



# What's New at Chi Chi's?

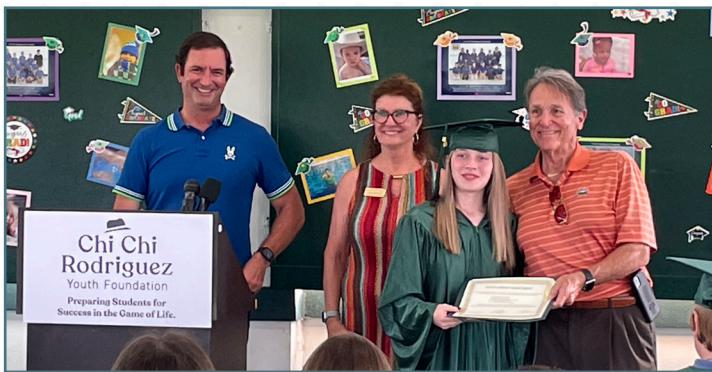
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## Celebrating the Academy's 8th Grade Graduates and Higher Learning Scholarship Recipients!

At the end of May, the Academy hosted graduation for our 8th grade students. As in tradition, each of the graduates spoke about their Chi Chi experience and shared their future plans with the crowd of teachers, family and supporters. A highlight of the evening was when Committee Members Scott Brown and Linda Damsky along with Board Member Elliott Ross awarded 3 Higher Learning Scholarships! Congrats to Marissa for earning the full scholarship this year, receiving up to \$4,000 for any higher learning post high school graduation. Also, congrats to Brianna and Tariq who received half scholarships.

Congratulations 8th grade class of 2022! We know you will accomplish so much in high school and beyond!



Graduation Photos: [www.facebook.com/ChiChiAcademy](http://www.facebook.com/ChiChiAcademy)

Graduation Video: <https://youtu.be/OV3S9R7nIMo>



**"I have been attending Chi Chi's since 4th grade and it has been a wonderful experience...since I have been here I have improved so much and I hope to carry on my success through High School."  
~Marissa, Higher Learning Scholarship Recipient**

**Special Thank You's to:  
Claire Cousins & Ele Fox  
Sue Morgan**

Top Left: Tariq, Luis and Khalil; Top Right: Nevaeh with former vegetable garden volunteer Sue Morgan; Middle: Marissa receiving her Higher Learning Scholarship Award from Board Member Elliott Ross and Scholarship Committee Members Scott Brown and Linda Damsky; Bottom Left: Nevaeh's family dressed up for the occasion; Bottom Right: Yael gives his speech as Academy Director Josh Meurer looks on

## Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic  
November 13th & 14th  
Chi Chi Golf Club



Mission: to educate students in a public-private partnership and improve their academic performance, self-esteem and character using the golf course as a living classroom.

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Top: all students, staff and Tampa Bay Buccaneers Street Team together;  
 Bottom Left: 4th grader Adrianna with Street Team Cheerleader: Bottom Right: 5th grader Harmanii and 4th grader Natalie about to race the inflatable obstacle course

## Last Day of School with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Street Team!

What a way to end the school year! After all the hard work, Florida Standards Assessments and end-of-course exams, we wanted to finish the year with a lot of fun... insert the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Street Team. This awesome group set up an inflatable obstacle course and passing station, as well as a trailer featuring two huge screens to play the Madden NFL video game. With music filling the field, students ran to each of the set ups and even set up their own football games. To say our students enjoyed the day is a huge understatement.

**Shout out to the Street Team for making this a memorable day and to Newsom Eye Center for setting this experience up!**

## 8th Grade Lunch at Island Way Grill!

During the last week of school, the annual Aquilar Family 8th grade celebration was back this year with a lunch at Island Way Grill! The day included a private room set up just for our students, where they enjoyed all you can eat sliders, sandwiches, fries, mac & cheese and of course, ice cream sundaes! During lunch, students enjoyed "Bandingo!" with Emcee Johnny G, which combines bands, bingo, trivia and game shows for interactive entertainment.

**Huge thank you to Jason & Sheri Aquilar and Amber Lucas for hosting this amazing day for our students!**



Top: 8th graders at Island Way Grill with the lunch hosts Jason and Sheri Aquilar and Amber Lucas; Bottom: Luis shows off his "Bandingo" card and winning prize.

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