

# Jaguar Family Newsletter

Volume 1, Issue 3  
November 2013



## Parent Quick Points

- Nov. 2 SAT
- Nov. 7 Early Out (School ends 11:41 am)
- Nov. 8 Teacher Workday, Student Holiday
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day, Holiday for all
- Nov. 12 IB, NHS, SHS Academic Pinning
- Nov 21 SAC Meeting
- Nov 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

## Student Quick Points

- Nov. 2 Homecoming Dance
- Nov. 7 Early Out (School ends 11:41 am)
- Nov. 8 Teacher workday, Student Holiday
- Nov. 12 IB, NHS, SHS Academic Pinning
- Nov 19 ASVAB
- Nov 21 Freshman Meeting
- Nov 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

## Port St. Lucie High School: Every Student Future Ready

In October, we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. Students were taught about the diversity in Spanish-speaking countries; about their history, culture, art, historic figures, music, and dance. It was the time our nation recognized the valuable contributions Hispanic Americans have made to our country's history.

In the same way that students learning about George Washington, Betsy Ross, Martin Luther King or any of our founding fathers instilled pride in American children, highlighting the diversity of Hispanic cultures and the contributions of their Spanish ancestors instilled pride in our Hispanic children. Being able to celebrate their cultural accomplishments built self-

esteem and made them proud of the role their culture has played in the formation of our country.

One of the many ways our students showed pride and promoted Hispanic Heritage Month was through a poster project that showed different Hispanic countries, traditions, and historic figures (sample poster below, left). The posters were displayed in the cafeteria and the outside hallways for everyone to appreciate. Also, students created a *Todos Somos America* (We are all America) wall. The wall displayed collages of their families' pictures and the flags of their countries of origin. The goal was for all students to realize that *America* is a country replete with many different cultures.

Moreover, students volunteered their lunch time to guard a display of cultural artifacts from different countries where students were able to interact and learn about music instruments, art, cooking materials, and jewelry

Our Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations culminated with a spectacular show in the school auditorium (cast pictured below right). It hosted vocal performances, a traditional *Quinceanera* birthday presentation with a Spanish waltz, and dance performances of bachata, salsa, and merengue. Port St. Lucie High School is very proud of its Hispanic students for their contribution and commitment in sharing such an important event.



## Activities and Athletics

Nov. 1 – Football vs Southfork

Nov. 2 – SAT, Homecoming Dance

Nov. 8 – Football vs St. Lucie West, Centennial

Nov. 12 – Girls Basketball vs Inlet Grove, Girls Basketball vs. Treasure Coast (in school game)

Nov. 19 – Boys Soccer vs Jensen Beach

Nov. 26 – Girls Basketball vs St. Edward, Boys Soccer vs. Treasure Coast

Nov. 29 – 30 Girls Basket Ball Holiday Tournament

## Automated External Defibrillator Drill

The Fitness Lifestyle Design class at Port St. Lucie High class prepares students to enter careers as *personal trainers* and/or continue their education to be *athletic trainers*. Recently, the class participated in an AED drill, during school, to simulate a cardiac emergency. During the simulation, the students learned about the AED team, the story behind their placement in our school, and then brainstormed how the scene would play out in a real emergency. They determined the roles they would play,

such as victims, concerned students, experts, photographers/videographers, or disruptive students. Then they performed the role in the drill. One of the victims, Jerry DeJean, decided to *collapse* over a table which presented a problem for the rescuers. The students performed very well. During a reflection activity held immediately afterwards, students expressed their admiration of how fast the staff AED team acted. They asked, "Can we do our own drill in case the teachers aren't around?" So we did it.



Parents and students listen attentively during the College Scholarship Night. They learned how to identify and apply for college scholarships .

## Planning for College and Scholarships

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. GE helps students gain an understanding of the connection between their career interests and their educational road to success. Attendees participate in hands-on activities to help them decide which program is the best fit for them. With choices exceeding 50 interactive presentations, this is a *can't miss* event; so sign up today.

Plan for Bright Futures Florida. It 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.

