

JANUARY 2023

# THE COBRA COURIER

*The monthly newsletter for Park Vista Community High School*



*"Commit to  
Excellence"*





## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Park Vista Families,

Happy New Year! As we reflect on our accomplishments in 2022 and set goals for the future, we continue to adhere to our resolution to Commit to Excellence. More students than ever before are enrolled in accelerated classes and look forward to the potential of earning college credit for their endeavors. We have engaged in vertical alignment with our feeder middle schools so that students are well prepared for successful learning when they enter high school. We remain firmly committed to educate, affirm, and inspire all members of our school community. Thank you for your continued commitment to our school and support of our educators. I firmly believe that a robust family - school connection results in positive outcomes for students.

There is so much to look forward to in 2023. Our students, faculty, and staff have been working hard in the classrooms, athletic fields, on stage, and throughout the community. Our students are displaying beliefs, values and principles that will serve them well into the future.

I am very happy to announce that the following teachers have been selected by their peers as the Park Vista nominees for the prestigious William T. Dwyer Awards for excellence in Education:

General Education (Senior High): Sharon Dragovich

ESE/Special Programs: Kristina Curley

Student Advancement/Career: Amy Carlson

STEM: Carrik Seemann

Each year the District seeks input from the entire school community. The School Effectiveness Questionnaire (SEQ) will be available to teachers, staff, students and parents from January 3rd through February 10th. This year's survey will be much shorter but still provide us with valuable input to be used for future planning. More information will be provided to you soon regarding the SEQ survey.

In January our students will participate in a series of lessons through Suite360 pertaining to mental health awareness, coping tools, and support. The series of lessons will also include information on the prevention of substance misuse and child trafficking prevention.

School safety awareness is proactively practiced daily at Park Vista. Please remind your students that the message of "See something, say something" is a priority.

Thank you for being an active member of our school community and for staying connected with us in Cobra Country!

Dr. Enrique Vela  
Principal





# World Kindness Day at Park Vista

On Wednesday, November 16th, students in **Venom Vision** with **Ms. Stephanie Gilbert** and **No Place for Hate** with **Mr. Mathew Merman**, facilitated a lunch time event in support of **World Kindness Day**. On World Kindness Day participants attempt to make the world a better place by celebrating and promoting good deeds and pledging acts of kindness. Students had the opportunity to get their face painted, as well as promote words of kindness and inclusion on our school campus. Many students came out dressed in GREEN (the official color) to support as well. Cobras promote kindness and positivity in our school community!

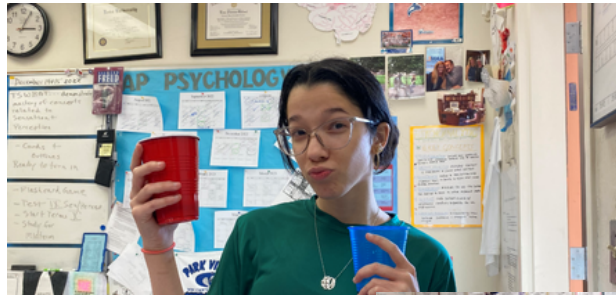


Teach with...  
love.  
empathy.  
compassion.  
inclusion.  
justice.  
kindness.





# Psychology In Action



MPOWER'S MOST RECENT EVENT " A THOUGHT INDEPENDENCE TRIAL " WAS IT COKE OR PEPSI? WHAT ARE YOU "EXPECTING"?

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Anyone interested in trying out for **BOYS volleyball**, please contact Coach Erica Green at: [Cobravncoach@gmail.com](mailto:Cobravncoach@gmail.com) from your personal, **NON-School/Non-iCloud** email account.

Only those who reach out will have the info for tryouts!

Preseason will start right after winter break but you **MUST** have your paperwork cleared in Aktivate before you can begin.

Look forward to hearing from you!

