

CLASS OF 2026



RISING SENIOR TO PCHS

April 24, 2025

In The Auditorium 6 PM

THINGS WE WILL DISCUSS

- SENIOR DATES
- YEARBOOKS AND SENIOR PHOTOS
- GRADUATION INFORMATION
- BENCHMARKS
- PREPARING FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER
- FAFSA AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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 – new deputy assigned over the summer

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**

Senior Dates

Calendar Girl: 09/27/2025

Homecoming Dance:

Prom: TBD

Grad Bash: TBD

Hillsborough County Calendar 2025-2026

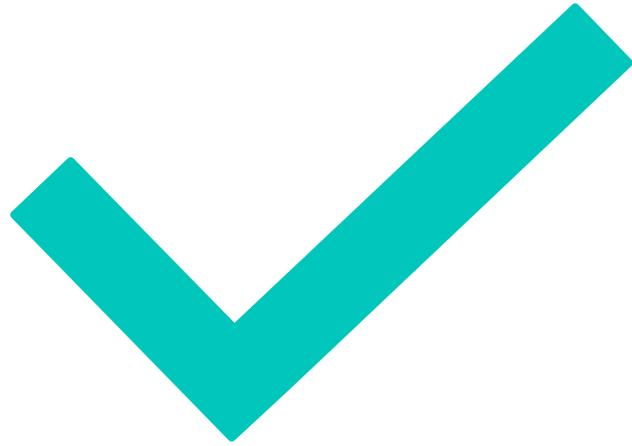


2025-2026 Student Academic Calendar Board Approved 6.4.2024

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.



ATTENDANCE **MATTERS**

All day. Every day.

It
adds
up...

EVERY tardy
EVERY early check-out
EVERY absence

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Attendance



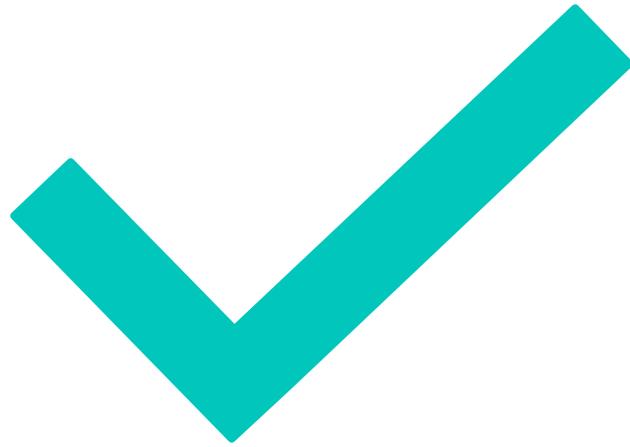
Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success.

Families play a key role in making sure students understand the importance of getting to school every day.

Attendance in the first 30 days of the year is a good predictor of a student's success in earning a diploma.

Attendance

Every Day Counts



If your students's attendance is

95%
90%
85%
80%

Your student would have missed approximately

8 days of school
17 days of school
26 days of school
34 days of school

or they would have missed approximately
56 hours of instruction
119 hours of instruction
182 hours of instruction
238 hours of instruction

Attendance

A stack of spiral-bound notebooks is shown in a close-up, slightly blurred shot. The top page of the notebook in the foreground has a hand-drawn heart in blue ink. The notebooks are stacked on a dark surface, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the metal spiral binding.

Senior Pictures and All Things Yearbook

Advisor:

Ms. Tuzzolino

Patricia.Tuzzolino@hcps.net

CADY Photography

- 678.722.3449

- ROADSHOWS (on campus)

 - \$30 sitting fee (formal, cap and gown, casual)

 - Secure a spot through CADY.com

- DATES (on campus)

 - July 11th, August 27th, September 24th, October 29th, and November 14th

- Seniors **MUST** take their photos by December 13th to be featured in the yearbook!

