

GO RAIDERS!



RISING **FRESHMEN** *TO PCHS*

APRIL 28, 2025

In The Auditorium 6 PM

THINGS WE WILL DISCUSS

- RAIDER INVASION
- ACADEMICS
- CAMBRIDGE "AICE" DIPLOMA
- ATHLETICS / CLUBS / EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- PTSA AND OTHER INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Welcome
& thank
you for
joining
us!**

Administration

Principal – Traci Durrance

Assistant Principal for Curriculum – Lana Smith

Assistant Principal for Administration – Randy Humphrey

Assistant Principals for Student Affairs

○ Tanya Skjefte

○ Bobby Wilson

SRO – Deputy?

Student Services

- Chanel Nelson
- Aimee Solomon
- April Jolliff
- Jennifer "Kelly" Bell- Department Head
- Kyisaiah Hicks
- Tracy Graves
- Jamie Stephens- College and Career Counselor
- Shanecia Harvey- Program Advisor
- Billy Teeden- Success Coach
- Sandy Thomas- School Psychologist
- Taylor Janssen- Social Worker
- Ishmus Hill-Social Worker

Raider Expectations

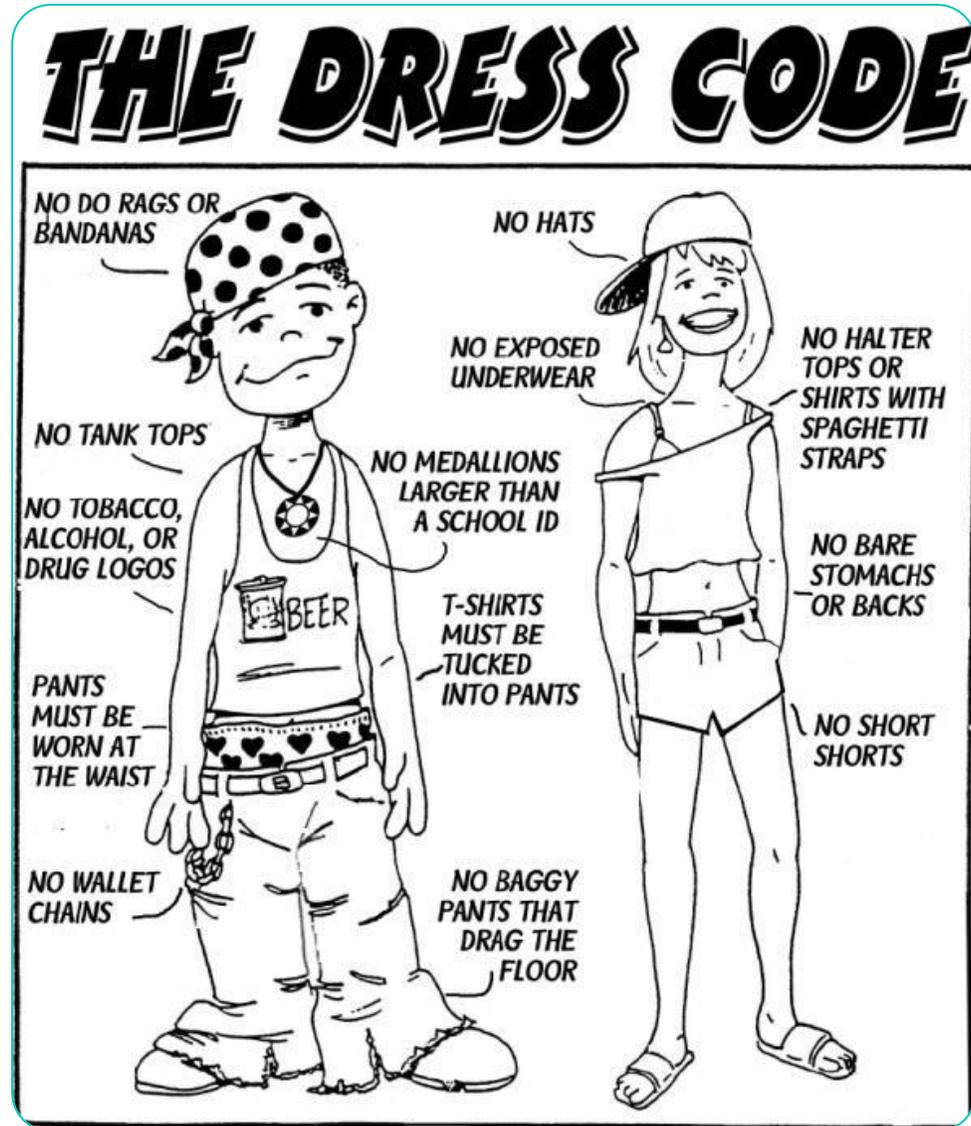
- Be present and on-time
- Be respectful
- Be prepared
- Be engaged