~Coach Green



# CLASS OF 2024

## OVERVIEW OF JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOPS



The Google Classroom class code is **4nkoyhz**. Only students may join the classroom and access the materials.

The meet link is **<https://meet.google.com/uhn-xpqa-ava>**. Parents and students are welcome to join the meets.

### **Intro Meeting – January 10th 2023 – 3:30pm**

In this session, we will discuss the junior year timeline and common terms you will encounter in the college application process. We will also discuss SAT and ACT registration and preparation, and where to find college information on the Park Vista website.

### **The College Search – January 17th 2023 – 3:30pm**

This session will help students learn how to search for colleges and universities and create a college list. We will also take a closer look at the State Universities of Florida and their requirements.

### **College Visits and Interviews – January 24th 2023 – 3:30pm**

This session will cover virtual and in-person college campus visits, when to go and why, and what to look for while you're there. We will also talk about other ways to connect with campus representatives, and will touch briefly on the different types of college interviews, their purpose, and what to do if one is offered or required.

### **The College Application – January 31st 2023 – 3:30pm**

In this session, we will look at the Common App (the application you will most likely be using to apply) and the different components of the college application. Be prepared for this meeting by opening a Common App account at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

### **The College Application Essay and Resume – February 7th 2023 – 3:30pm**

The essay and resume are crucial components of the college application. In this session, we will discuss what colleges are looking for in essays and resumes, as well as some writing techniques and brainstorming exercises.

### **Financing Your Education – February 21st 2023 – 3:30pm**

In this session, we will discuss sources of financial aid such as FAFSA/FFAA/CSS and Bright Futures, and how to search for and apply to other scholarships.

### **Exploring Majors and Careers – March 1st 2022 – 3:30pm**

What do you want to be when you grow up? You probably don't know yet, and that's ok! In this session, we will look at some online tools that will help you identify and explore careers that may be a good fit for you.



# PARK VISTA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL FUN & LEISURE CLASSES WINTER 2023



7900 Jog Road Lake Worth, FL 33467 561-491-8448  
Dr. Enrique Vela, Principal Ronn Peteck, Assistant Principal  
Email: [ParkVistaACEGrp@PalmBeachSchools.org](mailto:ParkVistaACEGrp@PalmBeachSchools.org)

## Back to Fun Offerings

REGISTER ONLINE AT [PBCLEARN.ORG](http://PBCLEARN.ORG) Create an account, browse classes and pay by credit card, debit card or gift card.

REGISTER IN PERSON AT PARK VISTA  
Beginning Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Mon.-Thurs. 4-7pm.

Classes begin January 17, 2023

Classes include a \$15 NONREFUNDABLE registration fee and require a minimum enrollment. Additional materials fee may apply. Refunds apply only if class is cancelled by the school and will not be given after first class begins.

Class	Dates	Time	Day	Fees	Notes
Stained Glass	1/23-3/27	6:00 - 8:00PM	M	\$95.00	
Afternoon Yoga	1/17-3/7	4:30 - 5:30PM	Tu	\$55.00	Need Yoga Mat
Babysitter Safety	2/28	5:00 - 8:00PM	Tu	\$25.00	Additional fees
CPR/AED (ESCI)	1/31	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Tu	\$25.00	Additional Fees
CPR/AED (ESCI)	3/28	5:00 - 8:00PM	Tu	\$25.00	Additional Fees
Pickleball	1/17 - 2/21	4:30 - 6:00PM	Tu	\$60.00	Need Racquet
Pickleball	1/17 - 2/21	6:30 - 8:00PM	Tu	\$60.00	Need Racquet
Pilates w Shaina	1/17 - 3/7	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Tu	\$55.00	Need Yoga Mat
Zumba - All Levels	1/17 - 3/7	6:30 - 7:30PM	Tu	\$55.00	
Boating Safety	1/18-2/8	6:00 - 8:00PM	W	\$25.00	Additional Fees
Creative Writing 1	1/18 - 3/8	6:00 - 8:00PM	W	\$95.00	
Golf -Reg at PV, play at WPB	1/18 -2/22	10:00 - 11:00AM	W	\$45.00	Additional Fees
Yoga w/ Shaina	1/19 - 3/9	6:00 - 7:00PM	Th	\$55.00	Need Yoga Mat
Zumba All Levels	1/19 - 3/9	6:30 - 7:30PM	Th	\$55.00	

