

DECEMBER 2022

# THE COBRA COURIER

*The monthly newsletter for Park Vista Community High School*



*"Commit to  
Excellence"*





## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Park Vista Families:

November flew by with lots of opportunities to celebrate! Fall sports finished with many of our athletes competing successfully at the state level. Regardless of where they placed, we are proud of each of our athletes for demonstrating the valuable life lessons of teamwork, commitment, resiliency, respect and character. We appreciate our coaches, sponsors, and volunteers who develop champions in the classroom, on the playing field, and in life!

At Park Vista we commit to excellence in the classrooms and across all activities. Our performing arts department showcases the unique talents and dedication of so many students and their teachers. Band, chorus, fine arts, and drama enrich the lives of our students and all who view their performances. Through the arts our students experience creative expression, communication, and growth mindsets. We are fortunate to have amazing students and teachers working together to create masterpieces!

While school was closed for students on November 9 and 10, we opened as a hurricane shelter for members of our community. Members of the school leadership team, school police, school food service, and volunteers ensured that our guests were cared for and safe. Hurricane Nicole passed with little impact and school resumed the next day. We postponed the scheduled play to the following week and the show went on! Our thespians entertained the audience with a stellar performance of Anti-Social, a collection of seven comedies which explore social media.

World Kindness Day fell on a Sunday this year, however that did not stop our Venom Vision students, under the direction of Ms. Stephanie Gilbert, from recognizing the importance of kindness. On Wednesday, November 16 in recognition of World Kindness Day staff and students were encouraged to wear green as a visible reminder that kindness and respect are a priority at Park Vista. Our No Place For Hate club, under the direction of Mr. Mathew Merman, assisted with World Kindness Day activities and proclaimed Park Vista as an inclusive environment for all students.

During December our students will prepare for Semester Exams to be held on December 16 through December 21, 2022. We encourage all students to take their exams as scheduled for optimal results. To provide an ideal testing environment, we do not allow early releases of students during semester exams as we cannot interrupt an exam. We do not accept phone calls to release a student early on testing days. A student must be signed out by a parent in the time period between the exams in the main office for an early dismissal. Students will follow a modified exam bell schedule. The exam schedule is included in this newsletter.

December is a festive time of year. School will be closed for the Winter Holidays starting on December 22, 2022. Students will return on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 to start the third marking period. Please enjoy this special time with family and friends. During this joyous holiday season, on behalf of the entire Cobra family, we extend our heartfelt holiday wishes for peace, health and happiness. May 2023 ring in with gladness and prosperity! Thank you for staying connected with us in Cobra Country!

Dr. Enrique Vela  
Principal

## Park Vista Students' Beach Cleanup

The Environmental Club collaborated with CMARI (Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute) to complete a beach cleanup at Ocean Ridge park at Boynton Inlet on Saturday Nov 19th. **430lbs of plastic and debris** was removed after a much needed cleanup due to the recent storm surges. 23 Park Vista students participated through the environmental club and we were joined by Mrs. Dragovich, Mrs. Carlson, friends, family, and other volunteers with CMARI. We were also gifted our own beach cleanup supplies from CMARI including 50 buckets, 50 gripper tools, and gloves so we can continue to protect the environment and keep our beaches clean.



## PV Band Headed to London

The Park Vista Cobras Marching Band has been invited to perform in the **2024 London Parade** from Steve Summers, the Former Lord Mayor of the City of Westminster and the Current Chairman of the London Mayors' Association. What an exciting opportunity for our students!





# Excellence Honored



Park Vista Students, **Ravelly Jean Baptiste** and **Jonathan Jacques** were recognized by the **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc** and **Omega Uplifts Foundation** for their outstanding academic achievements. Keep up the good work!

# Blood Drive Saves Lives

**Thank you** Cobras who donated blood and platelets at our first blood drive of the year. We had over **130 students** and faculty come to the big red buses and we successfully collected 98 units. Our Cobra students are giving of themselves so that someone else can enjoy all the winter holidays.

