

Jaguar Family Newsletter



Port St. Lucie High School: Every Student Future Ready

Parent Quick Points

Feb 7/8– ACT

Feb 10– Rising 10th
Graders

Feb 10–School Board
Meeting

Feb 11– Incoming Fresh-
man Orientation

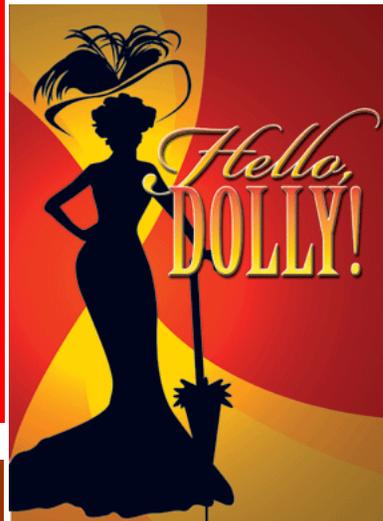
Feb 11/12– History Fair

Feb 16– President’s Day

Feb 17 SAC

Feb 24–SchoolBoard
Meeting

PSLHS Presents Hello, Dolly!



Port St Lucie High School VPAT Academy’s Drama Department begins its ten-day run of the classic musical “Hello Dolly” on January 29th, 2015. Once again, Mr. Patrick Madden amazes theatergoers with his incredibly talented and disciplined students as well as elegant sets and costuming. Mr. Madden’s plays continue to be “must sees” by Treasure Coast residents. They never fail to entertain and the students consistently display, not only talent, but also mature levels of acting rarely seen in high school performances. It is awe-inspiring to realize that over 10,000 residents come every year to enjoy our Drama department’s musicals and, to our knowledge, never leave disappointed.

Hello, Dolly! is a musical with lyrics and music by Jerry

Herman and a book by Michael Stewart, based on Thornton Wilder's 1938 farce The Merchant of Yonkers, which Wilder revised and retitled The Matchmaker in 1955. This is a Broadway blockbuster with the title role having been performed by some of America’s greatest leading ladies.

The two lead roles in PSLHS’s production of “Hello Dolly!” are performed by Katie DeRosa-Tango (as Dolly) and Enzo Everett (as Horace). Both students have been studying drama and performing under Mr. Madden’s tutelage throughout their high school years.

Student Quick Points

Feb 7– Saturday School

Feb 7/8– ACT

Feb 11– Incoming
Freshman Orientation

Feb 16– President’s Day,
No School

Feb 17– Blood Drive

Feb 21– Saturday School

Feb 23– Sports Awards

Feb 25 –Early Release

Feb 25– Freshman
Assembly

Feb 27– Black History
Assembly

Activities and Athletics @ the Jungle

- Feb 3 Baseball VS LPA
- Feb 4 LPA VS Centennial
- Feb 5 Baseball VS Centennial
- Feb 10 Baseball VS Westwood
- Feb 11 Softball VS Vero
- Feb 13 Baseball VS Lincoln Park
- Feb 20 Baseball VS Okeechobee
- Feb 23 Sports Awards
- Feb 25 Wrestling Districts
- Feb 27 Softball VS Treasure Coast

Colleges and Scholarships

Choices, Choices, Choices. Here in Florida, you'll find lots of options for continuing your education after high school. Understanding the differences that are available may assist you in identifying your future academic career.

- State Universities may be a good choice if you're seeking a four-year college degree in a relatively large campus setting. Bright futures scholarships can help lower the cost considerably, and you could be eligible for other financial aid as well. There are 13, with some branch locations, offering a Bachelor's Master's and Doctoral degrees.
- Private Colleges and Universities can provide a smaller and/or unique setting where you can earn a four year degree. Generally, tuition costs at private schools are higher than state schools, but many are able to offer strong financial aid packages that can make them an option worth considering. There are over 200 to choose from offering a Bachelor's, Master's and some Doctorate degrees.
- State and community Colleges offer a variety of options. You can earn a two-year associate degree if you want to "start small" before transferring to a state university. Many of these schools now offer four-year degrees as well, at about half the tuition cost of many universities. There are 28 schools with 68 satellite

Teacher/Support Person of the Month

Congratulations to Mr. Demetrius "Coach" Lane and Mrs. Janet Hensel for being selected to represent the staff for the month of February. Pictured below left with the PSLHS Admin Team, Coach Lane receives his award. Coach Lane is from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He has worked for PSLHS for the past 8 years. Mrs. Hensel has worked for every Principal at Port Saint Lucie High School. In 2003, she became the school Executive Secretary. "I absolutely hate missing work. I look forward to coming to work each day. I have the best co-workers a girl could ask for. Congratulations to both.



Securing Scholarships and Grants

Scholarships are still available but many deadlines to apply are fast approaching. Please see your Guidance Counselor for generation 7 of scholarships available to graduating seniors. **Dual Enrollment** – an informational meeting will be held at IRSC's Pruitt Campus in Port St. Lucie on March 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM for new students interested in participating next school year. For more information please contact IRSC at (772) 336-6200.

Jaguar Preparatory Academy



Incoming Freshman Open House will be on February 11th from 6:00 to 7:30. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new Jaguars to our family, and introducing them to all the wonderful things our school has to offer.

At PSLHS, every kid is important! Here, the 9th grade teams combed through first semester data on all of our students to determine who needs additional support, and who has made improvement.