PHOTO DATES

- SENIOR PANORAMIC IS **NOVEMBER 13th** IN THE MORNING (STUDENTS NOT RIDING THE BUS SHOULD ARRIVE AT 8AM)
 - SENIORS SHOULD WEAR AN **ORANGE** SHIRT FOR THE SENIOR PANORAMIC
- CLUB PICTURE DAY IS **DECEMBER 3rd**
- A SCHEDULE WILL BE SHARED WITH CLUB SPONSORS AT A LATER DATE



Yearbook Senior Ads

- Senior Ads are tribute pages purchased by family members. Parents utilize our user-friendly program to design a page for their graduating senior. Senior Ads are displayed in the back section of the yearbook.
- Senior ads are full color
 - Full page is \$400
 - Half page is \$250
 - Quarter page is \$175
- Senior ad purchases will start in August and end in December. Our senior ads sold out this year, so it is best to be proactive and purchase early!



FULL PAGE \$400



Peyton Allen Strawn

Dear Awesome Peyton,

"Always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and LOVED more than you know!" Always know that Grampa and I are SO proud of you, and will always believe in you, and will always be there for you. You are always in our prayers. We love you, sweetie! God bless you always!

Lots of Love, Smiles, & Hugs,
Gigi & Grampa xoxo



Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you.

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose.



Erik Hernandez Jr.

Since you were a little boy you had a vision. And with your dedication, determination and achievements you have proven that this is just the beginning of your many accomplishments. Follow your dream and believe in yourself. GO BIG and DON'T STOP!! Remember your brother and sister are watching. You have set a great example for them and we pray you continue to guide them in the right direction. You have made your family proud of all your hard work, you've put in over the years and know you'll continue to do great things.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Eriean, and Ethan

QUARTER PAGE \$175



HALF PAGE \$250

Kenzie- Memories....each one unique and special and yours forever! We are so very proud of each of your accomplishments but even prouder of the friends you've made, the friend you are, your determination and drive, the JOY you bring and the light you shine for Jesus!
We love you! XOXO
Mom, Dad, Jourdain and Buddy



How to purchase a yearbook

- The price at the beginning of the school year is \$80
- Order your yearbook at YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM Code: 711
- 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.

Senior Schedules

- **To be considered full-time for diploma and graduation purposes students must have seven total classes (five of which must be on-campus).**
- **If you are behind in credits or have credit recovery, you will NOT be allowed to leave campus early. You will have 7 FULL periods in your day.**
- **OJT will still be available periods 5-7 for those seniors who qualify however, priority of spaces will be given to students who are on track for graduation**

Graduation Requirements- Credits

❖ 24 Credits

- ❖ English – 4 Credits
- ❖ Math – 4 Credits (Algebra I, Geometry, and 2 others)
- ❖ Science – 3 Credits (Biology I and 2 others)
- ❖ Social Studies – 3 Credits (World History, US History, US Government (0.5), and Economics (0.5))
- ❖ Performing Fine Art OR CTE course – 1 Credit
- ❖ HOPE (Health Opportunities through Physical Education) – 1 Credit
- ❖ Electives – 8 Credits

Graduation Requirements- Other requirements

- ❖ World Language – 2 Credits in same language necessary for direct admission into 4-year universities, Not a graduation requirement.
- ❖ 2.0 UNWEIGHTED STATE GPA
- ❖ Must take the Biology, Geometry, and US History EOCs
- Must earn a Level 3 on the Algebra 1 EOC (or receive a concordant score on the SAT/ACT/CLT/PSAT)
- ❖ Must earn a Level 3 on the FAST Reading test (or receive a concordant score on the SAT/ACT/CLT)
- ❖ Acceleration – Pass an AP or AICE exam, Pass a Dual Enrollment course (with a "C" or higher), or Pass an Industry Certification