Nov. 14 PSLHS hosts the second College and Scholarship Night at 6PM

Nov. 22 IRSC Great Explorations Field Trip – sign up in the front office, space is limited

Nov. 26 Johnson and Wales University on campus during lunch

## Scholarships

SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes

KFC Scholars

Treasure Coast Gator Club

Florida Engineering Society

National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

MaxPreps Citizen Athlete

Kohl's Care Scholarship Program

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

SQ PWP Scholarship Program

Ronald McDonald House Charities

University Of Miami

Free to enter, not based on GPA or financial need; \$1,000

Enter online: [www.offtocollege.info](http://www.offtocollege.info)

Financial need, entrepreneurial spirit [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org)

Students accepted to University of Florida. [www.tcgatorclub.com/scholarship](http://www.tcgatorclub.com/scholarship)

A variety of scholarships offered to students interested in pursuing careers in engineering. [www.fleng.org](http://www.fleng.org)

Must be a student athlete [www.niaaa.org/Awards/NIAAStudentScholarship](http://www.niaaa.org/Awards/NIAAStudentScholarship)

Presented by Army National Guard [www.MaxPreps.com/events/collegeassistance](http://www.MaxPreps.com/events/collegeassistance)

This scholarship is on a nomination basis. Full details on website: [www.kohlskids.com](http://www.kohlskids.com)

Criteria is on website [www.buickachievers.com](http://www.buickachievers.com)

Maintain 'C' average or above, must be a varsity athlete [www.playingwithpurpose.org](http://www.playingwithpurpose.org)

Apply online for more information [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org). Deadline: January 21, 2014

Must be attending University of Miami. Please see your guidance counselor for details. Deadline: December 1, 2013

continued from page 2

## Planning for College and Scholarships

Indian River State College	Must be attending IRSC and have a valid student ID number. Go to <a href="http://www.irscfoundation.org">www.irscfoundation.org</a> and click on the STARS button. Deadline: January 31, 2014
Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award	\$500; Minimum of 50 volunteer work hours and 3.5 GPA or higher. Deadline: Nov 29, 2013 <a href="http://www.studentscholarships.org/volunteer.php">www.studentscholarships.org/volunteer.php</a>
Odenza Marketing Group Volunteer	Must have 50 volunteer service hours and a 2.5 GPA or higher. Application online <a href="http://www.studentscholarships.org/college.php">www.studentscholarships.org/college.php</a> Deadline: Dec. 30, 2013
Peter Pasula Study Habits Scholarship	Answer essay questions online. Deadline: April 1, 2014 <a href="http://www.mortgagebrokersburnaby.com">www.mortgagebrokersburnaby.com</a>
Maple Leaf Dentistry Scholarship	100 volunteer work hours, 3.0 GPA or higher. Application online <a href="http://www.peterboroughdentists.com">www.peterboroughdentists.com</a> . Deadline: May 30, 2014
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8058	Voice of Democracy Scholarship. Deadline Nov. 1, 2013 \$30,000 - application in Room
IRSC Foundation	If you are attending Indian River State College, apply online at <a href="http://www.irscfoundation.org">www.irscfoundation.org</a> . Deadline: January 31, 2014
National Association of Secondary School Principals	Prudential Spirit of Community Award—must be involved in community service. Apply online at <a href="http://www.nassp.org/spirit">www.nassp.org/spirit</a> and bring your completed application to Mrs. Ashe, Director of Guidance no later than November 5, 2014.
The Student Showcase of Films	For a high school student filmmaker. Application online <a href="http://www.pbfil.com/studentsshowcaseoffilms.cfm">www.pbfil.com/studentsshowcaseoffilms.cfm</a>
Abbot and Fenner Scholarship	Students must submit an essay. The topic is on the scholarship page of website <a href="http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships">www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships</a> Deadline: June 14, 2014
The Education Foundation Scholarship	These scholarships are only given to St. Lucie County schools' students. Check out last year's scholarships to become familiar with which ones you might qualify for this year: <a href="http://www.stlucieschools.org">www.stlucieschools.org</a> . Go to Students/Parents, left side Scholarship Information. We will let you know as soon as the 13-14 guides are available. Do not use 12-13 applications.

