in the gym.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

BREAKFAST & LUNCH NEWS

*All students are eligible for FREE breakfast and FREE lunch each and every day. We do still encourage all families to fill out the free/reduced lunch application if you think you are eligible as this will qualify you for free testing waivers and additional scholarship opportunities. Please fill out the free and reduced lunch form at: www.myschoolapps.com.

Any additional meals or snacks can be purchased with cash or add money to your My Bucks account. We also sell food, snacks and drinks at a cart outside the café during lunchtime. The café has 3 lines inside that serve all the same hot and cold food items, please encourage your child to use any line and have their pin number ready.

DUAL ENROLLMENT AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

St. Petersburg College offers college classes to qualified high school students in Pinellas County at no cost to the student. These courses allow students to earn credits toward a high school diploma and a college degree at the same time. Dual enrollment course grades are recorded to the student's high school transcript and his/her permanent college transcript. Therefore, students must give their best performance in dual enrollment coursework because the resulting grades can greatly impact post-secondary education opportunities, scholarship opportunities, and financial aid eligibility.

Courses on the Dual Enrollment Approved Course List are available on SPC campuses and some local high school campuses. Dual enrollment courses that are offered by a credentialed instructor at a student's high school must be taken on the high school campus.

To take Dual Enrollment classes through SPC during the first semester, students must:

- 1. See their school counselor to see if they qualify
- 2. Get directions to obtain an SPC ID number (share with counselor)
- 3. Take a college place exam prior to obtaining permission to take dual enrollment courses
- 4. Students eligible for on-campus Dual Enrollment courses will have an opportunity to register for on-campus dual enrollment courses (for the 2025/2026 school year) during the in-house registration in the month of February. Please see your School Counselor for more information regarding eligibility requirements for Dual Enrollment.
- 5. Obtain a completed Dual Enrollment Permission Form (for off campus classes)
- Register for the class(es) through the SPC Dual Enrollment Office (for off campus classes) no later than the last day of school
- To be eligible to take an academic dual enrollment course a student must have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0. To be eligible to take a career dual enrollment course, a student must have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0.

EARLY COLLEGE/EARLY ADMISSION:

Students who are interested in being a full-time Early College or Early Admission student must complete the application and submit to the Early College Program office no later than 2:00pm on February 10, 2025.

Full-time Early College or Early Admissions students must follow steps 1-3 listed above to enroll. Interested students should visit the SPC website at www.spcollege.edu for more information.



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INTERNATIONAL DAY

The Spanish IB teachers will be taking a team to our county competition: International Day. The cost is \$10, first come, first serve! This will be a great opportunity to immerse in the culture and language while doing crafts and enjoying some goodies. It will also be an opportunity for students attending the FSSC to practice and get comfortable with the activities they will be undertaking at the conference. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact: Linda Santiago @ SantiagoL@pcsb. org or call at 727-906-2722.

PROM 2025

Save the date! Prom will be on April 4th from 8pm to midnight at the Coliseum this year. The theme this year is "Glitz, Glam, and Gatsby." Prom is for juniors and seniors only; underclassmen are not permitted to attend. Guests must be juniors or seniors and under 20 years old as of April 4, 2025. Tickets will be on sale Monday, March 3rd through Friday, March 14th for \$40.00; Monday March 24th- April 4th Tickets will be \$50.00. No tickets will be sold at the door. There will be no ticket sales from March 14th – 21st due to Spring Break. Students who want to bring a guest must have the guest from completed prior to purchasing a ticket. These forms will be available in the front office, Rm. 1-234, and on the school website.

FSSC TEAM NEEDS HELP & VOLUNTEERS

The World Languages Department at St. Pete High is organizing a team to attend the FSSC (Florida State Spanish Conference). We will be taking 16 kids to compete and 16-20 kids to volunteer at the conference to the Wyndham Resort in Kissimmee on Wednesday, April 16th and returning on Saturday the 19th.

The district is sponsoring a bus to take our team to the competition. We need money to buy the supplies we need for the competition and food and snacks for the kids.

If you are interested or have any questions, feel free to contact Linda Santiago (727) 906-2722 or e mail at santiagol@pcsb.org.

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AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING SCHEDULE

Tutoring Times are from 2:05-3:05 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Tutoring location is in the Media Center, except Ms. Keim is in room 5-203.

