

The Cobra Courier

"Welcome to Cobra Country"

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Principal's Message



Hello Cobra Families:

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! I am excited to have the opportunity to reconnect with our students, staff and Cobra families. I can't wait to meet our new freshmen at Orientation on August 6, 2022. Although most of the activities are designed to welcome and acclimate our new students to campus, orientation day will also provide an opportunity for our freshmen parents and guardians to visit the campus, participate in our Freshmenology program, and tour our Cobra clubs and athletics. Our rich traditions, culture of high expectations, and legacy of success will prevail in the 2022-23 school year and beyond.

Park Vista has always been noted for strong academics, athletics, activities, academies, the arts, and programs. When I joined Cobra Country last year, I remained committed to continue the culture of excellence that sets Park Vista apart. The educational impacts of the pandemic were felt on campus as students reacclimated to in-person learning and gaps in instruction became evident. In alignment with our District's mission to educate, affirm, and inspire all students, our theme for the year is "Commit to Excellence". As a school we will be focused on raising expectations, opening up new doors of opportunity for students, and celebrating our progress along the way.

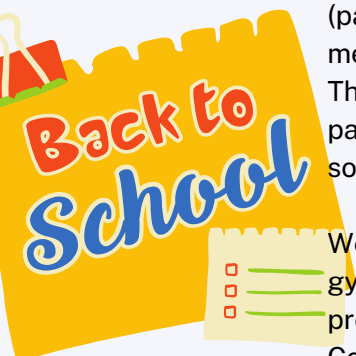
We are preparing for a positive start to the school year. I am thankful for our custodial team, secretaries and the school leadership team who are on campus to ensure that the campus is ready for students and staff to return soon.

We will continue to utilize a variety of means to build a strong connection with all of our stakeholders and engage the Cobra community in conversations that will empower all of us to fully support our students. Please check our website (www.pvchs.com), follow us on facebook ([parkvistacommunityhighschool](https://www.facebook.com/parkvistacommunityhighschool)) and twitter ([@pvcobrashes](https://twitter.com/pvcobrashes)). I would also like to invite you to follow me on twitter ([@Vela_Ldrshp](https://twitter.com/Vela_Ldrshp)). Communication is key to the continued success of Park Vista. Throughout the year we will continue to inform you through the Cobra Courier online newsletter via parentlink. We are planning an in-person open house and will be sharing more information with you soon.

We will open the school gates at 6:30 a.m on Wednesday, August 10. Students will proceed to the gym to pick up their schedules, school maps, the Odd/Even calendar, and other items. Period 1 starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. and teachers will be ready to welcome our students back to Park Vista Community High School, Home of the "Cobras"! Thank you for staying connected with me in Cobra Country!

Educationally Yours,

Dr. Enrique Vela



Welcome Back Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores

On **Wednesday, August 3, 2022** we welcome our seniors, juniors and sophomores to visit and get reacquainted with our campus. This will not be a formal orientation program, however students will have an opportunity to have replacement IDs made, purchase a locker, and check out a Chromebook. Students must bring their Park Vista IDs or have one made (\$6.00 replacement cost). Seniors and juniors who pre-ordered a parking decal should arrive in the Student Parking lot with the designated vehicle to have the decal affixed to the vehicle. Remember, you must have a decal to be eligible to park on the first day of school and all other days!

August 3, 2022

- **Seniors:** 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
- **Juniors:** 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- **Sophomores:** 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tentative schedules will be posted on SIS on Wednesday, August 3 at 6:00 a.m.



Freshman Orientation - Welcome Class of 2026!



Freshman orientation will be held in person on campus on **Saturday, August 6**. Please drop off your incoming 9th graders in front of the Main Office between **7:30 and 8:15 a.m.** Doors close by 8:30 a.m. and we encourage our students to be on time. Students will have an opportunity to pick up schedules, tour campus, purchase a locker for \$10.00, get an ID photo taken and check out a Chromebook. Snacks and water will be available for purchase. Our Cobra Ambassador Team, composed of model student leaders, have been preparing fun and informational activities to acclimate our new 9th graders to Park Vista and can't wait to meet them!

Parents and guardians are welcome to return to campus between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. to meet Dr. Enrique Vela, your Principal, in the auditorium lobby. Our school counselor Mrs. Mary Turner will present "Freshmenology", everything you need to know about high school to parents, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We must limit participants to parents and guardians only.