## Jaguar Preparatory Academy

Guidance info: Starting November 18, progress monitoring assessments for Physical Science and Reading

The Reading Department is working diligently to increase student performance by providing informational texts to better prepare them for the FCAT. Students are showing a steady increase in achieving the standards and are on their way to passing the FCAT test this school year. We realize we are not the only ones preparing these students for their success in reading and greatly appreciate the many activities other departments are creating. Together, as a team, we will achieve more.

Team Chargers successfully brought home the win for the spirit contest during the first Jaguar Preparatory (Prep) Academy Assembly held in September. Their win awarded them the privilege of naming the

Preparatory team's plush Jaguar trophy. They named the trophy *Mr. Jinx, the Jaguar*. It spent the remainder of September with them.

During the October Prep. Academy assembly, in a very close contest, the Chargers again pulled a victory; so Mr. Jinx's home will remain with the Chargers.

In other news, students on Team Chargers completed a cross-curricular assignment for Hispanic Heritage Month. Students worked in their H.O.P.E., English, math, and freshman seminar classes on assignments that focused on Hispanic contributions made to our country and thusly, our world. Students examined the Hispanic-American experience. They studied population growth along with placement of Hispanics in the United States. They also looked at foods and

dances from different Hispanic cultures and created story books about famous people of Hispanic descent. All the students that participated agreed the project was educational and rewarding.

The Avengers did a cross-curricular lesson on drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. The students learned about the effects that drugs and alcohol have on their bodies in HOPE. They then learned about the price of smoking per day, per week, per year, and per lifetime in Algebra I. The students also learned about the effects that bullying has on peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol in Freshmen Seminar.

We recently competed in our first Algebra Challenge of the school year. Each team took a short 10 question quiz on the material they have learned. The results will be in next week.

# The Jaguar Lyceum

On October 16, a practice PSAT (Preliminary Stanford Achievement Test) was administered. The practice permitted sophomores to become aware of the test format and was successful with excellent student attendance. The results will be available in December. At that time, our Jaguar Lyceum Grade 10 school counselor, Mrs. Kelly Brown, will go over the results with the students in their world history classes.

**Oct 18 Value Day happenings included:**

Assessing different aspects of various ancient civilizations and how they have impacted and influenced the thoughts and culture of Enlightenment and present day. Students coded their names in ancient symbols in English, analyzed ancient

geology with microscopes in biology, studied Roman architecture in history, and drew geometric drawings using tangrams influenced by the Chinese in geometry.

Pre-IB students in English II classes are beginning their first Literature-Based Questioning project of the year. This work in English parallels the DBQ's (Document-Based Questioning) that occurs in World History classes.

Students have had an overview of the History Fair and the rubric associated with the scoring of projects. This year we are again participating in the National History Day Competition. This year's theme is *Rights and Responsibilities*. All 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade history classes will be participating in this research-based project.

Last year, three of our students placed first in the group exhibit category at the district level and went on to compete at the state level in Tallahassee, Florida.

Students should be working regularly, outside of school, to research their topics which range from the Second Amendment to animal rights. Any student who may have additional questions can contact their individual teacher, Ms. Valerie Arendas (History Fair coordinator for the school) or go on-line to [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org).

District website resource for History Fair: [http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/curriculum/resources/ss/history\\_fair/2014\\_EverythingBooklet.pdf](http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/curriculum/resources/ss/history_fair/2014_EverythingBooklet.pdf)

## Top Students Recognition

<b>Team D</b>	Christian Salva, Katrina Albin, Veronica Cedeno, Emma Sosa, Sandra Moorehead, Gregkel Sams
<b>Team E</b>	Natasha Gatling, Emily Hinton, Cheyenne Delano, Olivia Newsome-Hall, Abigale Baer, Miguel Ramos, Marshall Cox, Dajiah Mitchell, Corwin McNeal
<b>Team F</b>	Jazlyn Vega, Harvey Jefferson, Adrian Garcia, Dajuan Sinclair, AndroMarc Permis, Zac St. John, Marshall Cox, Samantha Potvin, Christ Lee Beauvais, Timothy Murphy
<b>Team F</b> Issued certificates to Top Students for their work in Word History class	<p>1<sup>st</sup> – AndroMarc Permis, Zac St. John</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> – Jason Pierre, Luis Resendiz</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> – Megan Franco, Colby Levesque</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> – Samantha Potvin, Jamie Wolfcale</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> – Timothy Kross, Deandre Sims</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> – Harvey Jefferson, Ashley Malivert</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> – Dajiah Mitchell, Jozetta Gutierrez</p>

←**Top Students** were issued *Lunch Fast Passes* that allow each of them access to the cafeteria a few minutes earlier than their classmates to avoid the rush.