Virtual School

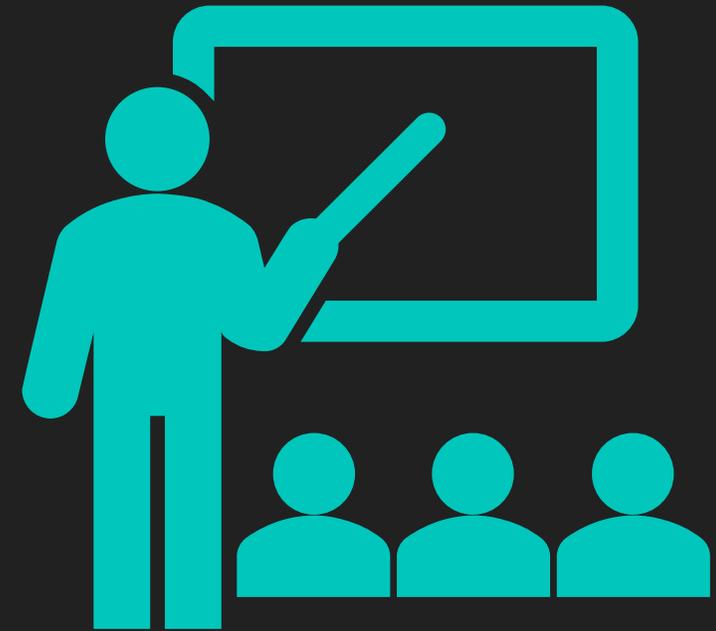
- **NO CORE classes will be approved without counselor consultation and pre- approval**
- 1. www.flvs.net
- 2. Click on “sign up.”
- 3. Login – follow directions for new student or established student
- 4. Select the classes student has permission to take. Select Hillsborough Virtual School under the calendar section.
- 5. Notify school counselor of course requests via CANVAS.
- 6. Once teacher contact info is available on your FLVS dashboard, student should reach out to the teacher to set up the "welcome call".
- Have a problem with password? Call 1-866-322-8324
- **STUDENTS WHO ARE IN CREDIT RECOVERY WILL NOT HAVE A VIRTUAL PLACEHOLDER TO LEAVE CAMPUS EARLY (OJT ONLY)**

What Colleges Look For . . .

- Grade Point Average
- Difficulty of curriculum (rigor of senior schedule in semester 1 and 2)
- SAT or ACT or CLT scores
- Application essays (if required)
- Extracurricular Activities

SAT/ACT/CLT help

- Khan Academy:
www.khanacademy.org
- After school tutoring: Times and dates to be determined.
- Register at www.collegeboard.org
- Register at www.actstudent.org
- Register at www.cltexam.com



College Application Best Practices

- Prepare an academic resume that highlights 9th -12th grade activities
- Most college applications are online on the respective school's website. You can also apply to multiple universities at one time by using the CommonApp.
- Senior Schedule (course codes found on student official schedule)
- Summary Sheet (for course titles and grades)
- Essay (if required)
- Application Fee

Make the Application Complete

- Transcript – Must be ordered at sdhc.scriborder.com There is no charge for digital transcripts. Some fees may apply for physical copies.
- SAT/ACT/ CLT scores need to be sent directly to the school you're applying to. They CANNOT be sent from PCHS.
- Counselor Form (if required- usually digital)



General Scholarship Information

- The District Scholarship Matrix will be posted at the beginning of each month on CANVAS and in XELLO
- Community Scholarships will be available to students at the end of February. These scholarships will be on CANVAS, available in Mrs. Stephens' office, and will be given to the students in a packet at the senior breakfast.
- Please make sure that you have not blocked the Parentlink number or the school so you can get important Senior notifications

FAFSA

- FAFSA – FREE Application for Federal Student Assistance
- For students attending college in the Fall of 2026, FAFSA application begins on Dec. 1, 2025 (Based on 2024 tax return)
- Website: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Be sure to use proper website as there are some that charge.
- This is a FEDERAL application and should be completed by any student regardless of secondary school choice (public/private, in state/ out of state, or technical)

Volunteer and Work Hours

- Students must get the Volunteer paperwork from the Student Services office or a club sponsor
- 30, 75, or 100 VOLUNTEER hours required for Bright Futures (Work hours must always be **100** documented hours but **CAN** be combined with volunteer hours)
- Must be unpaid labor **NOT** overseen by a parent or guardian
- Completed paperwork (with ALL needed signatures) to be turned into Student Services to be officially documented.

Florida Academic Scholar- Bright Futures

- 3.5 weighted GPA on select core classes

- Test score: SAT 1330

ACT 29

Excludes writing section

- 100 hours of documented Volunteer Service or
100 documented Work Hours.

- Hours can be combined (work and volunteer)

Florida Academic Scholar (cont)

- Will cover 100% of tuition for a Florida public university or community college
- Will cover summer terms
- Must maintain a 3.0 in college
- Covers up to 120 credit hours

Florida Medallion Scholar- Bright Futures

- 3.0 weighted GPA on select core classes

- Test Score: SAT 1190

ACT: 24

Excludes writing section

- 75 hours of documented Volunteer service or **100** documented Work Hours.