Our next blood drive will be **December 13th**, and we hope to see you there.



## SCHOOL STORE MERCHANDISE GET YOUR COBRA GEAR ONLINE ONLY How to access



Go to [pvchs.com](http://pvchs.com)  
And click on



SCHOOL STORE

Items will be delivered directly to your home!

## Business Classes Compete

During Ms. Vega's marketing unit in business classes, students learned how important branding is for a business. Branding establishes a company's personality and embodies its values, promises and culture. As a result, students developed logos for the Business Program. They held an in-house competition, and the winner is **Marley Rubin, 11th Grade, Business Ownership.**





# 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



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Dr. Enrique Vela, Principal Ronn Peteck, Assistant Principle  
Email: [ParkVistaACEGrp@PalmBeachSchools.org](mailto:ParkVistaACEGrp@PalmBeachSchools.org)

**Back to Fun! Offerings include Arts & Crafts  
Sports & Fitness, Dance, Safety and More.**

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 Keiser Golf Center	1/18 -2/22	10:00 - 11:00AM	W	\$45.00	Additional Fees
Line Dance	1/19 - 3/9	6:00 -7:30PM	Th	\$75.00	
Yoga w/ Shaina	1/19 - 3/9	6:00 - 7:00PM	Th	\$55.00	Need Yoga Mat
Zumba All Levles	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**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT 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. 4-8pm.**

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.



English for Speakers of Other Languages  
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## 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

## French Honor Society Inductees

The French National Honor Society (La Société Honoraire de Français) is a community service organization which recognizes high school students in the U.S. who have maintained excellent grades in at least two years of French courses. On October 28, there were three new members inducted into the PV Chapter.



Members' Names from Left to Right: Jayla Garcon (Secretary) - New Inductee, Ariana Metianu - New Inductee, Alan Corona Berlenda Valeus - New Inductee, Mahi Desai (Vice-President), Madeline Audette (President), Bethsaida Myrthil (Event Coordinator), Gabriela Gutierrez (Historian)

Anyone interested in trying out for **BOYS volleyball**, please contact

Coach Erica Green at:

[Cobravbcoach@gmail.com](mailto:Cobravbcoach@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



## **FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE**

Friday, December 16 – Wednesday, December 21

**“NO EXAMS WILL BE ADMINISTERED EARLY”**

**Friday, December 16**

**Exam Day Regular Day**

**7:00 – 7:20 Breakfast in the Cafeteria**

**7:30 – 8:14\* Period 1**

**8:08 – 8:14 Announcements**

**8:20 – 8:58 Period 2**

**9:04 – 9:42 Period 3**

**9:48 – 10:26 Period 4**

**10:32 – 11:10 Period 5**

**11:16 – 11:54 Period 6**

**11:54- 12:39 Lunch**

**12:45 – 2:45 Period 7 EXAM**

**Monday, December 19**

**7:00 – 7:20 Breakfast in the Cafeteria**

**7:30 – 9:35\*(Announcements) Period 1 Examination**

**9:35 – 9:45 Break and Travel Time**

**9:45 – 11:45 Period 2 Examination**

**Tuesday, December 20**

**7:00 – 7:20 Breakfast in the Cafeteria**

**7:30 – 9:35\*(Announcements) Period 3 Examination**

**9:35 – 9:45 Break and Travel Time**

**9:45 – 11:45 Period 4 Examination**

**Wednesday, December 21**

**7:00 – 7:20 Breakfast in the Cafeteria**

**7:30 – 9:35\*(Announcements) Period 5 Examination**

**9:35 – 9:45 Break and Travel Time**

**9:45 – 11:45 Period 6 Examination**

**\*Includes time for PA announcements**

**School buses will pick up utilizing their regular scheduled times**

**NOTE: 9:40 am Monday - Wednesday a warning bell will ring each day for students to report to class. There will be a 5-minute passing time.**

