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## Bigger & Better than ever

PCHS population peaks

By Grace Crestani  
The Bulletin Reporter

Parrish Community High School has just sent off its first class of seniors and has welcomed their largest student population yet.

The 2022-23 school year has brought with it many changes, arguably its biggest has been the dramatic increase in student body.

PCHS first opened in 2019 and enrolled about 540 students in the Freshman and Sophomore classes. Now, four years later, PCHS enrolled 2036 students as of August 26, and numbers are only expected to increase. The senior class alone has 450 students, almost twice the amount of last year's class.

However, with such a substantial student body increase, classes and hallways are overflowing and the school is quickly approaching its maximum

capacity. Assistant Principal Paul Champagne assures that PCHS is staying in and around the Florida class size amendment of twenty-seven students per class, but changes will be made to alleviate some of the larger classes. Champagne even hints at the construction of a building eight but states "we don't know when that is going to be built."

The striking increase in student population has not only affected the physical logistics of the school but the students' experiences. First year student Embry Cox is thoroughly enjoying her transition into high school but admits it has been a bit of an adjustment.

"It's crazy how many people are going here this year," Cox said, "I've been hearing how they've added one thousand plus students since the school opened and I think it shows." This period of adjustment is not

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limited to the first year students, as the PCHS upperclassmen are learning to deal with this remarkable population growth.

Senior Erin Osborne feels like this year's population is "insane" and remembers her freshman year when "the population was so small we all had the same lunch period."

Nevertheless, Parrish will continue to grow with the high school following right behind. Future schedule changes and teaching allocations will be made to ensure a prosperous future at PCHS.



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## New courses provide more avenues to student discovery

By Aliana Ontaneda  
The Bulletin Reporter

Parrish Community High school has welcomed more than 20 new classes this school year. The school has classes ranging from ROTC Approaches to Leadership to Horticulture. Not only were 20 new electives added, PCHS has new options for core classes as well.

"It's our job to make sure the students gets a well rounded educational experience," said Assistant Principal Melissa Gagnon.

When asked why the school has many new electives, Gagnon answered that these course offerings are what drives students to school; electives help the students find out what they love and what they want to do with their future or what they don't like and won't pursue.

New electives also help de-

partments grow, such as in the Fine Arts Department, which added a Men's Chorus, Bullpen Players and Technical Theatre class, only to name a few.

Due to the state of Florida changing the school curriculum, the core classes, such as English and Math, had to change as well. Many of the math classes given last year had to be restructured and renamed.

"Overall they've pretty much stayed the same; I mean math is math," said Heather Dietz, Math Department Lead.

English classes no longer use Common Core standards, but instead Benchmark for Excellent Student Thinking standards, or BEST standards along with Math classes.

Some new core classes were added, too. They include Math for College Algebra, Math for Data & Financial Literacy, and Forensic Science.

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### New Classes *Continued*

Forensic science, taught by a new teacher at Parrish, Michael Blalock teaches the science behind processing crime scenes.

"If we were teaching the same thing that we were teaching 20 years ago, we wouldn't make you competitive for the future," Gagnon said. "We have to keep you competitive with what colleges want from you to learn and what the job marketplace requires of you."



Technical Theatre students work on costuming, set pieces and props in this new fine arts elective course.

## New dean team includes two former teachers, one new Bull on campus

By **Hannah Mayhew**  
*The Bulletin Reporter*

An entire new team of staff took on the role of a Parrish Community High School dean.

PCHS has a total of three deans, Nicole Paternostro, Jenna Davies and Thomas Kemp. Starting a new position with big responsibilities is a major change.

The school's new deans have adapted well and are incredibly pleased with their new role.

"I love the fact that I get to connect with more people; both students and staff," Paternostro said. "I love to meet new people and expand my horizon from building 5."

Paternostro and Davies have been working at Parrish since its grand opening in 2019.

They have worked their way up to the dean position.