The 9th grade English teachers worked together to write a grant to purchase e-readers to use with students in class. We were awarded the grant through the Education Foundation. Here, 9th graders work on the e-readers creating collaborative myths.

Students of the Month; Avengers- Adam Patel and Amanda Badal. Chargers- Evan Laplant and Jaie Tate. Barracudas- Hannah Spurr and Nick Dejesus

Jaguar Lyceum

Sophomore Student-Led Conferences

On January 14 over 300 sophomore students and their parents/guardians participated in the first-ever Sophomore Student-led Conferences. The conferences provided an opportunity for students to reflect on their progress and share their goals with a caring adult. 97% of the post-conference parent surveys were either very positive or positive. Here is a sample of the comments received:

"Brilliant Idea"

"Great school! It's come a long way!"

"Great program to have to help parents/guardians to understand more about their child(ren)'s school year."

"Thank you for your hard work with my daughter"

"Very nice presentation! Well put together."

"Like this! It helps to see what is going on."

"I'm so happy what the school is teaching my son."

Congratulations to Jaguar Lyceum's Students of the Month

Team Delta- Justin Cote and Sara Campbell

Team Extreme- Lauren Krumbolz and Paige Labat



10th grade English classes are working on a unit where the focus is to highlight the impact of the speeches of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream," Frederick Douglass' "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July," and Chapter 10 of Douglass' text "The Narrative Life of a Slave?" and to have students analyze the central ideas conveyed. The idea of racism and freedom are the utmost noticeable factors during this most controversial period in American history.

Jaguar JROTC

Parents,

As most of you know, on Saturday, March 7th, we are hosting the Area III Drill Meet (18 schools). It's a great opportunity for the booster club to raise money for JROTC. They will be selling food at two different concession stands. We need parents to help cook and sell food and to bring in some equipment to support the concession stands. Tammy Lynn, the Booster Club President has created an on-line sign up sheet for the event. If you can help support us that day, we would appreciate it greatly.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_izwJqg8iHzNr2S43EoC2_Tlg0Nyo1jDDIyLNy_AJy0/edit?usp=sharing

Applied Science Academy



Congratulations Team HOSA

HOSA attended regional competition at Keiser in West Palm Beach on Friday, January 30. Abigail Wells placed first in Medical Reading and will move on to state the end of March. Xiomara Martinez placed 5th in Medical Reading and Amanda Rohenlall placed 5th in Nutrition knowledge test. Congratulations Mrs. Atwood and ladies. We all know how much hard work goes in to this competition. We will all be supporting Abigail as she moves on to state competition.

Plan for Bright Futures

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is one of the most recognized scholarships for high school students in our state. The level of funding you receive is based on a combination of factors, including your grade point average (GPA), ACT or SAT test scores and hours of community service. For detailed information on Bright Futures visit <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm>

Seniors at Hope

Our Graduation Coach, Mrs. Sheffield, along with the 12th grade Counselor will be meeting with all Seniors to make sure they are on track for graduation. These meetings will be held over the next months to ensure that no student is left behind. Thanks Mrs. Sheffield and Mr. Galloway

Notes from the Athletic Director

Jaguar fans,



We would like to congratulate Coach Kendziorski and the Boys Varsity Soccer team for being district champions! They lost to Palm Beach Lakes Community High School in the regionals, but not without great teamwork, athleticism, and heart. We are so proud of their accomplishments. Eleven seniors helped lead the team to district victory this year.

We would also like to congratulate Coach Rodriguez and the Boys Varsity Basketball team for their outstanding season. They played in the district finals against South Fork on Friday, Feb 6 at Jensen Beach High School. They lost to South Fork, but demonstrated sportsmanship, teamwork, JAG Pride!

Volunteer Opportunities

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.hstc1.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

Treasure Coast Food Bank

www.supportstluciecounty.com

Volunteer Opportunities Spotlight...

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: Stay Tuned



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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.

INTERNET ESSENTIALS for the 2014-15 School Year

Internet Essentials, Comcast's comprehensive digital literacy program help low-income families, addresses the primary barriers to broadband adoption identified by research: 1) lack of understanding of how the Internet is relevant and useful; 2) the cost of a home computer; and 3) the cost of Internet service. Internet Essentials' goal is to help close the Digital Divide and ensure that more Americans benefit from all the Internet has to offer.

With Internet Essentials, eligible families are able to acquire fast, low-cost home Internet service (\$9.95 plus tax per month); a discount-priced computer at initial enrollment (\$149.99 plus tax); and free digital literacy training online, in print, or in-person. Internet Essentials also includes:

Families are eligible to participate in the Internet Essentials program if they live in areas where Comcast offers internet service, have at least one child eligible for free or reduced lunch, have not subscribed to Comcast service in the last 90 days, and do not have an overdue Comcast bill.

Families may sign up for Internet Essentials by calling **1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376)** or, in Spanish, 1.855.765.6995. Additional information is available at InternetEssentials.com and InternetBasico.com (in Spanish).

Educators and community partners interested in ordering free mate-

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 Information Update

The next senior meeting is on Apr 15.

Prom is May 16* Parent Scholarship is May 14**

Graduation Practice is on May 27th Fairgrounds

Graduation is on May 29th @ 7:00 PM Fairgrounds