**“NO EXAMS WILL BE ADMINISTERED EARLY”**



# PARK VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

# SPRING SPORTS TRY-OUTS

BASEBALL

BEGIN  
JAN 23

BEACH  
VOLLEYBALL

BEGIN  
2/6

FLAG  
FOOTBALL

BEGIN  
2/6

LACROSSE

BEGIN  
JAN 23

SOFTBALL

BEGIN  
JAN 23

TENNIS

BEGIN  
JAN 17

TRACK &  
FIELD

BEGIN  
1/30

BOYS  
VOLLEYBALL

BEGIN  
2/13

BOYS  
WEIGHTLIFTING

BEGIN  
JAN 9



# Class of 2023

**Grad Bash and Prom ticket sales are approaching quickly!**

**The following are required to be on record with the school  
before purchasing tickets:**

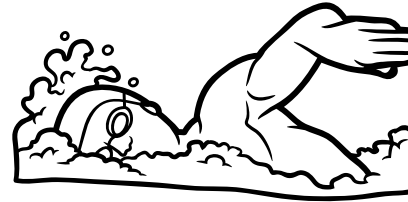
**20 community service hours - turned in on [pvchs.com](http://pvchs.com)  
under School Counseling at least two weeks prior to  
purchasing tickets**

**no financial obligations owed to the School District -  
Please check your SIS account now**

**online course graduation requirement 100%  
completed**



# Swim & Dive State Champions



Congratulations to the following Swimmers and Divers!

- **Riley Hersh**, for being 11th in the State of Florida for divers!
- **Chase Foulds** for being 6th in the State of Florida for the 100 free!
- Girls' 200 Free Relay for being 12th in the State of Florida - swimmers are **Ava Papadopoulos, Carlin Hughes, Morgan Hiller & Illari Rilo.**
- Boys' 200 Free Relay for being 11th in the State of Florida - swimmers are **Ares Rilo, Eric Tauskela, Chase Foulds & Victor Gil**

We are proud of ALL of our Swimmers & Divers! Goooo Cobras!



*Congrats!*

## Mpower Club Updates



Mpower (Park Vista's Psychology Club) has monthly activities to "get Psyched" about! For October we did a Halloween Sensation/Perception party and in November we reenacted an experiment involving expectations and food.  
So psyched!



# GET PSYCHED!

# SENIOR PHOTOS

Seniors please make sure you sign up for your **Senior Photo Session!** This must be done by **December 15** at [www.CADY.com](http://www.CADY.com).

# CADY



**GRADUATION PACKAGES**

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CLASS OF 2023**

**BOSS PACK**

- 1. Cap, \*Gown, Tassel & Medallion
  - 2. Class of 2023 Hoodie (Choose 1)
  - 3. T-shirt Bottle Combo
  - 4. Photo Frame w/ Souvenir Tassel
  - 5. Mega Tassel
  - 6. Spinner Keychain
  - 7. Diploma Plaque
  - 8. Sticker
  - 9. Joggers
  - 10. Drawstring Bag
  - 11. Mini Frame
- \$233.00**  
**Save \$25.00**



**FINALLY MADE IT PACK**

- 1. Cap, \*Gown, Tassel & Medallion
  - 2. Class of 2023 Hoodie (Choose 1)
  - 3. T-shirt Bottle Combo
  - 4. Photo Frame w/ Souvenir Tassel
  - 5. Mega Tassel
  - 6. Spinner Keychain
  - 7. Diploma Plaque
  - 8. Sticker
- \$190.00**  
**Save \$20.00**



**HOODIE PACK**

- 1. Cap, \*Gown, Tassel & Medallion
  - 2. Class of 2023 Hoodie (Choose 1)
  - 3. Diploma Plaque
  - 4. Souvenir Tassel
  - 5. Spinner Keychain
  - 6. Sticker
- \$138.00**  
**Save \$15.00**