Subject	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Math	Ms. Fish	Ms. Hester	
Science	Mr. Baughman	Mr. Baughman	Mr. Baughman
English/ Reading	Ms. Green Ms. Miller	Ms. Green	
Social Studies	Mr. Linderer	Mr. Linderer Mr. Hyypio	Mr. Linderer
Credit Recovery	Ms. Keim – Room 5-203	Ms. Keim – Room 5-203	Ms. Gryder
ACT Reading Test Prep.			

*Students, please speak with your teachers to see if they offer lunchtime tutoring in their classrooms beyond the names listed above. If not, any student can attend the sessions listed above to receive tutoring help. Check with the teacher early in the day to make sure they are tutoring.

BUS INFORMATION

Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department has a system called Bus Bulletin. This system informs you when your child's bus is going to be delayed or schedule changes. If your student rides the bus this is important to read.

If you would like to receive instant notifications when delays or incidents affect your student's bus, please register with Bus Bulletin.

- There is no cost to you for this service.
- Registration is simple and fast.
- You can choose to receive either text messages, phone calls, and e-mails or all these options.
- All contact information is stored securely and will not be shared or sold. Your privacy is protected.

Please note: this system is not related to Pinellas County Schools new emergency text message communications through School Messenger.

For more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, visit www.BusBulletin.com/parents.

If you need help with registration, call Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department at 727-587-2020.



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CLASS OF 2025

SENIORS - GRADUATION NEWS

Please note that we have our graduation date! Please save the date for our Class of 2025 Graduation, Thursday, May 29th, 7:30pm at Baycare Sound. Once the district releases details/logistic information for the day of, we will send it out to Seniors and their families ASAP.

Payment of your dues can begin now online or in person once school starts. If you are on campus, you can bring in exact cash or check made out to SPHS. The easiest way to pay, will be to use the direct link that will be posted on the school website and is also below. I will also post it on the Class of 2024 Team and around school. The online option will allow you to pay by credit card.

Your dues cover all MANDATORY costs. These costs include, but aren't limited to the following:

(any items listed below are for the graduates to keep)

- Cap, Gown and one tassel
- Medallion to be worn at graduation
- Diploma Cover
- · Yard Sign
- · Graduation Ceremony

If you pay any time after the start of semester 2, the cost will go up to \$125.00.

Any questions please speak to Mrs. Anderson in room 1-124 or you can email andersonand@pcsb.org.

To Pay Online: https://pcsb.revtrak.net/High-Schools/st-petersburg-high/sphs-senior-class-dues/

Seniors, please make sure you have filled out the measurement form online if you haven't' already done so. This is how we will order your cap and gown so without one completed, yours will not be arriving at the same time! You can access the form by scanning the QR code at the top of this page.

SENIORS CLASS OF 2025 – REMIND TEXTS

Please text/send the following group code to the number 81010

Last names starting with A-D @kd79hc
Last names starting with E-J @288ah99
Last names starting with K-O @e28bad
Last names starting with P-Z @988d64k
Parents and Seniors can both join! Lots of information will be shared all year long by these groups! Don't miss out!

SENIOR CLASS IMPORTANT DATES

** dates will continue to be added as events are planned/confirmed

April 3rd - **Cap and Gown Delivery**- Gym Lobby- 10-11:30am

April 4th - Prom at The Coliseum-8pm-12am

April 11th - Grad Bash-Universal Studios

April 14th- 17th - SENIOR WEEK

- · Monday: Senior Sunrise
- · Tuesday: Decision Day
- Wednesday: Move Up Assembly
- · Thursday: Drive In Movie Night

May 29th - **Graduation** at Baycare Sound in Clearwater, 7:30pm

Senior Class of 2025 Information



IS YOUR STUDENT COLLEGE AND CAREER READY?

The on-campus College and Career Center is here to help. The CCC supports students and families to access resources, explore opportunities and work collaboratively on:

- · Career pathways and major exploration
- College exploration and match
- · Application development and submission
- SAT/ACT prep resources
- College Fair and admission events
- Financial and Scholarship planning
- · Essay preparation and review

To take advantage of this great opportunity please contact Kanesha Howard, your College and Career Readiness Coordinator, 727-893-1842 ext. 2331 or howardkan@pcsb.org.

SENIOR PICTURES

SENIORS don't forget to schedule your portraits at Cady.com! The last day to be photographed for the yearbook is JANUARY 31, 2025.