School Rules

- ❖ No outside food or drink
- ❖ Dress Code is enforced
- ❖ Cell Phones for Instructional purposes only
- ❖ Attendance is crucial
- ❖ Be on Time

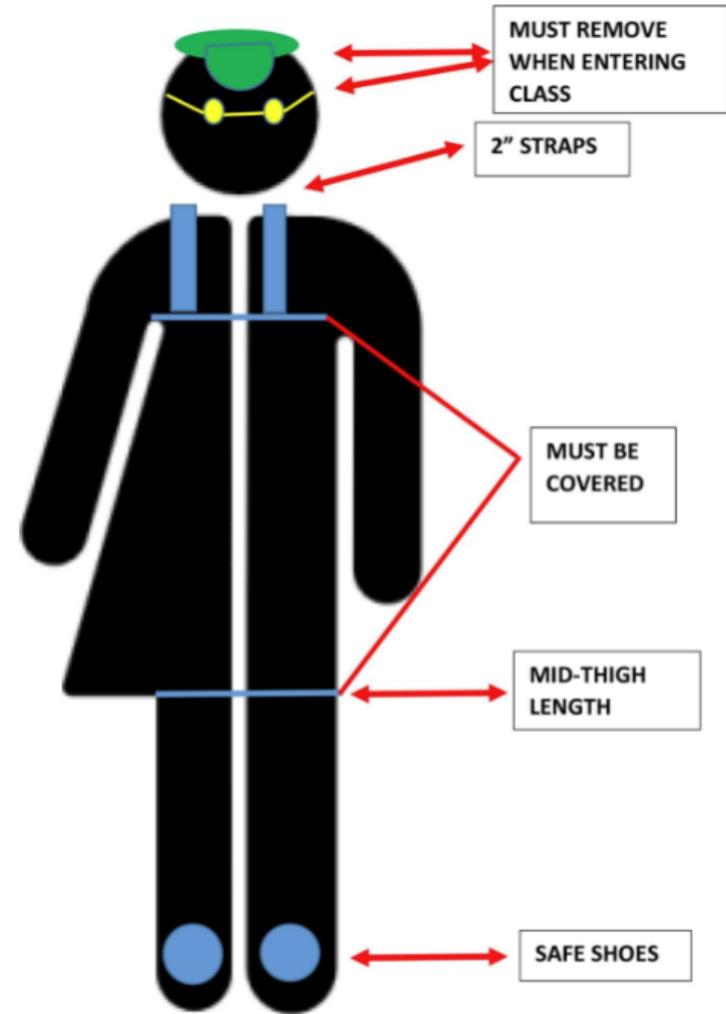
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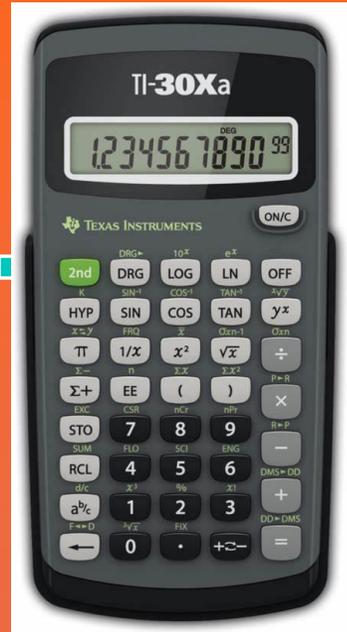
Dress Code

Appropriate attire for school does not include pajamas, clothing that advocates drugs, alcohol, weapons, violence, or that is considered by the school administration to be crude, sexually suggestive, culturally biased, or gang-related.

