



### Mission Statement:

Through open-minded inquiry-based learning, we will empower students to be college and career ready to succeed in a global society.

# COBRA CONNECTION

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We have come to the middle of an already very productive school year. Our students continue to strive academically by working hard to prepare for their upcoming exams and EOC (End of Course) assessments. Our staff is working diligently to meet the unique learning needs of all our students. Given that we are now at mid-year, it is critical that you schedule a parent/teacher conference to know and understand exactly how your child is performing academically to meet the graduation requirements. If you should have any questions regarding the progress of your child, please be sure and contact grade level centers to schedule a conference. For 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade conferences, please contact Ms. Foster at 754-322-0220 and Ms. Callaway at 754-322-0207 for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade conferences. Grade level Counselors and teachers will be present at each conference and will be happy to discuss your child's progress and areas that may need additional attention in the coming semester. As you read through the newsletter, you will see how each grade has been engaging your child in his/her learning. While the newsletter provides you with an overview of the learning that has taken place in grade levels over the past semester, what we need to keep in mind is that the learning process increases throughout the second semester January through June are very important months for academic growth as testing begins during this time. Although these months seem long and sometimes dreary, they are the months where we see real changes and progress in our students' achievements.

## **Parent/School Partnership**

The strength of our school lies in our relationships with all our stakeholders. This partnership starts with active participation in the decisions that are made to guarantee student success and academic achievement.

Participation in our monthly SAC/SAF meetings allows our parents to be a part of our school's decision-making process. Meeting dates are posted on the school's website.

For updates and information about school events, visit us at <https://www.browardschools.com/boydanderson>

## **Your School Counseling Department**

Ms. Angella Andrade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor
Dr. Sabrina Thomas	Director
Mr. Al Milton	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor
Ms. Janet Jackson	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor
Ms. Jenny Toussaint	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor
Ms. Stephanie Redman	Testing Coordinator
Ms. Marie Duperval	H/W Coordinator
Ms. Annie Callaway	IB Coordinator
Ms. Trenesha Foster	Guidance Secretary
Ms. Lydia Cox-Creary	Guidance Secretary
Ms. Jenny Thelwell	BRACE Advisor
	ESE Specialist



*Dr. A. Almanzar*



## What's Happening in 12<sup>th</sup> Grade?

It is amazing how fast the school year is flying by! Seniors, there are only six weeks left until your high school experience is over! As the weeks zoom by the intensity increases! Seniors please concentrate on the following:

- All graduation requirements must be met by senior checkout, May 28, 2019. This includes all courses passed, all recovery classes complete, GPA, obligations paid, service hours turned in and all Naviance tasks completed. Senior checkout is May 28, 2019 and graduation is the next day, May 29, 2019.
- Also, if you have not met the reading requirement, it imperative that you register for all remaining ACT and SAT administrations. The remaining dates are listed below:  
  
ACT – April, 13, 2019  
June 8, 2019 Registration deadline 5/13/19  
July 13, 2019 Registration deadline 6/14/19  
  
SAT - May 4, 2019 Registration deadline 4/13/19  
June 1, 2019 Registration deadline 5/03/19
- Prom is May 4, 2019. The theme for this year is Golden Gala. Tickets are currently being sold during A and B lunches. Get your ticket today! I look forward to seeing you all in your best and finest.

It will be quite a memorable experience to see all 331 seniors march proudly across the stage on May 29<sup>th</sup> to receive your high school diploma. If you have any questions or concerns, please see me in my office before school or in the cafeteria during A and B lunch on Black days.

*Ms. A. Andrade*

## Junior Happenings

This third quarter marks an exciting quarter for juniors. They are preparing to transition into their final school year as seniors for the 2019-2020 school year. In doing so, they are working on the following:

- developing their senior schedule.
- Working on completing assigned Naviance tasks. Some of these tasks include narrowing down their choices for probable colleges to attend after graduation.
- Maintaining their grade point averages, in an effort, to ensure that students are on track for graduation.
- We are also looking at certification alignment, in an effort, to ensure that juniors are on track for meeting certification requirements.