COLLEGE VISITS FOR SENIORS

Do you plan on visiting a college? If so, you must stop by the Guidance Office in room 1-221 or 1-107 and pick up a College TDE form. You will need to have all your teachers, and a parent/guardian sign the form; return it to room 1-221 or 1-107 three days prior to your visit. Make sure to read the directions on the TDE. You will need to bring back a letter on letterhead from the college you visited, stating the date you attended. The letter will need to be turned in to room 1-221 or 1-107 within two days of your return. Your absence will then be corrected. College visits do not count as an absence for exam exemptions.

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BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

St. Petersburg High School invites you to become a Business Partner. SPHS believes that partnerships transform the educational landscape for student success. Business partnerships can significantly impact student success by meeting the diverse needs of the school, students, parents, and the community. The College and Career Center (CCC) aligns instructional practices, provides resources, parent, and community engagement to ensure each student graduates with a plan and navigational skills to support their postsecondary path.

Involvement can be accomplished in many ways:

- Talents- Providing time for employees to volunteer in schools as a career guest speakers and job fair events.
- Treasures Providing financial contributions to schools or special events, scholarship opportunities for students and teachers or donation of equipment/materials for use in the classroom or school.
- Time Internships, mock interviews, school volunteers, mentors, and tutors
- Incentives -donations for student achievement, good behavior and attendance

If you would like to become a Business Partner with SPHS, please contact Kanesha Howard, College and Career Readiness Coordinator, at (727) 893-1842, ext. 2331.



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students and programs!

2024-25

REPORT CARD

Report Cards

Oct. 29, 2024

Jan. 16, 2025

April 3, 2025

June 3, 2025

Please note that Pinellas County has four

9-week grading periods for high schools.

End of the Grading Period

Oct. 18, 2024

Dec. 20, 2024

May 29, 2025

March 14, 2025





2024-2025

Join the SPHS PTSA Meetings: 11/7, 2/6, 4/3 STPETEHIGH.MEMBERHUB.COM



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- Student and teacher of the month aw
- Various teacher meals and snacks Holiday gift cards for teachers Annual student end-of-year celebration
- Various events supporting teachers &





VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VOLUNTEERS

We hope you enjoyed a safe, restful winter break! For all current volunteers: It is very important to record your volunteer hours. Go to focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/ and log into your account to add your hours. If you cannot, please send your hours to Kanesha Howard howardkan@pcsb.org and she will record them for you.

We continue to have a need for Take Stock in Children Mentors. TSIC is an initiative of the Pinellas Education Foundation that offers students the opportunity to secure a scholarship for college tuition or technical training. TSIC candidates must meet with a trained mentor at least 15 times over the course of the school year and have additional criteria they must meet. If you are interested in mentoring, please contact Kanesha Howard, at 727-893-1842 ext. 2331.

- All volunteers must be in the PCSB database and complete a background to volunteer for any PCSB event. You must complete an electronic volunteer registration form at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration. Please upload your driver license or a legal photo ID. DO NOT use a mobile device.
- If you are an existing volunteer but need to reactivate your profile, please use a Google Chrome browser and go to https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer. Again, do not use a mobile device. Enter your user name and password:

User ID would be V.last name, first initial. Example: v.smithb (all lower case and no spaces)

Password would be your last name and birth year. Capitalize only the first letter of your last name and no spaces followed by your four-digit birth year. Example: Smith1990. Common last names may have additional characters or symbols as part of the user ID.

We do need volunteers for spring sports, mentoring, assisting staff with filing, and other tasks.

For questions, please contact Kanesha Howard, College and Career Readiness Coordinator, at 727-893-1842, ext. 2331 or howardkan@pcsb.org

We are grateful to all our SPHS volunteers and mentors!

2024-2025 TRADITIONAL BELL **SCHEDULE**

Blocks	Periods	Start/End
1/2	1	7:25-8:12
1/2	2	8:17-9:09*
3/4	3	9:14-10:01
3/4	4	10:06-10:53
5	5	10:58-11:45
LUNCH		11:45-12:15
(17	6	12:15-1:02
6/7	7	1:07-1:55

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DUAL ENROLLMENT AT PINELLAS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

High school students attending Pinellas Technical College (PTC) can be dual enrolled in post-secondary courses - tuition free! These courses give students credits toward a high school diploma and a career technical certificate at the same time. Hours completed at PTC may also transfer as credit hours to local and state colleges.