We are so looking forward to students

## Best Attendance Award



Faculty in the Jaguar Lyceum had the best average attendance for the first quarter of all the academies. Representing the academy above are (l to r) Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Kohuth, Ms. Arendas, and Ms. Lodes.

## Visual, Performing Arts and Technology Academy

On Thursday October 17th Mr. Maddens I. B. theater class performed their Kabuki play for Mr. Spector's dance 1 class. As part of their culminating project for the first nine weeks, they worked as a group to learn the history, culture and tradition of the Japanese people. The student dressed in traditional Japanese costumes and make-up to bring the play to life.



## Applied Sciences Academy

### Construction of the Treasure Coast

The carpentry and drafting students participated in a Construction project and did a wonderful job at the Civic Center. The project consisted of 1,300 cans of food.

What is Construction? Well, it's akin to a sand castle contest, but instead of sand, the giant sculpture is made of canned food. Construction is designed by teams of architects, designers, engineers and contractors. All the canned food used to build the sculpture and the money raised is donated to the Treasure Coast Food Bank.



### Port St Lucie High JROTC Remembers Missing Americans

By: Jaffrey Murankus

The cadets of Port Saint Lucie High School Jaguar Battalion showed their support and respect to our missing and captured veterans at the annual POW/MIA ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park hosted by the Chapter 556 of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

The cadets stood across and beside each other holding lit candles for the prisoners of war and those missing in action. This ceremony is to show we appreciate what these people have done to defend our country and to 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 also 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.



### Port Saint Lucie High Sets the Standard at Treasure Coast Raider Meet

By: Jaffrey Murankus

The PSLH Jaguar Raider Team competed in their first Raider competition this year at Fort Pierce Westwood High School. Seven schools from St Lucie, Okeechobee, and Palm Beach counties competed in six events that were extremely, physically demanding. Events included *cross country rescue* (team had to answer questions on first aid, treat a simulated 120lb casualty with supplies from 30lb ruck sacks and then move the casualty and supplies one mile to the safe zone), *truck pull*, *fitness test* (moving ten 30lb sand bags around a 25 meter course carrying two at a time), *rope bridge*, *obstacle course* (testing the ability to analyze and overcome obstacles in a short amount of time), and *three-mile team run*.

Our male team won first place in the cross country rescue, fitness test, Rope Bridge, obstacle course, three-mile team run, second place in the truck pull and first place overall. Our female team won first place in the truck pull, Rope Bridge, and obstacle course, second place in cross country rescue, three mile team run and fitness test (best time of all teams male and female). They tied for first place overall for females. Port Saint Lucie is very proud of all the cadets' hard work. Way to go Jags!



## Dean's Office

This is a reminder of the school's dress code (see below). Also please be aware that sweat pants, including basketball shorts, are not considered in dress code this year and the deans will be helping students correct their dress code for sweat pants and basketball

### Students must wear:

- Collared shirts/blouses/dresses that do not reveal cleavage.
- All shirts and blouses must have sleeves.
- Students must have shirts/blouses tucked in at all times.
- All dresses, shorts, skirts, or skirt slits must be knee length.
- All pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn above the hipbone, and must not be torn, cut, frayed, or have chains.
- Belts must be worn in pant/skirt loops at all times; belts must be visible.
- Students must wear shoes, tennis shoes, sandals, flip flops, or boots.
- School-sponsored clothes on designated days (club shirts, scrubs, academy shirts, athletic shirts, honor roll shirts, blood drive shirts, and JROTC uniforms). Students in school-sanctioned spirit t-shirts may wear them untucked on Spirit Fridays.
- Turtleneck sweaters are allowed.