"I was compelled to become a dean because it is the next step to go into administration," Paternostro said. "It will provide me with another experience in the school system."

Deans have other roles in the school, such as girls' soccer

coach and cheerleading coach.

Davies has been the cheerleading coach since the school's first year and Paternostro has been the girls' soccer coach since the first year also.

"Coaching helped me learn that I have a passion for teaching," Paternostro said. Deans have positive impacts on the students at PCHS.

Junior Brienne Bonzheim said, "The new deans have always been friendly and create a positive environment."

Bonzheim is grateful for the impact they have on her everyday life at school.

This appreciation goes both ways. "Students are helping me grow professionally and as a person," Davies said, and Paternostro added, "Sometimes you do not know the impact you have on students until years down the road."

Kemp is the one dean that is completely new to PCHS.

## Array of unique clubs offers myriad of experiences

By **Divya Uralil**  
*The Bulletin Reporter*

A zen and calming atmosphere or an innovative and exciting one; students can be a part of both at PCHS. Although many students know about Key Club or HOSA, there is an array of clubs at PCHS, some of which are not widely known.

Yoga club has been a great stress reliever to junior Eleni Sarantopoulos. As Sarantopoulos juggles AP and Dual Enrollment classes, she finds that going to a yoga club makes school feel like more than the work aspect but also a ground to explore new things. She finds the yoga club to be a safe space of sorts, saying, "You don't have to worry about anyone else but yourself."

The club's current sponsor, a science teacher, Kayla McCarthy, provides a relaxing and chill area for members to destress and build stability, as well as strength both mentally and physically.

However, students who want a more thrilling after-school activity can join the rocketry club. They develop various rockets and launch them; however, as member Zebadiah Salek explains, it's trial and error. Creating the rockets, he explained, is fun especially when you're doing it with friends and it still amazes him how he's literally building real rockets.

This fun and hands-on club allows students to venture into a more precise and innovative person, the PCHS senior elaborated, and not to mention is rewarding when you get to see the rocket you've been working on for weeks, finally launch.

It's worth mentioning that there are still many clubs yet to be created at PCHS. Some of the many that students want to see include a pottery club, creative writing club, debate team, and a film club.

Anyone can start a club as long as they follow the right steps. As the Key Club sponsor Deputy Kristopher Townsley described, creating a club is quite easy,

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# Student Life

## BEHIND THE SCENES

## DREAM TEAM

### SGA prepares Homecoming events

By Emma Harlow

The Bulletin Reporter

Parrish Community High School's Student Government Association works hard to encourage student connection and growth all around the school.

They plan all the special events to promote student involvement, like homecoming, prom, football tailgates, spirit week and more.

For weeks, SGA worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that PCHS's second homecoming, on Sept. 10, was a hit. "I expect our homecoming dance to be substantially better than last year and SGA students make it possible," said Stacie Nelson, English and SGA teacher.

This year's homecoming date was out of SGA's hands. Administration decided the date based on how the schedule works out for the school year and what would be best for the students.

SGA was also informed to plan spirit week and the football game after the dance so there will be more student participation.

The student leader worked together in their planning committees to pull off a slew of events. This is the main job of SGA; they receive the dates from administration and work their hardest to produce something enjoyable and exciting for students.

"Those kids go above and beyond," Nelson said. When speaking with the SGA students, all of them unanimously agreed that their main sentiment was to make the PCHS students comfortable and happy throughout their high school career.

"Our group of people are all so positive," said Sullivan Morris, a working member of SGA. As SGA continues their work at PCHS, students will continue to see positive energy all around their school.



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### Clubs Continued

all students have to do is find a faculty member to sponsor the club and have the willingness to participate.

Clubs are the backbone to a school's sense of community and school pride. They can also aid students in creating new friends and give them an opportunity to participate. If you don't see a club that you'd like to join, remember that the process of creating a new one is always encouraged.



Left to right: Key Club members distribute food at Parrish United Methodist Church and win for most participants at the 5K at Benderson Park in September.



