



# COBRA COURIER

## December 2023

### Principal's Message

Dear Park Vista Families:

November gave us lots of opportunities to celebrate! Fall sports finished with many of our athletes competing successfully at the state level. 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 encourage unity in our community both in our classrooms and across all of our 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. Our thespians entertained audiences last month with two performances of *The Bottom of the Lake*, by Steven Stack, a play intertwining ghost stories, teen issues and comedy with an unexpected ending. By all accounts, it was a hit with our students and our school community.

Park Vista leads our District in many areas and we are proud to share that several AP/AICE facilitators at our November 1 Professional Development Day Roundtables, hosted by our school, were our very own instructors: Ms. Dublin (AICE Environmental Management), Ms. Finn (AICE Global Perspectives), Mr. Lott (AP English Literature and Composition), Ms. Gilbert (AP Psychology), and Ms. Weinstein (AP Statistics) met with teachers of the same subject areas from across our District for important conversations about curriculum and instruction in their specialized concentrations.

During December, our students will prepare for Semester Exams to be held on December 19 through December 22, 2023. 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, and all schools will be closed for the Winter Holidays starting on December 23, 2023. Students will return on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 to start the third marking period. Please enjoy this special time with family and friends. On behalf of the entire Cobra family, we extend our heartfelt holiday wishes for peace, health and happiness in 2024. Thank you for staying connected with us in Cobra Country!

Dr. Enrique Vela  
Principal



## Teaching is Out of This World



The Florida Future Educators of America Club sponsored by Mrs. Pokabla attended the "Teaching is Out of This World" conference which is a collaboration between the District, Palm Beach State College and Florida Atlantic University. Students attended a general session and break out sessions to interact and learn from leaders in education. Topics included the latest research in teaching and learning, career opportunities in the field and inspiration that will serve as a guide to become a teacher! Picture left to right: Mrs. Pokabla, Lamar Alolabi, Gianna Bryant, Sophia Perez-Garcia, Kheishmania Fleuricin.

## Park Vista Football All Stars

On Saturday, December 16, 2023 the Palm Beach County All-Star Football Game roster will feature eight Park Vista students. Our school is proud to have the most players selected for the prestigious game of all high schools in the county.

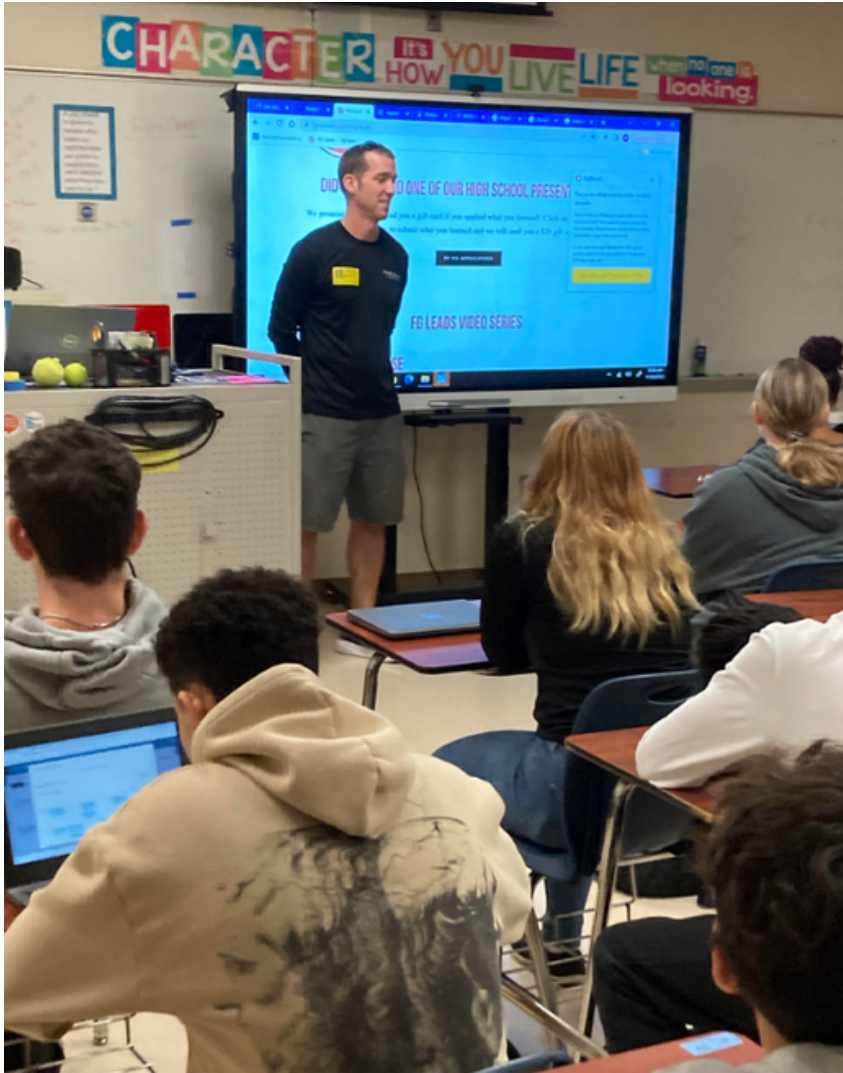
### **Players Chosen:**

**Logan Harrold**  
**Devin Connelly**  
**Gio Leguerre**  
**Travious Ellis**  
**Sean Silva**  
**Tyler Wilson**  
**Barkley Wyckoff**  
**Chris Bloomquist - D**