Courses are available on both the Clearwater and St. Petersburg campuses. Following is a list of classes currently available on each campus:

CLEARWATER CAMPUS

Accounting Operations

Administrative Office Specialist Automotive Service Technology

Cabinetmaking

Commercial Foods/Culinary Arts Computer Systems & Info. Tech.

Cosmetology

Digital Design

Electricity Electronic Tech.

Machining Technologies

Medical Administrative Specialist

Medium/Heavy Duty Truck & Bus (Diesel)

Network Support Services

Web Development

Professional Culinary Arts and Hospitality

Technology Welding Basic

ST PETERSBURG CAMPUS

Accounting Operations

Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing

Automotive Service Technology

Building Construction

Commercial Photography

Cosmetology

Drafting Electricity

Facials Specialty

Medical Administrative Specialist

Nails Specialty

Network Support Services

Pharmacy Technician

Plumbing Technology

Practical Nursing

Television Production

Dual enrollment students will be present in the same class as adult students; therefore, a higher level of maturity, independence, and initiative is important for student success.

Students who are registered for dual enrollment courses will have three grades per semester recorded on their high school transcripts. Therefore, students will need to work hard and commit to academic excellence as they perform at their best with the required PTC coursework. Please keep in mind that the resulting grades can greatly impact post-secondary education opportunities and/or scholarship opportunities.

To take Dual Enrollment classes at PTC during the fall and spring semester, students must:

- Be at least 16 years old and entering their junior or senior year in high school.
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.0, or 2.5 GPA for medical-related programs.
- Show responsibility through high school attendance and behavior.
- Obtain a Dual Enrollment Application from their high school counselor.
- Return a completed application to their high school counselor, with all necessary signatures; once the PTC counselor has received the application, the student will be contacted regarding a shadowing date.
- For more information regarding dual enrollment, please contact the Clearwater campus at (727) 538-7167 or the St. Petersburg campus at (727) 893-2500.

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YEARBOOK

NEWS 2024-25 yearbooks are on sale until Feb. 28

- at yearbookforever.com for \$90.
- Parents, please tell your students if you buy them a yearbook so they will know to pick it up at the end of the school year!
- If you are a business and would like to support the yearbook, you can purchase an ad online or by contacting Mrs. Flanigan at flanigana@ pcsb.org.

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- ♦ Don't forget to choose the pose you wish to see in the yearbook (online at Cady.com) to avoid the default studio selection.
- **♦** The last day to be photographed for the yearbook is January 31. Please book your session at Cady.com
- Senior Parents: The last day to purchase a tribute ad for your senior is February 28. Please go to <u>yearbookforever.com</u> to purchase a tribute. Email flanigana@pcsb.org for assistance.
- Senior Parents: Yearbook wants your senior's elementary picture! Please send a picture of your senior as a K-3rd grade student to flanigana@pcsb.org by December 31.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

2024-25 yearbooks are on sale at yearbookforever.com for \$90. SENIOR TRIBUTE ADS may also be purchased and designed online. If you need assistance, please contact Mrs. Flanigan at flanigana@pcsb.org . If you are a business and would like to support the yearbook, you can also purchase an ad online or contact Mrs. Flanigan at flanigana@pcsb.org.

EARLY CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

Parents requesting early check-out of their student can call the school at 727-893-1842, ext. 2306 for the student to get a Permit to Leave slip or email StPetersburgHS.Absence@ pcsb.org (In the subject line put Permit to Leave, in email add student's name, date and time that need to leave along with the reason of absence). This alleviates any wait time for you when you come to pick up your student. If you come in, please understand that we do need time to get your student for you. Please allow at least 30 minutes. This will give the school the opportunity to look up the student's schedule and send for them to meet you in the main office. Parents, it is important that we check the driver's license of anyone picking up your student early from school; this is done to ensure the safety of your child. After 1:30pm there will be no permission to leave slips written, due to the time constraints of using the proper method of getting your child from class before school is dismissed.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Thank you to all the parents who are using the car line to drop your students off in the morning and to pick them up in the afternoon. Student safety is our number one priority and using this designated area ensures that all students are out of harm's way.

Please **DO NOT** enter the Student Parking Lot or the Faculty Parking Lot to drop off your child. Please do not stop on 5th Avenue and let your child out of the car.