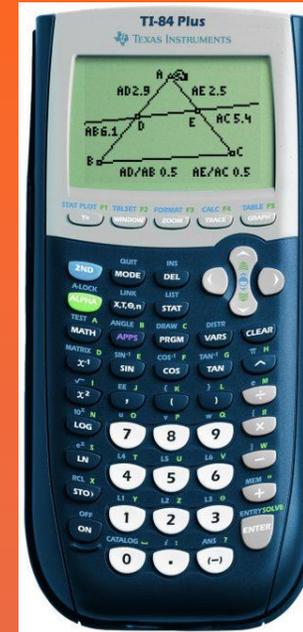
Jewelry or clothing may not have dangerous spikes or chains.



Math Requirement



All students (except Algebra 2) need a TI-30xa calculator



Algebra 2 & Algebra 2 Honors students need a TI-84+ graphing calculator
Rentals available upon request

Student Schedules

All students will have 7 classes

5 Core Courses:

- ❖ English
- ❖ Math (Determined based on current math class, previous math grades, and scores on state math exams)
- ❖ Science (based on current science class and grades on state exams)
- ❖ Reading (EVERY freshman has a reading class)
- ❖ Social Studies (World History)

2 Elective Courses:

- ❖ AP, Career Technical, Music, Art, PE

Student Schedules

All students will have 7 classes

- Juniors and Seniors can be considered for partial schedules **ONLY** IF they are 100% on track for graduation.
- Students who have failed classes will not be considered for having periods off in the future in their junior and senior years.
- Students are **NOT** guaranteed spaces in Summer School or Credit Recovery. Both programs are by invite only based on the number of spaces given to us. You should **NOT** plan on using either program to make up failed credits.
- Passing classes the first time is the best thing you can do.

Graduation Requirements- Credits

❖ 24 Credits

❖ English – 4 Credits (English I, II, III, IV)

❖ Math – 4 Credits (Algebra I, Geometry, and 2 others)

❖ Science – 3 Credits (Biology I and 2 others)

❖ Social Studies – 3.5 Credits (World History, US History, US Government (0.5), and Economics (0.5) and Personal Financial Literacy (0.5))

❖ Fine Art or CTE – 1 Credit

❖ HOPE (Health Opportunities through Physical Education) – 1 Credit

❖ Electives – 7.5 Credits

Graduation Requirements- Other requirements

- ❖ World Language – 2 Credits in SAME language necessary for admission into 4-year universities. Not graduation requirement
- ❖ 2.0 UNWEIGHTED STATE GPA
- ❖ Must take the Biology, Geometry, and US History EOCs (the EOC is worth 30% of a student's final grade)
- ❖ Must earn a Level 3 on the Algebra 1 EOC (or receive a concordant score on the PSAT, SAT, ACT, or CLT)
- ❖ Must earn a Level 3 on the 10th grade State Reading FAST test (or receive a concordant score on the SAT, ACT, or CLT)
- ❖ Acceleration – Pass an AP or AICE exam, a Dual Enrollment course, or Industry Certification test

GPA determined by Semester Grades

○ Semester 1

- First Nine Weeks
- Second Nine Weeks
- Exam

○ Semester 2

- Third Nine Weeks
- Fourth Nine Weeks
- Exam or EOC

Students must have a 2.0 UNWEIGHTED STATE GPA in order to graduate

Graduation Requirements- Weighted GPA

The chart below shows how Honors, DE, AICE, and AP courses impact a student's District GPA

New GPA Calculation Chart

GRADE	REGULAR	HONORS	AP, IB, DE, AICE
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	1.0	1.0	1.0
F	0.0	0.0	0.0

Volunteer Hours

Student Name _____ Graduation Year _____

Student Number _____ High School _____ Total Hours _____

It is the responsibility of the student to keep an accurate record of the actual hours volunteered. A parent/guardian cannot serve as the volunteer agency contact. Please do not include any paid work hours on this form. **All volunteer hour documentation MUST be submitted by your school's graduation date. Any volunteer hours submitted after graduation, even if earned prior to graduation, will not be accepted.**

❖ Students can begin to document volunteer and work hours starting the summer after completing the 8th grade.