### Students Must NOT Wear:

- House slippers in any form.
- See-through or sheer clothing of any type.
- Undergarments exposed, including camisoles and tank tops, underwear.
- Clothing on the outside that is considered underwear or pajama type in nature.
- Pants, shorts or skirts, or shirts that are cut, frayed, torn, or expose skin.
- Any clothing, accessories, or flags, or clothing otherwise associated with gangs.
- Accessories that create a safety concern (wallet chains, studded necklaces, wrist bands, rings, hair picks, large combs).
- Any clothing depicting or referring to drugs or guns.
- Hats of any type (see notes below).
- T-shirts or halter tops over collared shirts.
- On spirit days or any other day, you MAY NOT wear plain black or red t-shirts, or homemade spirit shirts.
- No leggings or jeggings, or sweat-pants or gym shorts.

### Notes on Hats and Headgear

Head coverings of any type may not be worn or brought on campus. Students in possession of hats, beanies, headbands, skullcaps, or bandanas will have them confiscated. The only students who are permitted to wear hats on campus are JROTC cadets on pre-assigned uniform days. Cadets may not wear their headgear indoors and must remove it upon entering a hallway. Students are allowed to wear hooded jackets, hooded sweat-shirts, or hooded sweaters during inclement weather. Students are not permitted to wear hats under any circumstances.

The school's administration/designee shall be the final judge of wearing apparel and accessories. Administrators and their designees will determine whether or not such is appropriate, disruptive, offensive, distracting, or in violation of health and safety rules. No clothing/accessories are permitted that promote drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sexual messages, or violence. School spirit shirts may be worn on designated days.

### Spirit Week Nerd Day

Although some might think dressing out of character means dressing out of dress code, ??? Shows he can be a nerd AND comply with the rules. Great job.





# PSLH Student Wins Region 9 HOSA Vice President Position



Mauricio Campos delivering his campaign speech at the Fall Leadership Conference on October 4,

Running for HOSA officer isn't as easy as one two three. Mauricio had to take certain steps to even become eligible to run for vice president. There was a test he had to take that had to do with the history of HOSA which meant A LOT of studying. After finally passing his test, he had to wait to give his speech at the Fall Leadership Conference. During the interim days he was hard at work with his campaign speech.

Then the time came. Although Mauricio stood confident and connected with the crowd extremely well, he felt apprehensive. He said, "I was so nervous. I felt like I was going to drop on the ground and I was worried I messed up somewhere." His speech was incredible and his body language really spoke to the audience. Of course after winning he felt elated and excited to help lead our 2013-2014 HOSA members. Mauricio had the feeling of a

champion, more so like Rocky Balboa. Region nine made a great choice by electing Mauricio Campos as our vice president.

Mauricio Campos has an inviting personality, which drew my attention to him. I noticed, as I sat through the HOSA meetings, that he is very inspired and will do anything and everything possible to reach his goals. He loves to talk and he is more than willing to put his opinion out there. Of course he also takes others' thoughts into consideration. Mauricio thinks that if we're all participating in the same group activity then we should all have our own little part that we could enjoy.

Mauricio is all for helping his peers. When he wanted to run for vice president he had a mindset of motivating young citizens to become better people and help them realize what their passion is in the medical field. As the vice president himself said, "I want to set an example so future generations look

## Homecoming Events

### Parade



### Bonfire



### Jag Challenge





# Heads Up

The Famous Musical “Mame ” will be our 25th anniversary production!



*Bridgette Hargadine, Principal*

---

1201 SE Jaguar Lane  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Phone: 772-337-6770  
Fax: 773-337-6724

E-mail: [bridgette.hargadine@stlucieschools.org](mailto:bridgette.hargadine@stlucieschools.org)

**Expect More, Achieve More  
Every Student Future Ready**

The musical revolves around the antics of Mame Dennis, a fun-loving, wealthy eccentric with a flare for life and a razor sharp wit. Her life is changed when she becomes the guardian of her late brother's only child, Patrick Dennis. Her adventures take us from the speak-easies of the Roaring 20's to the depression following the Stock Market crash. She is rescued by a wealthy Southern plantation owner, marries and is widowed suddenly, and through it all, manages to keep things under control. With some help from her dearest friend, Vera Charles, she helps keep things at 3 Beekman Place a rousing free-for-all.

Tickets are not available yet.

---

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.

---