*Dr. S. Thomas*



## Sophomores,

The scheduling process for next school year has begun! Counselors will be visiting your study hall classes to schedule you for your classes next year and assist you in completing your Naviance tasks. It is important that you are continuing to make passing grades in all of your classes so that you will not spend your time recovering classes over the summer. If you are recovering classes, be sure you are working on your recovery courses so that you are on target for next year. See me regarding FLVS if you have any questions. Feel free to stop by my office to speak to me or meet me in the cafeteria on Orange days during A and B lunch.

*Mr. A. Milton*



# WELCOME 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!

## Freshmen,

How exciting that we are now well into the second semester of your 9th grade year! This means the year is coming to an end. With this in mind, you want to end the year with a BANG! Remember your 4 Keys to Success: Attendance, Attitude, Attention, and Assignments!

1. You **MUST SIGN UP** for credit recovery through FLVS online and begin YMCA as soon as possible if you failed any first semester courses (See me in the 9th /10th Grade Center ASAP).
2. Continue to **MONITOR** your grades frequently on Pinnacle with the goal to keep your GPA high!
3. Do **NOT** procrastinate; stay on top of **EVERY** assignment. When you're absent **YOU** are responsible to get your make up work.

Upcoming – Counselors will be meeting with you to build your 10th grade schedule. Be prepared to select a Career Pathway as you select your courses.

Finally, **CONGRATULATIONS** to those who have completed their **NAVIANCE** tasks for the year!! We started the year with two surveys. During 2nd semester **ALL 9TH** graders must also do the following in Naviance: a) Complete the “Career Cluster Finder” and b) add at least **ONE** “Career Cluster” as a favorite. I will be following up with visits to your Study Halls.

**Ms. J. Jackson**

## IB WORLD

It has been an exciting month in the IB at Boyd H. Anderson! Here are some of the activities that our students are working on:

- IB Seniors are completing internal assessments in all their IB subjects to gear up for their May exams, finish their IB courses of study and be ready to walk across the stage at the Broward Performing Arts Center in May.
- IB Juniors are also progressing well in the Diploma Program. A group of juniors and seniors are travelling to Los Angeles, California on March 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> and will be visiting two (2) IB World schools: International School of Los Angeles and Woodrow Wilson High School. I am looking forward to seeing them network with other IB students in L.A.
- Our IB MYP sophomores are in the final stage of completing their personal projects, which embodies the characteristics of the IB Learner Profile: risk-taking, reflection, balance and inquiry.
- It has been wonderful seeing the IB Freshmen grow from August until now. They are enrolled in Honors classes, maintaining acceptable performance and participating in school clubs and activities after school.

**Ms. M. Duperval**



The Health and Wellness students are in the final stretch of their certification courses and have been working hard to ensure they pass their exams. The Emergency Medical Responder students got to observe a car extrication that was demonstrated by BSO Fire Rescue. They also participated in a mass trauma scenario day where they showed their knowledge and expertise in real life like emergency medical situations.

**Ms. S. Redman**



## B-rACE CORNER

We're rounding the home stretch, Cobras!

Underclassmen, you are all approaching the end of your current year in high school and seniors, your “prize” is in sight, and what a beautiful and well-earned diploma it will be! There's still lots of work to be done, though!

**Seniors:** complete your FAFSA application for your free money for college, apply to 3 colleges including Broward College and Atlantic College, and see me about earning 4 credits at BC this summer **FOR FREE!**

- **All students:** apply for 3-5 scholarships per day because your FAFSA money, though substantial, **WILL NOT** be enough to go to a larger school than Atlantic Technical College or Broward College.
- Complete all of your **REQUIRED TASKS** on NAVIANCE by clicking on **MY PLANNER, TASKS**, and on all undone tasks in the **TASKS I NEED TO WORK ON** box
- register on NCAA if you are a student athlete at: [ncaaeligibility.org](http://ncaaeligibility.org)

**Ms. Cox-Creary**

# Testing News

**Greetings Cobras,**

This edition of the **Newsletter** provides you with updates regarding the district and statewide assessment calendar, and testing information.

