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MIAMI PALMETTO PTSA Newsletter

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 2010

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IMPORTANT DATES

PTSA Meeting Dates

March 17

9:00 am, Media Center

April 14

9:00 am, Media Center

May 19

9:00 am, PTSA

Installation

Location TBA

**Taste of Pinecrest
Pinecrest Gardens**

March 7, 11 am - 5 pm

Spring Break

March 26 - April 5

Prom: April 24, 2010

Senior Grad Nite:

April 30, 2010

Graduation:

June 10, 2010

FCAT Test Dates

March 9, 10, & 16

**Award ceremonies
Underclass Award
Ceremony**

April 27th, 2010 (during
the school day)

**Senior Class Award
Ceremony**

May 26th, 2010, 6:00 pm,
Double Tree Miami Mart
Airport Hotel

The Miami Palmetto Senior High Performing Arts Department
proudly presents



March 17, 18, 19, 2010

7:00 pm in the Palmetto Auditorium

Tickets \$10

Purchase tickets at lunches or at the door.

Call 305-235-1360 for more information.



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March 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the month of March beckons, you can be sure of a number of happenings that are about to take place at Miami Palmetto Senior High School. FCAT is right around the corner, college acceptance letters are in the mail, and senioritis is about to hit the class of 2010. Parent preparation for these annual rites of passage is always the best plan of attack. With that in mind, please take note of the following suggestions.

Our 9th and 10th grade students should be focusing on honing the daily skills imparted through the delivery of our instructional program. In both language arts and mathematics, they should take note of each teacher's tutoring schedule and utilize these free services to sharpen their minds and improve their academic standing. In addition to our in-house tutoring program, the MDCPS Student Portal offers a variety of online resources that that can be used for either remediation or enrichment activities. Whatever pathway is chosen, help is readily available.

Our 11th grade students should be concentrating on finishing the year strong. The third and fourth marking periods of the junior year are the essential time frames to put the finishing touches on a pallet of work to be judged next year by college admissions officers throughout the United States. This valuable opportunity should not be wasted, for it can never be replaced. Each of our juniors has done a lot of heavy lifting while climbing the academic ladder of excellence as a Palmetto Panther. They should be encouraged each day to do their very best. The finish line, although still in the distance, is closer than they think.

With the college acceptance season upon us, our senior class is facing the harsh reality that this process presents. With that in mind, now is the time for each member of our senior class to enjoy the balance of their last year at Palmetto Senior. By spending valuable time with classmates, enjoying the sense of camaraderie found in membership in a club or organization, or through a conversation with a respected teacher or counselor, a lifetime of experiences can be cemented into a memory that even time cannot erase. Please encourage them to find time to do this, because as you and I can attest, when it's over, it's over.

In closing, thank you for your continued support and your commitment to excellence.

Respectfully,

Howard Weiner
Principal



A Message from the Miami Palmetto Senior High PTSA President

Dear Palmetto Family,

We are truly blessed to have so many talented, committed and enthusiastic parents as part of our PTSA. The list includes parents of our current students, but also parents of students that have already graduated. Alumni parents have returned to attend our meetings, help in the office, and participate in special events. One alumni parent in particular continues to lead one of the most critical programs offered to our parents and students. A heartfelt thank you goes to **Sima Miska** who once again brought us the most recent program on Drugs and Alcohol Awareness.

Fueled by this overwhelming support, we have been able to actively work towards accomplishing our goals and even setting additional ones along the way. November and December were filled with several events to provide our Palmetto families with a few tools to help in the process of choosing a college, getting into college and paying for college. The College Fair was the first of these and with the help of many volunteers led by **Barbara Toland** we were able to assist the administration in making this a successful event. At the November PTSA meeting, we also provided our parents with a "Financing College" program that was so well received it will be repeated in March as an evening program. Additionally, our Program Chair, **Randi Trazenfeld**, worked with **Sally Coords**, Palmetto's College Advisor, to bring Robert Franek, author of the Princeton Review's, "The 371 Best Colleges," for an outstanding presentation in December. Numerous parent volunteers made this evening an exciting success!!

As the holidays were approaching **Karen Rosen** was wrapping up all the preparations for our Staff Holiday Luncheon. Armed with tons of turkey, yummy side dishes and delicious homemade desserts the teachers enjoyed a special holiday lunch. Thanks to all the parents who attended, and for their contributions to this event.

As we look to the future, the time is approaching for the elections of the 2010-2011 PTSA Board and we can only continue these great efforts with the continued leadership of our Palmetto parents. Our PTSA Nominating Committee may be contacting you to join us in supporting our school. What exciting role will you play in making a difference in your child's school and in your community?

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, in the Media Center. Until then, make sure to stay informed through our website www.palmettoptsa.org and our weekly e-news.

Isabel McBrayer, mctribe@bellsouth.net

Health Occupations Students of America – Regional Winners

Palmetto HOSA students competed in their regional competitions on January 23. The following students won in their categories. Congratulations! On to the state competition April 8th in Orlando Florida.

