

**MIAMI PALMETTO PTSA Newsletter**  
**SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

May 2009

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**Dear Palmetto Family,**

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and members for their commitment to PTSA. Even in challenging times, memberships and monetary donations have surpassed previous years. With your assistance we have been able to accomplish our many goals, making for another successful year at Miami Palmetto Senior High School.

From special programs and events to educational and technology purchases, staff appreciation and vehicles of communication, PTSA has helped to foster a welcoming learning environment at Palmetto High School. We thank everyone who took part in writing, e-mailing and/or meeting your legislators, as legislation and budgets are critically affecting education today. Our united voices make a difference, and we encourage you to be informed and proactive.

Our achievements would not have been possible without our outstanding executive board members and committee chairs. Their combined expertise has been invaluable, and I am so appreciative and fortunate to have worked with such dedicated and talented people.

High school is a formative time for our children and it is imperative that we, as parents, continue to advocate for them, stay involved and create a valuable sense of community. We congratulate our graduating seniors and their proud families and wish our seniors much success in the future.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your PTSA president these past two years. There is no question that our school is held in such high regard because of its excellent staff and administrators, devoted parents and hard-working students that continually demonstrate their allegiance to panther pride. We thank Mr. Weiner and the entire faculty for their support of our children and PTSA.

I wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

*With Warmest Regards,*  
Andrea Shosfy, PTSA President  
ADS1027@aol.com

**PTSA Executive Board Members 2009 - 2010**  
(Amended proposed board - vote May 20, 2009)

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Senior Drama Night**  
Mon, May 18

**EESAC**  
Tue, May 19

**Senior Awards**  
Wed, May 20

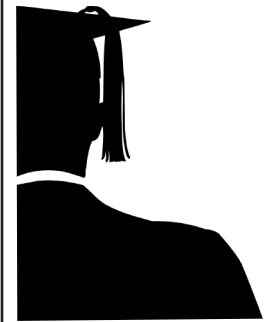
**PTSA Meeting**  
Wed, May 20

**Blood Drive**  
Thu, May 21

**Graduation Rehearsal**  
Thu, May 21

**Spring Concert**  
Thu, May 21

**Blood Drive**  
Fri, May 22



**Cap & Gown Distribution**  
Fri, May 22

**Memorial Day**  
Mon, May 25

**Graduation - BankUnited Center - 3 PM**  
Tue, Jun 02

**Last Day of School**  
Thu, Jun 04



# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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## **Superintendent of Schools**

*Alberto M. Carvalho*

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May 2009

Dear Parents:

As the sweet smell of summer permeates the hallways of Miami Palmetto Senior High School, the final days of the 2008-2009 school year are upon us. Our senior class is slowly coming to the realization that shortly, this chapter of their lives will be over and new chapters filled with opportunities, challenges, and adventures will be written. These past four years have gone by rapidly, but the fond memories of the transition from freshman to senior will last a lifetime.

Plans for the 2009-2010 school year are well underway. Your approval of a mandatory uniform policy will contribute in promoting and maintaining a safer Miami Palmetto Senior High School. Through the diligent work of our uniform committee, students will have a variety of uniform options. Although uniform tops and bottoms can be purchased anywhere, the availability of reliable and conveniently located vendors was a prime concern of the committee. Two outstanding retailers have been identified as a source for uniform products. AA Uniform and Ibiley School Uniforms are two outstanding merchants who are prepared to offer our school community a wide selection of apparel with approved logos for the upcoming school year. For the purpose of convenience, these vendor's product lines can be accessed through the internet. A link for each vendor and a complete description of the official Miami Palmetto Senior High School Uniform Policy Criteria are available at our school website ([www.mpsh.dadeschools.net](http://www.mpsh.dadeschools.net)).

In closing, I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer recess. I look forward to seeing you at the opening of the new school year on August 24, 2009.

Sincerely,

Howard I. Weiner

Principal

## Honors Math Requirement New for the 2009-10 school year!

All students who are taking an honors math course (all levels from Algebra One on up) for the 2009-2010 school year must complete the summer packet requirement. All summer packets can be found on the school's website. They must be completed and turned in to the teacher on the first day of school. There will be a test on the summer packet material during the first week of school.

– Susan W. Kaplan  
*Mathematics Department Chair*

## Math Awards

Congratulations to the following students for performing excellently in the prestigious David Essner Competition: 2nd place Joseph Moon, 5th place Daniel Levine, 6th place Sijie Fan, 12th place Yuqiao Shen, and 18th place Alex Barriero. Palmetto is the only school to have more than two winners.

In addition, the following students qualified as AIME Participants with outstanding scores on the AMC math competitions: Garret Lau, Joseph Moon, Daniel Levine, and Sijie Fan.