# Student Life

## *Dynamic Duos*

### Besties, siblings bond on campus

By **Kaitlyn Hoyer**

*The Bulletin Reporter*

PCHS has just kickstarted the start of the 2022-23 school year, and friends are being reunited all around campus.

Sophomore Bodie Jernigan and junior Isabella Hohmeister have been good friends since last school year.

They met in first period SGA, and started talking about *The Crucible*, a performance that their theater classes were putting on. "We just kept talking from there...now you [Hohmeister] drive me to and from school," Jernigan said. Hohmeister said she had heard about Jernigan and his role in *The Crucible* before they met.

"I was like oh wait, he's in my first period let me talk to him," Hohmeister recalled. "As I got to know him; he's very chaotic, but you know, a good chaotic."

Hohmeister added that Jernigan is not just chaotic, but very caring and supportive.

"Anytime I need to talk to

someone I know that I can go to him," she said. Jernigan said that his favorite qualities about Hohmeister are that she's nice and fun to be around.

Jernigan recalled a time when he went to a game where he was all by himself; "I called her and she made everything okay," he said. Aside from the duo's obvious loyalty, Jernigan and Hohmeister have a very dynamic friendship.

Jernigan and Hohmeister explained how they love to go to Starbucks, 7/11, and concessions in the gym together to take funny pictures for Snapchat.

Both friends agreed that Jernigan was the crazy one out of the two; "I have to keep him in check," Hohmeister said.

Jernigan and Hohmeister clearly have a vibrant friend-

ship, and will continue to make more memories as the school year wears on.



**Bodie Jernigan and Isabella Hohmeister**

### Blood Bond

Siblings are also attending PCHS together as the new school year has started. Brothers Connor and Jacob Ware are attending as a senior and a sophomore.

Connor described how he drives Jacob to school every day, along with waking him up in the mornings.

They said that they like being able to see each other around school.

Jacob is a very active person who loves to spend time

outside, "I like to fish, ride bikes, hang out with friends, [and play] basketball," he said. According to Connor, Jacob

can also be a little mischievous at times.

Connor loves to bake and cook in his free time, and Jacob said that Connor liked to play video games as well.

Connor and Jacob have a younger brother and a step-brother at home; however, both brothers agree that they are closest to one another because they get to go to school together.

Jacob talked about how he is appreciative when Connor helps him with homework and drives him to their church group on Wednesday nights.

Connor enjoys going to youth group and hobby shops together. The siblings said they have an occasional argument between them here and then, "but most of the time we're best friends," Connor said.

*"He's very chaotic, but you know, a good chaotic."  
- Isabella Hohmeister about her good friend Bodie Jernigan*

## HOSA looks towards more growth, new opportunities

By **Kaylani Pusateri**

*The Bulletin Reporter*

Many students at Parrish Community High School have dreams of going into the medical field and someday pursuing a career in medicine.

What most of those students don't know is that there is a perfect opportunity to get involved while still in high school. HOSA Future Health Professionals is

a student led organization that allows students to become immersed in opportunities through competition, community service, and leadership.

This year, HOSA has a new advisor, Amber Porter, who is excited about the new opportunities that this club will bring to PCHS. Porter said she is "very excited to get things going and start a great new legacy."

Despite the nervousness that Porter

feels about being the new advisor, she said she has goals of winning competitions and getting titles for our club.

Porter has been a nurse for 20 years and has worked in nursing homes and various other medical settings, so although she is not new to the atmosphere, this is her first year being a teacher, so there are some challenges to overcome.

"I am looking forward to growing our chapter and just gaining more knowledge

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# Arts

## New performing arts classes grow talent-filled program

By Sumaya Joseph

The Bulletin Reporter

The performing arts department is on the rise. The population spike at Parrish Community High School is no secret, and in order to adjust to all the new students there are many changes taking place in all areas on campus, including the arts.