The safe drop-off and pick-up locations are the car circle by Devil's Drive on 27th St. off 5th Ave. and 28th St. and 7th Ave.

Thank you so much for your cooperation! Working together we can keep St. Pete High safe!

ABSENCES

If you are absent from school, a doctor's note, phone call, or written excuse from the parent must be emailed to StPetersburgHS. Absence@pcsb.org within 48 hours of the absence. The email should include the student's name, reason for absence, and parent's telephone number. A parent may excuse five days in a semester; further absences cannot be excused without a doctor's note. Absences should be for the following reasons: student illness, family emergency, death in family, medical appointments, and religious holidays.

Note: The Florida Legislature has enacted requirements that schools report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) the names of students who fail to satisfy the attendance requirements. This refers to students who accumulate 15 unexcused absences (excludes out-of-school suspension) within 90 calendar days. Students who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be INELIGIBLE for driving privileges.

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THESPIAN AND GOLDFEVER NEWS

Please mark your calendars for this year's GoldFever, our sell out lip syncing dance competition open to the entire school and teachers. GoldFever is January 24, 2025, at 6pm in the Auditorium.



AIR FORCE JROTC

SPHS's Green Devil Elite Air Force Junior ROTC cadets are the next generation of American leaders. The goal is to challenge cadets to grow mentally and physically by stepping outside of normal comfort zones.

The program started with around 40 cadets and has grown to 70 plus members for SY 24-25, with a goal of reaching 100 students. We encourage 9th-12th grade students interested in sharpening life skills to consider enrolling in this inspiring course. Whether your child is college bound, headed into the workforce, or planning on joining the military, this program is designed to prepare students to be college or career ready. There is no obligation to join the military, however, if your child is interested in serving the nation, the SPHS AFJROTC program will offer students a head start on becoming LEADERS of tomorrow...not to mention a two-rank promotion as soon as they finish basic training.

The program constantly participates in Orientation Flights at Albert Whitted Airport, team building exercises, tours at MacDill Air Force Base, community service projects, US Special Forces demonstration, Guest speakers from various careers, launching of model rockets, and numerous academic and physical activities.

As the program continues to evolve, the 2024-2025 School year will see the addition of a Raiders Challenge Team, a Flight Simulator, a Color Guard Team and Drone operations.

If you think the program is for you, let your Guidance Counselor know. Need more information? Lt Col Tomaseski (TOMASESKID@pcsb.org) and CMSgt Fowler (FOWLERF@pcsb.org) are standing bye to answer any questions (can also be reached at 727.893.1842... just ask to be connected).

NEED TO USE THE ELEVATOR?

If you ever need to use the elevator at school, you will need to bring in a doctor's note stating how long the elevator will be required. Before the elevator key is issued the student will have to make a \$20.00 deposit that will be returned by check in the mail once the key is returned. Elevator keys can be obtained in the bookkeeping office.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Did you know that if the school sends you a letter it will NOT be forwarded to your new address? If you've recently moved, please do the following to change your address:

- 1. Go to www.pcsb.org
- 2. At the top of the page on the right side click on Login
- 3. Click on FOCUS (Student Information).
- Type in the Parent User Name and Password.
- On Left hand side click on Student Reservation and complete the change of address.
- Email your two proofs of address to fowlerti@pcsb.org or meltonp@ pcsb.org; acceptable proofs of address include a copy of a lease and a utility bill (electric, water, cable) or two utility bills

If you should have any issues/questions please give us a call at 727-893-1842, ext. 2008.

VIRTUAL ID BADGE TO CHECK-OUT TEXTBOOKS

Students, please go to the App store on your cell phones and download the Pinellas County School App. It is a free app and looks like this:





Open the app and log in with your R2D2 number. Once in the app you can pull up your student ID; this is called the Virtual ID Badge. If you had a photo taken, you will see a photo and barcode; if not, you will just see a barcode.

Screen shot your Virtual ID Badge and save it to your photos on your cell phone. You will need an ID Badge to check out textbooks, laptops and if you come in late for tardies.

DELIVERY OF FLOWERS, BALLOONS, ETC.

With safety in mind, the school cannot accept any type of flower or balloon arrangements for delivery to students. Many times, these gifts are in glass containers which can be broken. In addition, they cause class disruption. Please do not send any type of delivery to students here at school. They will be refused and sent back to the sender. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

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