Joyce C. Brislawn

District 3 Regional 2009/10 – Palmetto Winners

Dental Terminology

1. Joash Levitat-Palmetto
2. Alex Widom-Palmetto
3. Blake Bernstein-Palmetto

Medical Terminology

- 3rd Jessica Sander-Palmetto

Human Growth & Development

- 2nd Casey King-Palmetto

Pathophysiology

1. Juan Leon-Palmetto
4. Andrea Primelles-Palmetto

Concepts of Health Care

1. Robert Urquiza-Palmetto
- 3rd Michael Prah-Palmetto

Nutrition

1. Nicole Tate-Palmetto
3. Becky Ellis-Palmetto

Pharmacology

1. Claudia Rivera-Palmetto
2. Chris Ararjo-Palmetto

Sports Medicine

1. Stephany Gomez-Palmetto
2. Courtney Albury-Palmetto

Ext Health Poster

1. Kevin Villa-Palmetto
2. Maray Vinas-Palmetto

Ext. Speaking

1. Jordan Kellerman-Palmetto
2. Michael-Schehino-Palmetto
3. Randell Yackee-Palmetto

Medical Photography

- 3rd Avalon Wolf-Palmetto

Speaking Skills

- 4th Giovanni Denis-Palmetto

HOSA Bowl

- 1st. Armenteros/Cho/Yueng/Brown-Palmetto

Biomedical Debate

3. Karly Doehla, Xavier Durr, Alex Barrientos, Roland Dahl

Keiser Permanente

1. Ashley Lehr-Palmetto
2. Claudia Rivera-Palmetto

Chapter Newsletter

1. Jasmine Yeung-Palmetto
2. Carlos Primelles Palmetto

2010 AP Exam Dates

The 2010 AP Exams will be administered over two weeks in May: May 3 through 7 and May 10 through 14. Coordinators are responsible for notifying students when and where to report for the exams. Early testing or testing at times other than those published by the College Board is not permitted under any circumstances.

WEEK 1

Mon., May 3, Morning 8 a.m

United States Government and Politics
Afternoon 12 noon
Comparative Government and Politics
French Language

Tues., May 4, Morning 8 a.m

Computer Science A
Spanish Language
Afternoon 12 noon
Statistics

Wed., May 5, Morning 8 a.m

Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Afternoon 12 noon
Chinese Language and Culture

Thurs., May 6, Morning 8 a.m

English Literature and Composition
German Language
Afternoon 12 noon
Japanese Language and Culture

Fri., May 7, Morning 8 a.m

United States History
Afternoon 12 noon
European History
Studio Art—last day for Coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. EDT) and to gather 2-D Design and Drawing students for the physical portfolio assembly

WEEK 2

Mon., May 10, Morning 8 a.m

Biology
Music Theory
Afternoon 12 noon
Physics B
Physics C: Mechanics
Afternoon 2 p.m.
Physics C:
Electricity and Magnetism

Tues., May 11, Morning 8 a.m

Chemistry
Environmental Science
Afternoon 12 noon
Psychology

Wed., May 12, Morning 8 a.m

English Language and Composition
Afternoon 12 noon
Art History

Thurs., May 13, Morning 8 a.m

Macroeconomics
World History
Afternoon 12 noon
Microeconomics

Fri., May 14, Morning 8 a.m

Human Geography
Spanish Literature
Afternoon 12 noon
Latin: Vergil

Palmetto Swim Team Wins BIG!

Congratulations to both the girls and boys swimming and diving teams for their overwhelming success this past season. The swimmers have been working very hard the past many months with many of them practicing in the early morning hours as well as daily after school. The girls swimming team completed their seventh straight undefeated dual meet season and boys swimming team completed their third straight undefeated season.

The girls teams headed into the championship season this year with their eyes on District and Regional Championships, and the boys had their hearts set on bringing a State Swimming Championship home to Palmetto after missing that goal last year by a single point.

All of their hopes and dreams came true. The girls dominated the District Championships and came home with a 10th place finish in the state meet. The boys dominated the State Meet coming home with 2 Championship Relay teams, two individual championships, and All-American status for 6 swimmers. Michael Saco set a new State Record in the 50 free, and convincingly won the 100 free. He was backed up by outstanding performances by Stephen Lichtner, Asher Garcia, Kevin Barona, Kevin Newcomb, Austin Manganiello, and Drew Berman.

Many thanks to the many parent volunteers who have worked tirelessly to support the swimming teams.

Coach Cullen Bullock

Membership

At this time we would like to thank all the parents, students, faculty and the community who became members of our PTSA. This year has been the second largest drive in Miami Palmetto Senior High's history with 1,183 members.

Your involvement and support makes our school a better place to grow and learn. Membership fundraising and donations of over \$30,000 were invested back in providing a wide variety of technology tools and resources for our students.

Additionally, this year, 455 students became members – and as promised – a check for \$455 will be issued to help sponsor Senior Class activities.

We wish the best for the Class of 2010.

THANK YOU AGAIN, for making a difference in so many children's lives!

Try-Outs

Cheerleading - Week of April 12
Sponsor: Lisa Mallard

Variations - Week of April 26
Sponsor: Rosanne Karpiak

Chats - Week of May 17
Sponsor: Jamie Morris

Guard - Week of May 24
Sponsor: Janice Fair

Special PTSA Projects Update

We are pleased to report that all of the items approved for purchase by the PTSA membership year-to-date have been received by the teachers requesting them.

Funding for these items came from PTSA donations and a \$10,000 grant from the Village of Pinecrest. The items purchased are:

- Cash Register for ESE students
- 4 LCD projectors for the Math Dept. and 1 for the Language Arts Dept.
- Books for the Media Center
- A Cello Rack for the Orchestra
- Headsets for Auditorium Sound Technicians
- 2 Smart Boards (Special Ed and Science)
- DVDs and Books for Special Ed and Sign Language Classes
- Mat Cutter for Vocational Ed.
- 3 Document Cameras for Science Dept.
- 4 Class Sets of books for Language Arts
- Periodicals for Reading and Language Arts
- CD Player for Performing Arts
- Books for the Reading Program
- Storage Containers for Culinary Arts

In addition, Mr. Weiner was able to fulfill additional Special Project requests with AP funding.