### English for Speakers of Other Languages

ESOL	1/17 - 4/13	5:30 - 8:30PM	M, T, W, Th	\$30.00
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OUR FACILITY IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR MEETINGS OR EVENTS. For details, pricing and availability call 561-491-8448 after 12pm Mon-Thurs



English for Speakers of Other Languages  
Ingle's para Hablantes de Otras Lenguas  
Anglais pour Locuteurs D'autres Langues  
Ingle's para Falantes de Outras Linguas

### DO YOU NEED TO LEARN ENGLISH?

We offer interactive, hands on classes that help you learn how to speak and write the English Language.

Class-Monday-Thursday 5:30-8:30pm

Walk in registration is \$30 cash or check only with an additional processing fee of \$1.33 if paying electronically. Register online at [PBCLEARN.ORG](http://PBCLEARN.ORG)

## Join the PTSO

The purpose of the Park Vista Community High School **Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)** is to enhance and support the educational experience at PVCHS by developing a closer connection between school and home, by encouraging parental involvement, and by improving the environment at PVCHS through volunteering and financial support. We will have many positions available and lots of committees to join.

If you're interested in joining and/or serving as a Director or committee member please contact Deborah Senich via email at

[Deborah.senich@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Deborah.senich@palmbeachschools.org)

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## ESOL Family Night



On December 14th, 2022 the ESOL Department held its first in-person family night since the COVID pandemic began! Parents, guardians, and students were invited to Park Vista to learn more about graduation requirements, SIS, scholarships, SAT/ACT and so much more. It was also an opportunity for them to meet the **ESOL team** which consists of Mrs. Killeen, Ms. Chrisphonte, Ms. Pineda, Ms. Alvarado, and Ms. Lubin. A special thank you to Ms. Sanchez from the Park Vista School Counseling Department for giving an outstanding presentation to our ESOL community. As always, the ESOL Department is thankful for the support given by administration on a daily basis. We hope this night will be the first of many to come!

## SGA Updates

**Student government** hosted the **District V meeting** on Friday, December 2nd where **500 students and advisors** attended from around the District. The Student Government members voted on 2 proposals and debated on a resolution that will be sent to the State Convention. It was a successful event. Student Government also helped set up and prepare for the College and Career Fair that was held on December 1st. This event was also a success, as we had many companies attend and inform our student body about future career opportunities. SGA planned a holiday spirit week which was enjoyed by students, faculty and staff. SGA is currently working on projects of the year to prepare for the District Rally on Saturday, February 4th where they will compete against other district schools with their projects.



# PARK VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

# SPRING SPORTS TRY-OUTS

BASEBALL

BEGIN  
1/23

BEACH  
VOLLEYBALL

BEGIN  
2/6

FLAG  
FOOTBALL

BEGIN  
2/6

LACROSSE

BEGIN  
1/23

SOFTBALL

BEGIN  
1/23

TENNIS

BEGIN  
1/17

TRACK &  
FIELD

BEGIN  
1/30

BOYS  
VOLLEYBALL

BEGIN  
2/13

BOYS  
WEIGHTLIFTING

BEGIN  
1/9



# GRADBASH

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO



TICKETS ON SALE

1/17-1/30

**\$160** (INCLUDES CHARTER BUS AND ADMISSION)

ON [SCHOOLCASHONLINE.COM](http://SCHOOLCASHONLINE.COM)

