

Jaguar Family Newsletter



Port St. Lucie High School: Every Student Future Ready

Parent Quick Points

- Mar-4 Summer Musical Tryouts
- Mar-7 District Drill Meet
- Mar-10&24 Board Meeting
- Mar-16 JROTC Awards
- Mar- 17 SAC Meeting
- Mar-19 End Quarter 3
- Mar-20 Teacher Work Day
- Mar-20-22 Dance Show
- Mar-25 Early Release

Student Quick Points

- Mar-4 Summer Musical Tryouts
- Mar-6 Concert MPA@SRHS
- Mar-7 District Drill Meet
- Mar-20 No School
- Mar-25 Early Release
- Mar-19 End Quarter 3
- Mar-19 In School Dance Show
- Mar- 14 St. Patty's parade @ Civic Center
- Mar-30 to Apr-3 -Spring Break

There's An App For That!



We have an App for that...

The St Lucie Public School

APP is Free on iTunes

Through the App you can access:

- Student grades
- Student attendance
- Student homework
- Communicate with teachers
- Activities on Campus
- School Calendar

Please download our app so that you can follow some of the great things that are happening here on our campus. Twitter, Scripps News, Hometown News, Your Voice Weekly, SeaBreeze, radio and TV are just a few of the ways we will be sharing information. Stay tuned for information about...

- Celebrations of student work
- Academic Results
- Field trips
- Newsworthy happenings
- Spring events/Activities
- Videos/songs

- Mar-2 Softball vs Pahokee
- Mar-5 Baseball vs Central
- Mar-10 Tennis vs Okeechobee
- Mar-10 Flag Football vs Martin County
- Mar-14 Baseball vs South Fork
- Mar-19 Baseball vs John Carroll
- Mar-23 Baseball vs Gainesville
- Mar-24 Tennis vs Westwood
- Mar-24 Flag Football vs Jensen Beach
- Mar 28 Baseball vs Jensen Beach

Colleges and Scholarships

These days more and more colleges and universities are requiring interviews with admissions representatives or alumni before you are offered acceptance. Here are a few things to think about when interviewing. Practice makes perfect and that definitely applies to interviews. If you've had experience with job interviews already, that will be a big help. You may also want to consider scheduling an interview with your number one college choice after a couple of other college interviews so you'll be more relaxed and confident.

When preparing for a college interview, think about why you want to attend that school and what traits and experiences make you a great fit. Let your personality shine through your answers to questions. Make yourself memorable by sharing some insight into your talents and background, internships or mentoring opportunities that influenced you. Include personal anecdotes and experiences that take the interviewer beyond your common application.

Scholarship interviews can be a similar experience. Be prepared to open up more about questions such as how you overcame adversity. Make sure you know some background about what the scholarship represents so you can explain how you are a great fit for its vision and goals. Think about what sets you apart from other applicants, emphasizing those qualities.

Teacher/Support Person of the Month

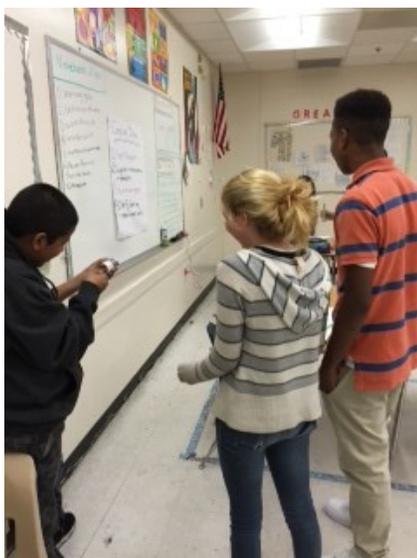
Caroline Whiddon-Miller is our Teacher of the Month (below left). Caroline is a 5th generation Fort Pierce Native and Army dependent who has lived just about everywhere. She is a graduate of FSU and began her teaching career in 1993. She currently teaches six subjects, is the English Department Chair, Young Floridian Scholarship Coach, and Head Cheer Coach. Our Support Person of the Month Monica Miller. This is Monica's eighth year at PSLHS. Monica has served for seven years as a teacher and one as a Guidance Counselor. Before coming to PSLHS, she was an environmental scientist with the Louisiana Army Corps doing coastal restoration. She has two dogs, Katie and Rocky, and has just adopted another dog, Mocha, who was found here on campus.



Securing Scholarships and Grants

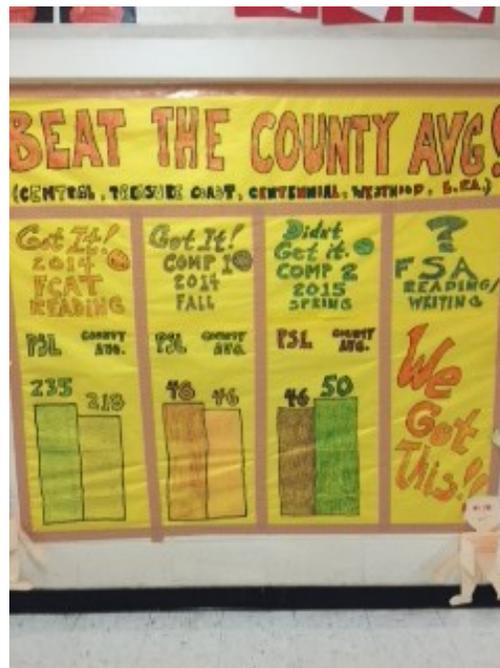
Scholarships are still available but many deadlines to apply are fast approaching. Please see your Guidance Counselor for generation 9 of scholarships available to graduating seniors. **Dual Enrollment** – an informational meeting will be held at IRSC's Pruitt Campus in Port St. Lucie on March 12, 2015 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



Students are working on a literacy design collaborative project in science classes. It's a quarterly science literacy lesson that emphasizes reading and writing skills in science. Our students are studying the different energy transformations that take place in a sling shot. The kids are doing a great job!

