



ROYAL PALM BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: DR. JESÚS ARMAS

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Principal's Message

Hello Wildcats,

I hope your summer has been a blast so far. Before we look forward to the upcoming 2018-19 school year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on this past school year. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Class of 2018 had the highest graduation rate in the school's history. This gives us an unprecedented fourth consecutive class to accomplish this feat. This, in spite of the fact that last year was one of the most disjointed and stress filled school years that we've seen in a long time due to the cumulative effects of a solar eclipse, a major hurricane, a new superintendent, and sadly, the nearby school shooting. However, I'm proud of the fact that throughout, as a school community, we handled the adversity and maintained our instructional momentum.

One of the elements of our vision of excellence is to maintain open communication with our stakeholders. In an effort to continue to further our vision, we will be having monthly newsletters similar to this one. Our goal is to keep you as informed as possible. My part in this initiative will be to have what we are calling the *Principal's CSI Corner*. The *CSI Corner* will have my thoughts on the school's Culture, Systems, and Instruction, the three domains used to categorize all of the work and initiatives here at RPBHS. The *CSI Corner* will be a transparent, no-spin look at noteworthy information and provide relevant updates and a genuine, introspective look at ourselves. I hope that you find it valuable.

Below, you will find our first *CSI Corner* along with pertinent information for this coming school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you in August.

GO WILDCATS!!

Jesús Armas

Jesús Armas, Ed.D.

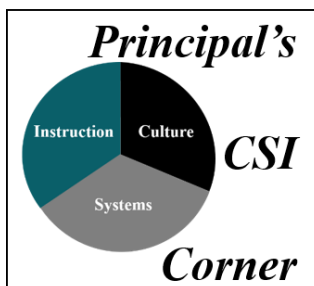




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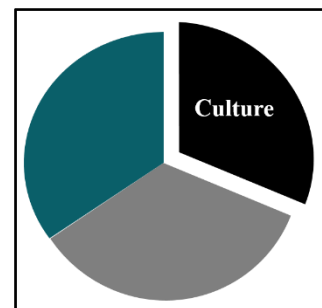


Hello Wildcats,
Here's our first ever CSI report. I trust that you'll find this valuable as together we make Royal Palm Beach High School the very best that it can be.

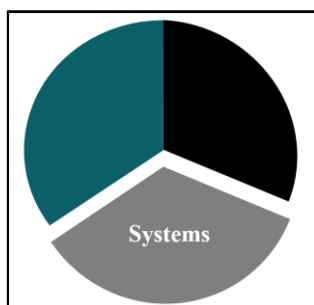
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When it comes to culture, our vision specifically addresses safety, respect, and communication. All three can be reduced to one common denominator – relationships. Ultimately, what we strive for is the creation and development of relationships that will lead to RPBHS having a culture that will lead to safety, respect for all individuals, and valuable, constructive communication.



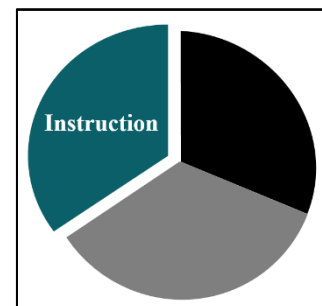
Addressing safety in particular, please, please, I encourage everyone to -
SAY SOMETHING WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING!!!!



Unfortunately, I need to address the fact that last year we had an excessive number of students that were habitually tardy. I cannot stress enough the importance of students being on time to school and to class. So, I am committing funds and resources to provide a system of accountability for tardiness. In other words, this year, consequences for tardiness will be strictly enforced. Please refer to our Standard Operating Procedures for details.

We are changing our bell schedule to have our announcements back during the first block of the day. So, we will now have morning announcements first and second periods.

School Grades have been released and for the 2017-18 school year we received 517 points, which is a grade of "C". These 517 points were an increase of 5 points from the previous year. While it's great to see some improvement, I'm sure that you will agree that 5 points is simply not enough. The good news is that I feel very strongly that due to some initiatives that we have put in place the last couple of years that take time to see results, along with one or two initiatives that are forthcoming, there is a strong likelihood of us earning a "B" next year. In fact, I am very excited about the trend that I'm seeing in our data that suggests that this year could get us back to the "B" and bring us closer than ever to the school's first "A" rating.



SIS Gateway



The School District of Palm Beach County is launching a new way to access information regarding your student. Beginning school year 2018-2019, parents and students will experience the new Student Information System (SIS) Gateway. The SIS Gateway is an online application that provides timely access to your student's information including schedule, grades, attendance, assessment reports, and much more. Parents can go to one of three locations to access the Gateway.

- 1) www.palmbeachschools.org 2) www.rpbhs.org
- 3) District mobile app

Students click the "SIS Gateway" tile in the District Student Portal

Be informed, get involved, see greater achievement!

Student Parking

Student parking on campus has been reorganized for the 2018-2019 school year.

Student parking permits cost \$50.00 and may be purchased from Ms. Morgan in Student Services. The first opportunity for seniors to purchase a parking decal is Monday, August 6, at Senior Back to School Night from 4:00pm - 7:00pm in the Cafeteria. The first opportunity for juniors to purchase a parking decal is Tuesday, August 7, at Junior Back to School Night from 4:00pm - 7:00pm in the Cafeteria. Payments can be made with cash, check, money order, and online on School Cash Online.

On Monday, August 13, any eligible student may purchase a parking permit.