- Hours can be combined (work and volunteer)

Florida Medallion Scholar (cont)

- Will cover 75% of Tuition Cost
- Must maintain a 2.75 in college
- Will cover summer terms
- Covers up to 120 credit hours

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar- BF

- 3.0 weighted GPA on select core courses (does not include foreign language)
- 3 courses in a vocational/CTE area
- 3.5 GPA in the vocational/CTE courses
- SAT: Critical Reading 440, Math 440 OR
- ACT: English 17, Reading 18, Math 19 OR
- PERT: Reading 104/Writing 99/Math 113
- 30 hours of documented Volunteer service or **100** documented Work Hours.

Vocational Gold Seal (cont)

\$39 per hour/Career Certificate Program (PSAV's)

\$39 per hour/ Applied Technology Diploma Program (ATD's)

\$48 per hour/ Technical Degree Education Program (AS, AAS, CCC)

Senior Year Expenses



- \$30 sitting fee-Senior Pictures-June-Dec (prices vary by package)
- \$70- Senior Parking Spot & Hangtag July-August
- \$\$ Senior Merchandise from www.jostens.com- Year Round
- \$80-\$100 -Yearbook – August-May
- \$65-\$95- Cap & Gown (Jostens.com) September-February
- \$30-\$35- Homecoming Tickets-October
- \$10-\$13- Senior T-Shirt – October-November
- \$75-\$100- Prom Tickets- March
- \$25- NHS Stoles- NHS members only- March
- \$90-\$150- Grad Bash/Grad Nite- April

*dates and amounts are estimates

Senior Council

- Senior Council is the group of students who represent the Senior Class in making decisions on senior gifts, events, prom, and future reunions.
- Applications for council positions are due May 9th. Elections will take place via the Junior class page on Canvas during exam week - May 22nd - 26th.
- Seniors should join the Instagram page to keep up to date with announcements and information @plantcityseniors



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
- ❖ Organizes Fall/Winter/Spring Athletic Sports Banquets
- ❖ 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

ATHLETIC BANNER LEVEL: \$500
 Choice of field: _____
 BRONZE LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$1,000
 SILVER LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$2,500
 GOLD LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$5,000

DIAMOND LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$10,000
 PLATINUM LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$25,000
 DOUBLE PLATINUM LEVEL RAIDER CHAMPIONS: \$50,000
 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):

PTSA Chorus Athletics - Specific Sport(s) _____
 Senior Class AVID Honor Grad Sponsorship
 Band AICE Program Vocational Education
 JROTC Co-Curriculum Club: _____ General (Board will designate with greatest need.)
 Theater Specify Club(s) _____ 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.

Stay

Connected

**FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM**

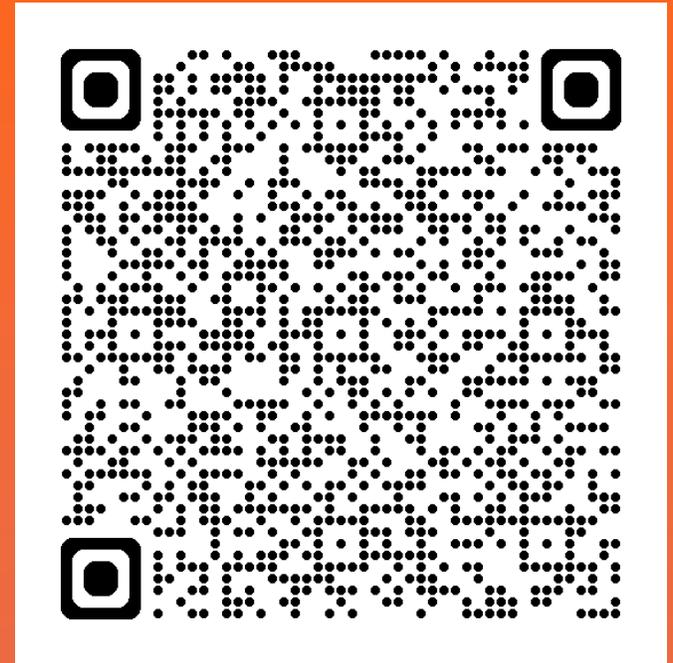
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PLANTCITYHS

Plant City High School Website

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



PowerPoint slides
from tonight

Additional Questions and Feedback Survey

