

PALMETTO SCHOLARS ACADEMY



Weekly Update: **January 7, 2021**

Send your submissions to newsletter@psaschool.org

[PSA Staff List](#) ● [A Quick Guide for Help](#)

NEWS AND NOTES

Duke TIP

Talent programs through Duke are currently suspended.

More information is available [here](https://tip.duke.edu/updates/suspension-duke-tip-programs-questions-and-answers):
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PSA 2021-2022 Open Enrollment

The Open Application Period runs from December 17, 2020 through January 31, 2021. The lottery will be held on February 17, 2021. Siblings (non-enrolled) of current PSA students will need to apply for the 21-22 lottery. Current PSA students do not need to apply for the lottery.

Click on link below to [APPLY NOW](http://psaschool.integrity6.com/):
<http://psaschool.integrity6.com/>

Counselor's Corner and Academic Advising Updates

Click [LINK](#) for Middle and High school news from our school Counselors!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S-S0-RQFtX-BHejKpepyKLul3ISDk75li-y0EKgKi3fng/edit?ts=5f-f76a5e>

The Daffodil Project at PSA



Photo provided by Lainey Crafton and Mrs. Rachel Crafton

Hello, my name is Lainey Crafton. A couple students and I partnered with the Remember Project to bring the Daffodil Project to PSA!

So what is the Daffodil Project?

It is a Living Holocaust Memorial where organizations from all around the world plant daffodils in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust and in support for children suffering in humanitarian crises in the world today.

We have the honor of being able to participate in this wonderful opportunity. We ordered the daffodils December 10th and they arrived on the 14th. This past Sunday, January 3rd, we were able to plant 250 daffodil bulbs! We planted the bulbs in the front of the school, parallel with the Palmetto Scholars Academy sign. Special shoutout to Duaa, Alyssa, and Aliah Jamaluddin as well as Johanna and Patrick West for coming out and helping us planting. Additionally, thank you to Mrs. H, Mrs. Pam, and Mr. Shawn who also helped us with the planting. In order to celebrate, we will be holding an online ceremony Sunday January 10th @4:00pm.

The ceremony is expected to last 45 minutes at the maximum. We have a special guest, Reggie Guigui, a child of a survivor; she will be sharing her parents' story. We look forward to seeing you there!

Here is the [link](#) to register,

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0pcuCoqzksGdNou1eCyRSDdqhontb-Ynky>



PSAT/NMSQT

Hello PSA students and parents,

The PSAT/NMSQT is a standardized test that PSA will be offering to 8th, 10th and 11th graders on **January 26th, 2021**. 11th graders can choose to take the SAT instead. This test will be taken in person on the PSA campus. Like the SAT, it measures the knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and math students learn in the classroom—the same knowledge and skills your child needs to succeed in college and career. Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT qualify for a chance to win scholarships and recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and other scholarship partners. The PSAT/NMSQT has three parts: the Reading Test, the Writing and Language Test, and the Math Test. PSA is offering this assessment free of charge.

Due to funding requirements, 10th Grade students must have a completed permission form. [Link to Permission Form](#). Please complete this form and **return to destiny.grant@psaschool.org**.

How to Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044FADA62CA6FF2-psat>

Test Day Information

The test administration will begin promptly at 9 am. Late students will not be admitted. The test will conclude at 12:45 pm.

What to Bring:

- Two No. 2 pencils with erasers
- [An approved calculator](#)
- Epinephrine auto-injectors (e.g., EpiPens) are permitted without the need for accommodations. They must be placed in a clear bag and stored under the student's desk during testing. For policies on other medications and medical devices, contact Services for Students with Disabilities.

What Not to Bring

- Any devices, including smartwatches, that can be used to record, transmit, receive or play back audio, photographic, text, or video content
- Protractors, compasses, rulers
- Highlighters, colored pens, colored pencils, mechanical pencils
- Pamphlets or papers of any kind

All electronic devices will need to be turned off and collected by the proctor. You will be dismissed immediately and your scores will be canceled if you use your phone or if it makes a noise—even during breaks.

Destiny Grant, M.Ed.
Assistant Principal of Operations
Palmetto Scholars Academy

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PSA complaint form

A formal complaint form is now available on the school website. Individuals can choose to identify themselves or remain anonymous. We encourage people to identify themselves so that we can follow up with them to gather more information or regarding the result. To find the form, visit the school website at www.psaschool.org "About us" General Information and then "PSA Complaint Form. A Kudos & Complaints box will also be available at the front desk area very soon.

"Encuentre información pertinente para el regreso al campus escolar [aquí](#)"

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J7wLP3aXbVhRqZE-5j0OwJ6_lwdHnFr-WsWKJEateAUzg/edit?usp=sharing

Attendance Guidelines

All attendance correspondence, including excuses should be directed to attendance@psaschool.org.



