

Jaguar Family Newsletter



Port St. Lucie High School: Every Student Future Ready

Parent Quick Points

- Oct 3 Flu Mist Admin
- Oct 9 Scholarship Night @ 6pm
- Oct 15 PSAT
- Oct 16 SAC
- Oct 22 Early Release
- Oct 25 ACT
- Oct 29 Early Release
- Month of October is FCAT Retakes

Student Quick Points

- Oct 3 HOSA FLC @ PBGHS
- Oct 10 Hispanic Heritage Assembly
- Oct 13-17 Homecoming Week
- Oct 13 Carnival
- Oct 18 Homecoming Dance
- Oct 21 Senior Pinning
- Oct 29 Freshman Assembly
- Oct 30 Sophomore Assembly

Cadet Saves Own Dad's Life

Due to a horrific accident with a sidelight window, Steve Shea suffered a laceration from glass in his forearm down to the bone that severed an artery. His daughter, Mackenzie Shea, is a Captain in Port Saint Lucie High School's JROTC program. She knew from her JROTC training that the bright red blood squirting from his arm was arterial blood and that arterial bleeding is life threatening. Mackenzie took her dad to the car and then she wrapped a seat belt around her father's bicep that acted as a tourniquet, which ultimately saved his life. Mackenzie rushed to the ER honking and flashing the lights, determined to get help for her father. Even with blood spurting from her father's arm, Mackenzie stayed calm throughout the ordeal. When they finally arrived at the ER, the doctors cut the seat belt out of the car and it remained on Steve's arm until the doctors got him into emergency surgery where they tied off the artery. Although Steve lost a couple pints of blood, he is still here with us all thanks to Mackenzie Shea.



By: Crystal Ortiz

Activities and Athletics

- Oct 1- Bowling v FPC 7:00
- Oct 9 Bowling v JBHS 3:30
- Oct 14 V-ball v TCHS 12:30
- Oct 16 Bowling v SFHS 3:30
- Oct 17 Football v Bayside 7:00
- Oct 18 V-ball tourney @SFHS
- Oct 18 Crown Jewel @ VBHS
- Oct 24 Football v FPW (senior night) @ 7:00
- Oct 25 Marching band MPA @ JBHS 4-10

Million Father March

The Million Father March is an opportunity for all men to show their commitment to the educational lives of their children on the first day of school and throughout the school year. The Black Star Project's Million Father March aims to create an honor guard of strong, positive men who support all children at that school. The Million Father March marks the beginning of a year-long educational, social, financial, emotional and spiritual commitment by men to children. For this reason, the Million Father March is an influential and celebrated event for communities worldwide. The March takes place across the country where coordinators oversee the event in each participating city.

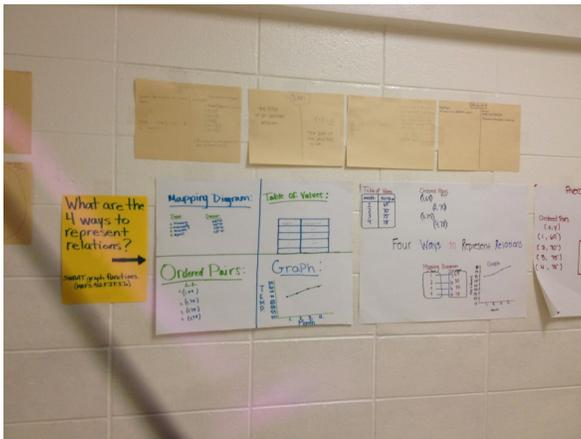
This event will occur October 7th

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ACTIVITIES

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, students who are currently taking Spanish II and IB Spanish have created poster projects of a diversity of Hispanic cuisine as well as biographies of Hispanic scientists, inventors, comedians, movie directors and producers with the purpose of educating others on the diversity of Spanish culture. There will be a display of artifacts in the cafeteria of the history of "The Day of the Dead" Mexican celebration. The posters and displays will be decorating PSLHS cafeteria during the month of celebrations.

In addition, Spanish Honor Society students have created the second Spanish Heritage Showcase in which there will be a Folkloric Puerto Rican dance of "Bomba y Plena" with original folkloric costumes, a small play of the history of "Cinco de Mayo", a mix of Latin music dances including Bachata, Merengue, and Salsa and to finalize, a dance with the song "Maria" from the famous Mexican-American guitarist Carlos Santana. The Showcase is the centerpiece of the ticketed school-wide Hispanic Heritage Assembly that will be held on Friday, October 10.

Mrs. Howell's classes illustrated four ways to represent relations.