Since the performing arts department first started at PCHS in 2019, it's already grown significantly and will continue to do so. According to choral and piano teacher, Kerrie Carrier, when the performing arts first took off within the walls of Parrish, there were only a mere 150 students in the program overall, and since then it has advanced to more than 600 students. One of the biggest adaptations made in the department has been leveling classes, that way students can be in a class tailored more towards their skill level. With more students come more classes and six performing arts classes quickly turned into over 20. The program started with one teacher, current department head Kendall Carrier and now boasts four teachers with classes in orchestra, band, choir, piano, theory, dance and theatre. New classes include men's choir, Current (vocal ensemble), Bullpen Players (advanced acting), Prelude (strings), technical theatre, and jazz fundamentals. Mrs. Carrier explained that even through all the changes, the message performing arts hopes to convey to each and every student has stayed the same. The department

aims to emphasize the importance of the characteristics of pride, accountability, responsibility, respect, integrity, service, and honesty, tenants you can see on the PCHS performing arts T-shirts. These traits are instilled every day, on and off campus. Mrs. Carrier strives to mold students into impactful members of society. "We feel like our students can have a larger impact on the school as a whole by using these qualities in everything they do on campus," Mrs. Carrier said.

Theatre teacher Olga Peña echoed Mrs. Carrier's sentiments, noting that performing arts classes are about more than putting on great shows. "Students in these classes find a place to express their creativity, build community, and grow in character and work ethic," Peña said. She beamed when also commenting on the growth in the department. "I started with three theatre classes last school year and now have five that are bursting at the seams, not only in numbers but in talent and drive."

Returning students seem to be further invested in the program, and incoming students are interested in what performing arts has to offer. Freshman Thea Houston said she was never interested in choir before, but since starting the school year has changed her perspective and wishes to further pursue singing. Houston is eager to start getting into shows as the year progresses.

"I think choir, along with all of performing arts, enforces positivity in everyone, and for some people is a reason to keep going even in difficult times," Houston said.



From left, clockwise: Jazz class in full swing, men's choir students Caleb Couchois and Annias Davis, one of two dance classes warm up, and Bullpen Players practice mime techniques.



# Arts

## POP camp set tone for marching season

By Ailani Maximo-Beltran  
The Bulletin Reporter

The Pride of Parrish Marching Band wowed packed stands with their new program in August, but preparation started even before the school year began.

The pressure was on the marching band to perform on August 19. This was a special event for everyone this school year, especially the freshmen because it was their first high school band performance.

One of the many factors that helped the new students be prepared was marching band camp.

Those who were interested in playing for the band attended the camp. Camp started in the summer on July 26 and ended on August 6, as stated on the Parish Community High School website.

The camp was designed to catch up the incoming students and learn about musical composition.

Kendall Carrier, marching band director and fine arts department lead, was asked about the progress the players were able to make and he responded that they were able to learn about the half of the show and the drill and were happy with how much progress they made.

This experience was also a good way for the new students to familiarize themselves with whom they would be playing.

Being in the marching band means working together and synchronizing to perform an incredible piece. Doing that requires technicality and teamwork to be able to construct musical pieces.

This technicality requires lots of practice and precision with the amount of pressure on them to perform well. During their performances, the pressure is on to execute music, formations and choreography with

precision. The musicians don't get a second chance after that moment and they have to make it count.

When asked about how he handled the pressure, freshmen marching band musician Moncef Terzi responded,

"You should always focus on what you want to do now because it will be too late and we can't take that back."

He also commented that even though the pressure is on them Carrier reassures them to have fun and not let it get to them and just play.

This is not the only time when they will have to face the pressure of putting on a great performance. They will also have to do this during competitions when the stakes are much higher.

Playing at the halftime games will only be practice for their competition in November.

This is a way of preparing themselves as this is how they will be judged in the competition.

The competition consists of the marching band playing their halftime show and getting judged on how well they performed.

The marching band will perform at three regional competitions before they move on to state championships. During these competitions, they will be traveling for parts of it.