**PLAQUE PACK**

- 1. Cap, \*Gown, Tassel & Medallion
  - 2. Diploma Plaque
  - 3. Souvenir Tassel
  - 4. Spinner Keychain
  - 5. Sticker
- \$108.00**  
**Save \$10.00**



**BASIC PACK**

- 1. Cap, \*Gown, Tassel & Medallion
  - 2. Souvenir Tassel
  - 3. Spinner Keychain
  - 4. Sticker
- \$73.00**  
**Save \$5.00**



7% sales tax and \$14.95 handling and shipping not included  
\*Rental Gown - Keep Cap, Tassel and Medallion

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**1. IN SCHOOL**

You can order at parent night or lunch during the schedule dates. Below are the specific dates we will be in school. Parent night times will be indicated in the appointment setting website.

Herff Jones representatives will be at school assisting you.

<b>DURING LUNCHES</b>	1. WED / AUGUST 24	4. THU / OCTOBER 6	7. WED / NOVEMBER 16
	2. THU / AUGUST 25	5. FRI / OCTOBER 7	8. WED / JANUARY 11
	3. WED / SEPTEMBER 7	6. TUE / NOVEMBER 15	
<b>SATURDAYS 9AM -12PM</b>	1. SAT / AUGUST 20	2. SAT / SEPTEMBER 24	
<b>PARENT NIGHT</b>	TBA		
	For parent night priority is given to those families with appointments. Please scan the QR code to select a time to place an order with one of our sales representatives. <a href="#">By appointment only</a>		

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**NOTE:** Payments may also be made by mail and/or through our website at [HJPALMBEACH.COM](http://HJPALMBEACH.COM)  
\*Please write student's name, school name and phone number on check or money order.

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**New Online Registration for Athletic Eligibility Packets**

All student-athletes will register their physical packet and other required eligibility components into a new online system called Aktivite beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Paper athletic packets will no longer be accepted.

High school student-athletes will need to electronically complete, or digitally upload the following documents and certificates into the registration system:

- FHSA EL2- Participation Physical
- FHSA EL3- Consent and Release
- PBS Form 1588HS- Athletic Eligibility for High School Students
- PBS Form 1589HS- Student Medical Consent for Athletics
- PBS Form 2608- Interscholastic Athletics Accident Insurance
- NFHS Certificate - Concussion for Students
- NFHS Certificate - Heat Illness
- NFHS Certificate - Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Birth Certificate (for proof of age purposes only)
- Receipt - Purchase of Interscholastic Athletics Accident Insurance

**Registration for Parents:**

- Go to [www.aktivite.com](http://www.aktivite.com)
- Click Login
- Click Create an Account (You only need ONE account, even if you have children in more than one high school and/or junior high; Do Not create another account if you have used Register My Athlete in the past)
- Fill in personal account information (this should be the Parent's personal information)
- You will be using the site as a Parent
- Click Submit

**After you have an account:**

- Login
- Under the Parents header (Blue), Click the button labeled "Click here to start/complete athlete registrations". (the first time you log in you will be asked to agree to terms and conditions)
- Click Start/Complete a Registration (upper left hand corner of the page)
- Click Start a New Registration - this is where you will enter all of your Athlete's information
- Click on the red bars to complete all requirements
- Click the orange button on the lower left side of the screen for live chat or email support@aktivite.com for assistance

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# 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!

## Spring 2023 Palm Beach State College Dual Enrollment

Spring 2023 courses begin on **Thursday, January 12th**. Students are encouraged to **submit their required documents prior to the December break**. Dual enrollment information is on our School Counseling page.



**GRADBASH**  
UNIVERSAL ORLANDO

DEPART PV @ 3:00 PM  
RETURN TO PV @ 5:00 AM

**Ticket sales begin on  
January 17.**  
*Make plans now to purchase your  
ticket as this event  
will sell out!*

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

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



## FORTIFYFL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

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