Homecoming Dance



SAT & ACT Test Dates

	Registration Deadline	Late Registration	Test Date
ACT	Sept. 19	Sept. 20- Oct. 3	October 25
SAT	Sep 12	Sep 26	Oct 11

Jaguar Preparatory Academy

As we welcome the fall months, English I students will continue their focus on the thematic unit of Good vs. Evil. Students have completed all work related to the reading of "The Most Dangerous Game", and are looking forward to reading "The Interlopers", "Cask of Amontillado", and an article from *Psychology Today* entitled "The Real Meaning of Good and Evil" next. At the end of the unit, we look forward to a research project that will allow the English I students the opportunity to showcase their knowledge of this theme by utilizing both materials we have previously read in class, as well as some new materials of fiction and non-fiction to support their research.

Here's what's going on in the math classes:

- Comp 1 Test (benchmark pre-test) will be given in Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 classrooms Monday and Tuesday (Sept 29th & 30th). Make-ups the following Monday and Tuesday (Oct 1st & 2nd)
- Algebra 1 students are learning to solve expressions, equations, and inequalities. They will be introduced to functions beginning the last week of September
- "Things are shaping up well" in Geometry
- Algebra 2 students completed their review of solving equations and inequalities (previously learned in Algebra 1). They are now working with linear functions.

This month in Freshman Seminar we have been exploring who we are through our "History of Me" project. As part of this project students were asked reflect on their past, then write a three-page essay detailing their life's journey up to their freshman year. As part of the project, students also studied and detailed their heritage by making a replica flag of the country that best represented their heritage. We also visited the auditorium for a presentation by the guidance staff. During the presentation students were informed of their graduation requirements, Bright Futures Scholarship opportunities, as well as college entrance requirements. The students also learned about the various courses and academies that PSLHS has to offer, as well as the IB, AP and Dual Enrollment opportunities. We also researched and wrote about the negative effects of bullying and hazing, as well as positive ways to change school culture.

Hope class has been participating in a program directed by the Children's Home Society- Teen Life Choices. The students were taught how to say no in an assertive yet non aggressive manner. The students also learned how to do a budget. They were given a new identity that included how many children they had, if they were married, and their education level. They learned the cost of bringing up a baby as well as how education level can affect income. Lastly, students were given the opportunity to take a baby home for the weekend. The experience was eye opening. They learned and shared with the class the responsibilities of parenthood.

The Jaguar Lyceum

Everything is off to a great start with student engagement in the Jaguar Lyceum. On Wednesday, October 22nd, which is an early release day, we are planning to have the students learn about the Middle Ages and Renaissance during a cross-curricular activity for the Sophomores. They will be engaged in various lessons in all subjects around the central theme of the Middle Ages and Renaissance time periods.



Lyceum and VPAT Collaboration

Collaboration is being taken to yet another level. Recently this academic year, both the Lyceum and VPAT academy have “one of their own” participating in Team Teaching. Mrs. Whiddon-Miller and Ms. Lodes have enjoined their talents and brought the study of English and History together for a more well-rounded, in depth student experience. Of course, team teaching is not a new concept, but it is new for us. These teachers mapped out their curricula and were able to integrate the research and analysis in a way that supports both fiction and non-fiction reading and writing as well as development of historical insight. As we are aware, the Common Core is looking toward research-based writing and F.S.A. now merges reading and writing in the student assessments. Ms. Lodes and Mrs. Whiddon-Miller are not only able to bring English and History closer together, but also to incorporate technology. Throughout the process, reading and writing skills are consistently reinforced and honed. This type of partnership brings “life” both to the literature, but also the historic periods in which it was written. Students are able to synthesize the literature with the period; ergo, commanding a more critical understanding of the author’s purpose or “message”. Students seem to find having two different perspectives interesting – this affords them the awareness of there not always being only one right way to interpret things. This arena, in which students can witness varied analytical perspectives, helps to lead them toward more independent, “out of the box”, creative thought.

Both teachers are experienced in teaching advanced courses in their own fields of instruction and interestingly, both seem to agree that International Baccalaureate concepts lend themselves seamlessly to both fields. The Theory of Knowledge, from the IB curriculum is yet another facet which might be incorporated into this new and growing program. This is clearly an exercise in real “planning across the curriculum”. This is, of course, a program in its fledgling stages and we hope to see it

Applied Science Academy

Port Saint Lucie High School’s cadets showed their support and paid their respects to our missing and captured veterans. This ceremony is to show our appreciation to the people that defended our country and we recognize that they have not returned home. Present at the ceremony was a table set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. The cadets formed an “Honor Cordon” at the entrance and aligned down the stairs to the memorial. The cadets were proud to have participated in the remembrance ceremony, which was appreciated by all those who attended.