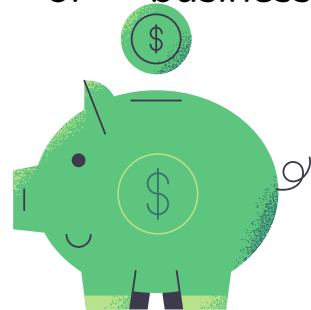


In addition to the players, Park Vista's Head Coach, Don Ferraro, has also been chosen to coach the running backs for the 2023 American Team. Let's Go Cobras!

## Financial Lessons from a Business Partner



Students in one of the Entrepreneurship classes have the opportunity this year to learn Financial Literacy from Daniel Huck, a volunteer with a background in Financial Literacy. Daniel is doing his part this year to come in periodically, using Dave Ramsey as a foundation for teaching students the importance of saving, creating a budget, and becoming disciplined consumers. Also this year, Daniel who is a partner with several "Five Guys" locations will also talk about business and how to possibly become owners or business partners for others.



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## PV Student Highlighted on News



One of our very own students was featured on WPTV. The news special was filmed at the PBC Therapeutic Recreation Center and **Ronin Nance** (and his dance moves) were featured at the very end of the clip. He was dubbed the “Dancing Machine.” Way to go Ronin!

Here's the link to the full video: <https://youtu.be/OdOzwJOC5SY?si=ixte29hRxzP92bOY>

## Student Artwork to be Featured by School District

The School District of Palm Beach County’s Superintendent has chosen artwork from Park Vista student, **Jericho Guialdo** as the design for his greeting card this year. Congratulations to Jericho and his teacher, Ms. Laura Mambourg!

*AMAZING!*



**First Semester Exam Schedule Tuesday, December 19 – Friday, December 22**

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

**Tuesday, December 19**

**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**

**Wednesday, December 20 (no book bags/large bags or purses)**

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

**Thursday, December 21 (no book bags/large bags or purses)**

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

**Friday, December 22 (no book bags/large bags or purses)**

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 in the mornings.

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Class of

# 2024

Grad Bash and Prom  
ticket sales are approaching quickly!

Prom 4/13

Grad Bash 4/20

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

**20 community service hours**- turned in on  
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.

## Scholarship Opportunities

To provide a comprehensive listing of scholarship opportunities, the Palm Beach County School District has created a web page to share with parents, guardians, and students. The page can be found at  
<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/scholarships>.

This site is updated weekly by the central office School Counseling team. If you have any questions, reach out to your child's school counselor.





Hello Cobra Families & Happy Holidays!

PTSO Updates

The caramel apple bar we hosted for the staff on November 15th was a huge success! Our parent volunteers are amazing and I'm sure it will become an annual event. Our next event we are planning on hosting is a hot potato bar! We'll send out more information about that in January, 2024! Wow, can you believe it, New Years already? It's not too late to order Park Vista merch for a gift. We have keychains, stadium cups, blankets and rhinestone Cobra shirts and sweatshirts available and you can arrange pick up in the main office\* vs. having gifts sent home with students (which is the way we do it now). And remember, there's always time to join PTSO! See the link and QR code below.

\*The main office has been decorated for any holiday you may celebrate.

P. S. An Elf informed us to be on the lookout for special guests visiting from the North Pole during exam week. Have a great break and we'll see you next year!

If you have any questions please contact [deborah.senich@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:deborah.senich@palmbeachschools.org)

Thanks again for all your support!

**JOIN NOW**



## SPRING SPORTS TRY-OUTS

<b>BASEBALL</b> STARTS 01/29/2024	<b>BOYS VOLLEYBALL</b> STARTS 02/12/2024	<b>BEACH VOLLEYBALL</b> STARTS 02/05/2024
<b>LACROSSE</b> STARTS 01/22/2024	<b>SOFTBALL</b> STARTS 01/08/2024	<b>FLAG FOOTBALL</b> STARTS 01/29/2024
<b>TENNIS</b> STARTS 01/15/2024	<b>TRACK &amp; FIELD</b> STARTS 01/29/2024	<b>BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING</b> STARTS 01/08/2024

## STUDENT SERVICES CORNER

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ Arrive at school **On Time**.
- ✓ **Cell Phones** are not allowed to be visible during instructional time. (This includes restroom breaks during class time)
- ✓ Adhere to our school's **Dress Code** at all times.



