



Welcome to the Palmetto Middle School PTSA Link

Thank you for staying connected and for your continued support of our PTSA.

IMPORTANT DATES AT PALMETTO MIDDLE SCHOOL

December 14 Band and Chorus Holiday Concert
December 16 to January 2 - Winter Break

CONGRATULATIONS, PTSA PRESIDENT DARLA MARCH!

On Thursday, December 8th, Darla March was promoted to Lt. Colonel of the United States Air Force. It was a very special ceremony that took place at the Southern Communications Command in Miami attended by high-ranking military officials, family, friends and school administration. We're proud to have the military's highest-ranking PTSA President. We salute you, Darla!

LANCER MUSIC INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

The Lancer Band and Chorus will present holiday and classical favorites this Wednesday, November 14th at 7PM. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the door. Students, please ask your teachers if they will be giving extra credit if you present your program or ticket stub. Please support our music program. Don't miss this performance featuring our award-winning musicians. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be sold at the door. See you there!

BAND, ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Performances start at 7:00 pm in the PMS auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

12/14/11 - Band and Chorus Holiday Concert
3/7/12 - POP Show (participants selected by audition only)
3/30/12-3/31/12 - Orlando Music Competition
5/2/12 - Orchestra End of the Year Concert
5/30/12 - Band and Chorus End of the Year Concert

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. LANCER THESPIANS!

Palmetto Middle Thespians Troupe 88203 performed at the District 4 One Act Festival December 10, 2011, where they earned straight Superiors in both technical and acting categories. They were also awarded the honor to represent District 4, Miami-Dade County, at the State Festival this February in Melbourne FL!! WAY TO GO TROUPE 88203!

MY COTORRA \$10 for 3 pizzas deal

A great deal on pizza! All Lancers families are invited to check out the following site and SAVE BIG!!
<http://mycotorra.com/flockrewards/?affiliateID=1545>

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

National Junior Honor Society members are invited to participate in the Boston Class Trip from February 2-4, 2012. The trip includes a visit to Quincy Market, USS Constitution, Bunker Hill, Performance of the Blue Man Group, Salem Witch Museum, House of the Seven Gables, Duck Tour of Boston, "Shear Madness" performance, walking tour of Harvard University. Total cost is \$1176.00. All food, lodging, flights and entrance fees are included. Members interested should contact Mrs. Elizabeth Sioli at esioli@dadeschools.net.

FROM THE MEDIA SPECIALIST

The Media Center is in dire need of volunteers. We are now sharing our clerk, Mrs. Wexler with the office. I hope to be able to train people to work our circulation desk on a daily basis from the hours of 10am to 11:30am. Please feel free to choose your day(s). I am looking for long term consistent help. Please contact me via email <mailto:HelenaCastillo@dadeschools.net> as soon as possible. **We are now taking book donations!** Please bring in any books you are done reading to the library and help update our collection. We are specifically in need of popular series. Some series include: Twilight, Lightning Thief, The Hunger Games, City of Bones, The 13th Reality, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and the Star Catchers, etc. We will also accept other popular reads.

10th ANNUAL TASTE OF PINECREST

Organized by the Pinecrest Business Association, Pinecrest-area restaurants, and local businesses, the **10th Annual Taste of Pinecrest will take place at Pinecrest Gardens** (11000 Red Road, Pinecrest, Florida) on **Saturday, March 3, 2012**. The event features Pinecrest-area restaurants, entertainment for the children, a judged art show, performances by local school groups and a business showcase. All proceeds from the Taste of Pinecrest benefit the five Pinecrest public schools (Pinecrest Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, Howard Drive Elementary, Palmetto Middle, and Miami Palmetto Senior High). For additional information on the event visit, http://www.pinecrestbusiness.com/taste_of_pinecrest.asp%20or%20Facebook.com/TasteofPinecrest.

PINECREST BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Founded in February 2000, The Pinecrest Business Association is a volunteer organization involving all of the Village of Pinecrest and surrounding areas and its more than 600 businesses. Their membership consists of more than 150 local businesses within and around the Village of Pinecrest. The Pinecrest Business Association has raised more than \$225,000 for our local schools through the Taste of Pinecrest event. Additionally, they provide an annual scholarship award to a local student for college, they volunteer for Career Day at our schools, and they sponsor charitable events and participate in community events to better our community and establish goodwill and recognition for our members. For more information on the Pinecrest Business Association visit, pinecrestbusiness.com.

STAY INFORMED ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Click on the following links to see legislative bills in the house and senate pertaining to education and other areas of concern to all of us
<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/bills.aspx> or <http://www.flsenate.gov/session/bills>.

WELCOME TO LANCER LANE!

On Friday, December 9th, the street in front of Palmetto Middle School was officially named Lancer Lane. Dade County School Region V Director Mr. Robert Kalinsky, Mr. Lux, Mr. Cromer, Ms. Anderson, PTSA President Darla March, Police Chief Hohensee, Village Council Members Nancy Harter, Joe Corradino, NJHS Sponsor Mrs. Hagen, Student Government Sponsor Ms. Iturmendi, teachers and students attended the festive morning ceremony. Student Government Mayor Vaughn Brown, Vice Mayor Vickie Arguelles and NJHS President Kayla Spiegelman, addressed the attendees. Last year's Mayor Max Lucas spoke about the excitement of leading the efforts to have the street renamed. All enjoyed the music of Mrs. De Jesus' Lancer Advanced Band. Please view our new street sign at the main entrance of our school and the Proclamation in the School Office. A special thank you to Mayor Lerner and Mr. Lux for making this possible. To view photos, please visit Palmetto Middle School PTSA on facebook.

SCHOOL STORE

New merchandise and holiday gift items can be found at the store. Come early for best selection!!! You may also purchase supplies most days of the school year. Volunteers are needed to provide this service, helping students purchase last minute school items. All it takes is 20 minutes to run the store from 8:30am until 8:50am. Please contact Ceil Fitts at fittsc@bellsouth.net. The school store is the place to **redeem your Lancer bucks**. Come by and see what your bucks can "buy".

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- To visit the Palmetto Middle School PTSA Website, [click here](#)
- To join your PTSA, volunteer, or make a donation, [click here](#)
- To learn more about the Listener's Program, [click here](#)
- To view the October/November newsletter, [click here](#)
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- To visit Homework Done Right Learning Center Summer Camp Info., [click here](#)

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