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RETURN TO PV @ 5:00 AM

- If you are a senior interested in attending Grad Bash -
1. Check your SIS account to make sure you meet all the requirements:
    - \* No outstanding financial obligations with the School District
    - \* 20 hours of community service on record with the school
    - \* Completed the online course graduation requirement
  2. Complete a Grad Bash Pledge, Field Trip Permission Form and Acknowledgment of Requirements that is available on [pvchs.com](http://pvchs.com) and in the Student Activities Office.
  3. Pay on [schoolcashonline.com](http://schoolcashonline.com). The buses will fill up quickly. There are a limited number of seats available. Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis and may sell out before the final date of ticket sales.
  4. Turn in the completed Grad Bash Pledge, Field Trip Permission Form and [schoolcashonline](http://schoolcashonline.com) receipt to the Student Activities Office to reserve your spot on a charter bus by 1/30/23.



## YBL and BSU news

Ms. Chrisphonte's Young Black Leader (YBL) class in collaboration with Black Student Union (BSU) recently participated in a wonderful Kwanzaa activity. Students decorated candles and created beautiful cards representing the 7 principles of Kwanzaa (unity, self determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith). Students chose one principle they connected with the most and wrote about it. From December 26th-January 1st they will pick a day to light their candles, read their cards and share this great Kwanzaa experience with their families.



This activity came to a close with an amazing guest speaker, Mr. Akbar Watson, who shed more light on this annual celebration of African American culture. Students learned about the importance of the kinara (7 branch candle holder), dried corn and the traditional african crops. This presentation enhanced the Kwanzaa learning experience!



Happy Kwanzaa from YBL/BSU



# Palm Beach State College Important Dates



**Palm Beach State College Senior Application Day** will be held on **Wednesday, January 11th at 9:30am.**

Seniors who plan to attend Palm Beach State College are encouraged to register for this event. PBSC representatives will provide assistance with the application process; they will also be available to answer your questions and provide scholarship information. Seniors may sign-up on the link provided in the College Information section on our School Counseling page. Additional events will be held in February and March!

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## Herff Jones Company Dates at Park Vista 2022-2023

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| <b>AUG 19</b><br>JUNIOR CLASS RING ASSEMBLY<br>8:30-9:15 AM/AUDITORIUM                                              | <b>NOV 15</b><br>CAP & GOWN ORDERS<br>11 AM - 1 PM/GYM LOBBY                                                   |
| <b>AUG 20</b><br>CLASS RING & CAP/GOWN ORDERS<br>9 AM-12 NOON/GYM LOBBY                                             | <b>NOV 16</b><br>CAP & GOWN ORDERS<br>11 AM - 1 PM/GYM LOBBY                                                   |
| <b>AUG 24/25</b><br>CLASS RING & CAP/GOWN ORDERS<br>7:30 AM-2:30 PM/GYM LOBBY                                       | <b>JAN 11</b><br>CAP & GOWN ORDERS<br>PRICE INCREASE AFTER 1/31<br>11 AM-1 PM /GYM LOBBY                       |
| <b>SEP 7</b><br>LAST DAY TO ORDER CLASS RING IN TIME FOR THE CEREMONY & CAP & GOWN ORDERS<br>11 AM - 1 PM/GYM LOBBY | <b>FEB 8</b><br>CAP & GOWN ORDERS<br>11 AM-1 PM/GYM LOBBY                                                      |
| <b>SEP 24</b><br>CAP/GOWN ORDERS<br>9 AM-12 NOON/GYM LOBBY                                                          | <b>MAR 9</b><br>CAP & GOWN ORDERS<br>11 AM-1 PM/GYM LOBBY<br>JUNIOR CLASS RING CEREMONY<br>2-2:45 PM/CAFETERIA |
| <b>OCT 6/7</b><br>CAP/GOWN ORDERS<br>7:30 AM-2:30 PM/GYM LOBBY                                                      | <b>APR 5</b><br>CAP & GOWN ORDERS<br>11 AM-1 PM/GYM LOBBY                                                      |



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