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The **Pathfinder High School Scholarship Awards** are presented each year by the Palm Beach Post to high school seniors in Palm Beach County and Martin County. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in academic, technical, artistic and athletic categories. Congratulations and good luck to the following nominees who will be representing Park Vista and competing in this year's competition:

Academic Excellence: **Kendall Longwater**

Art: **Gabriela Willoughby**

Business: **Jennifer Natalus**

Career and Technical Education: **Elana de Berry**

Communications: **James Fields**

Community Involvement: **Jessica Dippolito**

Computer Engineering and Technology: **Rudolph Milliken**

Forensics/Speech: **Natasha López**

History/Political Science: **Zoe Lester**

Literature: **Sophia Cvetkovic**

Mathematics: **Maxwell Brassner**

Music/Instrumental: **Ryan Golbe**

Music/Vocal: **Alexa Porcelli**

Reach for Excellence: **Mikayla Jeanty**

Science: **Madison Konash**

Sports: **Logan Harrold**

Theater Arts: **Matthew Brewer**

World Languages: **Lucy Eichler**







Do you have a Business you want to spotlight?

Park Vista Community High School Academies welcomes the opportunity to partner with your business or family. Opportunities include a school banner, social media mentions, staff newsletter mentions, reserved seating at sporting events, t-shirt sponsorship and much more.

Our Business Partners in Education at Park Vista Community High School have played an integral part in assisting with funding of things like curriculum support, technology, school equipment, teacher training, wellness activities and family events.

Park Vista High School is a nonprofit organization and your business may be eligible to claim a tax deduction for your contributions.

- COBRA **BLUE** \$2,500 Contribution
- COBRA **BLACK** \$1000 Contribution
- COBRA **SILVER** \$500 Contribution

*Additional Custom Sponsorship Options Available!*

If you are interested in becoming a Business Partner in Education at Park Vista Community High School or would like to know more about the program, please contact the Academies Coordinator at [nikki.lanier@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:nikki.lanier@palmbeachschools.org).

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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 2023-2024 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:

- FHSAA EL2- Participation Physical
- FHSAA 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](mailto:support@aktivite.com) for assistance



# FORTIFYFL

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

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And click on



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CLASS	DATES	TIME	DAYS	FEES	SUPPLIES/NOTES
Afternoon Yoga with Deb Berry	1/16/24-3/5/24	4:30 PM-5:30 PM	Tu	\$55	Bring Yoga Mat
Afternoon Zumba - All Levels	1/18/24-3/7/24	4:30 PM-5:30 PM	Th	\$55	
Chakra Workshop	1/17/24-3/6/24	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	W	\$95	
Easy Boot Camp	1/16/24-4/11/24	7:30 PM-8:30 PM	Tu W Th	\$25	Bring mat, towel, water and small dumbbells
Golf - Reg at PVCCHS, play at Keiser Golf Center	1/17/24-2/21/24	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	W	\$45	Additional \$60.00 one-time payment - first class
Intro to Underground Construction	1/16/24-3/28/24	5:00 PM-8:00 PM	Tu Th	\$25	
Intro to Wrestling - Youth Folk Style	1/17/24-3/6/24	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	M W	\$25	
Intuitive/Psychic Development	1/16/24-3/5/24	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Tu	\$95	
Pickle Ball	1/16/24-2/20/24	4:30 PM-6:00 PM	Tu	\$60	Bring Racquet
Pickle Ball	1/16/24-2/20/24	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Tu	\$60	Bring Racquet
Pilates with Shaina	1/16/24-3/5/24	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Tu	\$55	Bring Yoga Mat
Stained Glass	1/16/24-3/5/24	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Tu	\$95	
Yoga with Shaina	1/18/24-3/7/24	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Th	\$55	Bring Yoga Mat
Zumba - All Levels	1/17/24-3/6/24	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	W	\$55	

## REGISTER ONLINE OR IN-PERSON FOR FUN & LEISURE CLASSES



### REGISTER ONLINE AT PBCLEARN.ORG

Create an account, browse classes, and pay by credit card. Community School Online Registration starts January 9, 2024

Classes begin the week of January 16, 2024.

Classes include a \$15 NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee and require a minimum enrollment. Additional Materials Fee may apply. Refunds only apply if the class is canceled by the school and will NOT be given after the first class begins.

## REGISTER FOR ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES



English for Speakers of Other Languages  
 Inglés para Hablantes de Otras Lenguas  
 Anglais pour Locuteurs D'autres Langues  
 Inglês para Falantes de Outras Línguas

In-Person Registration starts January 9, 2024

Monday - Thursday • 5:00PM - 6:45PM **2**

Walk-in registration is \$30 (cash only) with an additional processing fee if paying electronically.

Classes begin January 16, 2024. Class times are Monday - Thursday 5:00 to 6:30PM **1**

## GOLF

Register at PV Play at Keiser Golf Center  
 Wednesday mornings 10:00am



## YOGA

Afternoon and evening classes available



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