Congratulations to the 10th grade winners of the AMC: Forrest Voight and Will Smith!

19 students attended the State Mu Alpha Theta Convention in Orlando. Palmetto's Calculus team Sijie Fan, Daniel Levine, Joseph Moon, and Sergio Williams, scored 10th in the state. Sijie, Daniel and Joseph won individual trophies as well.

## "Don't Give In" writing contest

On April 18 the 10th grade participated in the annual "Don't Give In" writing contest sponsored by the **Helen Marie Witty Memorial Scholarship**. Many essays were judged and 20 winners were selected. Congratulations to all the winners in Ms. Perse, Coach Brown, Ms. Pujol and Ms. Salas English classes. Thank you to PTSA, PPTB and Mrs. Spivak for making the contest possible.

# Volunteers Are All Heart

## Becky Herget, Nominated as Outstanding Parent Volunteer of the Year

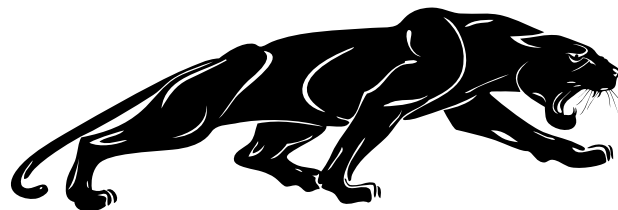
Becky is "hands on", giving so much of her time and expertise to both PTSA and the Football Booster Club at Palmetto Senior High. Her volunteer efforts are among the best and she is so worthy of this special honor.



## The Coke Family, Winner of the 2008-09 Family of the Year

Mr. and Mrs. Coke have been volunteering ever since their eldest daughter entered Miami Dade County Public Schools. When the Cokes learned that the Media Center was only open during school hours their immediate response was to offer their time in order to provide additional Media Center hours. The entire family, Mr. and Mrs. Coke, Kristen (9th gr.) and Kaylan (6th gr.) have volunteered every Tuesday and Thursday morning, beginning at 7:00 A.M., to ensure that the Media Center is open early to serve our students. Their efforts have truly made a difference!

## Palmetto High School is a better place to be because of our wonderful volunteers.



**We are truly thankful for their  
commitment and are so proud of them!**



# National Honor Society

## Fall Induction '08

Agnani, Kritikaa  
(transfer of membership)  
Michael Anaya  
Casey Anderson  
Daniel Barcia  
Donna Chung  
Sara Csanalosi  
Emily Freedman  
Brett Gerson  
Rachel Godfrey  
Maximilian Halasz  
Haley Hammond  
Josh Heller  
Stephanie Isaia  
Alesy Iturrey  
Elizabeth Kobert  
Carly Liebling  
Hanbits Oh  
Manuel Perez  
Kristin Radi  
David Rosenberg  
Blair Shoor  
Alexa Stephen  
Matthew Stiphany  
Gabiella Ulloa  
Matias Ulloa  
Belen Vimo  
Phillip Weiner  
Jessica Younis

## Spring Induction 2009

Abell, Katie  
Alvarez, Beatriz  
Atkinson, Estelle  
Batten, Brittany  
Berman, Andrew  
Betancourt, Isabel  
Blyden, Jessica  
Bottfeld, Stephanie  
Brooks, Daniel  
Burns, Marissa  
Bush, Shannon  
Calzadilla, Kristen  
Castan, Daniel  
Chisholm, Warner  
Cohen, Tori  
Colina, Keyli  
Cope, Kristen  
Cortes, Christian  
Cosner, Chelsea  
Cunningham, James  
Davenport, Diana  
Davis, Arielle  
Diamond, Jeffrey  
Ducette, Victoria  
Ederi, Danielle  
Fan, Yixian  
Feldman, Jeffrey  
Flanders, Alison  
Flanders, Sarah  
Flynn, Edward  
Friedman, Samantha  
Gailey, Max  
Gailey, Robert  
Gonzalez, Michael  
Goolabsingh, Rhian  
Gorsline, Erin  
Greenstein, Alec  
Grossman, David  
Gutlohn, Lauren  
Halley-Wright, Gina  
Hallebo, Victoria  
Hersman, Matthew  
Hsiao, Yao  
Hsu, Kelly