Terzi was asked about how he felt about traveling. "I honestly think it's going to be



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*"I honestly think it's going to be a lot of fun being on the bus with everyone in a community where everyone is just so welcoming," said freshman Moncef Terzi about the coming marching band competition season.*

a lot of fun being on the bus with everyone in a community where everyone is just so welcoming," Terzi said. Fort Lauderdale, Durant, and other places in Florida are some of the places they will be traveling to.

Although competitions are a big part of marching band, they are not the main focus.

Being in the marching band means having school spirit, being in the performing arts, and contributing to making school a better place.

# Sports

## UNDEFEATED

### Football team starts season strong

By Maya Krone

The Bulletin Reporter

Down, Set, Hike! Football season is here and bigger than ever. Being a part of Parrish Community High School's football team is a full time commitment for the young men practicing three hours a day and five days a week.

Coach Travis Baity is the defensive coordinator and has been a coach at PCHS since last April (Spring Season). "Everything that our players are doing is building a culture of success on and off the field," Baity said. He explained that one of the biggest goals for the season is and will always be to win championships.

The PCHS football team has been practicing all summer for this season, and is stronger than ever. Jude Johnson is an 11th grade student at PCHS and is a starting varsity offensive player, #80 on the field. He said he really enjoys being on the other side of



the fence this year as he rediscovered his love for football after three years of not touching the field. His message for the student section is to "get loud!"

Friday night lights are where the memories are made and not just for athletes.

The highly attended sport is important for a large part of the school campus because it involves cheer, dance, band, color guard, JROTC, SGA, and many more.

As of Sept. 23, the football team is undefeated.



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## Girls golf team readies for another stellar season

By Abbie Lutsch

The Bulletin Reporter

After a successful year of placing 3rd in districts, the girls golf team is ready to kick off a great 2022-23 season.

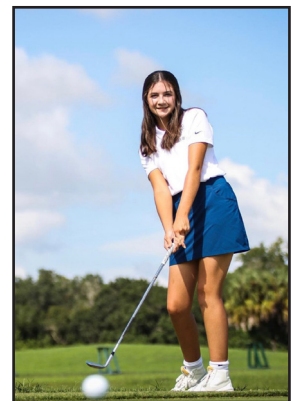
This year there are nine girls on the team, which is more than previous seasons. Erin Lisch, head coach of the girl's golf team said with excitement that out of the nine girls, Maya Krone stood out to her.

Krone is a freshman at Parrish Community High School and will be starting in the two spot. With her sister Marissa Krone, a junior, also on the team, Lisch is looking forward to the sibling battle. "I think that throughout the year, she can kind of battle with her sister for

that number one spot," Lisch said with a joyful smile.

Krone is ready to take her positive mindset into her first season at PCHS and is ready to make a statement. "I am helping make an impact on the team by playing the best I can every day and keeping a positive attitude," Krone said. Not only is Krone ready to play on the green, she also is ready to make new memories with her teammates. This season the team is getting attention from Golf Galaxy. Lisch is excited for all the events that she and Golf Galaxy have in store for the team, which include private lessons. "Girls' sports in general don't

get much attention and it's neat seeing somebody reached out to us," Lisch said. Golf Galaxy isn't just offering lessons for the girls but also provided the team with a donation for entries in tournaments.



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Golf players (left to right) Leila Payne and Braelyn Fletcher



# Sports

## Cross country sets records from day one

By Trevor Carrell  
The Bulletin Reporters

"The team really comes together very well as a group and they like to push each other as a team." That is what Cross Country coach Katherine Hyde had to say about the Bulls.

Practicing every day they can, the Bulls strive to get better.

Cross Country has been setting records from the start, led by the seniors of the team.

Hyde said she expects her seniors to come up big for the team this season, saying they all have done a tremendous job so far.

Jennifer Swenson, Sidney Buice, Ryan Swenson, and Cohen Buice all started their seasons strong by setting their PRs in the Dunbar Tiger Jamboree in Fort Myers in the first meet of the season.