These items included:

- Indoor Color Guard Floor
- Maps for the Social Studies Dept.
- PE Equipment
- Document Camera for Social Studies Dept.
- Overhead View Screen package for Math Dept.

This month the committee will review the remaining outstanding requests to determine if the money is available to purchase them this school year.

Cecilia Prah and Krya Sherman

Looking for Scholarship Information?

**Check
yourclasspage.com
scroll down to
sallycoords/cap**

**BEWARE!!!!
THERE ARE 2 SIMILAR
FINANCIAL AID
WEBSITES**

One is free...the other charges \$80.00 to complete a free form!

**FREE: www.fafsa.ed.gov
costs \$80: www.fafsa.com**

Holiday Teacher & Staff Luncheon Thanks

"This year's annual Teacher Staff Holiday Luncheon was a huge success. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to express our appreciation for the devotion the staff of MPHS showers on its students all year long. The delicious food and wonderful music provided by the MPHS Orchestra created a festive atmosphere. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who prepared and brought food and assisted with set up, serving and cleaning. We could not have done it without you! A special thanks to the cafeteria staff for preparing the mouthwatering roast turkey and stuffing. We appreciate the support and generosity of Dian Adjamah and the Media Center Staff for allowing us to use their beautiful facilities. Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to Dee Jordan for her assistance.

With much appreciation,
Karen Rosen and Debbie Rosenthal

Miami Palmetto Senior High 2009 - 10 Silver Knight Nominees

Art

Caitlin Panter

Athletics

Maximilian Halasz

Business Education

Brian Tan

Drama

Veronica Rigl

English & Literature

Alexandra Rigl

General Scholarship

Jordan Rosen

Journalism

Caroline Castro

Mathematics

Erica Michelson

Music

Yunhe Yang

New Media

Noah Gray

Science

Mats Jaslow

Social Science

Casey Anderson

Speech

Michael Grey

Vocational Technical

Alexandra Saab

World Language

Thais Mathias

CONGRATULATIONS PANTHERS!



Sunday, March 7, 2010

11 AM - 5 PM

Pinecrest Gardens, 11000 SW 57 Avenue

FREE Admission

Food Samples from Local Restaurants

Rides and Activities for Kids of All Ages

New Business Marketplace

Students from Pinecrest schools will be participating in art contest and display, continuous entertainment and musical performances.

Benefitting Palmetto Elementary, Pinecrest Elementary, Howard Drive Elementary, Palmetto Middle and Miami Palmetto Senior High Schools.

For more information, visit www.PinecrestBusiness.com

Presented by Pinecrest Business Association



Volunteers are needed
for Taste of Pinecrest.

Please contact

Caryn Tanis Boren:

305-251-4010, ctanis@bellsouth.net



Show Your Panther Pride

“Pave the Pride” Engraved Bricks Campaign

Thank you to everyone who purchased a brick for our “Pave the Pride” campaign. Engraved bricks ordered in phase one can be seen at the entrance of the school. Phase two of the campaign is now beginning.

Personalized bricks are a great way to honor students, alumni, teachers, coaches, and friends. Your brick will be proudly displayed at the entrance of Miami Palmetto Senior High School and will be there for many generations to come.

You can order a 4 X 8 brick with three lines of engraving and 18 characters per line for only \$50.00. If you prefer a larger 8 X 8 brick with up to six lines of engraving, the cost is \$125. Check payable to Miami Palmetto PTSA and mail to Jamie Wasser 15321 SW 82 Ave, Miami, FL 33157.

Visit our website to order online for quick and easy form.
<http://www.bricksrus.com/order/mpsh/>

Don't miss out on this special opportunity to leave your mark on Miami Palmetto Senior High School.

Your Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ ZIP Code/Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Brick Size 4 X 8 brick with three lines of engraving for \$50.

8 X 8 brick with up to six lines of engraving for \$125.

Number of Bricks _____ (The number of same size bricks)

Would you like to receive a Donor Certificate? yes no

If so, add \$5.00.

Donation Amount \$ _____

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Line 4 _____

Line 5 _____

Line 6 _____

For further information, contact: Jamie Wasser at landyjn2@aol.com

Memory Enhancement Program

On March 17, 2010, immediately following the PTSA meeting which begins at 9:00 am in the Media Center, Nelson Dellis and Elena Suarez, from Pinecrest's "Math Monkey" will present a short program on Memory Enhancement. Parents who attend will learn techniques to drastically improve their memory. If you often misplace your keys, forget someone's name seconds after you've heard it or forget the grocery list at home you will learn tricks to remember these and other easily forgotten things. Don't miss this fun and practical presentation!

Drama News

Bye Bye Birdie

March 17th, 18th and 19th, 2010 at 7 p.m. in Palmetto High's Auditorium.

