

# Ponte Vedra High School

Welcome Parents of the Class of 2029!



# School Administration

Principal - Dr. Fredrik Oberkehr

## Assistant Principals

- Ms. Jeannine O'Brian
- Ms. Ashlee Henderson
- Mr. David Frank

## College/Career Counselor

- Ms. Jennifer Lee

## Registrar

- Ms. Jennifer Mitchell

## School Counselors

- Ms. Courtney Derisse (A-E0)
- Ms. Kimberly Grillo (EP-LE)
- Ms. Karin Ngai-Crim (LI-RI)
- Ms. Heather Ketterer (RO-Z)

# School Administration

## Deans

- Mr. Bud Beech
- Mr. Thomas Stanton
- Ms. Katherine Conklin

## Instructional Literacy Coach

- Ms. Molly Collett

## Testing Coordinator

- Ms. Sarah Halter

## Athletic Director

- Mr. Michael Harrison

# Graduation Requirements

To earn a standard high school diploma,  
you need a minimum of:

- 24 credits
- 2.0 *Unweighted* GPA
- Pass Grade 10 FAST Exam (ELA)
- Pass End-of-Course Math exam Algebra 1 and/or Geometry
- Concordant Scores if necessary
  - SAT and ACT scores

English - 4 credits

Math - 4 credits (Must  
include Alg 1, Geom)

Science - 3 credits (Must  
include Biology)

Social Studies - 3.5 credits  
(World, US, Gov't/Econ,  
Personal Financial Literacy)

HOPE - 1 credit

Performing Art/CTE - 1  
credit

Electives - 7.5 credits

24 Credits  
required to  
graduate

# Personal Financial Literacy Requirement

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- FLVS - Yes, course is offered but only standard or honors
- SJR DE - Yes, dual enrollment courses (FIN X100 or FIN X140)
- Currently, no AP courses satisfy this requirement
- Students will have 3 half-credit courses for senior year
- PVHS is currently reviewing possible course pairings for this requirement in the senior year.

# The HOPE question

- Florida statute requires students to take one (1) credit of physical education in high school, which must include the integration of health. This course requirement can be satisfied when students successfully complete Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE), a one-year course.
- Due to the content, students are encouraged to take the course no earlier than the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. The course includes topics such as Mental/Social Health, Alcohol and Drug Prevention, and Internet Safety. Students are eligible to begin the HOPE course upon their first day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade school year.
- \*\*If you sign up for HOPE before July, the MIDDLE SCHOOL approves the request
- Alternative options to meeting this requirement can be found in the High School Student Progression Plan at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/spp/high/courses/>

# Courses come in 4 sizes

- Standard - satisfies all Florida Graduation requirements.
- Honors - faster paced and more rigorous than standard.
- Advanced Placement (AP) - College level courses. Potential increase in workload, advanced reading and writing, more independent. AP Exam at the end of the school year in May.
- Dual Enrollment (DE) - Actual college courses taken through UNF or SJRSC. Can be virtual, on PVHS campus, or on the college campus. DE can be taken starting in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.



# GRADES

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STANDARD COURSES: SM1 (50% Q1, 50% Q2), SM2 (50% Q3, 50% Q4)

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COURSES WITH A DISTRICT FINAL EXAM: 45% Q1, 45% Q2, 10% EXAM

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COURSES WITH AN EOC: 17.5% Q1, 17.5% Q2, 17.5% Q3, 17.5% Q4, 30% EOC. NO SEMESTER GRADES, ONLY FINAL GRADE (ALG 1, GEOM, USH, BIOLOGY)

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DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE): ONE FINAL GRADE PROVIDED BY THE COLLEGE

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AP COURSES FOLLOW STANDARD COURSES GRADING PROCEDURES. AP EXAM DOES NOT HAVE EFFECT ON GRADE.