Insua, Adriana  
Iturrey, Myrel  
Jarel, Stephanie  
Kellough, Matt  
Kim, Hee-weon Clara  
Kobert, Rebecca  
Kocak, Denizen  
Landy, Spencer  
Larken, Adrienne  
Lesnever, Dyann  
Levrant, Michael  
Leyva, Megan  
Lopez, Gabriela  
(12th grade)  
Lunior, Elizabeth  
Montenegro, Leah  
Pena, Andrew  
Primelles, Graciela  
Ricke, Dylan  
Rivera, Claudia  
Rukrigl, Chad  
Sanchez-Slik, Laura  
Saunders, Rebecca  
Schaefer, Patrick  
Schleien, Carley  
Schwebach, Taylor  
Shahvestani, Jasmin  
Spivack, Alec  
Seifer, Lee  
Susik, Katie  
Tabas, Irene  
Tam, Francis  
Tomita-Barber, Jasmine  
Vazquez, Melissa  
Vernot, Valerie  
Walsh, Sarah  
Wang, Mindy  
Wiegert, Carolyn  
Williams, Sergio  
Yang, Kali  
Yeh, Jenie  
Yin, Joyce

# MPSH Summer Reading List 2009

\* Teachers will assess students on assigned summer reading.

### English I (one required)

*Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*If You Come Softly* by Jacqueline Woodson

### English I Honors/Pre-AP (two required)

*Anthem* by Ayn Rand  
*The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee  
*Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson

### English II (one required)

*Friday Night Lights* by H.G. Bissinger  
*It Happened to Nancy* by Anonymous Teenager and Beatrice Sparks

### English II Honors (two required)

*Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer  
*The Color of Water* by James McBride  
*The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

### English II Pre-AP (two required)

*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling (Penguin Group)  
*The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde (Signet Classic)

### English III (one required)

*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson  
*Avalon High* by Meg Cabot  
*Nickled and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich  
*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares

### English III Honors (two required)

*A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith  
*I Never Promised You a Rose Garden* by Joanne Greenberg  
*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer  
*My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

### English III AP (all required)

*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemmingway (Simon and Schuster)  
Three *Time* or *Newsweek* periodicals

### English IV (one required)

*The Bible* (as literature) *Genesis*: Chapters 1-5  
*The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold  
*The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream* by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, Lisa Frazier Page  
*The Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons

### English IV Honors (two required)

*The Bible* (as literature) *Genesis*: Chapters 1-5  
*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini  
*The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

### English IV AP (two required)

*A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving  
*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë

### ESOL Level 1 to 2 (one required)

*Escape from Fire Mountain* by Gary Paulsen  
*Welcome to Dead House* by R.L. Stine

### ESOL Level 2 to 3 (one required)

*Crash* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Taking Sides* by Gary Soto

### ESOL Level 3 to 4 (one required)

*Leroy and the Old Man* by William Butterworth  
*The Trouble with Lemons* by Daniel Hayes

# Awards and Honors

## German Competition Success!

On the weekend of April 16-18, 2009, 24 Panthers traveled to Daytona Beach for the annual Florida Association of Students of German Convention and Competition. Palmetto students returned with 61 awards, including 22 first places, 15 second places, 11 third places and 13 fourth places. **Every student who participated won at least one award!**

In addition, Thomas Oravec, Erick Consuegra and Julian Garcia were named Best Speakers of the competition for levels 4, 3 and 1, respectively. Jenna Dimino and Thomas Oravec won first place in all 3 categories they entered, and Tommy also won one of two FASG Scholarships. Finally, Jenna Dimino, Sarah Mosher, Ryan Slatko, Erick Consuegra, Kim Sawyer and Thomas Oravec received medals for their top scores on the National German Exam.

**Congratulations to all these students for their hard work and success!**

Special thanks to Mr. Weiner, Ms. Shlachtman and EESAC for providing TD for Mr. Morales.

Level 1	AWARDS		
Timothy Brown	Speaking - 2nd	Culture - 2nd	Reading - 4th
Adriana Lopez	Poetry - 1st	Reading - 4th	Vocab - 4th
Harry Kranichfeld	Speaking - 1st		
Catherine Fischer	Poetry - 2nd	Reading - 3rd	
Hannah Lutz	Poetry - 2nd		
Ryan Barrar	Speaking - 1st	Grammar - 3rd	
Max Gailey	Poetry - 3rd	Reading - 4th	
Michael Levey	Speaking - 1st	Culture - 2nd	
Alec Greenstein	Speaking - 4th		
Julian Garcia	Speaking - 1st	Vocab - 3rd	
	Best Speaker		
	Award Level 1		
Courtney Welbon	Poetry - 1st	Culture - 4th	Vocab - 4th
Andrea Primelles	Poetry - 1st		
Level 2			
Jenna Dimino	Speaking - 1st	Grammar - 1st	Reading - 1st
Ryan Slatko	Speaking - 1st	Grammar - 2nd	Vocab - 2nd
Sarah Mosher	Poetry - 1st	Vocab - 2nd	Grammar - 2nd
Dylan Dunlop	Poetry - 2nd	Reading - 3rd	Vocab - 3rd
Level 3			
Adam Martinez	Poetry - 1st	Vocab - 4th	Grammar - 4th
James Baer	Speaking - 3rd	Vocab - 2nd	Reading - 4th
Kenny Bear	Speaking - 2nd	Reading - 2nd	Vocab - 2nd
Erick Consuegra	Speaking - 1st	Best Speaker	Vocab - 1st
		Award Level 3	Reading - 3rd
Rachel Lutz	Speaking - 3rd	Grammar - 4th	2D Art - 1st
Kim Sawyer	Poetry - 1st	Culture - 4th	Vocab - 4th
Sara Janoff	Poetry - 1st	Vocab - 3rd	Reading - 3rd
Level 4			
Thomas Oravec	Speaking - 1st	Vocab - 1st	Reading - 1st
	Best Speaker		
	Award Level 4		