Miami Palmetto Senior High's Theater Department is proud to announce their spring musical, the Tony award-winning **Bye Bye Birdie** by Michael Stewart, lyrics by Lee Adams, and music by Charles Strouse, featuring such famous hits as "Put on a Happy Face" and "Telephone Hour." A hilarious telling of what happens when a small town in Ohio is hit with news bigger than they ever thought would reach their town before: Birdie is coming to the little town of Sweet Apple, Ohio, to give his final kiss to a very lucky girl of the Conrad Birdie Fan Club # 2748, Kim Macphee, before going off to the army! The whole town goes topsy turvy as they are star struck by the hip-shaking, pelvis-thrusting Conrad Birdie. This interpretation of the classic musical uniquely combines late 50's American ideals, style and humor with advanced modern-day technology to bring the story to life. Join us to see what we're talking about for yourself! So, bring the kids, join in the telephone hour and swoon at the last kiss on March 17th, 18th and 19th, 2010 at 7 p.m. in Palmetto High's Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased during school lunches on the weekdays and at the door the night of the performances. For more information call 305 235 1360 ext. 2287. We'll be looking to see you there!!!

Safe Dates and Healthy Relationships

**Miami Palmetto High School PTSA, in collaboration with
Jewish Community Services and The Children's Trust
presents two workshops:**

For Teens: Safe Dates

- learn dating tips for healthy dating relationships
- understand the difference between power/control and equality in relationships
- feel confident in trusting their instincts and feelings
- receive booklets and information just for teens

For Parents: Healthy Relationships

- learn how to keep their teens safe and healthy
- discover real solutions for understanding and improving their teen's peer relationships
- understand the warning signs of an unhealthy or abusive relationship
- find out what they can do to prevent unhealthy relationships and where to get help

This program, open to the community, will take place at

**RR Moton Elementary School
18050 Homestead Avenue, Perrine
Wednesday, March 24, 2010
6:45 - 8:30 pm**

**Registration encouraged but not required. Contact PTSA Program Chair
Randi Trazenfeld, Randibrt@me.com or 305-710-3450**

There will be door prizes, refreshments and a "Community Resource" table.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Miami Palmetto High School PTSA

presents

**FINANCING YOUR CHILD'S COLLEGE EDUCATION:
COLLEGE FUNDING "SECRETS" REVEALED**

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Palmetto High School Media Center

7:00-8:30 PM

Registration Required: See Below

The workshop will be presented by lifetime South Florida resident Peter Ratzan, former teacher, counselor, and co-author of the book "Never Pay Retail For College"

Topics to be covered include:

- How "forgotten" middle class families can Slash Their College Costs by 37% or more...even if told "You won't qualify for financial aid!"
- Changes to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and how they could affect your college funding plan
- The strange reason why many expensive, private, "elite" colleges and universities could actually cost you less out of pocket than a "cheap" public university!
- Why the advice from your CPA or other advisor about how to save may cost you literally thousands of dollars in lost financial aid
- The biggest college funding mistake parents make in the midst of our post-Madoff recession . . . and how to avoid it!
- The biggest myths about financial aid, including: "Families earning six-figures shouldn't apply for aid!"
- How to slay the baby-boomer three-headed monster: Cash Flow, College and Retirement!

To register (by March 21): Call 305-710-3450 or Email Randibr@me.com with your name, contact info and the number attending.

For information call PTSA Program Chair Randi Trazenfeld at 305-710-3450

Perrine, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest – Community Outreach

Since the beginning of the school year a group of parents, students, teachers and administrators has been working hard to reach out to all members of the Panther Community. Whether a student walks one block to school or travels 1 hour to school, every student and parent should be and feel included in the Miami-Palmetto High School Community. This is the goal of the Outreach Committee—to do what is possible to provide the same opportunities for all students and parents.

Toward that end, we have:

- Added twice weekly tutoring at the Perrine Community Action Agency (CAA) — 17801 Homestead Ave, Perrine, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00-7:00pm
- Parental access to a counselor, Mr. LaGuerre, at the Perrine CAA twice a week
- Conducted a Parent Portal Training Workshop at the CAA
- Hosted two MPHS Parent Orientation Meetings at R.R. Moton Elementary
- Surveyed all students regarding their desire to participate in after school activities and their need for an “Activities Bus”
- Worked with the Village of Pinecrest to pass a resolution seeking installation of a pedestrian light and crosswalk at US1 & SW 117 St/120 St. for students to safely access the busway
- Opened lines of communication with RR Moton PTA, neighborhood churches and other community groups

and we are:

- Presenting a “Safe Dates and Healthy Relationships” workshop for teens and parents at R.R. Moton Elementary on March 24 (see details in flyer)
- Creating awareness and access to services including employability skills available at the CAA
- Partnering with the Perrine Community Action Agency to obtain bus service between MPHS and the CAA

A heartfelt **Thank you** to these members of the MPHS Outreach Committee who are committed to this endeavor:

Parents: Desiree Davis, Kim Foster-Cosner, Arnika Givens-Hart, Roxy Lancella, Isabel McBrayer, Susan Montesino, Sheila Quint, Randi Trazenfeld

Faculty and Staff: Mr. Pete Brown, Ms. Genevieve Coggins, Ms. Becker Downie, Mr. Cliff LaGuerre, Ms. Angie Lima, Ms. Yvette McKinney, Mr. Keith Robinson, Ms. Carolyn Ross, Ms. Robin Tassler, Mr. Howard Weiner

Students: Elsie Feliz, Shimkeria Mann

Data Input Parents: Vivi Castro, Marge de Jesus, Nayfe Faillace, Berit Hall, Roxy Lancella, Maureen Piero, and Elaine Quartin.

Community supporters of our outreach efforts include the Perrine Community Action Agency, R. R. Moton Elementary School, Christ Fellowship, Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church, Perrine home owners associations among others.