# GPA calculations

- Standard courses - 4.0 scale
- Honors courses - 4.5 scale
- AP Courses - 5.0 scale
- Dual Enrollment courses - 5.0 scale

Grade	Regular	Honors	College
A	4.00	4.50	5.00
B	3.00	3.50	4.00
C	2.00	2.50	3.00
D	1.00	1.50	2.00
F	0.00	0.50	1.00

# Honors/Accelerated Criteria – SJCS D

- A student currently enrolled in an Honors/Accelerated course is eligible to continue placement in an honors course if he/she has earned a Level 4 or 5 on State Assessments and at least a C in current honors/accelerated course.
- A student currently enrolled in a standard level course is eligible for placement in an honors course if he/she has earned a Level 4 or 5 on State Assessments or earned an A in current standard course.
- A student earning a Level 3 on a State Assessment can be considered for placement in an honors course if he/she has historical data to support placement or has received administrative recommendation.

# Students with IEPs or 504 Plans

## IEP

- Jeannine O'Brian is point of contact.
- All Landrum students and parents have been/will be given the opportunity for a transition IEP meeting.
- Landrum contact - Jodi Johnson.

## 504 Plans

- Ashlee Henderson is point of contact.
- All current 504 plans will transfer to PVHS School.

# Bright Futures

Combined,  
Not both



Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
<b>FAS</b>	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340  2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
<b>FMS</b>	3 - Social Science  2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210  2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

- BF recalculates the student's GPA using only these courses. The PVHS GPA is not the Bright Futures GPA!!
- Electives do not count in the Bright Futures GPA
- There is absolutely NO wiggle room. You must meet ALL requirements as stated.

# Typical 9<sup>th</sup> grade schedule

## ENGLISH

English 1 or English 1 Honors

## MATH

Algebra 1 (Hon),  
Geometry (Hon), or  
Algebra 2 (Hon)

## SCIENCE

Environmental Science,  
Physical Science Honors, or  
Biology (Hon)

## SOCIAL STUDIES

No 9<sup>th</sup> grade requirement.  
Psychology 1 and 2, Art History Honors,  
or AP Human Geography.

## HOPE

## WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish 1 or American Sign  
Language

ELECTIVE or  
ACADEMY COURSE

# 9<sup>th</sup> grade Electives

Art Electives	PE Electives	Drama Electives	Band	Other Electives
Drawing 1	HOPE (grad req)	Theatre 1	Band 1	ASL 1
Ceramics 1	Team Sports (PE)	Musical Theatre 1	Color Guard 1	Spanish 1 or 2
Pottery 1	Weight Training	Tech Theatre	Jazz Ensemble (must audition)	Journalism 1
Graphic Design 1				Psychology 1 & 2
Art History Honors				AP Human Geography
				Leadership

# What is Virtual Lab and Blended?

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Virtual Lab - Student takes a virtual course on campus in a lab that is monitored by a staff member.

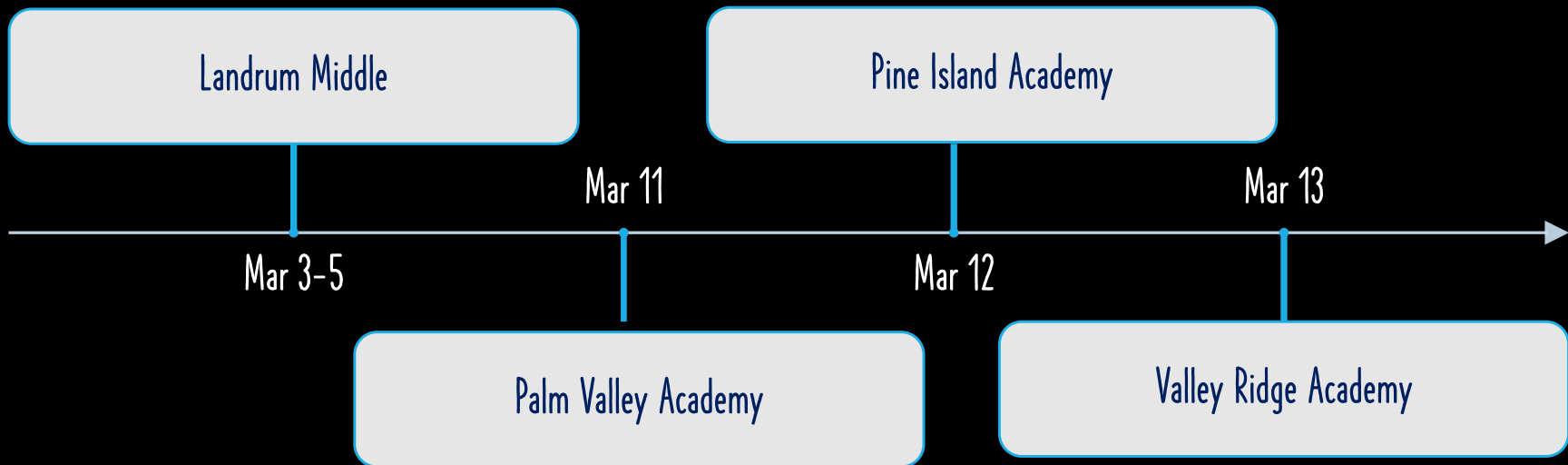
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Blended Schedule - Student takes full course load (7 credits). A combination of in-person on-campus courses and off-campus courses virtually. Must have minimum of 4 classes on campus.