NHS tutoring

NHS tutoring is a service offered by the school's National Honor Society to help students succeed in their classes. This includes working through homework, going over lessons, and working towards building better study habits and plans!

We currently offer one-on-one appointments as well as a weekly Thursday Session.

The one-on-one appointments can be scheduled [here](#). The student and tutor will work together as needed/scheduled for about an hour on whatever the student needs help with. We have seven tutors who are all phenomenal at what they do, and we currently offer tutoring in all subjects other than Physics and French. More information about each tutor and what they specialize in can be found on the appointments form linked above.

The Thursday Session is available to all and is the remote learning version of prior years' NHS tutoring. Everyone is split into groups based on topic and works with a tutor for an hour. **These occur every Thursday from 4-5pm. Here is the recurring link.**

Recently, to make tutoring more effective, we have created some new guidelines.

First, please remember to respect your tutor and their time! We are also students with demanding schedules.

Please let us know in advance if you need to cancel an appointment and give us at least a 24 hours notice for new appointments.

We have also created a one-on-one appointment ban, which is up to tutor discretion. This means that if a student is banned, they are no longer allowed to book one-on-one sessions. HOWEVER, they are still allowed to come to the Thursday session. We are trying to use this as little as possible as we understand the difficulties of remote learning.

Please feel free to email Saanvi Prashant Somani at ssomani@psaschool.org with any questions or concerns.

Submitted by Saanvi Prashant Somani

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Join PCA

PSA Families,
Please join our school. The PCA is a volunteer organization that strives to "fill the gaps" in emerging needs the faculty and administration has throughout the year.

Any faculty member is eligible to request funding for their class, LEAP day class, club or organization from the PCA.

Sign up online at this [link](#).

The direct link to sign up is at <https://form.jotform.com/80445108629155>

Thanks so much for your help and investment in the PSA community! We're going to make this a great school year!

Many thanks,
The PCA Board
www.psapca.com

Travel with PSA in 2022



Mrs. Hudgens's Spain & Morocco

explorica.com/Hudgens-5107
April 07 - April 15, 2022

Travel to Spain and Morocco with Mrs. Diana Hudgens and PSA during the spring break of 2022. The trip is open to any PSA student, not just Spanish students.

The group will tour Madrid, Gibraltar, Casablanca and other sites.

To see the full itinerary and cost, go to www.explorica.com/hudgens-5107.

Deadlines for risk-free booking and a \$200 early enrollment voucher have been extended through Feb. 25, 2021.

The Risk-Free Guarantee offers enrollments made through Feb. 25, 2021, the ability to cancel with a 100% full cash refund before May 1, 2021. Also available through Feb. 25, 2021, is a \$200 Traveler Savings. New enrollments can use the voucher code - Travel7H - to get \$200 off.

For more information, email at diana.hudgens@psaschool.org.



PSA Yearbook needs your help!

Upload your PSA Community photos and help us make this yearbook special.

**CLICK HERE
TO SUBMIT
YEARBOOK
PHOTOS.**

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MUSC
Toy
Drive
ends

The MUSC Toy Drive of December is now over as of today! So far, 554/140 donations and a total of \$725 have been received. We have finished collecting all of the donations and wish to thank all who have participated in the MUSC Drive! Thank you, PSA Community, for being a driving force of kindness during this tough season. Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns at Mrahimi16@psaschool.org.

The award will be presented soon!

Take care, and Happy 2021!

Meelad Rahimi and the Drive Committee



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MUSC Toy Drive Chart

Age Group	Item	Time (6hr Max)	Final Count
Infant	General Toys (No stuffed animals)	30 mins	33
Infant	Picture Books	30 mins	32
Infant	Rattles, Push Toys, pacifiers, and Baby Bottles	30 mins	22
Preschool	Play Dolls	30 mins	12
Preschool	Fisher-Price Toys	30 mins	9
Preschool	Musical Toys	30 mins	8
School Age	Construction Toys	30 mins	52
School Age	Dolls	30 mins	42
School Age	Board/Card Games	30 mins	37
School Age	Building Toys (LEGOs)	30 mins	18
School Age	Action figures	30 mins	8
Teens	Craft Kits, Bracelets, and Scrunchies	30 mins	13
Teen	Bracelets	30 mins	9
Teen	Blankets	30 mins	14
Teen	Sanitary Products	30 mins	153
Teen Girls	Coloring Books	30 mins	81
Teen Boys	Sports Games (Spike Ball, etc.)	30 mins	6
All Ages	Art supplies: Crayons, Markers, Paper, etc.	30 mins	42
All Ages	Monetary Donation	30 mins	\$725

*All community service hours must manually be submitted at <https://www.psaschool.org/log-volunteer-hours/> *