If you would like to become involved with this effort, have questions or comments, please contact PTSA Program Chair Randi Trazenfeld at Randibr7@aol.com or 305-710-3450.

Math News

The mathematics department is in full swing making last minute preparations for FCAT and subject selection. As a reminder to all parents the mathematics department will be requiring summer math packets for every student (regular, honors, AP and dual enrollment) entering Miami Palmetto for the 2010-2011 school year. The packets will be available online on our school website in June. Any student who is choosing to advance in mathematics over the summer (online course or MDC) must be completed with their coursework BEFORE the school year begins. A student cannot advance to the next level without the required paperwork of a course being completed. When the course is completed please notify the school (counselor, math department chair or registrar) immediately so that a schedule change can be submitted.

Band Notes



The **Marching Panther Band** travelled to Orlando in late December to perform for the halftime of the Champs Sports Bowl. In addition to performing in a massed band with schools from Florida, Iowa, Virginia, and Wisconsin, the Palmetto Band had a chance to observe performances by the University of Miami “Band of the Hour” as well as the University of Wisconsin Marching Band. The band also marched in the Macy’s Holiday Parade at Universal Studios.

In early January, **Jazz Band** member Patrick Sailsbury performed as a member of the 2010 Florida All State Jazz Band in Tampa under the direction of Shelton Berg, Dean of the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami and a noted jazz pianist and composer. Patrick was the only Baritone Saxophonist selected by audition for this prestigious group!

Band members also completed a very successful Florida Bandmasters Association District 16 Solo/Ensemble/Jazz Evaluation held the last weekend in January at Barbara Goleman High School. Korey Kinney, Jason Lincoln, Myungyi Son, Joshua Barkow, Trevor Lundquist, Kurt Klaus, Lina White, Daniela Contreras, the woodwind choir, bass choir, trumpet trio, and percussion ensemble all received superior ratings. Jessica Ilias, Kara Post, and the Jazz Band were rated excellent, and Mikols Bartha received a good. In all, 33 students qualified for state, one of the largest totals in Miami-Dade county!

Jazz Band members Kurt Klaus, Robert Schoolar-Rose, and Ryan Slatko were selected to perform as members of the Jazz Roots Series All Star Jazz Band at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County on February 12. The concert was led by saxophone virtuoso, Ed Calle.

Band members Jason Lincoln and Trevor Lundquist performed with the University of Miami Honor Bands on February 13. The concert was conducted by Director of Bands at the University of Miami, Gary Green.

The Omega Singers have been invited to sing the National Anthem at the Sony/Ericsson Open Tennis Tournament on Key Biscayne in late March or April!

Miami Palmetto Senior High Athletic Team Calendars

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH BADMINTON 2009-2010

COACH – DAVID ZARCO

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/TIME	SITE
3/04/10	CORAL REEF SR	HOME/3:00PM	PALMETTO
3/12/10	SOUTH MIAMI CORAL PARK SR	AWAY/3:00PM	SOUTH MIAMI
3/17/10	MOURNING SR	HOME/3:00PM	PALMETTO
3/23/10	SUNSET SR VARELA SR	AWAY/3:00PM	SUNSET
3/24/10	TERRA SR	HOME/3:00PM	PALMETTO
4/13/10	KILLIAN SR	AWAY/3:00PM	KILLIAN

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH BASEBALL 2009-2010

COACHES – M. KLEKOTKA, D. SMITH

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/TIME	SITE
2/16/10	HIALEAH SR	AWAY/3:30PM	SOUTHRIDGE
2/17/10	SOUTHWEST SR	AWAY/3:30PM	SOUTHRIDGE
2/20/10	FERGUSON SR	AWAY/4:00PM	SOUTHRIDGE
2/24/10	MIAMI SPRINGS SR	HOME/3:30PM	CO. REEF PARK
2/26/10	SOUTHRIDGE	AWAY/7:00PM	SOUTHRIDGE
3/03/10	VARELA	AWAY/3:30PM	VARELA
3/05/10	KILLIAN	HOME/3:30PM	CO. REEF PARK
3/06/10	CORAL REEF SR	HOME/1:00PM	CO. REEF PARK
3/08/10	CORAL GABLES	AWAY/7:00PM	MARK LIGHT
3/12/10	SOUTHDADE	HOME/3:30PM	CO. REEF PARK
3/15/10	SOUTH MIAMI SR	HOME/3:30PM	CO. REEF PARK
3/19/10	CORAL REEF SR	HOME/7:00PM	MARK LIGHT
3/24/10	SOUTHRIDGE	HOME/3:30PM	CO. REEF PARK
3/29-4/1/10	SARASOTA CLASSIC	TBA	SARASOTA, FL
4/07/10	VARELA	HOME/3:30PM	CO. REEF PARK
4/09/10	KILLIAN	AWAY/3:30PM	KILLIAN HS
4/12/10	BRADDOCK	HOME/3:45PM	CO. REEF PARK
4/13/10	SUNSET SR	HOME/3:45PM	CO. REEF PARK
4/14/10	SOUTHDADE	AWAY/7:00PM	SOUTH DADE HS