### TEAM AWARDS:

Brain Bowl Level 1 - 2nd Place - Julian Garcia, Catherine Fischer, Max Gailey, Alec Greenstein

Brain Bowl Level 2-3 - 1st Place - Sarah Mosher, James Baer, Rachel Lutz, Erick Consuegra

## Florida State Thespian Festival Results

Miami Palmetto Thespian Troop 1298 went to the Florida State Thespian Festival in Tampa and the results were fantastic...

Our One Act "Focus" written by David Rosenberg received straight Superior ratings.

Matthew Janisse- Solo Musical: Superior

David Rosenberg- Monologues: Superior

Veronica Avanic and Krysta Garcia- Duet Musical: Superior

Elliot Evins, Connor Wells and Kristian Lugo- Ensemble Mime: Superior

Elliot Evins, Matthew Janisse, Adam Epelbaum, and David Rosenberg- Ensemble Acting: Superior

Emily Freedman- Set Design: Excellent

Natalie Freedman- Costume Design: Excellent

Jose-Luis Lopez- Set Design: Superior

and a final Congrats to Veronica Avanic for receiving the Florida State Thespians Theatre Education Scholarship!

Congratulations to all of you and a huge thank you to Ms. Silverio and the supportive PPTB!



## HOSA State Competition Winners 2009!!!

On April 2nd, 2009 Miami Palmetto HOSA students went to Orlando, Florida for HOSA State Competition, competing against the other Regional winners in Florida. The following HOSA students won in their event categories and will be going on to compete in the next round, Nationals located in Nashville, Tennessee (June 24-27):

Michael Brislawn: 1st place, Interviewing Skills

Christopher George: 1st place, Kaiser Permanente

Ashley Lehr: 1st place, HOSA Week, chapter 15510

Thomas Sims: 5th place, CPR/First Aid

Jessica Sander: 1st place, HOSA Week chapter 16600

Spencer Murray: 1st place, Chapter Newsletter, chapter 15590

Ivette Miranda: 1st place, HOSA Week, chapter 15511

## HOSA's Amoire- Wanted: Business Attire!!

HOSA is proud to congratulate all of the members that won this April in State Competition in Orlando, Florida. HOSA funds sponsored three gold medal winners from Regional Competition to compete in Orlando. Business attire is strictly enforced in order to reflect the professionalism and respect HOSA is known for. Because of a need that we saw at this competition, our sponsor, Joyce Brislawn, and I have decided to open HOSA's Closet. We will collect used business attire and loan it out to our members if they are in need. Our mission is to make sure no one goes without a dress shirt, a suit jacket and proper shoes to compete in. We will be collecting the following donated clothing and accessories for both men and women:

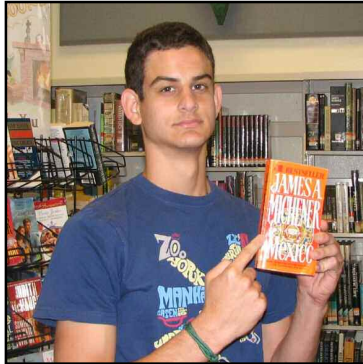
- dress shoes
- business shirts
- dress pants/skirts
- blazers
- belts

Please bring the items to Room 302.

Thank you, Christina Durr, *President of HOSA*

# The Media Center Salutes Outstanding Students

## Top Readers



Alexander improved his reading skills by 5.6 grade levels.

The Media Center congratulates a number of students for demonstrating tremendous growth in the area of reading. Of all the students who took the STAR test in September and then again in April, these students showed the greatest degree of improvement. Overall, there were more than 50 students who demonstrated improved reading skills by two or more grade levels, which is quite a noteworthy accomplishment. Alexander Cabrera (pictured), a tenth grader, is one of over 20 students in Ms. Scholar's classes that demonstrated phenomenal improvement. The students listed below also deserve special recognition because, school wide, they are the top ten of all students tested who posted the greatest learning gains. They demonstrate that regardless of where the starting point may be, hard work and determination always produces success. Congratulations to all of Palmetto's Top Ten Readers.