At the conclusion of the presentation, parents are welcome to meet their students in the courtyard. Information on Cobra clubs and athletics will be available. This would also be a great time to purchase a snack. Pick up of all freshmen unaccompanied by parents is expected by 1:00 p.m. (See flyer on next page for details).

PARK VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 6, 2022**

**Check In (Students only):
7:30-8:15 am
Doors close at 8:30 am**

**Orientation (Students only):
8:30am-12:30 pm**



**Meet and Greet
with Dr. Vela
(Parents only):
11:00 - 11:30 am**

**Freshmenology (Parents only):
11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**The 411 on Cobra Clubs:
12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**Bring \$\$ for:
Locker Sales Cobra Gear
Water & Snacks**



**PARK VISTA
HIGH SCHOOL**

*Back to
School '22*
Distribution Day



Locker Sales

Student ID's

Seniors and Juniors
Decal Pick Up

Chromebooks

SENIORS: 7:30-9:00 AM
JUNIORS: 9:00-10:30 AM
SOPHOMORES: 10:30-11:30 AM

You must bring your Park Vista ID or have one made (\$6 replacement cost).

SEE YOU THERE!



Park Vista Mission Statement

Park Vista Community High School is committed to fostering a safe environment which respects diversity while providing an atmosphere of academic excellence, student involvement, and positive opportunities for all.

Bus Drivers Must "Register Your Ride" !



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. Students residing two miles or less from a school are not eligible for transportation per section 1011.68, Florida Statutes, and State Board of Education Rule 6A-3001, Basic Principles for Transportation of Students.

The School District now requires that all bus riders register for their bus. **You have to register to ride even if you rode the bus last year.**

Please login to your student portal and click on the "Register Your Ride" icon.



Step-By-Step instructions to register for the bus can be found here:

<https://transintranet.palmbeachschools.org/RegisterYourRideInstructions.aspx>

Choice Program students may receive transportation regardless of their proximity to the Choice school. Parents must provide transportation to the closest bus stop in order to be eligible. Bus stops will only be available within the Choice Transportation Zone for each school and additional stops will not be created. To view the Choice Transportation Zone, click the Transportation Link on the SDPBC website or on our school's website at pvchs.com.

SCHEDULE PICK UP & SCHEDULE CHANGES

SCHEDULES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON YOUR SIS GATEWAY BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 6:00 A.M. SCHEDULES ON YOUR SIS GATEWAY ARE TENTATIVE SCHEDULES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

YOU WILL PICK UP A HARD COPY OF YOUR FINAL OFFICIAL SCHEDULE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH BEGINNING AT 6:30 A.M. AND NO LATER THAN 7:20 A.M. IN THE GYM. THERE WILL BE LONG LINES SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN YOUR PERIOD 1 CLASS NO LATER THAN 7:30 A.M. WHEN THE TARDY BELL RINGS.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes will be done by Seniors first, Juniors, Sophomores and then Freshmen.

Counselors are unable to do schedule changes by phone calls or e-mails.

Students only need to see their counselor on the dates and times listed below:

Seniors

August 4, 5, & 8 from 1:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.

August 10 during lunch and after school

Juniors

August 4, 5, & 8 from 1:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.

Beginning August 11 before school, during lunch and after school

Sophomores

Beginning August 12 before school, during lunch and after school

Freshmen

Beginning August 15 before school, during lunch and after school

WHO IS MY SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

School Counselor	Alpha
Mr. Tarini	A—Ca
Mrs. Stair	Ce—Fa
Mrs. Robinson	Fe—Hl
Mrs. Sanchez	In—Ma
Mrs. Turner	Mc—Pl
Mrs. Mills	Po—S
Mr. Dewalt	T—Z
Ms. Carlson	504 Plan Students

***Counselors are available to see students after the schedule change dates (on a first come, first served basis), any day before school, during lunch, or immediately after school. ***

Do not come to the School Counseling Office during class time.