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL 2009-2010

COACH – M. KLEKOTKA

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/TIME	SITE
2/20/10	CORAL GABLES SR	HOME/9:00AM HOME/11:00PM	CORAL REEF
2/27/10	SUNSET	HOME/10:00AM HOME/12:00PM	CORAL REEF
3/06/10	CORAL REEF SR	HOME/10:00AM	CO. REEF PARK
3/13/10	SOUTHRIDGE SR	AWAY/10:00AM AWAY/12:00PM	SOUTHRIDGE
3/27/10	SOUTHDADE	HOME/10:00AM HOME/12:00PM	CO. REEF PARK
4/10/10	VARELA	AWAY/10:00AM AWAY/12:00PM	VARELA

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH GIRLS SOFTBALL 2009-10

COACHES – J. BAIXAULI, E. EXPOSITO

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/TIME	SITE
2/09/10	CORAL REEF SR	AWAY/3:30PM	CORAL REEF
2/11/10	SOUTHRIDGE SR	HOME/7:00PM	PAL BAY
2/12/10	FERGUSON SR	AWAY/3:30PM	FERGUSON
2/16/10	VARELA SR	HOME/7:00PM	PAL BAY
2/18/10	KILLIAN SR	AWAY/3:30PM	RON EHMAN
2/19/10	MIAMI LAKES SR	AWAY/3:30PM	LAKES
2/23/10	SOUTH DADE SR	AWAY/7:00PM	SOUTH DADE
3/02/10	CORAL REEF SR	HOME/7:00PM	PAL BAY
3/4/10	SOUTHRIDGE SR	AWAY/7:00PM	SOUTHRIDGE
3/09/10	GULLIVER	HOME/7:00PM	PAL BAY
3/11/10	VARELA SR	AWAY/3:30PM	VARELA
3/18-20/10	SLAM FEST	AWAY/4:00PM	PAL BAY
3/23/10	KILLIAN SR	HOME/7:00PM	PAL BAY
4/08/10	SOUTH DADE SR	HOME/7:00PM	PAL BAY

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH JV GIRLS SOFTBALL 2009-2010

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/TIME	SITE
2/13/10	TERRA SR	AWAY/11:00AM	BRADDOCK
2/13/10	BRADDOCK SR	AWAY/1:00PM	BRADDOCK
2/20/10	CORAL REEF SR	HOME/9:00AM	PAL BAY PARK
2/20/10	SOUTHWEST SR	HOME/11:00AM	PAL BAY PARK
3/13/10	SOUTHRIDGE SR	AWAY/9:00AM	SOUTHRIDGE
3/13/10	SOUTHRIDGE SR	AWAY/11:00AM	SOUTHRIDGE
4/10/10	SOUTHRIDGE SR	AWAY/9:00AM	FERGUSON
4/10/10	FERGUSON SR	AWAY/11:00AM	FERGUSON

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD 2009-2010

COACHES – G. LATIMER, P. BROWN, D. MARTIN

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/TIME	SITE
2/24/10	MIAMI KILLIAN SR NO. MIAMI, SO. DADE SR	AWAY/3:00PM	TROPICAL
3/02/10	SO. RIDGE, SO. DADE KILLIAN, CO. REEF HOMESTEAD SR	AWAY/3:00PM	SOUTHRIDGE
3/5, 6/10	BURLEY CLASSIC	AWAY/3:00PM	SOUTHRIDGE
3/18/10	SO. MIAMI, SO. DADE KILLIAN SR	AWAY/3:00PM	TROPICAL
3/20/10	YOUTH FAIR	AWAY/3:00PM	TROPICAL
3/23/10	KILLIAN, NO. WESTERN HOMESTEAD SR	HOME/3:00PM	TROPICAL
4/7/10	GMAC SOUTH	AWAY/3:00PM	SOUTHRIDGE
4/10/10	GMAC FINALS	AWAY/3:00PM	TRAZ POWELL

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Miami Palmetto Senior High Athletic Team Calendars

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH WATER POLO 2009-2010

COACHES – D. BOOHER, K. NEWCOMB

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/TIME	SITE
2/23/10	SOUTHRIDGE SR	HOME/7:45/8:45PM	MIAMI DADE
3/02/10	CORAL REEF SR	AWAY/7:45PM	MIAMI DADE
3/2/10	COLUMBUS SR	AWAY/8:45PM	MIAMI DADE
3/5-6/10	WINTER PARK TOURNEY	AWAY/TBA	WINTER PARK
3/9/10	BELEN	AWAY/7:45/8:45PM	MIAMI DADE
3/12/10	MIAMI BEACH SR	HOME/7:45/8:45PM	MIAMI DADE
3/16/10	SUNSET SR	HOME/7:45/8:45PM	MIAMI DADE
3/18/10	MIAMI HIGH SR	HOME/7:45/8:45PM	MIAMI DADE
3/22/10	KILLIAN SR	AWAY/7:45/8:45PM	MIAMI DADE
3/26/10	GULLIVER TOURNEY	AWAY/TBA	MIAMI DADE
4/6/10	GULLIVER	HOME/7:45/8:45PM	MIAMI DADE

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MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH LACROSSE 2009-10