## Top Library Patrons



Ellora checked out 139 books this year.

Throughout the year, students check out books for various reasons. They may need to read a book for a particular class. They may want to read a book their friends have mentioned. They may simply be curious about a particular topic. Whatever the reason, the media center tries to have titles that appeal to many different students' interests. A review of circulation statistics revealed that there was a certain group of students that were **always** checking out books. The media center would like to recognize and thank our most loyal patrons for coming in, finding a book of interest, and checking it out...repeatedly. Research reveals that children who utilize the library on a regular basis are highly likely to be successful in life. We wish our top ten patrons, and all our patrons a lifetime of reading enjoyment.

PALMETTO'S TOP TEN READERS		
Rank	Student	Teacher
1	Alexander Cabrera	Schoolar
2	Anabell Zaldana	Crowe
3	John Reus	Schoolar
4	Sebastian Ducaud	Schoolar
5	Francisco Munoz	Adderley
6	Kimberly Fayer	Schoolar
7	Arianna Rocchi	Fair
8	Jasmine Yamini	Schoolar
9	Travis Vanallan	Crowe
10	Niklas Swords	Schoolar

PALMETTO'S TOP TEN LIBRARY PATRONS	
Rank	Student
1	Ellora Sarkar
2	Rickie Bennett
3	Quincy Wright
4	Carolynn Sierra
5	Christopher Herring
6	Adam West
7	Glanton Boyd
8	Jessica Spiegel
9	Stephanie Paredes
10	Kristen Jacobs

## And if weren't for the parents....

We would like to extend special thanks to the many parents who have supported the media center program this year: Conrad Coke, Arlene Pottinger-Coke, Marge DeJesus, Julia Shestapolov, and Lisa Sokol who all gave their time. We are also very thankful to everyone who supported us by donating paperback books. We appreciate all you do.

# MPSH Students WOW the Florida PTA

National PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage). For nearly 40 years, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art. The 2008-09 Reflections Program theme that students had to base their entries on was: "Wow!"

On December 8, 2008 MPSH PTSA honored all of the participants in this year's National PTA Reflections Competition. Of the twenty-seven entries received, winners were chosen in the six categories. Winners received gift cards to local stores. All participants received participation award certificates.

## MPSH AWARDS:

Visual Arts Winner: Elaine Zuo  
 Visual Arts Runner-Up: Ashley DeLeon  
 Literature Winner: Elizabeth Elmaleh  
 Music Composition Winner: Rebecca Kravetz  
 Video Production Winner: Catherine Sorenson  
 Dance Choreography Winner: Rebeccah Astree  
 Dance Choreography Runner-Up: Raquel Astree  
 Photography Winner: Max Eisenberg

Eight of the entries were chosen for forwarding to the Miami-Dade County Council for further judging; where on January 21, 2009 five entries were awarded as finalists.

## MIAMI DADE COUNTY AWARDS:

Visual Arts County Finalist: Elaine Zuo  
 Literature County Finalist: Elizabeth Elmaleh  
 Music Composition County Finalist: Rebecca Kravetz  
 Dance Choreography County Finalist: Rebeccah Astree  
 Dance Choreography County Finalist: Raquel Astree

These five finalists were then sent to the Florida State PTA for judging and on May 1, 2009 the following two entries were selected for Awards of Merit.

## FLORIDA PTA AWARDS:

Dance Choreography State Merit Award: Rebeccah Astree  
 Dance Choreography State Merit Award: Raquel Astree

From Miami-Dade County, one entry went on to National PTA competition, Film/Video Production entry from Steven Rodriguez of Coral Reef Senior High. The winners from National PTA will be announced at the national convention on June 27, 2009 in Fort Lauderdale.

**Start thinking about your entries for next year!**



**The theme for the 2009 -2010 Reflections Contest is BEAUTY IS ...**

# Panther Boys Lacrosse Club 2009 District Champs!



Congratulations go out to the Panther boys lacrosse club for winning the 2009 District Championship and making it to the Regional Finals. Under the leadership of second year coach and Palmetto alumnus, James Palmieri, the Panthers enjoyed an 11 win season against just four losses. The Panthers swept both home and away series against their arch-rivals Killian and Coral Reef. The Panthers also played three teams ranked in the top ten in the state during the season as well. This year's team was led by Juniors Jake Levine and Brent Feder as the program celebrated it's 30th year of playing lacrosse.

Graduating just a handful of players this young Panther lacrosse squad should be vying to go even deeper into the state play-offs next season.