Date	Start/End Time of Activity	Hours Volunteered	Volunteer Service Location	Organization Phone #	Signature of Volunteer Organization Contact
					Print _____ Sign _____
					Print _____ Sign _____
					Print _____ Sign _____
					Print _____ Sign _____
					Print _____ Sign _____
					Print _____ Sign _____
					Print _____ Sign _____

Please describe below what you have learned from your volunteer service experience.

I agree that I have completed the above hours.

Student Signature

Date

Dual Enrollment Courses

- Freshmen cannot take Dual Enrollment until 2nd semester of their freshmen year.
- The only class Freshmen are allowed to take is First Year Experience (SLS1106)
- Students can take DE classes and earn Community College and High School Credit.
- To enroll in a DE course, students must have a 3.0 STATE GPA.
- Courses are offered at PCHS and at HCC. If taking these courses at HCC, they must be scheduled outside of your 7- period schedule.
- Dual Enrollment courses add to a student's WEIGHTED GPA if they earn a "C" or better in the course.

Cambridge AICE Program

- Advanced International Certificate of Education - AICE
- Cambridge Pathway
- Acceleration course options
- Students can earn an AICE diploma after successful completion of 7 courses AND their corresponding exams.
- Must be done in three years

Cambridge AICE Program

Student Benefits

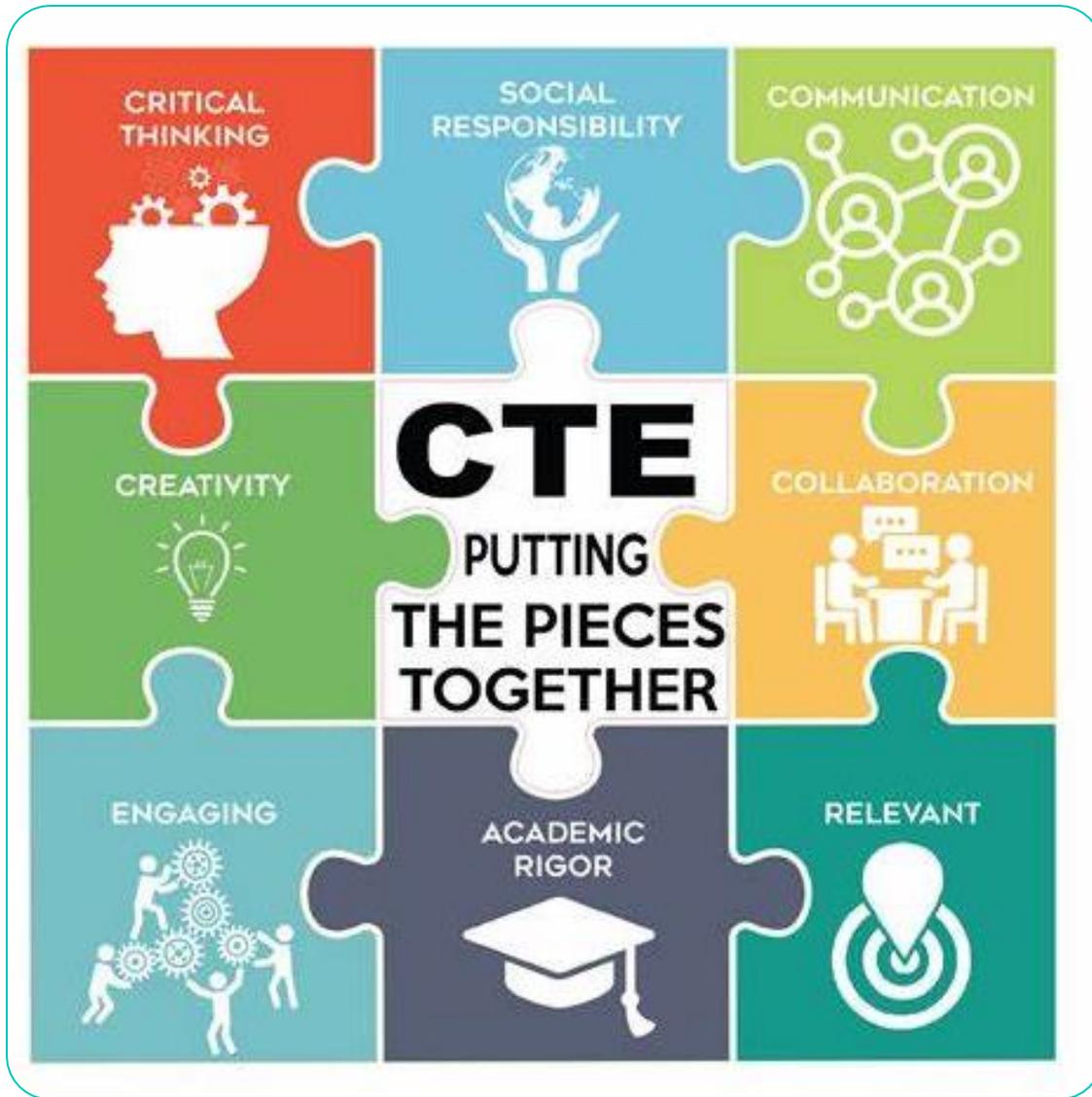
- College Credit (similar to AP and Dual Enrollment)
- International Pass rate on tests – 84.9%
- Weighted coursework - courses can increase your District GPA each semester based on your grade in class.
- AICE diplomas qualify students for Bright Futures - 100% (without SAT/ACT requirement)
- Earns Acceleration for students when they successfully complete coursework/exam
- Can be offered at any grade level and in multiple content areas.

