

Plant High School Class of 2023

Greetings!

As a new Plant Panther, there is a lot going on at PHS that you should be aware of, including summer assignments, tryouts and conditioning, and upcoming event dates. We encourage you to [share](#) this information with other rising 9th grade families. If you are not currently on our mailing list, you can sign up by clicking [here](#). If you have questions about anything mentioned in this newsletter and there is no contact information provided, please call the Main Office at (813) 272-3033. Check the [Plant website](#) often during the summer for updates and new information.

New Student Orientation and Open House



New students and parents are invited to attend the **New Student Orientation on Thursday, August 8th from 5 pm to 5:45 pm** in the Plant Gymnasium.

Open House is planned for the same evening for all Plant students and parents from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. All students are encouraged to bring the class schedule mailed to their home address in late July. This is an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet teachers before the school year starts on Monday, August 12th.

PTSA



Welcome to Plant High School! We certainly hope that you and your students will consider joining Plant PTSA. Our PTSA is vital to make sure that the needs of teachers, students and parents are met through our community-based efforts and are advocated for through Hillsborough, Florida and National PTAs.

Thanks to our members and donors, Plant PTSA invests over \$30,000 annually into the Plant High School community by sponsoring over thirty programs and events, including conference night teacher dinners, honor society receptions, campus beautification, and purchasing prom tickets for students in need.

Joining and volunteering with the PTSA is a great way to support your student and show that their education is worth your investment. Learn how to get more involved and contact us at www.plantptsa.com, at FAST Camp and at our table during open house on August 8th.

To keep up to date on PTSA meetings and programs, follow us on twitter @plantptsa. Our first General Membership Meeting will take place at 6:30 pm on August 27th in the media center. We look forward to meeting and volunteering with you!

Fast Camp



The 2019 Summer FAST Camp is open to all incoming 9th graders. This camp is designed to give freshmen the support they need to have a successful transition to high school, and to provide information on college and career awareness. After student check-in, Plant PTSA invites parents and other accompanying family members to stay for a panel discussion with Plant admin, students and parents.

Parents will be given an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the first year experience at Plant High.

FAST Camp will take place July 29th and 30th 8 am to 11 am. The same information will be presented each day.

Click [here](#) to register your student for one day. Families coming from private schools should email [Ms. Jewell Ferraro](mailto:Ms.JewellFerraro).



Academic Foundation



Welcome to Plant High School! For those of you who may not be familiar with how the PHS Academic Foundation works, we raise funds through individual and family memberships, business sponsorships, and our spring faculty honor roll fundraising campaign to fund grants requested by our faculty to improve technology, increase classroom resources, deepen faculty skills, and enrich the student experience. These grants impact every subject area from core classes like math and language arts to physical education and music. Over the years, we've funded the purchase of new laptop computers, workbooks, technology updates, and so much more. In fact, in the 2018-2019 school year, over \$50,000 was raised and re-invested in our teachers and students.

In addition, PHS Academic Foundation monthly meetings are rich with school information and open to all. Our first meeting will be in August in the media center and will feature "Plant 101" with Mr. Bush, Principal at Plant High School.

We hope you will choose to contribute to the continued success of our nationally ranked school by joining the PHS Academic Foundation. A donation in any amount makes you a member - it's that easy! We also offer promotional opportunities to local businesses in exchange for their valued support. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.

Please follow us on  and  to be up to date on all PHS Academic Foundation information, and please feel free to contact Michele Molinelli, the Academic Foundation's 2019-2020 President, at (813) 842-6417 with any questions.

We look forward to meeting you at the PHS open house in August!

Athletic Foundation



Join the Athletic Foundation today and support "The Team Behind the Teams!" All membership dollars raised go back to our teams, allowing our coaches to purchase the items they feel are necessary for their programs. Your support enriches the experience for our student athletes. Please visit our [website](#) to review our membership levels and their benefits, as well as other information regarding the Athletic Foundation. If you have any questions regarding membership, please email MembershipPAF@gmail.com.

The Athletic Foundation will have new fall items, including Nike spirit gear, available at the New Student Orientation and Open House on August 8th. See you then!

Summer Assignments



All Plant High School students are required to read over the summer. Students should be prepared for an assessment, project, and/or discussion of the assigned literature during the first week of school. Click [here](#) for summer reading list.

2019-20 Schedules - Guidance Information



Students will receive their fall schedules by mail in late July. Along with the schedule, you will find information about days and times to make necessary schedule corrections prior to the start of school. The changes made in August will be limited to academic necessity, because the master schedule will be finalized and classes will be filled.

Athletic Packets and High School Eligibility Information



Beginning in May 2019, Athletic Packets will only be submitted electronically and can be found on the [Hillsborough County Public Schools Athletic Department website](#) or can be directly accessed on the [Athletic Clearance website](#).

Complete step by step instructions and copies of the Physical Form are available on the [Plant Web Site](#) and in the PHS Main Office. Only registered PHS students with a completed athletic packet are allowed to participate in summer athletic programs. Please allow time after submitting the application packet for Athletic Director approval. You can check the status of the application and fix mistakes online through the portal used to submit it. [Click here](#) to read school district information about athletic eligibility in high school.

