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Principal's Desk

Parents, Students, and Families,

In order to continue to keep our school safe, I would like to remind parents and students of a few procedures. Please do not drop off or pick up your student on Sweetbriar Drive. Please continue into the parking lot and through the car loop to the curb. This will ensure safety for everyone. Also, the back gate located on Jambalya Street is not a pick up or drop off area. You may be ticketed by the Sheriff's office if you use this area. The front and back gates are open for students who ride cars, walk or ride bikes from 8:20-8:40AM and 2:50-3:05PM Monday through Friday. All other times, students will need to enter or exit the front entrance. All visitors to our school must check in at the front office.

The District School Board of Pasco County has a Respect and Civility Policy which believes that a safe, secure, nurturing and civil environment is essential in accomplishing its mission to create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential. Thank you parents and guardians for displaying mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct with PRSMS administration, staff, and teachers when you are calling for assistance. This policy is not intended to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression; but rather, it is intended to maintain, reasonable, safe, harassment-free workplace for students, families, and staff that is free of disruptive, demeaning, intimidating, threatening, or aggressive behaviors. Please remember, our school has an Anti-Bullying Plan. The definition of bullying has three components: purposeful, imbalance of power, and repeated over time. If your student is a victim of bullying, please contact your child's guidance counselor, teacher, or administrator to report the incident since we are your first line of defense. We will investigate and take appropriate actions.

The 3rd quarter grading period will conclude on March 18th, so there is only three weeks left into the 3rd quarter. If your student is struggling in his/her academic classes, please take advantage of our Tuesday/Thursday Homework Help program and our Wednesday morning Math Tutoring Help. Our 8th grade students must pass all of their core classes (math, language arts, science, and history) in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade in order to be promoted to high school. Please speak with your student's guidance counselor or teachers for more information. Thank you for being partners in your child's education.

Susan Seibert
Principal



SAC

The School Advisory Council supports family and community involvement in Florida public schools. The SAC will assist in the preparations of PRSMS annual School Improvement Plan, the expenditure of Title 1 funds, and determine other ways to improve our school.

SAC members are required to attend all SAC meetings. Meeting will begin at 7:30 A.M. in the media Center.

Mar. 24 Apr. 21 May 26



Astro Skate Nights Will be held

Mar. 18 Apr. 15 May 20

from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Entrance fee will cost \$7
then stay from 8-11 pm for free
Earn money for your school while having fun.



Counselor's Nest

Spring break is coming soon- have you made plans yet? You don't have to take an expensive vacation to have fun with your child. Here are some inexpensive, local ideas to consider:

- Visit your favorite park or check out a local park you haven't been to yet.
- Have a game day/evening, including video games, board games, or card games. Learn to play your child's favorite video game!
- Have your child plan dinner one evening, including making the grocery list, going with you to the grocery store, and cooking together.
- Did you know that YouTube has a karaoke channel? Find songs that you or your child enjoy and have your own "American Idol" competition.
- Enjoy a popcorn and movie day. Pick out free movies from the local library or through Netflix, Red Box, etc.
- If your child is crafty/creative, pick a day to create art, music, poetry, etc. together.
- Learn something new- there are lots of "how to" books at the library, including how to bake, how to create origami, how to paint, etc.
- Allow your child to pick a day to invite a friend or two over for any of the above activities.
- Don't forget to allow your child to relax! Taking a mental break from the stresses of middle school will help him/her come back to school ready to learn and finish the 4th quarter strong!

Your Guidance Department
Mr. Cruz – 6th Grade
Mrs. CuvIELLO – 7th Grade
Mr. McGodrick 8th Grade

Make your student's year unforgettable at Paul R. Smith Middle School

BUY A YEARBOOK

Don't wait to reserve your student's copy of the PRSMS yearbook!

Buy online at www.schoolpay.com or in person in Mr. Heffron's room 3-232.

Yearbooks are on sale for \$30 now. These are the days your child will want to remember forever.

Buy their yearbook now to help make it unforgettable.

Yugioh Duel Monsters Club



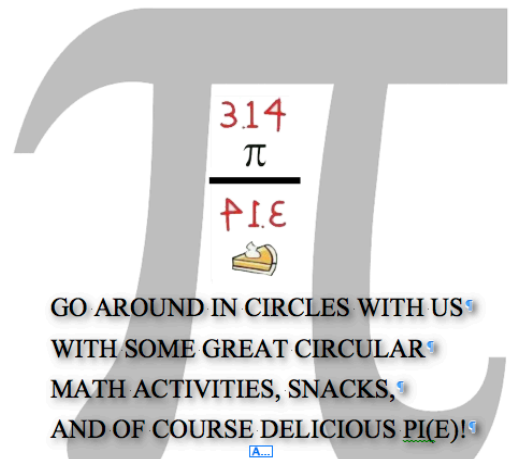
Congratulations to new club member Nathaniel Calvillo on his first tournament win



PI NIGHT!

COME CELEBRATE PI WITH PIE!

MARCH 14TH 6:00 -7:30 PM.



GO AROUND IN CIRCLES WITH US!
WITH SOME GREAT CIRCULAR
MATH ACTIVITIES, SNACKS,
AND OF COURSE DELICIOUS PI(E)!



