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PALMETTO MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Palmetto Middle PTSA

Palmetto Middle PTSA Newsletter

Oct. 2017

Important Announcements & Dates

Hi Palmetto Middle Community-

Don't forget to buy a **BOO GRAM** for your favorite little goblin. Forms were sent home last week. You can copy the form, decorate it, bedazzle it... whatever you want!

In case you did not receive one
you can download one here:

[BOO Gram Form](#)

For \$1 each, we will attach a treat and deliver it to them on Halloween. We will collect the form and money before school in the breezeway the week of October 23rd.

We need volunteers please! If you can help sign up:

Boo Grams-
link to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45acaa2da46-valentine>

**Save the Date: Give Miami Day
Nov. 16th, 2017**

Palmetto Middle School is once again participating in Give Miami Day. We are looking to raise some funds to improve our Fine Arts Department, specifically, upgrades

Upcoming Events



**Monday, Oct. 23th -
Thursday, Oct. 26-**
Red Ribbon Week

Friday, Oct. 27th-
No School

Thursday, Nov. 2nd-
PTSA Board Meeting,
9 AM

Thursday, Nov. 9th-
PTSA General Meeting,
9 AM

**Wednesday, Nov.
15th-**
Picture Make-Up Day

To see a complete calendar
of upcoming events please
click here:

[PTSA Calendar](#)

and

[PMS Calendar](#)

Quick Links

[Palmetto Middle Website](#)

to technology in the auditorium including the computer, lights, etc. We are also raising money for our general PTSA fund. Please share with friends and alumni. Also, if you work for a large corporation and are interested in donating, check to see if your company will match gifts.

For more information about the event go here: <https://givemiamiday.org>

THANK YOU!!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who made our 2nd Annual Cocktail party a success!!! Events like these reinforce how kind, fun (!!), and caring our Palmetto Middle community is. Thank you to the Zimelmans for providing a fabulous spooky setting. Thank you to the teachers and administration who came. Thank you to all of the party committee members who put it together- Adela Bryant, Nicole Zimelman, Maritza Shapiro, The Lankfords, Lena Ten Broek, Kristin Cardenal, Jennifer Graziano, Elizabeth Heise, Mona Markus, Tara Hudson, Jessica Pollack, Indira Nino, Beatriz Salume Brayer, Francisca Puga, Linda Dwyer, Elyssa Lewis.

THANK YOU to the Auction donators and buyers- we made over \$2700! YEAH!! If you won something, you should have been contacted. As you all know, our school doesn't have a big fundraiser during the year, so events like this REALLY make a difference, besides being a great way to meet new friends. Spring fling anyone??

Thank You Sponsors:

The Kempler Family
The Keusch Family
The Lankford Family
The Lewis Family
Mathnasium
The Pollack Family
Whole Foods- Pinecrest (light bites)

Thank You Silent Auction Donors:

Bellezza Spa
Dream Dinners
Davenie Faber for Rodan + Fields
The Gitlin Family
The Goldenberg Family
Life Time, Inc.
Mathnasium
Ms. Ortiz
The Penney Family
Pinecrest Community Center

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Calendar](#)

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Pinecrest Gardens
Pinecrest Martial Arts
Pinecrest Orthodontics
Ms. Sabina
Shanna Nye Photography
Ms. Sioli

PTSA Membership Drive Homeroom Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in our PTSA Membership Drive. Ms. Mayock's class came in 1st place and will get a bagel party. There was a tie for second with Ms. Alvarez's and Ms. Schaefer's classes. They will get FREE Boo Gram certificates.

CONGRATULATIONS and thank you!

It's never too late to join if you haven't done it yet: <http://www.pmsptsa.org/join.html>

Communications

A lot of parents seem to NOT be getting information that we are sending out (whaaa???)

As a reminder- and PLEASE help us by telling your friends- we do not send paper flyers home. This LINK e-newsletter is the BEST way to get school information, along with attending PTSA meetings. Yes this newsletter is long but shouldn't take you more than 2 minutes to read. Last-minute announcements can also be found on the app, our Facebook page, and Instagram. Useful communication links:

PTSA Web Site/LINK e-newsletter sign-up:

<http://www.pmsptsa.org>

School Web Site: <http://palmettomiddle.com>

PTSA on Facebook: <fb.me/palmettomiddleptsa>

PTSA on Instagram:

[@palmettomiddle_ptsa](https://www.instagram.com/palmettomiddle_ptsa)

PTSA has an app- download and allow pushes

Palmetto Middle on Twitter: [@PMLancers](https://twitter.com/PMLancers)

I hope you enjoy the new section of our e-newsletter called "**Get to Know...**" This month it is Ms. Sabina, our fabulous drama and video production teacher at our

school. The point of this section is to get to know the various members of our Palmetto Middle School community in a fun way. If you have any recommendations for questions, or certain people you'd like to see interviewed, email your ideas to KatieLAbbott@comcast.net

Advanced Placement Information Session:

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Placement: What
every 8th grade
parent needs to
know


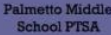



If you are the parent of a high-achieving 8th grader, do not miss this session by Miami Palmetto Senior High School's Julianne Farkas about Advanced Placement. No matter where your child goes to high school, it's what every 8th grade parent needs to know BEFORE you choose!