PCHS AICE Courses next year

- AICE Environmental Management
- AICE General Paper (English 3)
- AICE English Language
- AICE Thinking Skills
- AICE Sociology
- AICE Physical Education
- AICE Drama (must take Pre-AICE Drama first)
- AICE Marine Science
- AICE Global Perspectives (taken as an AICE "completer" course)

AICE Diploma Options

- Global Perspectives and Research -1 (required)
- Science or Math -1+
- Languages -1+
- Art and Humanities – 1+
- Interdisciplinary Skills Based Courses – 2 (max)
- 7 Total – Passing Scores on Exams = Diploma



Career Tech Education

Electives Programs

Theatre

Band

Color Guard

Orchestra

Guitar

Keyboarding

PE

ART

○ 2D Drawing/Painting

○ Digital Art Imaging

○ Ceramics/Pottery

○ Photography

ROTC

Dual Enrollment

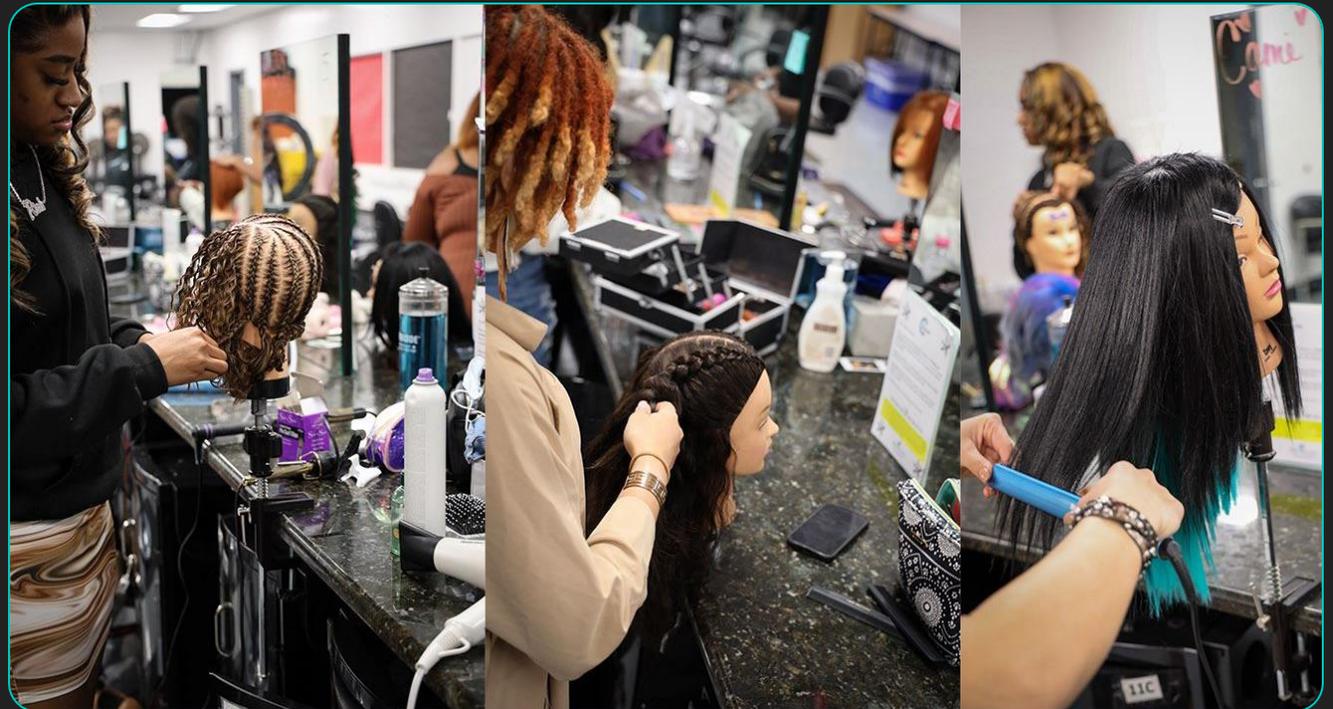
Journalism – Yearbook

TV Productions – RTV

AVID

COSMETOLOGY & BARBERING SKILLS

- Florida Board-Approved Cosmetology Program.
- Become a licensed cosmetologist!
- Cosmetology covers training in all aspects of hair, skin and nails.
- Hair training includes cutting, styling, permanent waving, relaxing, coloring, lightening and reconditioning treatments.
- Perform manicures, pedicures, and artificial nail services.



EARLY CHILD EDUCATION

- Florida Board-Approved Early Childhood Education Program
- Earn the Florida Child Development Associate Credential
- Future employment as early childhood professionals, preschool teachers, and early child teachers.
- Create safe, healthy and nurturing learning environments that meet the emotional, social, intellectual and physical needs of children in care.