Bully-proof your child

There is no way to guarantee a child will never be bullied, but there are things you can do to help.

Since bullies are less likely to pick on someone who has friends, encourage your child to get to know other students. Suggest that he or she join a club, and have them invite classmates over. Not only is safety in numbers but having friends will build your child's self-esteem, which in turn can discourage bullies from targeting him or her.

Also, talk to your daughter about bullying. Tell her that if he or she is bullied or sees someone else being bullied, they should seek help from an adult, whether it's you, a teacher, guidance counselor, an administrator, or a coach. Let your child know that they are not expected to handle this problem alone.

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Box Tops for Education



The Box Top for Education program is an easy way for you to help support our school every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Tops for hundreds of your favorite products and have your child bring them into school. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢.

****Volunteer of the Month Congratulations**

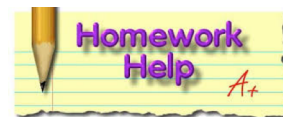
Nanette Galati

Thank you for your help in our front office.

If you would like to become a volunteer,
Remember to apply online: at
<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/communications/volunteer>
you must be approved to begin volunteering!

Call Ms. J. Nantz
At 727-246-3230

Homework Help



Parents & Students

Homework Help is held every
Tuesday & Thursday
3:00 pm – 4:20 pm
Snack will be provided

Student's who need a bus stop assignment for the late bus, which leaves campus at 4:30 must communicate this to a teacher on their team. The teacher will present the student's name and the Homework Help team will request a bus stop for the student. It may take up to one week before a bus stop is assigned from District. The student must wait to receive confirmation that a bus stop has been assigned before staying after school.

Car riders, walkers, and bike-riders must inform a parent that they are staying after school for Homework Help. Car-riders must be picked up no later than 4:30 pm.

This is not "one-on-one tutoring". The students will be expected to work independently, and come to the Homework Help sessions with overdue assignments or homework. If they need some help to get started then they can seek help from one of the teachers who is part of the Homework Help Team.



Paul R. Smith Dress Code

Dress Code will be Enforced.

Dress Code Examples

No



No



No



Yes



Yes



Yes



Skirts/shorts can be no higher than 4" above knee.

Pants/jeans/shorts need to be secured at the waist.

Shirts must cover the chest area and cover the shoulder.

Skirts/shorts can be no higher than 4" above knee.

Muscle Shirts are NOT permitted. Boy's must have sleeves on their shirts.

Math Lab



Wednesdays 7:45-8:15 a.m.
Room 3-104

A Night Among the Stars



Paul R Smith Middle School is collaborating with Starkey Wilderness Park Astronomy Club to bring you A Night Among the Stars. Come on out to see the stars through telescopes, get a chance to win astronaut ice cream, create your own constellation, and much more. Snacks will be provided after participating in all the fun hands-on activities.

March 1, 2015

7:00-8:30 pm

Pasco Regional Science and Engineering Fair



Please congratulate the following students for their participation in the Pasco Regional Science and Engineering Fair at River Ridge High School on Saturday! They represented PRSMS very well and made their teachers (and science coach) very proud!

The places correspond to the particular category in which they participated.

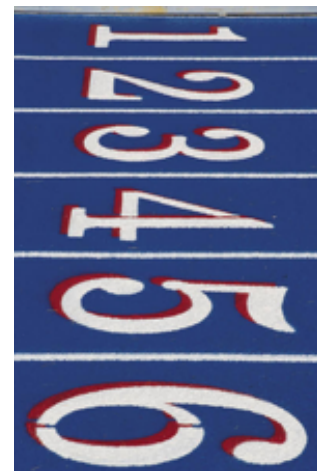
Ben Smith- 2nd
Ricky Hall- 2nd
Kylie Pospiech- 3rd
Haley Dabbs- 3rd
Jillian Horn- 3rd
Mickenzie Wilson- 4th

Go Eagles!

Boys & Girls Track & Field



Date	Opponents	Location
March 15	GMS, CHMS, BPMS	PRSMS
March 17	PRSMS, HMS, GMS	RRMS
March 31	PRSMS, CLMS, SSMS	GMS
April 5	PRSMS, SSMS, HMS	CLMS at HHS
April 7	CHMS, GMS, HMS	PRSMS
April 12	Conference Meet	SSMS



See Coach Dew, Coach Bennett or Coach Miller for any questions or more information.

National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to those students who qualify for National Junior Honor Society. NJHS is a national organization that recognizes outstanding academic students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character and Citizenship and challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. The NJHS induction ceremony is on March 8th at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Chasco Parade:

Paul R. Smith Middle School Band will be participating in the Chasco Street Parade. Please support your Marching Band by attending and cheering for you Eagle Marching Band at the Chasco Parade on April 2nd.

AVID Application:

Paul R. Smith Middle School is expanding the AVID program. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is an elective class designed to prepare you for admission to a four-year university after graduation from high school. AVID is for students who want to go to college and are willing to work hard to get there. Does this description apply to you? If so, AVID is the class for you!

During the AVID class, students prepare for college entrance exams like the PSAT, ACT, and SAT. Students have tutorial groups twice a week with college tutors who help with difficult subjects. AVID students also visit college campuses and area businesses to learn more about the choices available after high school. Finally, students learn how to keep their schoolwork organized and how to take good notes.