After being asked what the most challenging thing the team has come across so far, Hyde said it was running on a lot of flat terrain, "So we don't really see a whole lot of hills or varying terrain when we train. We are just trying to overcome that and make sure we build strength in other ways."

At the 14th Annual Jim Ryun FCA Invitational 2022, Buice led the boys

5000M getting 47th and running a 19:27.90.

Leading the girls was Swenson getting 7th and running a 21:51.00.

At North Port on Sept. 18, Girls were 6th of 15 teams with a 22:42 average. Swenson was 8th out of 137 runners.

Boys were 4th of 22 teams with a new team average of 18:35. Jacob Mattson set a new school record with an 18:02 time, landing 22nd out of 162 runners.

In JV action, Boys were 9th of 15 team, with Logan Goelz 45th of 172 runners. For the Girls, Anna Kennedy set a big PR of 27:57, 38th of 151 runners.



Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams, practice below, and senior Jennifer Swenson.



## Volleyball teams are off to great season start

By Alyse Renda  
The Bulletin Reporter

The 2022 volleyball season has started at Parrish Community High School.

This season is being coached by Danielle Stevenson once again. Both Junior Varsity and Varsity teams have had many big wins through preseason and season play, which goes on until the middle of October when they play Palmetto.

First year varsity sophomore, Emma Mikelatis said she can't wait until that game. "I am really looking

forward to playing Palmetto at the end of the season; it is going to be a really fun game."

Mikelatis is excited to be playing on varsity after playing on JV Blue the past year.

Other than those two teams, Varsity and JV Blue, they also have a freshman team called JV White.

On Varsity this year there are four seniors, Abby Eldredge, Emma Ferreira, Hannah Rowe, and Natalie Rodrigues.

This year the captains leading the team are Abby Eldredge and Natalie Rodrigues.



PCHS Volleyball has three teams: Varsity, JV and freshman.



Jamie Blatt Photography



## ESSAY WINNERS

Two PCHS students won an essay contest on Sept. 19.

The Rotary Club of Bradenton held their Constitution Day luncheon where three finalists read their essays, "What the Constitution Means to Me."

PCHS Senior Brice Carlton won 1st Place, earning a medal and \$1,000.

Thiago Vega took third place for his essay and won \$250.



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## HOSA Continued

about this club", Porter said. The club is led by a team of officers consisting of a president, vice president, communications officer, and a webmaster. Senior Katelyn Powe, the communications officer, has been in HOSA since her sophomore year.

"HOSA has helped me learn all the different careers that the medical field can branch out to," Powe said. Powe, along with many other members of the club, are excited about the new chances that this year will bring. The club president, Senior Rezlyn Krueger said, "There are so many different careers in the medical field, HOSA is a great way to explore those careers and your interests."

# Junior, Senior Advisory Boards hold big responsibilities

By Madyson Greeman

The Bulletin Reporter

With the start of a new school year, it is imperative to have a junior and senior board that displays leadership skills and organizes various opportunities in hopes of making this school year memorable for the class of 23' and 24'.

Behind the planning of Junior and Senior Prom, the Junior Advisory Board is working diligently on putting together a memorable dance. The Senior Advisory Board helps create memories for the graduating class with well put together activities and various senior events.

There are 20 members in the Junior Advisory Board this year, all consisting of females, but they hope to broaden their members and welcome in males in the upcoming years. The ultimate goal/purpose of JAB is to organize the best junior and senior prom, which is being planned and prepared all year round.

One of the JAB sponsors, Dana Licata said she is very excited to see what this year holds considering the very creative group of juniors she has on the board. "Everything they have done has gone above and beyond the expectations and makes my job easier," Licata said. Junior Advisory Board member Sullivan Morris is excited to be a part of something new and exciting to Parrish Community High School.