ALLIED HEALTH / MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT

- Certification as Medical Administrative Assistant
- Student train in therapeutic occupations that are aligned with the Health Science.
- Examples are Radiologic Aide and Medical Office Assistant.



TELEVISION PRODUCTION

- Adobe Certification
- Future employment as television production operators, television broadcast technicians, camera operators, and all other professional/para-professional technicians, video recording engineers, audio recording engineers.



GAMING & SIMULATION

- Certification in Windows Operating System
- Learn how to create games
- Lead to careers such as a Game/Simulation Designer, Game Programmer, and Game Software Developer



DIGITAL DESIGN

- Adobe Certification
- Leads to future employment as Information Technology Assistants, Production Assistants, Digital Assistant Designers, Graphic Designers, and Multimedia Designers.





Full-year elective

If a student completes 2 years of JROTC it will count for HOPE and performing arts credit.

Extra-curricular activities include:

- Raider Team (or Adventure Team),
- Drill Team,
- Rifle Team,
- Exhibition Team,
- and Color Guard.



AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE LIGHT REPAIR

- Trains you to be Future Auto Techs!
- Certification in ASE
- Instructor is ASE Master Certified





Electricity

- PROGRAM SIMULATES THE JOB CONDITIONS OF THE ELECTRICIAN.

LEARN TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND TROUBLESHOOT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.