# MPSH Business Technology Education 2008-2009 Program Highlights

## BTE Guest Speaker Series/Projects

Date	Group	Subject/ Activity
On-going	Entrepreneurship Class	Career Portfolio's
On-going	Career Specialist	Employability Skills
March	The Cereal Bowl	Entrepreneurship
April	Student Honor Council	Integrity & Ethics
April	State Farm Agency	Intro. to Insurance

## Field Trips

Date	Group	Subject/ Activity
On-going	CECF/DECA/FBLA	Leadership Workshops
April 2009	IT (AOIT) w/MDC	Computers & Business
May 2009	ATHS w/FIU	Programming Competition
May 2009	ATHS w/UCF	Programming Competition

## Outreach Programs

Date	Group	Subject/ Activity
On-going	Jr. Achievement	Business Ownership
April	NEFE	Fintl. Planning Program
May	No Boundaries	USA Today/NASA Initiative
May	Commissioners Office/Summer Internships	
June	Cisco Academy	Apprentice Program
June	New Horizon	Scholarship Program

## Club Competitions/Awards

Group	Level/Awards	Award Type
CECF	District 20	Career Technology
FBLA	District 7	Business
DECA	National	Don DeBolt Scholarship
DECA	National	Mkt. Ed. Honor Award



# 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. Prices will go up in January. Check payable to Miami Palmetto PTSA and mail to Cheri Ball/PTSA, 7396 SW 128 St., Pinecrest, FL 33156.

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: Dee Jordan/Angie Lima 305 235-1360 ext. 2246/2267.

## Tennis Team Wrap-Up

The tennis team had a very successful season. Both the boys and the girls team were undefeated in the district 14-0. The girls team won regionals and advanced to the state tournament, becoming the state runnerups. The tennis team was lead by new coach Kelly Gibson, a former collegiate tennis player at the University of Louisville.

The girls team this year was a fearless one. The Panthers were undefeated the entire season until we reached the state tournament. The team was lead by #1 Katherine Castro, #2 Agustina Cybel, #3 Blake Bauer, #4 Marissa Levine, #5 Dylan Scheslinger. #1 Katherine Castro and #2 Agustina Cybel beat top ranked players in the state to win the district and regionals and #1 and #2 positions.

#4 freshman Marissa Levine and #5 Dylan Shlesinger were very impressive this year as they were named District, GMAC, and Regional champions. Once the team advanced to state, each player was a key component on reaching the state finals because each player won their first match at states. #3 Blake Bauer and #5 Dylan Schlesinger were both state finalists. We are going to miss our two senior captains; #2 Agustina Cybel (who was a state champion as a freshman) and undefeated #3 Blake Bauer next year.

The boys team also had a successful season. The boys team was also undefeated in the district this season with a regionals final loss to Coral Gables High School. They were lead by #1 Felipe Giambarba, #2 Daniel Levine, #3 Ben Rosenthal, #4 Trevor Newman, and #5 Dominic Bisceglia. Both #3 Ben Rosenthal and #4 Trevor Newman were undefeated for the season and were district and GMAC champions. #1 Doubles team Felipe Giambarba/Trevor Newman advanced to the individual bracket of the state final tournament as well. We will miss seniors Daniel Levine and captain Ben Rosenthal. They have been an instrumental part of the team. Daniel is a *Miami Herald* finalist for scholar athlete of the year and will be attending Yale in the fall. Ben Rosenthal will be attending Cornell University and will try out for Cornell's tennis team in the fall. Good luck to all our seniors!

The panther tennis team will truly miss its seniors but look forward to a new tennis season next year!



## MPSHS Palmetto Touchdown Club, Inc.

Join us and be a member of the team behind our winning **Panther Football Team!**

### **What is the Panthers Touchdown Club (PTC)?**

The Panthers Touchdown Club is primarily a parent organization that works with the MPSHS Principal, Athletic Director, Coaches, Trainers and staff at maintaining a high level of excellence in the Miami Palmetto Senior High School football program. The club's main focus is fundraising to supply first- rate equipment, uniforms, practice shirts and shorts, pre-game meals, beverages, transportation to games and an end-of-season awards ceremony that the School Board does not fund.

Our main fundraising activity, at this time, is in gaining sponsorships of our team, individual players and upcoming season game meals. We also raise funds through selling ads to MPSHS friends, family and businesses in our local community for placement in the upcoming 2009-10 MPSHS Panther Football Program.