On the right is the Jag Prep data wall. Here the students are able to compare how they are doing to the rest of the district. Included is data for FCAT reading, Comp 1, Comp 2, and FSA reading/writing.

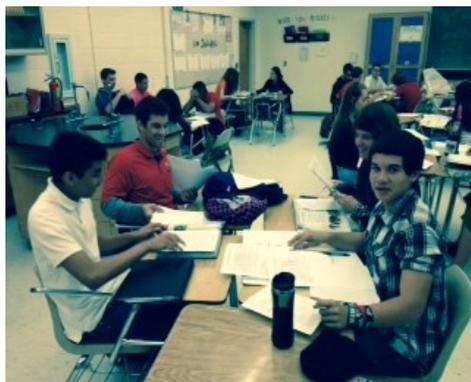


Students created a thinking map (left) on a selected character, then wrote a paragraph about their chosen character using the thinking map as their guide.

IB Sports Exercise Science Class

PSLHS is proud to announce new course offerings for next year! We will have a new IB science course that introduces students to sports, exercise, and health science. The course involves the study of the science that underpins physical performance. The course incorporates the traditional disciplines of anatomy and physiology, biomechanics, psychology, and nutrition.

At the Incoming Freshman night on February 11, Jaguar Lyceum instructor, Mr. Joe Manning explained to students and parents his vision for the new class. It is an "equally rigorous" science course that students may use to fulfill their science credits required for graduation.



VPAT Academy

Although the VPAT Academy prides itself on its Drama, Dance, Band, Television and Culinary classes and those students' amazing events and presentations, VPAT also encompasses academic classes in which much creative work is done.

Over the last several months, Mrs. Cooper has worked on a project that has moved our school newspaper from hard copy to an online format. It has taken life through the efforts of the Computer Club, Digital Design, and Web Development. Some students have been able to publish their poems, short stories, and books. We have many very talented and motivated poets, song writers and novelists in our English classes and the hope is that their work may be enjoyed by many. A student magazine of this type ultimately connects and relates the arts to literature and affords a forum for our students to express themselves creatively. Site URL: <http://sites.stlucie.k12.fl.us/jag/>



History Fair

On January 21st, 2015 students from all over the St. Lucie County School district competed in Junior (Middle School) and Senior (High School) History Fair competition at Palm Pointe in Tradition. Students competed in 5 categories: Paper, Website (Individual or group), Documentary (Individual or group), Performance (Individual or group) and Exhibit (individual or group). Students chosen to attend from Port St. Lucie High School were judged at a school fair and the top three from each category were submitted for the District Fair.

Each year there is a new theme for history fair. This year's theme was Leadership and Legacy. Students from across the district researched topics like Samuel Morse, to Nelson Mandela, and even Adolf Hitler. Three teachers from Port St. Lucie High School had the opportunity to serve as judges in the Junior competition and were very excited to see the talent that we have to look forward to in the next few years as they move on to the high school level.



PSLHS took 1st place in 3 categories and 2nd place in another, as follows: Congratulations Jags

Jessica Fernandez: The Legacy of Walt Disney - 1st Place Individual Exhibit

Savannah Cymbal - FDR and the New Deal - 1st Place Individual Website <http://www.80419990.nhd.weebly.com>

Diana Nguyen - Rachel Carson - 2nd Place Individual Website <http://www.24695162.nhd.weebly.com>

Mark Alton and Ondra Lee - Vlad the Impaler - 1st Place Group Website

Notes from the Athletic Director



The Varsity baseball team is off to a good start with a perfect game pitching performance in the first game of the season against district foe Fort Pierce Westwood. Tyler Anshaw, Zack Taglieri, Chris Durden, Matt Swiderski and Niall Dunton combined their efforts for the perfect game, striking out 12 of the 15 batters. The Jaguar baseball team continues to look to improve as the season continues. The team travels to Bradenton at the end of March to play in the IMG Academy National Classic.

The Lady Jaguar softball team, picked up their first win against Pahokee HS early this week. The team is under the new direction of coach Shea Lodes. Coach Lodes played softball with the University of Texas at El Paso where she was named to the 2007 Easton All-American Junior Colleague Team. We look forward to watching her lead the team going into the future. Good Luck coach.



Volunteer Opportunities Spotlight...

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.tcwaterway-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

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



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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.

The Jostens Rep will be at PSLHS to deliver graduation announcement orders and collect cap and gown payments on Monday, March 9th during lunch in front of the cafeteria



Kids at Hope empowers organizations to transform their cultures through professional, personal and volunteer development workshops, seminars, institutes and classes:

An innovative concept which states and demonstrates that all children are capable of success, NO EXCEPTIONS! Kids at Hope is not another program; it is first and foremost a belief system, supported by a cultural strategy and then enhanced by programs.

Hope Square Partners...

Commit to Hope Square where together we can truly create a community where all children can succeed, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Hope Square partners share a compelling idea that respects their histories, traditions, unique missions and value services, but further challenges them to suspend self interest by recognizing their collective strengths can become a greater and more powerful good than any of them can do individually.

1. Dual Enrollment registration continues until March 27th. Please see your counselor!
2. Seniors! Remember to apply for FAFSA and Bright Futures!
3. ALL rising 10th and 11th grade schedule requests are PAST Due to your counselors!!
4. Seniors...It's Time to **"Get On Up"** on Scholarships! There are many opportunities available NOW!

Senior Information Update

The next senior meeting is on April 15th .

Prom is May 16*** Parent

Senior Scholarship Night is May 14th.

Graduation Practice is on May 27th Fairgrounds

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