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## Principal's Message

Greetings Panthers,

As the Proud Principal of Dillard High Schools 6-12, now more than ever, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you back to another school year. As we embark upon this year prepared for e-learning, I can assure you that the teachers and staff remain firmly committed to providing a safe learning environment where students are empowered to engage in the learning process through creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving. Our teachers and staff have engaged in e-learning trainings and professional development throughout the summer to ensure their readiness for engaging in the e-learning platform at the highest levels.

Since the last time we were together as a school, you have weathered many challenges in such a short time. You have witness some of the foundations of life as you know it (family, school, education, friendships), disrupted by a global pandemic, social unrest, and the passing of our dearly beloved Head Football Coach, Mr. Eddie Frazier. It has been a lot, nonetheless, we are here; prepared to take on the challenges of a brand new school year. Your resilience is astounding.

As I have said for years now, "Together We Make Great Things Happen." Our teamwork has been more evident over the past few months than ever before. It is our Dillard pride, connection, and community that has helped us during the most difficult of times. As we embark upon a new school year and embrace a new way of learning, I want to encourage and assure you that academic success remains a top priority to us. Together, we will we work hand in hand to meet the coming challenges that lay ahead as only we can.

Casandra D. Robinson, Principal

## Dillard High 6-12 Alma Mater

We fling thy standard on the air,  
Dillard High, my Dillard High.  
The gray and blue so pure to flair,  
Dillard High, my Dillard High.  
We'll keep it poudly floating there  
An emblem of they watchful care  
And for thy sake we'll do and dare  
Dillard High, my Dillard High.

Our loyalty we now proclaim  
Dillard High, my Dillard High.  
Our hearts are glowing with its flame  
Dillard High, my Dillard High.  
O, may we live to guard from shame  
The purity of Dillard's name,  
And all they virtues wide proclaim,  
Dillard High, my Dillard High.

O Alma Mater, strong and free  
Dillard High, my Dillard High.  
Thy loyal sons we'll ever be  
Dillard High, my Dillard High.  
May our young hearts inspired be thee  
Beat warmly for humanity  
And in defeat or victory  
Be true to thee, my Dillard High

# IMPORTANT *Information*



## SCHOOL HOURS

8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

- The bell rings 7:33 a. m. daily
- Classes will begin promptly at 7:40 a.m. each morning
- Arriving on time is crucial to student academic success

## STUDENT SCHEDULES

Dillard will continue to operate on a 4x4 A/B Schedule

- Students will attend four classes per day (one personalization period).
- Each class will be 90 minutes in length and will meet every other day
- ½ credit in each class may be earned every semester.
- High school credits are earned every 18 weeks..
- High school students can earn 7 credits in a year.

## *Open House*

August 25, 2020

6:00p.m.

- All parents are encouraged to attend our annual Open House Program on Tuesday, Aug. 18th at 6:00 p.m.
- This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about the innovative academic programs offered at Dillard High 6-12.
- Join SAC/SAF
- Sign up for a parent-teacher conference to discuss your child's specific needs.

## Department Spotlight *Guidance & Counseling*

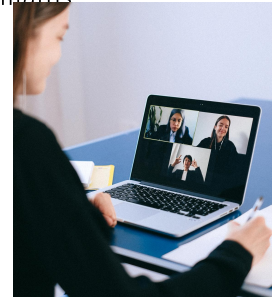
Guidance and counseling service are available for all of our Dillard High 6-12 students. The services provided by our guidance include, but are not limited to, educational information and planning, academic placement, test score interpretation, as well as personal/social counseling.

### GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Guidance Director - Maryland D. Hankerson-Patterson  
9TH & 6TH Grade Guidance Counselor - Cynthia McDonald  
10th & 7TH Grade Guidance Counselor- Marsha Monroe  
11th & 8TH Grade Guidance Counselor -Miriam Mckenzie  
12TH Grade Guidance Counselor - Antonia Williams  
BRACE Advisor - Jimmy Witherspoon

### SUPPORT STAFF

ESE Specialist - Alma Smith  
ESE Counselor - Lauren Schwartz  
Social Worker - Thomas Johnson  
Family Counselor - Sharon Forde-Marshall  
School Psychologist - Jacqueline Bell



## *Title 1 Parent Notification*

Dillard is designated as a Title 1 school. According to the U.S. Department of Education the purpose of Title 1 funding, "is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments." The basic principles of Title 1 state that schools with large concentrations of low-income students will receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting student's educational goals. Low-income students are determined by the number of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. For an entire school to qualify for Title 1 funds, at least 40% of students must enroll in the free and reduced lunch program. The Broward Title One office organizes events and trainings for parents throughout the year. To find out more, visit their web site at [https:// www.browardschools.com/title1](https://www.browardschools.com/title1)

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## School Advisory Council/Forum

- School Advisory Council (SAC): SAC is a committee of parents, community members, and teachers who meet to discuss and monitor our School Improvement Plan. The focus of SAC is primarily student achievement but many issues are discussed that affect the school. SAC has an official elected membership but all are welcome to attend each meeting.
- School Advisory Forum (SAF): SAF is an open forum to discuss any school or community issue. While SAC focuses on the School Improvement Plan, SAF is the place to get more information, address any other concerns, or share ideas that impact the school. SAF meetings are held back to back with our SAC meetings.
- How to get involved and participate in the SAC/SAF committee? Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the SAC/SAF. Our SAC/SAF meeting are currently being held virtually until further noticed. Our first SAC/SAF meeting of the 2020-2021 school year will be held on Tuesday, September 9th. Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please come join us!
- The SAC committee provides a place for parents to voice their opinions and make suggestions. SAC also gives the opportunity for parents to actively participate in setting goals and making plans to achieve those academic goals. SAC allows for parents to identify issues that need to be addressed concerning the school climate.

## Virtual Learning THE BIG 3

### CANVAS, TEAMS, and PINNACLE

#### CANVAS

Canvas is the district's approved Learning Management System (LMS). Students will log on to Canvas to access all of their classwork, textbooks, submit assignments, and participate in class discussions.

#### TEAMS

Teams is the district's approved platform for eLearning, face-to-face communication, meetings, and conferences.

#### PINNACLE

Parents and students can continue to use Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV) to check student grades.

To access the Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV), go to <https://gb.browardschools.com>

**Username:** Student ID#@my.browardschools.com

**Password:** PMM/DD/YEAR (Your date of birth typed exactly as shown with a capital P in front).



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## The Code of Student

"The Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8, provides specific information regarding the rules that all students are expected to adhere to, as well as consequences for violations.

Important among these rules are consistent and timely attendance, respect for people and property, appropriate dress, technology usage, student publications, student activities, student records and the right to appeal, including grievance procedures.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approves and affirms its support of the Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8."

The Student Code of Conduct book is available online at:  
<https://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>

It is required that parents and students review the contents of this publication and sign the online acknowledgement form.

We are looking forward to a great year!



## Welcome NEW Staff!

**Reading Teacher/  
Head Football Coach**

Tyler Tate

**Math**

Johnette Lainer

## Welcome BACK!

**Reading Coach/Resource**

Danielle Gooden

**Social Science**

Kacie Williams

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Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.



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## Blue/Gray Day Calendar 2020/2021

AUGUST				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

SEPTEMBER				
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OCTOBER				
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NOVEMBER				
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DECEMBER				
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FEBRUARY				
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MARCH				
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APRIL				
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MAY				
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JUNE				
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28	29	30		

	School Closed
	Exam Day
#	Early Release Day
#	Professional Study Day
/	Planning Day
	Period 1, 2, 3, 4
	Period 5, 6, 7, 8