CHANGES WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- student is in the wrong level and/or unqualified for the present course
- student has already taken AND passed the present course
- teacher recommendation
- student needs course for graduation (seniors only)
- student has the same class online or in credit lab

CHANGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- student wishes to change teachers or periods for the same course
- electives will not be changed

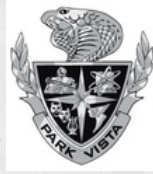
Please realize that dropping an "academic" course may jeopardize graduation and/or admission to a four-year university. If you have any period(s) "off" in your junior or senior years, you are LESS COMPETITIVE in the college application and scholarship process. While it is popular to have periods 6 & 7 off in senior year and period 7 off in your junior year.....THIS MAKES YOU MUCH LESS COMPETITIVE IN THE ADMISSION PROCESS!

JUNIORS & SENIORS

If you did not request periods 6 or 7 off last year, we will not be able to accommodate the request now. The master schedule does not have room for you to now move your period 6 and/or period 7 to earlier in the day. The classes you have periods 6 and/or 7 are now full earlier in the day.

Park Vista Dress Code

Please refer to the Park Vista Community High School Standard Operating Procedures available on our website, www.pvchs.com.



Acceptable Clothing

- Dresses, skirts, split skirts or shorts must be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ -thigh length
- Long dresses or skirts with slits to facilitate walking may not have a slit that is above the $\frac{3}{4}$ -thigh length standard.
- Blouses, shirts, and tops must have sleeves and must be long enough to be tucked into your pants, shorts, and skirts.
- Necklines must be high enough to prevent the exposure of cleavage.

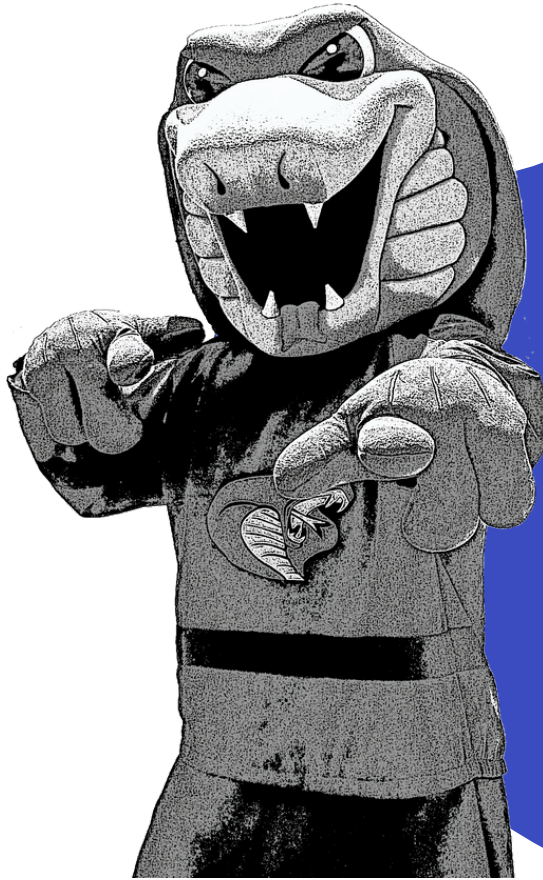
Prohibited Clothing

- Transparent or see through fabric.
- Clothing, jewelry, buttons, etc. with words, phrases, symbols, pictures or insignia that are disruptive, obscene, profane, racist, suggestive, offensive, or related to drug or alcohol use.
- Clothing that deface, alter or improperly display the national emblem.
- Sunglasses, hats, hoods, bandanas, picks, combs, wave caps, or any type of head covering. If you must wear sunglasses during outside physical education activities, please clear this with the appropriate coach.
- Pants, skirts, or shorts that ride below the base of the spine or hips. Wallet chains, spiked chains, or any other type of metal chain.
- Skirts, dresses or shorts shorter than $\frac{3}{4}$ -thigh length or with a slit that reaches above the $\frac{3}{4}$ -thigh length.
- Sleeveless shirts, tank tops, tube tops and spaghetti straps.
- Pants or leggings with holes exposing skin and/or see through material shorter than $\frac{3}{4}$ -thigh length.
- Items containing reference to death, murder or gangs.
- Bare midriffs, backs, or sides.
- Gaiters, gas masks, scarves, and/or handkerchiefs. etc
- Pajamas, bedroom or house slippers, or bare feet.
- Spandex shorts and unitards.