Ag & FFA

- Learn hands-on skills
- Certification in Agriculture Fields:
 - Vet Assisting, Ag Associates, Ag Mechanics, Ag Technology, Ag Communication, Animal Sciences

Important Issues for 9th Grade

- Goal – Graduate in 4 years – no 5-year plan
- GPA -9th graders that finish freshmen year with a 2.0 STATE GPA or higher are 95% more likely to graduate
- If GPA falls below a 2.0, students won't qualify to participate in extra-curricular activities (athletics and clubs)
- Attendance requirements for Extra-curricular activities
(Homecoming, Prom, Calendar Girl)

Clubs

We have 4 different types of clubs at PCHS:

❖ Co-Curricular

❖ Honors

❖ Service

❖ Interest

Clubs

Co-Curricular

American Sign Language
AVID
Drama
Engineering
FBLA
FCCLA
FFA
HOSA
JROTC
NOW - Women's Studies
Student Govt. Assoc.-SGA
Skills USA – Cosmetology
Skills USA - Electrical

Honors

National Honor Society
French Honor Society
ASL Honor Society
Thespian Honor Society

Service

Gentlemen's Quest
Interact – Girls
Interact – Boys
Key Club
Ladies' Quest
Leo Club
Special Olympics
Veteran's Appreciation

Interest

Art
BOLD
Book Club
Cinephiles
Debate
Fishing
GSA
Investors
Latin Quarters
Orange Crush
Raider Buddies
Tech Club
Woodworking
Young Republicans
Young Democrats
Youth Alive

Athletics

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Swimming
Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

Soccer
Basketball
Wrestling
Cheerleading

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Flag Football
Softball
Tennis
Track & Field

Athletics

- ❖ Athletic Forms are online must be completed before students can participate in any athletic program.
- ❖ Insurance must be purchased
- ❖ 3 Certificates must be earned by watching videos.



Athletic Booster Club

What does the Athletic Booster Club do?

- ❖ Formally recognizes academic and athletic excellence through annual awards
- ❖ Provides scholarships for graduating senior student-athletes
- ❖ Coordinates volunteer efforts to raise and allocate funds for equipment needs and facility improvements

Athletic Booster Club

Why should I join?

- ❖ The PCHS Booster Club supports and celebrates ALL student academic and athletic achievements and advocates for the preservation of all athletic programs.
- ❖ Your membership dollars fund equipment purchases and facility improvements above and beyond what individual teams can fund on their own.
- ❖ Your membership dollars also help fund at least four scholarships given to student athletes.

Raider Champion



PCHS BOOSTER CLUB & RAIDER CHAMPIONS FOUNDATION SPONSORSHIP FORM



SPONSOR INFORMATION

COMPANY (IF APPLICABLE): _____ CONTACT NAME: _____
 INDIVIDUAL DONOR NAME(S): _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

RAIDER CHAMPIONS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATHLETIC BANNER LEVEL: \$500
Choice of field: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> DIAMOND LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$10,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> PLATINUM LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$25,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SILVER LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE PLATINUM LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$50,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOLD LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to be a Raider Champion at this time but would like to donate \$ _____ to the Foundation. |

CONTRIBUTION DESIGNATION

If you would like to designate how your contribution is distributed, place a check next to the specific organization(s):

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTSA | <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Sport(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Class | <input type="checkbox"/> AVID | <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Grad Sponsorship | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band | <input type="checkbox"/> AICE Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JROTC | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Curriculum Club | <input type="checkbox"/> General (Board will designate with greatest need.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> Specify Club(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | _____ |

PCHS BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP

RAIDER PRIDE PACKAGE: \$25.00

A basic package that covers your membership for the year, which includes your right to vote during Booster Elections. After purchase you will receive a code to purchase Season Passes.

RAIDER ELITE PACKAGE: \$250.00

Includes the Raider Pride Package plus: Raider Parking Pass, Booster T-Shirt, and PCHS Tumbler.

PREFERRED STADIUM SEATING: \$50.00

Add \$50.00 to any Booster Club Membership Package for reserved premium seating at all PCHS home games.

Note: Once you purchase one of the Booster Memberships above, you will receive an email with a code to purchase a season pass for entry to athletic events during the year.

PAY ONLINE



If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact PCHSmembership@gmail.com or 863-289-0519.



