

## FSW COLLEGIATE HIGH STUDENTS EMBRACE GARDENING

Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School has a new horticulture program on its Charlotte campus and the students are “eating it up.” TEAM provided the materials to create and maintain ten garden plots. The Punta Gorda Garden Club is mentoring the students. The 2018-19 freshmen and sophomore class, under the capable direction of teacher Jesse Sutton, learned about soil and chose seeds appropriate for the season.



*Teacher Jesse Sutton (above left) lectures his student gardeners at the Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School - Charlotte Campus in Punta Gorda. Below left, students prepare beds with new soil.*



Before long the group had a new crop of tomatoes, kale, carrots and lettuce. At this writing a new semester is underway and beds have been refreshed with soil.

TEAM School Gardens Chair Marilyn Pachota reports that she is “very impressed” with what the students are doing. Marilyn is also Youth Garden Chair for the Punta Gorda Garden Club. A perfect partnership!