Your support is needed in gaining these sponsorships and selling ads for our program and is very much welcome and appreciated! Please use the form to follow within this newsletter and help us support **your 2009-10 Panther Football Team**, and, as always, **Go Panthers!!!**

### **MPSHS 2009-10 Panther Football Sponsorship and Seasonal Program Advertisement Order Form**

#### **SPONSORSHIPS**

All donations will receive acknowledgement throughout the season and in our 2009-10 Panther Football Program if received by **7/1/09**.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Team Player Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
	<b>Name of Player</b> _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Game Day Meal Sponsor</b> (for all players and coaches)	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Platinum Sponsor</b> (includes free full page program ad)	<b>\$1000.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gold Sponsor</b> (includes free 1/2 page program ad)	<b>\$500.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Silver Sponsor</b> (includes free 1/4 page program ad)	<b>\$400.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bronze Sponsor</b> (includes free 1/8 page program ad)	<b>\$250.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Man</b> (name on sponsor page in program)	<b>\$100.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Amount	\$ _____

#### **PANTHER SEASONAL FOOTBALL PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Family and Friends greeting</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
	(Attach desired greeting – 3 short lines.)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/8 Page (business card size)	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/4 Page	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 Page	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Page	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Color Inside Front or Back	<b>\$ 700.00</b>

Please submit business card, art work (in black and white, if possible) or a .pdf ad to [hnyelf@bellsouth.net](mailto:hnyelf@bellsouth.net) with this form. We are glad to work with you to design your own ad also if requested. Checks should be made payable to: **Panthers Touchdown Club, Inc.**

Please return to: Pam Regula  
8260 SW 162 Street  
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157  
(305) 378-4595

For questions email [hnyelf@bellsouth.net](mailto:hnyelf@bellsouth.net)

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**The MPSHS Panthers Thank You for Your Support!**

# “Oh, the places they’ll go!” (As Dr. Seuss said)

As the 2008-2009 school year draws to a close, we get ready to say goodbye and good luck to our Senior Class. They have worked hard for four years and have achieved so much! Though the time crunch between the May 1st College Notification Date and the PTSA Newsletter deadline will make a full picture of our graduates’ plans impossible, based on our preliminary collection of data, this class has amazed us all with their accomplishments. Their list of acceptances was, in fact, so impressive that we wanted to share the good news with all our parents. Here are the colleges and universities that our seniors have been accepted to as well as final decisions (final decision schools indicated with asterisk)...

## CLASS OF 2009 ACCEPTANCES

Adams State U.	Florida Memorial U.*	Occidental Col.	U. of Georgia*
Alabama State U.*	Fordham U.	Ohio State U.*	U. of Maine*
Alaska State U.	Franklin & Marshall	Penn State*	U. of Miami*
Allegheny College	Franklin College/Switzerland	Point Park U.	U. of Michigan*
American U.	FSU*	Pomona College	U. of Montana
Appalachian State U	Full Sail*	Princeton University*	U. of New England
Arizona State U.	Garden City CC*	Ringling College of Art & Design*	U. of Northern Colorado
Armed Services*	George Mason U.	Robert Morgan Tech.*	U. of San Diego
Aston U of Birmingham, England*	George Washington U.*	Roger Williams University	U. of Tampa
Auburn U.*	Georgetown U.	Santa Fe CC*	U. of Utah*
BarryU.*	Georgia Institute of Technology	Savannah College of Art and Design*	U. of Vermont
Berkley College of Music*	Gettysburg College	Siena College*	UC/Santa Barbara
Bethune Cookman*	Goucher College	Southeastern U.*	UC/Santa Cruz
Birmingham U. (England)	Harvard University*	Southern Methodist U	UCF*
Boston College	Haverford College	Southern University*	UCLA
Boston U.	Haywood County College*	Southern Utah U.*	UF*
Bowling Green U.	Hillsborough CC*	St. John’s U.*	UM*
Brandeis U.	Hobart & Wm Smith Col.	St. Thomas U.	UNC Chapel Hill*
Broward CC	Howard*	Suffolk University	UNC Charlotte*
California State/LA	Indiana U.*	SUNY Old Westbury*	UNC Greensboro
Calvin*	INTEC University (Dominican	SUNY Stonybrooke	UNC/Wilmington
Carnegie Mellon	Republic)*	Switzerland Col. of Hospitality*	UNF*
Catawba College*	Ithaca College	Syracuse U	University of Chicago*
Central Michigan University*	ITT Tech*	TCC*	University of Oregon*
Clemson U.	Johnson & Wales*	Temple U.*	University of Rochester*
College of Charleston	Lindsey Wilson College	Texas A & M	University of San Diego*
College of William & Mary	Louisiana State U.	Tufts U.	University of Virginia
Colorado College*	Loyola Marymount University*	Tulane*	USF*
Colorado State U.	Mass. Institute of Technology*	U California/Berkeley	Utah State University
Columbia U.	Master Car Tech*.	U of Illinois	UWF
Cornell U. *	MDC*	U of North Florida*	Valencia CC*
DePaul U.	MDC Honors College*	U of Alabama	Vanderbilt*
Disney Career College*	Mercer University	U of Arizona	Vidal Sassoon Tech.*
Duke U.	Miami International U. of Art *	U of Maine	Villanova University*
Duquesne U.	Monmouth College	U of Memphis	Wake Forest U.
Eckerd College*	New College of Florida*	U of Pennsylvania*	Washington U. @ St. Louis*
Elon University	New World School of the Arts (UF)*	U of Pittsburgh	Wentworth Institute of
Emerson College	New York U.*	U of Southern Ca.*	Technology*
Emory U.*	North Carolina State U.	U of Wisconsin	Yale U.*
FAMU*	Northeastern U.*	U Southern Ca.	
FAU*	Northern Arizona U.	U Texas /Austin	
FGCU*	Northwestern U*.	U. Maryland*	
FIU*	Nova Southeastern*	U. Memphis*	
Florida Instit. of Technology*	NYU Polytech	U. of Colorado Boulder*	
Florida Keys CC*	NYU*	U. of Delaware	