Parents are requested to play an active role in the enforcement of this policy. Students who do not comply with dress code will contact parent or guardian for change of clothing. Students with continuous or flagrant violations of the dress policy are subject to further disciplinary action. Dress code appropriate clothing must be worn on approved SGA dress up days. **EXCEPTIONS:** Any student who is requesting temporary exemption from the dress code for medical reasons must first present a doctor's note to his or her appropriate assistant principal for approval.


Please note that the dress code goes into effect upon arrival to campus.

Be Your COBRA Best



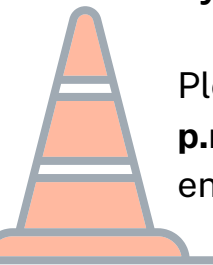
Park Vista fosters a positive school climate to support the instructional, behavioral, emotional, and social development of students. Each student will receive our matrix of expected behaviors during the first week of school. High expectations for academics and behavior are promoted throughout the school. We encourage all **COBRAS** to be **Courteous, On time, Brilliant, Responsible and respectful, A role model, and Safe!**

Important Safety Reminders



School begins promptly at **7:30 a.m.** and students are dismissed at **2:45 p.m.** Please allow plenty of time to get to school by the first bell. Traffic is backed up along Jog road as early as 6:50 a.m. **For your safety, do not drop students off on Jog Road.** In efforts to get to school on time, students sometimes jump out of cars and dart through traffic. This is not only illegal, but it is **EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!** Please protect your child by using safe drop-off procedures.

Due to safety concerns, **food and beverage drop-offs by parents and vendors are not permitted.**



Please note that there are **no early releases after 2:15 p.m.** This prevents early releases from blocking the entry and exit of school buses and backing up traffic.





Free and Reduced Lunch Application

Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students during the 2022-23 school year.

Although all students will automatically receive free meals, there are many benefits of completing Free and Reduced Lunch for students and families, including:

Waivers for ACT.

Waivers for SAT.

Waivers for college applications from ACT.

Waivers for college applications from SAT.

If the student is an athlete, Free and Reduced Lunch covers the fee for NAIA and NCAA accounts.

Submit an application at
www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs

Mental and Behavioral Health

Mental health is our ability to live fully, engage with others, and respond to challenges.

- It's OK to be OK.
- It's OK to not be OK.
- It's OK to ask for help.

Schools have highly trained and skilled professionals in place to support student mental health.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health, please contact the **School Counselor** or Mr. James McDonough, **Mental Health Liaison**. Mr. McDonough can be reached at 491-8439.

Mental Health Matters

School Cash Online

Why Use School Cash Online? School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms so come in and check us out! <https://palmbeach.schoolcashonline.com/>

School Cash online is:

- **Convenient:** Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home
- **Easy To Use:** Online shopping with various payment methods
- **Safe:** Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school
- **Saves Time:** Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

The following information is shared from the District's Secondary Student Code of Conduct:

Social Media Guide:

Palm Beach County Public Schools realizes that part of 21st century learning is adapting to the changing methods of communication. The importance of teachers, students and parents engaging, collaborating, learning, and sharing in these digital environments is a part of 21st century learning. As such, educational standards are now requiring the use of online educational tools to demonstrate proficiency. To address related issues, PBCSD has developed guidelines to provide direction for students and the school district community when participating in online social media activities.

Social Media refers to the use of web-based and mobile technologies that enable all Palm Beach County Public Schools' internal and external stakeholders to connect, collaborate, and form virtual communities via the computer and/or Internet. For some, social media is used mainly for social purposes, but for others, these sites and technologies are used as tools to teach and to connect with the community. The First Amendment, in general, protects the rights of individuals to participate in social media. However, the laws and courts have ruled that schools can discipline students and staff if their speech, including online postings off campus, materially and substantially disrupts school operations, reasonably likely causes a material and substantial disruption of the school, constitutes a violation of certain relevant federal or state laws or School Board policies.

Since social media reaches audiences far beyond the community and can leave lasting impressions, students must use social sites responsibly and be accountable for their actions. Students should consider not posting or linking anything to social networking sites that they would not want peers, teachers, college admissions officers, or future employers to access. Students should be sure to utilize privacy settings to control access, never share personal information with parties unknown on unsecure sites and be protective of site passwords.

Misrepresentation of someone else's identity must also be avoided. Students should remember to be respectful to others. When responding to someone during a disagreement, be sure that criticism is constructive and not hurtful. Beware of profane, obscene, or threatening language.