- What is AP?
- Should my child take an AP as a freshman?
- What are the hallmarks of a good AP program?
- What are the keys to success?
- What are the benefits of AP classes?
- What is the difference between AP and IB?

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Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Palmetto Middle School
6:30 PM

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Important Dates:

Monday, Oct. 23th - Thursday, Oct. 26-
Red Ribbon Week

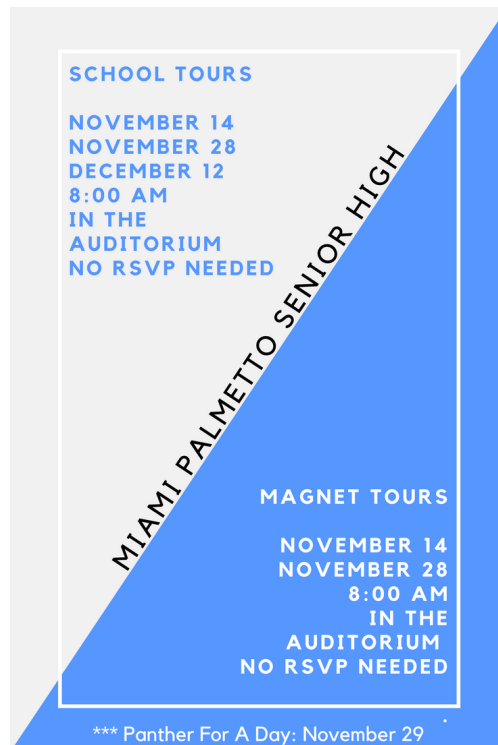
Friday, Oct. 27th- No School

Thursday, Nov. 2nd- PTSA Board Meeting, 9 AM

Thursday, Nov. 9th- PTSA General Meeting, 9 AM

The agenda and meeting notes will be available on our web site: <http://www.pmspts.org/events.html>
If you have any requests for the meeting, please contact Katie Abbott at KatieLAbbott@comcast.net

Palmetto Senior High School Tour Dates:



Sports Announcements

Girls Volleyball Schedule:
Monday, 10/23 : Away @ Citrus Grove
Wednesday, 10/25 : Home vs. Ponce De Leon
Monday, 10/30 : Away @ Kinlock
Wednesday, 11/01 : Home vs. Carver
Monday, 11/06 : Home vs. Southwood
Wednesday 11/08 : Away @ Richmond Heights
** All games should begin at 4:30 pm
and end at 6:00 pm

Volunteers and Members needed

Race Volunteers Needed

Want to do some good and give back to the community?
Does your child need some community service hours?
One of our Cocktail Party sponsors, Life Time, needs volunteers to help at various events they have, such as the Miami Marathon. Opportunities include handing out water to athletes, etc. It would be great to get a group of our school community members together for an upcoming event. Interested in joining and getting more details? Contact Jill Nateman at jnateman@bellsouth.net and/or our Life Time volunteer coordinator Jessica Mejia, at JMejia@lt.life
THANKS!

Become a Special Volunteer for The Listeners/Oyentes Program

We would like to inform you about a wonderful school volunteer program that will provide great benefits to all students of M-DCPS. This program has successfully been a part of M-DCPS for over 40 years. The Listeners/Oyentes Program is here to support the teachers and counselors by helping to defuse the emotions of the children that our volunteers listen to, so that these students can better absorb the lessons being taught. To learn more and to see our training schedule, please visit www.listenersprogram.org

Registration for Volunteers

Don't forget to register as a volunteer for Miami-Dade Public Schools. You MUST register as a volunteer in order to participate or volunteer at any events at the school.

You need to do this every school year. For more information go here:

<https://www.engagemiamidade.net/community-school-volunteers>

Media Center Volunteers Needed

The Media Center (AKA Library, but it's so much MORE than that) needs you! The Media Center at Palmetto Middle School is run by parent volunteers. In the mornings, students like to come to the Media Center to work on school work, use the computers, and check out books. This is one of the most needed and rewarding volunteer positions at Palmetto Middle.

The Media Center will be open each morning from 8:30am to 10am. If we have enough volunteers we can insert another shift, and go until 11am. We need at least two volunteers per shift in case of sickness or emergency.

We need volunteers...Perhaps someone you would like to share a shift with? It's an excellent way to get to know the teachers and the school.

Tora Bueno is putting together the volunteer sign-up. If interested, please let her know which day of the week you would like to volunteer. She can be reached at torabonnier@me.com

Thank you !

Green Help

Ms. Ortiz needs a few helpers with her green initiatives for the year. One is to help before school when the Green Team (students) meet. Their job is to take care of our school's various gorgeous gardens. Her other big need is to help her prepare the school so that we can receive a Green School designation. Interested?

Contact Ms. Ortiz at tortiz1@dadeschools.net

Copy Room Helpers

PTSA has historically helped teachers with their copy needs on a daily basis. This year we have a few remaining days available for copy help. It involves coming to school once a week on your assigned day, and spending about an hour copying for teachers. If interested, please email KatieLAbbott@comcast.net

Teachers are VERY appreciative of this service.