RAIDER CHAMPIONS FOUNDATION CHAMPION SPONSOR LEVELS

2X PLATINUM \$50,000	Sponsors receive all benefits listed below plus: Premium recognition on our Raider Champions Wall
PLATINUM \$25,000	Diamond level plus: Preferred Recognition on Raider Champions Wall
DIAMOND \$10,000	Gold level plus: Home Game Sponsorship
GOLD \$5,000	Silver level plus: Recognition on Raider Champions Wall Additional advertising banner (total of 3 banners)
SILVER \$2,500	Bronze level plus: Additional advertising banner (total of 2 banners) Listed as a Raider Champion in the Plant City Observer Spring Edition
BRONZE \$1,000	Banner level plus: PCHS Parking Pass & Season Pass Advertising on all social media, digital platforms, website, & Raider TV
BANNER \$500	Advertising banner at your choice of locations (sports field or gymnasium)

PAYMENT INFORMATION

The Raider Champions Foundation thanks you for your sponsorship donation. All sponsors have the option of paying either by check or credit card. Please fill out the information below so we can properly process your donation.

ARTWORK SUBMISSIONS: Include artwork for banners if applicable. Must be a print ready file (AI, etc.). Please email submissions to PCRaiderChampions@gmail.com.

PAYMENT METHOD: CREDIT CARD CHECK

Cardholder Name: _____

Card Number: _____

Signature: _____

Exp Date: _____ CV# _____ Zip Code: _____

*A 3% charge will be applied to all credit cards for processing fees

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Please make all checks payable to RAIDER CHAMPIONS FOUNDATION.

Each donation will receive an acknowledgment letter.

Raider Champions is a 501(c)3 organization.

Please mail all forms and donations to:
PCHS Raider Champions Foundation
c/o Shannon Scott
1 Raider Place
Plant City, FL 33563

We are unable to accept cash payments.

If you have any questions or need additional information about Raider Champions, please contact PCRaiderChampions@gmail.com or 863-289-0519.

PTSA

Information

- Memberships \$7 (sign up beginning 7/1/24)
- Monthly Treats
- Scholarships available

Fundraisers:

- Chick-fil-A & Donut Sales
- Merry Market

Always looking for support!



How to purchase a yearbook

- The price at the beginning of the school year is \$80
- Price increases 10/1 \$85 and 1/18 \$95
- The price for yearbooks once they are delivered in April is \$100
- Therefore, the earlier you order, the more money you will save.
- Order your yearbook at YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM
- The link will be placed on Canvas, Social Media, and the school's website. You will also receive a postcard in the mail reminding you to order a yearbook.
- Once the yearbooks arrive, we shut down the online sales and will only accept cash or check made out to PCHS.

Hillsborough County Calendar 2025-2026



2025-2026 Student Academic Calendar Board Approved 6.4.2024

Students' First Day of School	Monday, August 11, 2025
Labor Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, September 1, 2025
End of 1st Grading Period	Friday, October 10, 2025
Veterans Day/Non-Student Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Fall Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, November 24 - Friday, November 28, 2025
Students Return to School	Monday, December 1, 2025
End of 2nd Grading Period/1st Semester	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, December 22, 2025 - Friday, January 2, 2026
Non-Student Day	Monday, January 5, 2026
Students Return to School	Tuesday, January 6, 2026
Martin Luther King, Jr./Non-Student Day	Monday, January 19, 2026
Florida State Fair/Non-Student Day	Friday, February 13, 2026
Presidents' Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
Strawberry Festival/Non-Student Day	Monday, March 2, 2026
End of 3rd Grading Period	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20, 2026
Non-Student Day	Monday, March 23, 2026
Students Return to School	Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Non-Student Day	Friday, April 3, 2026
Memorial Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, May 25, 2026
Last Day of School End of 4th Grading Period/2nd Semester	Friday, May 29, 2026

Hurricane Day(s) if needed: November 11, November 24-26, and January 5

Student Early Release Day schedule has not been finalized.
The last day of school is a 2.5-hour early release.

Raider Invasion 2025



July 22-24, 2025
8am-12pm

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Plant City High School Website

- <http://plantcity.mysdhc.org/>
- Access links to PCHS organizations
- General school information
- Faculty names by departments

Additional Questions and Feedback Survey