If the use or posting to a social media site creates a substantial and material disruption on a school campus, regardless of time or location while posting to a social media site, students will be subject to the behavioral standards set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.

SDPBC Annual Notification of Non-Discrimination Statement

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, prohibits discrimination in admission to or access to, or employment in its programs and activities, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or sexual orientation, marital status, age, religion, disability, genetic information, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic prohibited by law. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The School District of Palm Beach County offers the following career and technical programs, including career academies wherein students may earn industry certification, visit the Programs of Study page for more information as well as a list of classes. Lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation. The district may assess each student's ability to benefit from specific programs through placement tests and counseling, and, if necessary, will provide services or referrals to better prepare students for successful participation.

College Visits



Each year dozens of colleges and universities visit Park Vista. All grade levels are welcome to attend these on-campus visits (or virtual in some cases) by registering for the visit at:

http://pvchs.com/students___parents/counseling_department/college_information/college_visit_schedule

Colleges and universities are added regularly, so check this site often!



Each year the PV School Counseling Department hosts **COFFEE TALKS** for interested parents to share topics pertinent to high school success and beyond. All live meetings are held on **Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Media Center**. The COFFEE TALKS last approximately one hour. For parents that are unable to attend, we post the presentations on our website. All virtual presentations will be posted on the School Counseling website at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the presentation.

Thur, Sept 8 University System of Florida Spotlight & The College Application Process (Live)

Thur, Oct 20 AICE Diplomas, Other Acceleration Methods & Credits by Exam (Live)

Thur, Nov 17 Virtual Learning Opportunities (Virtual)

Thur, Jan 19 The Registration Process for 2023-2024 Classes (Live)

Thurs, Mar 16 Let's Build that Resume & Summer Programs (Live)

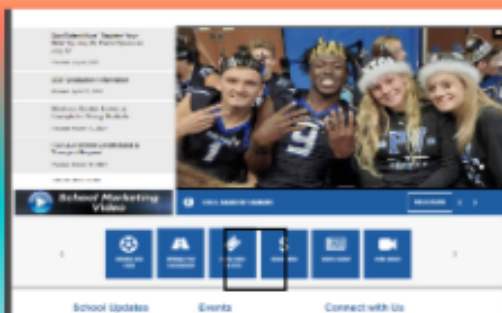
Thurs, Apr 27 Demystifying the College Application Process (Live)

Coffee Talks

**SCHOOL STORE MERCHANDISE
GET YOUR COBRA GEAR ONLINE ONLY**
How to access



Go to pvchs.com
And click on



SCHOOL STORE

Items will be delivered directly to your home!



FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



#FORTIFYFL
GETFORTIFYFL.COM



STUDENT PARKING DECALS



PICK UP DAY
Wednesday,
August 3
Seniors: 7:30-9 am
Juniors: 9-10:30 am

Please email the following to
karen.yaffe-stale@palmbeachschools.org
by 11:59 pm on 7/31/22:

1. 2022-2023 Parking Decal Application completely filled out on both pages
2. Parent/guardian and student signature on both pages
3. Current Florida Vehicle Registration (cannot be expired or out of state)
4. Current Insurance Card (cannot be expired)
5. Florida Driver's License (NOT a learner's permit or out of state)
6. Park Vista Student ID
7. \$75 schoolcashionline receipt (\$40 receipt after January 1, 2023)

Students must have the following on record with the school:

- a 2.0 cumulative gpa
- no outstanding financial obligations owed to the School District
- 20 hours of community service approved and on record with the school
- seniors must have completed the online course graduation requirement

You will receive a confirmation email
once your application has been
processed.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ON [SCHOOLCASHONLINE.COM](https://www.schoolcashionline.com)
SENIORS STARTING 7/26/22
JUNIORS STARTING 7/27/22

MADE WITH POSTERMYWALL.COM CASH, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



Park Vista Community High School

OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US ON
TUESDAY, SEP. 13, 2022
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**PLEASE ACCESS YOUR STUDENT'S SCHEDULE VIA
THE PARENT PORTAL (SIS GATEWAY)**

You will receive a map and an itinerary once you arrive on campus.

Email Dr. Pierre if you have any questions
pia.pierre@palmbeachschools.org