Our Spring testing window is quickly approaching. Below are some helpful test taking strategies to utilize before and during the test to help prepare our students for this testing season.

- Be prepared
- Have a well-balanced breakfast
- Always arrive early
- Read the test directions very carefully and watch for details
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Listen to directions
- Read the test directions
- Survey the test
- Budget your time
- Read each question carefully
- Note or underline key words and terms
- Read multiple choice options carefully
- Give each question your fullest attention
- Skip ones you don't know to go back to later

Also feel free to visit the <https://fsassessments.org/users/students-and-families.stml> website to view helpful resources for student and families. I hope this quarterly **newsletter** will give you a point of reference for testing information including state and district assessments schedule. As always, we welcome any suggestions you have about assessment trainings or topics you would like to see covered in the **newsletter**, or requests for additional resources. You may contact our School Counseling Director, Angella Andrade, at [angella.andrade@browardschools.com](mailto:angella.andrade@browardschools.com) with any comments, suggestions, or requests. **GO Cobras!**

**Ms. J. Toussaint**  
**Testing Coordinator**

## **2018-2019 Testing Calendar**

### **Spring Assessments**

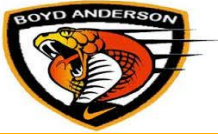
**01/28/19 – 03/21/19**  
**ACCESS for ELL's**  
**(Assessing Comprehension**  
**and Communication in**  
**English State-to-State for**  
**English Language Learners)]**

**02/25/19 – 04/15/19**  
**Grade 10 ELA Writing**  
**Retakes**



# ESE Corner

The ESE Department has partnered up with CTACE in creating the Career and College Transition Club (CCT). This club is open for any student with an intellectual disability and/or other disability and nondisabled students. It promotes inclusive practices so that all students involved learn about career and college opportunities within the community. Joining this club will give students a vision for their future academically and socially. Being able to impart in different events together...students with different needs is blessing for everyone.



**Ms. A. Roundtree- ESE Secretary**  
**Ms. J. Thelwell, ESE Specialist**

## SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL CORNER

Cobra-Talk, Boyd Anderson High School's, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) clinic is still underway. The students are still making great strides at clearing the Health and Wellness hallways during lunch as well as bringing in students who otherwise would eat lunch alone. As always, we would like to use this newsletter and extend an open invitation for students to report to the Cobra-Talk room during your lunch so that no student should ever eat lunch alone.

**Dr. S. Thomas**

## MENTORING TOMORROW'S LEADERS (MTL)

Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders (MTL) has a lot going on right now. Our MTL senior members are applying for the \$500 college book scholarship. Three male members will be going to Broward College Summer Academy. Senior graduation sashes have been ordered and are expected to be received any day. We have been approved for a college tour field trip to Bethune Cookman University and University of North Florida on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Our academic data reflects that as of third quarter ALL active members have an earned grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher, with the exception, of only three students, whose pinnacle grades reflect they too are well on their way to earning a 2.0 GPA or higher as well.

**Dr. S. Thomas**



## Latinos in Action

Latinos in Action went to conference! We had a full day of presentations and touring of the main campus of Florida International University. We look forward to the opportunity and sharing the insights we gained from the trip. Also, if you are interested in being part of Latinos in Action next school year, let the School Counselor know when you are scheduling your classes for next year or stop by my classroom in the 547 for more information. Follow us on social media on Instagram. Follow Latinos In Action Boyd Anderson @latinosinaction\_ba.

**Mr. A. Valle**