To purchase a parking decal, students must present:

- Valid vehicle registration
- Valid auto insurance (indicating the student driver as covered)
- Valid driver's license

The parking permit grace period of two weeks will be in effect to allow students ample time to purchase their parking decal. On Tuesday, August 28, the student parking lots will begin to be monitored for parking decal compliance. **Vehicles out of compliance will receive a parking violation notice and may be subject to towing for continued violations.**

Reminders from Student Services

RPBHS follows the School District of Palm Beach County Dress Code Policy 5182. Parents and students are asked to read the dress code to ensure that students are properly attired starting on the first day of school, as dress code will be enforced.

RPBHS wants to remind you of the following requirements:

HATS/ HEADWEAR: Students are not allowed to wear hats, bonnets, bandanas, or du-rags at any time throughout the day. Hoodies and skullcaps are only allowed during cold weather.

EAR BUDS: Students may use "ear bud" style headphones in ONE EAR ONLY. Students may not wear "ear buds" in both ears unless directed to do so by their teacher in an educational setting. "Over the Ear" style headphones (i.e. Beats) are prohibited and can be confiscated.

Apply for Free and Reduced Lunch

There are many benefits with Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) including college application waivers, ACT and SAT waivers, along with reduced lunch prices. The application must be filled out every year. Please go to <https://mealapps.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/> and complete the application today.

Transportation

The School District of Palm Beach County Transportation Services Department is dedicated to partnering with schools, families, and communities to provide safe and efficient transportation in support of school programs and services.

Please visit

<https://transintranet.palmbeachschools.org/findmybustop.aspx> for up to date bus information. Contact the Transportation Call Center at (561) 357-1110 from 7:00am - 6:00pm with all transportation questions.



Back-to-School Nights

Join us for our Back to School Nights from 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

Seniors: Monday, August 6

Juniors: Tuesday, August 7

Sophomores: Wednesday, August 8

Students who attend will have their first opportunity to:

- Get their schedule, locker, ID, and textbooks
- Take their Yearbook Picture
- Buy their Class Shirt
- Learn about Senior Dues
- Place orders for Cap & Gown, Class Rings, and senior merchandise with Herff Jones
- And much, much more!

Students who complete the entire process are entered into a raffle for this year's yearbook, Football tickets, Class shirts, and other fun prizes!

Freshman Orientation

Join us for a sensational daylong program planned for RPBHS' new Class of 2022 designed to familiarize students to life at RPBHS. The Freshman Orientation program is Thursday, August 9, from 8:00am - 2:15pm. Lunch will be provided to all students.

Parents are invited to attend a closing informational session from 2:15pm - 3:15pm in the Auditorium.

Orientation is intended for incoming 9th grade students only. Siblings and current high school students may not attend.

****Please note, transportation to and from Freshman Orientation will not be provided by RPBHS****

Mandatory Athletics Night

Attention all students interested in playing sports at RPBHS. Our Athletics Night is on Monday, August 13, at 6:00pm in the RPBHS Auditorium. This is your chance to meet the coaches, learn what is expected from student athletes, find out what insurance forms are needed, and much, much more!



Stay Connected

Download our RPBHS App today! Go to your app store, search RPBHS app, and then download.



Follow us on Twitter @RPBHSofficial

Join our Community and Class Remind. The RPBHS Community Remind messages are directly from Dr. Armas.

To receive class, community, and RPBHS information via text message, simply text the appropriate class code listed below to **81010**:

RPBHS Community (Dr. Armas) – @rpbhsinfo

Class of 2019 – @rpb19

Class of 2020 – @rpb20

Class of 2021 – @rpb21

Class of 2022 – @rpb22

Summer Curriculum Information

Royal Palm Beach Community High School's Summer Reading List is for all 9th -12th grade students for the 2018-2019 school year. The list includes all titles grouped by grade level and course. You can find it on our website www.rpbhs.org.

Mathematics and College Readiness practice is available for ACT/SAT through Algebra Nation, Khan Academy, and/or Math Nation through the School District Portal. You can also practice for the ACT/SAT through Edgenuity Virtual Tutor:



<http://learn.edgenuity.com/student>

VIRTUAL TUTOR

Username = s + 8 Digit Student ID Number + VT

Password = last 4 digits of student Number + First Name Initial (CAP) + Last Name Initial (CAP) + Birth Year (last 2 digits)

School Advisory Council

Parents we need you!

Parents are encouraged to join the School Advisory Council (SAC). Parent volunteers are one of the most important resources to RPBHS.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The first meeting is Tuesday, August 28, at 6:00pm in the Media Center.

Research shows that students whose parents are involved are more successful in school.

International Baccalaureate

Save the Date:

All Are Invited

Royal Palm Beach High School
Class of 2020

IB Diploma Candidates
Convocation



August 20, 2018
at 6:00 pm
Royal Palm Beach High School
Auditorium

Upcoming SAT and ACT

Register by	Test	Date of Test
July 27	SAT & SAT Subject	August 25
August 10	ACT	September 8
September 7	SAT & SAT Subject	October 6
September 28	ACT	October 27

Academy Corner

RPBHS 9th grade Medical Academy Students will have a Parent/Student meeting Thursday, August 9 at 3:30pm in the Media Center following Freshman Orientation.

Vaccinations

Don't wait to vaccinate. Up to date immunizations and physicals are required for all students to return to school on August 13.

College Admission A-Z Parent Training

Mark your calendars for this important training on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:00pm in the Media Center. Our RPBHS Guidance Department invites you an informational training where you will learn more about college prep checklists, college entrance requirements, guidelines for college visits, creating academic portfolios, and so much more.

School District Calendar

AUGUST 2018				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
Pre-School for Teachers	Pre-School for Teachers	Pre-School for Teachers	Pre-School for Teachers	Pre-School for Teachers
13	14	15	16	17
First Day of School for Students				
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