Morris joined JAB for the thrill of helping with prom for the 2022-23 school year. "I worked on it last year with SGA, and I wanted to be a part of that again because I really enjoyed it," Morris said. She is constantly seeking more ways to get involved with her high school and finds JAB to be a great way to have her voice heard and be a part of something bigger than

herself. "I'm excited to work together with this great group of people to put on a really good prom that everyone will be excited about and enjoy," Morris said.

This year there are 25 members on the Senior Advisory Board. SAB meets once a month on either Tuesday or Wednesday and depending on when an event gets closer, meetings may differ.

Senior Advisory Board sponsor Heather Dietz said, "This year's group of SAB members is very enthusiastic about wanting to make this a memorable year. I can tell how excited they are and how they want to do a good job for their fellow seniors."

Senior Advisory Board member Kaylani Pusateri is excited to be a part of a new experience for seniors as well as making the best memories with the senior class.

Pusateri joined SAB because she wanted to be a part of the decision making and have a say in what the senior class does and celebrate them. SAB is planning events such as senior dinner, senior awards, etc. "I am excited to see what all events we can organize and can't wait to plan fun events for the seniors," Pusateri said.



PCHS's first senior class celebrates at graduation in May 2022.

# PCHS Theatre wins national honor

*Special to the Bulletin*

Parrish Community High School is proud to announce their Theatre Department is joining a short list of high schools across the U.S., chosen to be the first to perform Disney's Frozen.

On Sept. 9, Playbill.com and other theatrical websites announced PCHS as the Florida winner of the United States of Frozen contest.

Only 51 U.S. high schools (one school, per state) earned the exclusive rights to produce the full-length Disney Broadway musical.

The United States of Frozen: Love is an Open Door competition was open to any high school theatre program in the U.S., includ-

ing U.S. territories. Winning schools receive the rights to perform a show that is not yet licensed to any theatres outside of the Broadway tour.

The contest is a collaboration between the Disney Theatrical Group, Educational Theatre Association, and Music Theatre International.

"The honor is mind-blowing in any regard, but even more so for a new school that has produced only one full-length musical," said PCHS theatre teacher and director Olga Peña, who applied for the contest. "It goes to show how much talent, skill, creativity, vision and passion our fine arts department has. Our students and staff are top notch, as evidenced by the professionalism demon-

strated in our production of The Wizard of Oz."

Peña explained that even that one show demonstrated to adjudicators the incredible skill on the PCHS stage, in the live orchestra, and behind the scenes.

"I know they also were impressed and inspired by our incorporating of elementary school students and community support to produce a heartwarming show in 'The Wizard of Oz,'" Peña said. "Our students and community are amazing, so I'm grateful that this national spotlight can shine on the art and heart our program has to offer."

More information on performance dates will be released later this month.



## FFA grows, volunteers, starts planning for fair



**By Rylee Skillman**

*Special to The Bulletin*

The Parrish Community FFA chapter started events off in full swing this year, with bursting group membership, and a newly inducted 2022-23 officer team that

has been working non-stop since day one.

The team has been busy planning many service projects they are excited to set into motion this year, such as volunteering at Hunsader's, and hosting showmanship clinics for

younger exhibitors in the community.

While the officers have been busy planning service projects, members have been planning and preparing to start fair projects.

With close to 100 members, the Parrish Community barn and land lab is bursting at the seams with four market steers, two beef heifers, 14 pigs, two rabbits, and a bunch of chickens on campus.

As impressive as those numbers are, that doesn't include the dairy heifers or dairy goats on the way or the members who are raising their fair projects at home.

Membership also is on the rise.

More than 75 members were present on Sept. 6 for the first meeting, and the classroom was full.

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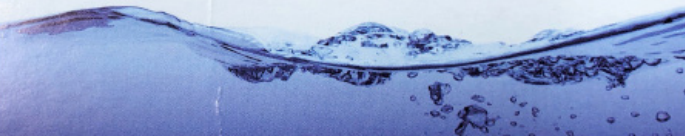
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