

Message from the Superintendent ***Michael J. Burke***



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! As your Superintendent, I am thrilled about the prospect of another school year that is sure to be filled with student success and academic achievement, as well as the continued excellence of our A-rated School District.

The purpose of the Student and Family Handbook is to communicate the expectations, policies, and procedures for the school year for all of our students and their families. This Handbook is a valuable resource to reinforce the staff and administration at each of our schools who work hard to provide a safe and positive learning environment.

You will find plenty of useful information within these pages. I encourage you to pay close attention to this document and become familiar with its contents. As a School District, our objective is to create an atmosphere in which we can effectively educate our students and help them thrive. That involves providing thoroughly explained procedures, as well as established parameters and clear directives.

The District's Student and Family Handbook can be found on your student's SIS page. The Handbook includes the Student Code of Conduct, the Notices of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), and many other important forms. If you cannot access your student's SIS page, please notify your child's school promptly, so that they can provide you with hard copies of these documents.

Additionally, it is very important that students, parents, and guardians become familiar with the District's Zero Tolerance Policy. We all benefit when everyone is aware and abides by the guidelines and instructions that are necessary for ensuring a safe and productive learning environment.

Each new school year offers the opportunity for a fresh start. I encourage students to make the most of this year and set themselves on a path toward success by putting in the hard work today that will serve as the foundation for a successful and rewarding future.

I invite you to partner with us in fulfilling our District mission to educate, affirm, and inspire each student in an equity-embedded school system. I appreciate your support of our District and look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments of our outstanding students and dedicated staff.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Burke

Michael J. Burke, Superintendent

CALENDAR FOR 2023-24

The School Board approved the School Calendar for 2023-24 and can be found online at:

[School District of Palm Beach County Calendars](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

<p>August 10, 2023 <i>First Day of School</i></p>	<p>October 13, 2023 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i></p>	<p>November 1, 2023 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i></p>
<p>January 8, 2024 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i></p>	<p>February 19, 2024 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i></p>	<p>March 25, 2024 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i></p>
<p>May 30, 2024 <i>Last Day of School for Students</i></p>		

HOLIDAYS

<p>September 4, 2023 <i>Labor Day</i></p>	<p>September 25, 2023 <i>Fall Holiday</i></p>	<p>November 20-24, 2023 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i></p>
<p>December 25, 2023 - January 5, 2024 <i>Winter Break</i></p>	<p>January 15, 2024 <i>M.L. King's Birthday</i></p>	<p>March 18-22, 2024 <i>Spring Break</i></p>
<p>March 29, 2024 <i>Spring Holiday</i></p>	<p>April 10, 2024 <i>Spring Holiday</i></p>	<p>May 27, 2024 <i>Memorial Day</i></p>

EMERGENCY MAKE-UP DAYS (EMD)

Emergency Make-Up Days will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and in accordance with the state statute for student instructional time.