Chapter 556 of the Vietnam Veterans of America hosted the annual POW/MIA ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.



Blood Drive

From the drive on Monday September 22nd: We saved approximately 272 lives. The whole blood donated saves 3 lives per pint. The Red blood cells can be used within a day and is so important with Trauma accidents. The Platelets and Plasma are used with cancer patients and burn victims. The breakdown is as follows: 85 Whole blood-253 lives, ALYX (red blood) 3 lives, Platelets- 14 lives=272



Notes from the Athletic Director



Cross Country has a young team this year with juniors, sophomores, freshmen, and no seniors. Team captains are Harrison Reiter and Lillian Schaefer. Harrison Reiter placed 8th at the 1st meet held against Fort Pierce, Lincoln Park, and Treasure Coast.

Photo: FleetFeet Mud Run @ South Fork High School

The swim team has had three meets so far this season, including meets against Fort Pierce Central, Centennial, Westwood, and most recently Treasure Coast and St. Edwards. Swimmers have been making huge improvements during the season and the team has really shown improvement in the last meet. We are looking forward to the remaining meets on the schedule. Senior Night is Wednesday Oct. 8 @ 4:30 p.m. @ IRSC.

Volunteer Opportunities Spotlight...

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Sarah's Kitchen

www.sarahskitchen.org
772-359-2138

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org
772-878-7077

Dogs and Cats Forever Shelter

www.dogsandcatsforever.com
772-489-5454

Marine Ind. Of Treasure-Coast

www.twaterway-cleanup.com
772-285-1646

Savannas Preserve State Park

2541 Southeast Walton Road
772-398-2779

Human Society of Treasure Coast

www.hstcl.org
772-461-0687

Treasure Coast Hospice

772-807-6430

City of Port St. Lucie

www.cityofpsl.com
772-878-2277

Kids at Hope/CSC

772-429-3967

Savannas Preserve State Park

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer at the Savannas State Preserve. Youth volunteers are welcomed. The park is diverse in the volunteer capacities, just as the park itself. Care for the live animals, work in the welcome center, help at events, facilitate programs, or work on the grounds just to name a few options. There is a required orientation to help you learn about the park and the roles. If you are interested, stop by:

2541 Walton Road
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952 (772) 398-2779

Office is closed: Tues, Wed
Ask for Wren or Justin

Upcoming opportunities:
Halloween/ Fall Festival



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RIGHT NOW**

The mission of Port St. Lucie High School is to prepare all students for personal success, college and the global workplace, by strategically designing rigorous and engaging work for all students in a caring supportive environment.

Colleges and Scholarships

Life after high school does exist, and it will be here before you know it. Your next step after high school is an exciting and important one, but you need to start planning now. There's a lot to do to get ready for college. Completing applications, finding scholarships, and securing financial aid will keep you busy.

Thinking about college but not sure where to go or what to study, then drop into visit over 70 colleges/universities on Wednesday - November 5, 2013 between 6pm—8pm at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center in the Emerald Ballroom. All Martin & St. Lucie County juniors, seniors and parents are welcome to attend. It is suggested students prepare address labels with their contact information for this night. There may not be enough time to visit all booths and complete an information card for each, but if you have labels prepared you will get more accomplished in a shorter period of time.

College representatives will be on campus at PSLHS on the following dates, please register in room 332.

University of Central Florida	October 17
University of Miami	October 17
University of North Florida	October 21
Florida International University	October 21
University of Florida	October 22
Florida Atlantic University	October 29
Florida State University	November 5
Florida Polytechnic University	November 6
Florida Gulf Coast University	November 6

Great Explorations (GE) is an exciting college-wide career exploration event inviting over 1,000 juniors and seniors from the four-county area to the IRSC Main Campus on November 7th. GE helps students gain an understanding of the connection between their career interests and their educational road to success. Attendees will participate in hands-on activities to help them decide which program is the best fit for them. With over 50 interactive presentations to choose from, this is a can't miss event, so sign up today!

Senior Pinning Ceremony

This ceremony is for all seniors who have reached senior status by September 15, 2014. PSLHS is honoring your dedication to completing your high school education. The ceremony will be conducted at the Port St Lucie Civic Center on October 21, 2014 from 6:00-8:00pm. There is no extra cost for this special ceremony to honor our seniors. ***Parents are invited to attend this ceremony which recognizes the Senior Class of 2015.***