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# PVHS 2024–2025 Middle School Registration Dates



*Other SJCS 8<sup>th</sup> graders accepted through Academy Lottery* - Paperwork will be sent to your current school counselor. Email will be sent with conference times to sign up. Then you will have a phone conference with a school counselor or Registrar for course requests

# Registration Procedures

- Students who currently attend a St. Johns County middle school:
  - Student Course Verification letters and registration procedures, will be sent home mid-February
  - Letter includes date and time and other helpful information
- Students must bring their **BLUE** student verification letter and elective course selection sheets completed and signed by a parent to register.
- Not in SJCS D yet? PVHS Guidance Department will contact you to set up your course selection appointment AFTER enrollment is completed online. Enrollment opens on March 1.

# Registration sheet signature requirement

## RECOMMENDED COURSES (THIS IS NOT A SCHEDULE):

Please review these courses carefully. Teachers at PVHS take course recommendations very seriously. **Discuss the workload with your child.**

- If you want to keep the course listed above, make no marks and sign below.
- If you want to change a course to a lower level, mark through the course and write the new course title. EX: English 4 Honors English 4
- If you want to change a course to a higher level, you must submit a course petition using the link. Requests will be reviewed using the SJCSH Honors Criteria. <https://forms.office.com/r/zShYpqLdaZ>



## HONORS/AP COURSE WORKLOAD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I am requesting **3 or more Honors/AP courses** in my schedule. I am aware of the workload associated with multiple Honors/AP level courses and know my schedule will **NOT** be changed to drop these courses outside of the schedule change window.

Student Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Change a level of a course procedure:

- To keep the courses recommended, make no marks and fill out the bottom of the sheet.
- To change to a LOWER level (AP → Honors, Honors → Standard), cross out the course and write the new course next to it. Sign bottom of sheet,
- To change to a HIGHER level (Standard → Honors, Honors → AP), you are required to fill out the Petition form using the QR code printed on the registration form.

# Registration sheet signature requirement

## SCHEDULING OPTIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_ FULL TIME ON CAMPUS - I will be taking 7 courses on campus at PVHS

\_\_\_\_\_ BLENDED ON CAMPUS - I will be taking 7 courses with a combination of virtual labs.      *Number of Labs (circle): 1   2*

\_\_\_\_\_ BLENDED OFF CAMPUS - I will be taking 7 courses ON AND OFF campus using FLVS/SJVS virtual courses.

Courses I will take virtually off campus: (max 3): \_\_\_\_\_ EOC

\_\_\_\_\_ EOC

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Students who did not follow through with blended period requirements in prior years will not be permitted to take blended periods in subsequent years.

Blended periods are NOT GUARANTEED and can fall at the beginning and/or end of the school day. Blended periods will NOT be moved once scheduled.

This course request verification sheet must be signed and returned to your student's school counselor during their course registration meeting. Your signature confirms that you agree to the above recommendations and/or changes, and you understand the SJCS schedule change request policy.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Blended ON Campus virtual lab periods are **ARE NOT GUARANTEED** and can fall anywhere in the school day.