COACH – JAMES PALMIERI

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/TIME	SITE
02/11/10	BELEN JESUIT	4:00PM	PALMETTO
02/13/10	CYPRESS BAY	11:00AM	PALMETTO
02/13/10	BELEN JESUIT	1:30PM JV	PALMETTO
02/16/10	CORAL REEF	4:00PM	CORAL REEF
02/16/10	CORAL REEF	4:00PM JV	CORAL REEF
02/18/10	COLUMBUS	6:30PM	COLUMBUS
02/22/10	CYPRESS BAY	6:30PM	TEQUESTA TRACE PARK, WESTON*
02/25/10	DOUGLAS	6:00PM JV/8:00PM V	DOUGLAS HIGH CORAL SPRINGS*
03/2/10	BENJAMIN	6:00PM V/7:30PM JV	BENJAMIN PALM BCH GRDNS*
03/5/10	KILLIAN	4:30PM JV/8:00PM V	TROPICAL PK SOUTHWOOD
03/9/10	SOUTH PLANTATION	5:00PM	SOUTHWOOD
03/13/10	CORAL REEF	1:00JV	CORAL REEF
03/15/10	WESTERN-DAVIE	5:00PM	PALMETTO
03/17/10	KILLIAN	4:30PM V/6:30PM JV	PALMETTO
03/20/10	CORAL REEF	11:00PM V/1:00PM JV	PALMETTO
03/22/10	COLUMBUS	4:00PM JV/6:00PM V	PALMETTO
03/24/10	BELEN JESUIT	6:00PM JV/8:00PM V	KENDALL SOCCER
03/27/10	TBA	JV TOURNAMENT	COLUMBUS
04/5/10	DISTRICT SEMI	5:00PM or 7:00PM	COLUMBUS
04/8/10	DISTRICT FINAL	7:00PM	COLUMBUS
04/10/10	REGIONAL PLAYOFF	TBA	COLUMBUS ST. ANDREWS BOCA RATON*
04/14/09	REGIONAL TOURN.	TBD	ST. ANDREWS BOCA RATON
04/17/09	STATE CHAMPION	TBD	BOCA HS BOCA RATON*

Check the website for schedule changes: miamipalmettoboyslacrosse.vnsports.com

Congratulations to the Boys Lacrosse team,

who have won their first 3 games. (Varsity - vs. Belen Jesuit 13-4, Cypress Bay 20-6, & Coral Reef with a 16-2 win. JV - vs. Belen Jesuit 18-0 & Coral Reef 5-2). They also volunteered in the Walk For Autism to help make it a memorable day for "walkers" and their families and to raise funds for autism research. Come out and see one of the games and cheer on last year's District Champs.

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH BOYS VOLLEYBALL 2009-10

COACHES – K. LATSHAW, C. KALLINOSIS

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/TIME	SITE
03/11/10	HOMESTEAD	HOME/4:00/5:15PM	PALMETTO
03/12/10	DOUGLAS	AWAY/6:00/7:15PM	DOUGLAS
03/13/10	JV TOURNAMENT	HOME/8:00AM	PALMETTO
03/16/10	KILLIAN SR	AWAY/6:00/7:15PM	KILLIAN
03/18/10	CORAL REEF SR	HOME/6:00/7:15PM	PALMETTO
03/19/10	SUNSET SR	AWAY/6:00/7:15PM	SUNSET
03/22/10	WESTMINISTER	AWAY/6:00/7:15PM	WESTMINISTER
03/23/10	TERRA/WESTWOOD	HOME/3:30/5:00PM	PALMETTO
03/25/10	SOUTHRIDGE SR	AWAY/3:30/5:00PM	SOUTHRIDGE
03/27/10	JV TORUNEY	HOME/8:00AM	PALMETTO
04/07/10	VARELA SR	AWAY/6:00/7:15PM	VARELA
04/10/10	TOURNAMENT	AWAY/TBA	BISHOP MOORE
04/12/10	KILLIAN	HOME/6:00/7:15PM	PALMETTO
04/13/10	CORAL REEF SR	AWAY/6:00/7:15PM	CORAL REEF
04/15/10	WESTMINISTER	HOME/6:00/7:15PM	PALMETTO
04/19/10	TERRA/WESTWOOD	AWAY/3:30/5:00PM	TERRA/WW
04/20/10	SOUTHRIDGE	HOME/3:30/5:00PM	PALMETTO
04/22/10	VARELA	HOME/6:00/7:15PM	PALMETTO
04/24/10	JV TOURNEY	AWAY/8:00AM	SUNSET
04/26/10	KROP	AWAY/5:00PM	KROP

Important Graduation Information

Graduation Tickets will be distributed to seniors with their cap & gowns in May. Each senior will receive 6 tickets. Extra tickets are not guaranteed. However, if there are extra tickets available, they will not be given until the day prior to graduation beginning after dismissal in front of the auditorium on a first come,

first serve basis, one per student.

Suggestion: Have your seniors ask friends for tickets they may not be using.

Professional Attire Needed to fill HOSA lending closet

The Health Occupations Students of America club at Palmetto (HOSA) has created a closet for students to borrow professional attire for competition and award ceremony. Want to clean out your closet? Have your children out grown their dress clothes? We are in need of men and women's suits, ties, dress shoes, belts and dress shirts. Young adult sizes are needed too. Please bring donations to the office and they will pass them on to HOSA club. Thank you. The clothes will be put to good use over and over!

What's Happening @ the Media Center

CONGRATULATIONS

A heartfelt thank you is in order for the following students who submitted photographs for the public library's Black History Month Photography Contest: **Kristen Chao, Yoonsung Cho, Milagros Pla, and Silas Saunders**. These students chose to celebrate Black History Month by capturing images of various aspects of African American life right here in Miami Dade County. Congratulations are also in order for Palmetto graduate **Chris Byrne**. The photo he submitted last year (at right) was used as part of the promotional brochure that was distributed through all the public libraries in Miami Dade County. Congratulations to all these Panthers for making us proud.