Community Service



You may begin earning community service hours this summer. Service hours are not required for graduation, but students need service hours to qualify for National Honor Society and Bright Futures scholarships. Community service guidelines, proposal forms, and service hour logs are available on the [Guidance](#) page of Plant's website. As long as the service projects meet the guidelines, students will not need to have proposals approved in advance. Students can submit their completed paperwork to their counselors in the fall.

Florida Virtual School



If you wish to take an online course this summer, please register at www.flvs.net. Once you have completed the registration steps and requested a course, a Plant staff member will verify your request. Once your request has been verified, you must wait for Florida Virtual School to assign you to a class. Just log in regularly and check your course status.

'CA' indicates that your class has been activated and that you will be hearing from your teacher soon. This process can take quite a while in the summer, depending on course availability.

Please direct all of your questions about the status of your course to FLVS by calling (800) 374-1430. Important note: If you registered for your FLVS class as an 8th grade student with your middle school as your designated school, you must update your profile. Change your grade to 9 and your school to Plant Senior High School. If you do not update your profile, we will not receive your completed grade and Plant will not award you credit for your online course.

PHS Planners and Magnets



Senior Class of 2020 will be selling 2019-2020 Student Planners (\$10) and Magnets (\$5) at FAST Camp, New Student Orientation/Open House, as well as other events kicking off the school year. Please contact [Mrs. Drumsta](#) or [Ms. Wakefield](#) with any questions.

The PAW



Welcome new and returning Panthers! Show your school spirit by purchasing new Panther Nike apparel, tees, caps, car magnets, lanyards, hoodies, stadium chairs, and much more, at the New Student Orientation and Open House.

The school store, right outside of the cafeteria, will be open in the fall to meet your spirit wear needs. Fall hours will be Monday through Friday during lunch, from 11 am to 1 pm. Stop by to say hi, and see everything our newly designed store has to offer. To keep up with the latest Plant

Panther designs, be sure to



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Yearbook Information



Snapchats don't last forever, but yearbooks do! Order yours early for the lowest price of the year. Yearbooks should be available for purchase by late July at yearbookforever.com.

Interested in contributing to one of the largest high school yearbooks in the country? Talk to your Guidance Counselor about enrolling in Panther Tales, our pre-yearbook class. You will earn industry certifications in Adobe products, learn photography skills and become a better writer, all in preparation of becoming a yearbook staffer. There is no pre-request or teacher approval needed for enrollment, just an interest in journalism.

Girls Lacrosse



Welcome to Plant High School! If you are interested in playing girls lacrosse in the Spring, please email [Coach Jayne Chapman](#) to join the Plant Girls Lacrosse distribution list. There will be optional conditioning starting in the Fall.

Girls Summer Basketball Camp



Girls interested in playing basketball should contact [Coach Mahon](#). She is conducting camps at Plant in June.

All skill levels are welcome to attend! For camp forms and up to date information, follow Plant Girls BBall on Twitter @PlantGBB. There will also be an organizational meeting when students return to school in August.

Plant Crew

Welcome all incoming freshmen to Plant High School! Plant High Rowing



Association is open to 9th through 12th grade students, and no experience is needed. We are a competitive and inclusive team, so everybody rows and everybody races.

Plant High Rowing has multiple rowing and weightlifting camps in both June and July for 6th-12th grades. Register by visiting our [website](#) and email [Coach Smith](#) or call (813) 813-786-0337 with any questions. We look forward to another strong year in 2019/2020 and hope you will consider joining us this summer or fall.

Plant Girls Cross Country



Summer conditioning for the 2019 Cross Country season has begun. We will be meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays to start out the Summer and gradually increase the number of days as the Summer progresses.

We meet at Bayshore Blvd. and Barcelona St. behind the Jewish synagogue on M & W at 7:30 PM and Sat Mornings at 7:30 AM at the corner of Barbados Ave & Channel Dr. (next to the Little League Field). No experience is necessary, just a desire to get in great shape and meet new friends. For more information please contact [Coach Roy Harrison](#).

Hockey



Plant High School Hockey will be holding fall tryouts in conjunction with the Lightning High School Hockey League at a date TBD. All interested players must register with LSHSL by clicking [here](#).

Please check the Plant Hockey [website](#), visit us on  and email [Mark Brkljacic](#) for more information.

Annual Prelude 2019



PHS Chorus is excited to announce Prelude 2019 is Thursday, August 8 from 9 am to 5 pm in the auditorium for all new and returning chorus students. Prelude is a mandatory one-day choir camp that includes plenty of fun, food, spirit, and camaraderie. We will conclude the day with our first official performance of the year at Freshmen Orientation. You

will receive a free chorus t-shirt and earn 100 merit points! RSVP by July 19th to [Janna Vincent](#) with your full name, grade and t-shirt size.

We are excited to welcome all of you to Plant next year. Look for the Welcome Back issue of Panther Press in August.