Thank you for your consideration!

Wanted! AV/TV Installer!

Is there a parent or community member out there who would be willing to offer their skills to help the school install some TVs that were donated? They're large, interactive smart TVs. If you can, please contact

KatieLAbbott@comcast.net

Thanks!

Get to know....

Get to Know... Ms. Sabina

Name: Christine Leah Sabina

1. What do you teach at Palmetto Middle (subject and grades)?

Drama 6-8th and Video Production

2. How long have you been teaching?
How long at Palmetto?

I started teaching in public school, because our amazing Principal Jesus Gonzalez met me at Zelda Glazer while I was contracted to work with their Musical Theatre students, and he asked me to interview at Palmetto. Previously, I had been teaching acting, audition prep, and voice at Miami Children's Theater for 9 years where I had directed over 50 productions.

3. What is something the Palmetto community may not know about you?

I am one of 4 siblings and am the only girl!

I have an older brother and twin younger brothers who all acted in high school!

I am also a huge foodie and am on a quest to find the best food in South FLA!

4. If you won \$500, what would you do with it?
If I won \$500 I would probably go to Disney World

5. What did you do as a career before you taught (if anything!)?

I have been a vocal coach for students for over 13 years and continue to teach on the weekends and evenings for students all over south Florida.

6. Where did you grow up?

I was born in Raleigh, NC, but moved when I was 5 to a suburb of Milwaukee Wisconsin where I grew up and lived until I came to South Florida.

7. If you could give one piece of advice to parents about surviving middle school, what would it be?

I think most middle school parents are nervous about their students transiting to middle school, but I have to say, we have some pretty amazing students here at PMS and if you put your trust in them they always seems to surprise us and do even more incredible things than we ever imagined! Just give them the chance to show you what they can do when given some room to grow!



Interested in Palmetto Middle School ?

There are more middle school options than ever.

Come find out why Palmetto Middle School is a great choice for your child.

School Tours 2017-2018:

All School Tours take place at Palmetto Middle School

(7351 SW 128th Street, Pinecrest) at 9:15 AM in the Media Center.

2017: November 20th

2018: January 22nd, February 20th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st

Coffee w/Principal Gonzalez

Join our Principal, Mr. Gonzalez, and several select teachers at your home school for Palmetto Middle information and Q&A. All start at 9:00 AM.

October 25th- Pinecrest Elementary

November 1st- Coral Reef Elementary

"Lancer Experience"

On Tuesday, December 5th, 5th Grade students from Howard Drive Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, and Pinecrest Elementary Schools will take a field trip to Palmetto Middle School to see what it's all about.

Announcements

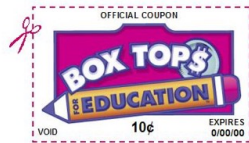
Pizza Thursdays!

Pizza days have returned. This year, on THURSDAYS in the breezeway, pizza will be sold after school for \$1 a slice. There are also beverages for sale.
THANKS PTSA pizza sales team!



Box Tops Due !

Our first due date for Box Tops is November 1st. If you have been collecting them, please bring them to the Box Tops collection box located in the Main Office near Mr. Gonzalez's office.
Bonus points for cutting on the lines!
Thanks to our Box Top volunteers,
Jill Marvel and Jill Olster.



Business Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you own a business, or know of one which may be interested? Help Palmetto Middle be the best its can be by becoming a (TAX-DEDUCTIBLE) business sponsor. Great advertising as well- reach families of over 1,000 students, faculty, and community members. See the attached for more information.

Sponsors



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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL ORTHODONTIC HEALTH MONTH

GET REWARDED FOR YOUR HALLOWEEN CANDY. BRING IT IN. WE'LL BUY IT BACK.

**November 1st – 3rd
9:00am – 5:00pm**

- Get cash for your candy
- \$1 per pound (up to \$5)
- Candy must be unopened

All candy donated will be shipped in care packages to our troops overseas via Operation Gratitude



Life Time has offered these special discount codes for their upcoming races. Note that these are for the longer races 5k and above, not the Kids' runs.

- 1) Baptist Health Turkey Trot 5K/10K - November 23rd
Turkeytrotmiami.com

Code: GRPTSATT17 - \$5 Off 5K or 10K

- 2) Miami Marathon & Half Marathon - January 28th 2018
+ Tropical 5k on January 27th
Themiamimarathon.com

**Code: GRPTSAMM18 - \$10.00 Off the Marathon and Half,
\$5.00 Off the Tropical 5k**

Revised School Calendar

Due to Hurricane Irma



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY

Revised due to hurricane Irma

July 2017				
M	T	W	T	F
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31				

August 2017				
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March 2018				
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June 2018				
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25	26	27	28	29

	New Teachers Report
	Teacher Planning Day
	Teacher Planning Day - (No - Opt) District-wide Professional Development Day
	Secondary Early Release
	Hurricane Days - No School in session

	Recess Day
	Begin/End of Grading Period
	Legal Holiday

Days in Grading Period	
1-39	
2-45	
3-43	
4-48	

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