MEDIA CENTER HOURS

Some patrons still have difficulty adjusting to the new media center hours. Because there is only one full time staff member, the media center is open Monday through Friday from **7:30 a.m.** to **2:30 p.m.** Every effort is made to keep the media center open during lunch every day; however, the media center is **closed during 5th period** each day. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings **only**, the media center opens at 7:00 a.m. Only meetings and events scheduled through the Activities Office take place in the library after school. Students may visit the media center during class time (except fifth period) with a pass from their teacher. Students are encouraged to utilize the online media center at <http://mpsh.dadeschools.net/mediacenter> for research. Students may also visit the Pinecrest Public Library at the corner of 112 Street and 57 Ave or other local branch libraries.

FREE PEER TUTORING

In addition to tutoring provided by individual teachers and honor societies, there is also tutoring available in the media center. Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) provides peer tutoring **during lunch every day**. Students may simply walk in (Please eat first ☺) and get assistance from tutors who are ready and eager to help. Contact the tutoring coordinator at MAOtutoring@live.com for more information. Additionally, Women of Tomorrow (WOT) provides tutoring and homework help in ALL subjects during the times the media center is open for early hours, **Tuesday and Thursdays at 7:00 a.m.** Sorry guys, the WOT tutoring is for girls only.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

• FREE PAPERBACKS

Please give us your paperbacks! The "free paperback rack" has been very successful in encouraging independent and recreational reading...and has become an integral part of the school wide reading program. Please help keep it going by bringing in paperbacks you think young adults would enjoy. NOTE: Although we would love to accept all your book donations, we are currently taking only Young Adult and required reading titles.



• BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – SPRING READING CELEBRATION



At the end of this school year, the media center will host its very popular spring reading celebration. The celebration will honor students in the Intensive Reading program who have made drastic improvements; it will honor students who make a habit of checking out *a lot* of books from the library; and it will give book lovers in general an opportunity to share about books they have enjoyed. But what makes any celebration special is **food and gifts**. That's where the parents come in. The date is to be determined, but we will need donations of baked goods and gift cards. We would greatly appreciate donations of gift cards to places like movie theatres, Starbucks, Borders, Barnes & Noble, Cold Stone, Quizno's, McDonald's and similar places (**\$10 value only, please**). Please contact the media specialist with any questions, concerns, or offers to help in any way. Ms. Dian Adjamah can be reached at dadjamah@dadeschools.net.



PTA REFLECTIONS
40 Years of Achievement in the Arts

Beauty Is... Miami Palmetto Students take Top Honors at County Competition

For 40 years, the National PTA Reflections Program has encouraged students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents. The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance quality arts education for students in preschool through grade 12, encouraging them to create works of art in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts.

More than 500,000 students participate through their local PTAs each year—millions over the course of the program's 40 years. The Reflections Program encourages the creativity and lifelong learning of students, and offers them recognition for their artistic endeavors.

The MPSH PTSA sponsored seven winning student entries to the county-wide annual PTA Reflections competition. The Miami-Dade County Finalist will go on to compete in the Florida State competition.

Congratulations to all those that entered the competition. MPSH winners received certificates, gift cards to Border's Bookstore and an afternoon pizza party break. County finalists and honorable mention winners received certificates and finalists received an embossed leatherette notebook holder.



Miami Palmetto Senior High School

PARENTS AND OR FAMILY MEMBERS

We need **your** help to qualify for the *Golden School Award* and the *5 Star Award* by doing a count of ALL **FAMILY MEMBERS** who volunteered and how many times you **VOLUNTEERED**.

Please fill out the following survey so we can determine how many times your family members

(Not Your Child) participated in activities throughout the school year.

We truly appreciate your cooperation

AND ALL THE TIME YOU SPEND FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR YOUTHS..

*Please have your child return this form to their **1ST PERIOD** teacher

Your Name(s) _____ *please print*

Have you filled out a Volunteer Registration Form? Yes or No (circle)

Student Name _____ Grade _____

1st period Teacher _____

(You can also email your name and total number of volunteer hours to elainequartin@yahoo.com)

*Please indicate the approximate hours you have accumulated next to each event.

New Student Orientation _____	Back To School Night _____
Chaperone Field Trips _____	Music Programs _____
Feeder Pattern Meetings _____	Drama Programs _____
Athletic Programs _____	Dance Programs _____
Transportation of Sports _____	Booster Club(s) _____
Traveled with Debate _____	Judged for Debate _____
Red Ribbon Week Activities _____	Hispanic Heritage Activities _____
Family Involvement Nights _____	Aids Awareness Program _____
Listeners Program _____	Curriculum Fair _____
9th Grade Orientation _____	Student Recognition Night _____
Black History Activities _____	End of Year Banquets _____
Award Ceremonies _____	ESE Parent Programs _____
EESAC Committee meetings _____	ESOL Parent Night _____
College Forum _____	Plant the Pride _____
SACS Steering Committee _____	Other _____

APPROXIMATE TOTAL HOURS _____

Miami Palmetto Senior High PTSA Reflections Winners 2009-10

10th Grade

Elizabeth Brown	Visual Arts	Finalist
Evan Hacker	Literature	Finalist
Evan Hacker	Photography	
Trevor Lundquist	Photography	Finalist

11th Grade

Max Eisenberg	Photography	
Gabriel Solarzano	Literature	Honorable Mention

12th Grade

Erica Michelson	Literature	Honorable Mention
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