\*Colleges that students will attend indicated by asterisk

# MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## Uniform Policy Criteria

The following Uniform Policy Criteria was developed with representation from staff, students, parents, and administration.

### SHIRTS

**Polo style shirt with collar, Oxford button down shirt with collar, Girl's blouse with collar or approved "Spirit-Wear Shirt or Spirit-Wear T-Shirt."** {NOTE: "Spirit-Wear" is defined as clothing which has been pre-approved by MPSHS Student Activities and is related to school activities, organizations, clubs, or athletic teams.} **Shirts can be long sleeve, short sleeve, half sleeve, or three quarter sleeve.** No sleeveless shirts permitted. No homemade shirts permitted. No altered shirts permitted. Shirts may not be oversized. Button down shirts can not be worn open. **Approved school logo is required on all shirts with collars.** Shirts with logos are available at vendors listed on school website (mpsh.dadeschools.net). Shirts purchased at other locations can be brought to school listed vendors for application of logo at minimal charge.

Approved colors: Solid White, Solid Navy Blue, Solid Columbia Blue (light blue), and Light Gray.

### SHORTS/PANTS/SKIRTS

**Cargo or full length style shorts (must be knee length); Skirts (can not be worn above the knee); Capri pants, pants or jeans.**

Solid color fitted shorts/pants must be worn at the waist. Shorts must reach the top of the knee. Pant legs may not drag the floor. Shorts/pants/skirts may not have embellishments, embroidery, patches or holes.

Approved colors: Khaki, Navy Blue, Denim blue jeans.

### UNDERSHIRT

**Undershirts may be worn with shirts.**

Solid color t-shirts may be worn underneath an outer shirt.

Approved colors: White, Navy Blue, Columbia Blue (light blue), and Light Gray. Pre-approved spirit-wear t-shirts may be worn underneath an outer shirt.

### OUTERWEAR

**Sweatshirts, sweaters, or jackets worn over school uniform.**

Solid color sweatshirt, sweater, and/or jacket may be worn over a shirt.

Approved colors: White, Navy Blue, Columbia Blue (light blue), and Light Gray. Pre-approved spirit-wear outerwear may be worn over a shirt.

### SHOES

**Sneakers, shoes with a back, or other completely closed shoes are highly recommended. Due to safety issues related to traversing crowded hallways and stairwells, it is strongly suggested that students not wear flip flops, sandals, crocs, or open toe shoes.**

### SCHOOL ISSUED ID BADGES

A school issued ID badge with a lanyard is a mandatory part of the uniform. The ID Badge must be visibly worn above the waist.

### NO ITEMS

The following items are not permitted to be worn: Low cut jeans, hats, caps, headwear, hoods, oversized shirts, knee length shirts, homemade shirts, spaghetti straps, spandex of any type, polyester leggings, athletic wear, sweatpants, pajama pants, bedroom slippers, exposed underwear, baggy jeans, baggy pants, baggy shorts, midribs showing, short-shorts, skirts above the knee, and swimwear.

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**Many thanks to the parents and students who participated in the annual Pinecrest Business Association's Taste of Pinecrest on March 8, 2009.**

The leadership of the parent volunteers from Miami Palmetto once again was instrumental in helping before and during the event.

Even with the economy in the pits, the Taste of Pinecrest was able to generate \$3,900 per school to be used as indicated by the Principal and EESAC.

The Art Show prize recipients for the High School were:

- 1st prize – Christine Fantis (grade 11) "Kiss";
- 2nd Prize – Sandra Leatherman (grade 12) "My Half Brother in Romania";
- 3rd prize – David Taylor (grade 12) "Tropical Paradise"

Again this year, a special thanks goes to the Athletics Department and the football players and coaches who came and provided muscle to help set up and clean up after the event. The Interact Club also came out in force. All the students earned community service hours.