Blended OFF Campus periods **ARE NOT GUARANTEED** and may fall at the beginning or end of the day, or a combination. Blended periods **WILL NOT** be changed once schedules are released.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Courses**  
**2025-2026**

Visual Arts	World Languages	Music	Drama / Theatre Arts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drawing 1</li> <li>▪ Ceramics/Pottery 1</li> <li>▪ Sculpture 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spanish 1</li> <li>▪ Spanish 2</li> <li>▪ American Sign Language 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Band</li> <li>▪ Color Guard</li> <li>▪ Jazz Ensemble (must audition)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Theatre 1</li> <li>▪ Musical Theatre</li> <li>▪ Tech Theatre</li> </ul>
Social Studies Electives	Technology Electives	Physical Education	Other Electives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Psychology 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>▪ Art History Honors (must meet honors criteria)</li> <li>▪ AP Human Geography (must meet honors criteria)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Graphic Design 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weight Training</li> <li>▪ Team Sports</li> <li>▪ HOPE – graduation req</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Journalism 1</li> <li>▪ Leadership</li> </ul>

**Please rank your choices for your elective courses. Please fill ALL lines.**

1<sup>st</sup> Elective choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Elective choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Elective choice: \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> Elective choice: \_\_\_\_\_

5<sup>th</sup> Elective choice: \_\_\_\_\_

6<sup>th</sup> Elective choice: \_\_\_\_\_

# PVHS Course Catalog

- 2025–2026 PVHS Course Catalog is posted on the school website on School Counselors' page.
- Course Descriptions are embedded into the catalog. It is designed to help with the selection process and answer specific questions pertaining to each course.
- Review carefully.
- The catalog answers many questions and offers course descriptions to help in the course selection process.

# Registration Tips

- Select 6 Elective Courses in order of preference. All 6 electives will not be on the student's schedule, but we cannot guarantee the first-choice elective.
- Students should NOT choose an elective they absolutely do not want... they could get it!
- Back to school orientation information will be shared in the early summer.
- First Day of High School is August 11.

# Remember...

- Make course selections carefully based on student's strengths.
- DO NOT OVERLOAD!!!
- It is important to take challenging courses but also be realistic when considering all obligations.
- Virtual options are available to students during the school day.
- Remember that the master schedule is built, and teachers are hired, based on course requests.
- Changes once the school year has started may NOT be possible. Schedule changes mid-year are not permitted.



# Registration Dates Reminders

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March - May 16 - View all course requests on HAC

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May 16 - Hard Deadline. NO changes of course request, NO petitions and NO changes to a blended schedule accepted after this date.

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Course Petition opens February 3 - May 16

# Plan for a successful transition

- Monitor grades and work on HAC and Schoology. Schoology parent access codes are found on the PARENT HAC.
  - PARENT HAC >> Registration menu >> middle of the page
- Encourage your student to get involved in campus activities
  - Clubs help students earn community service hours
- Help your student stay organized
- Read the PVHS emails
- Utilize the PVHS website - the School Counselor page is regularly updated with information

# Random Helpful Information

- School begins at 9:15am - 3:50pm (Wednesday early dismissal at 2:50pm)
- School access at 8:30am, including Media Center and cafeteria for breakfast
- Transition time between class periods: 5 minutes
- Restrooms and water fountains in each building
- 2 lunches (could change)
- Club fair is in September - get involved!
- Extra help/tutoring available - reach out to teacher to schedule before/after school. Many clubs also offer tutoring!
- Media center open all day
- 3 computer labs, plus 30 media center computers
- Traffic in the afternoons is heavy! Ride the bus!

# New Student Registration



If you are:

New Student to St.  
Johns County

Private School Student  
Home School Student

[https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/  
student/enrollment/](https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/)

Enrollment opens on  
March 1st

Once enrollment is  
completed, PVHS will  
contact you and set a  
time to discuss course  
selections for the 2025-  
26 school year

# Athletics

## Fall

Cheerleading

Cross country (b,g)

Dance

Football

Golf (b,g)

Swimming/Diving (b,g)

Volleyball (g)

## Winter

Basketball (b,g)

Soccer (b,g)

Wrestling (b,g)

Weightlifting (g)

## Spring

Baseball

Lacrosse (b,g)

Tennis (b,g)

Track & Field (b,g)

Softball

Volleyball (b)

Weightlifting (b)

Athletics Questions?

Athletic Director - [Michael.Harrison@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Michael.Harrison@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



Questions