

AUGUST 2021 | BACK TO SCHOOL EDITON



FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

PLAN, CREATE, INSPIRE...

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! It is with tremendous pride that I welcome everyone back from summer break and back to in-person learning. As we embark on this new school year, it is important for students to set goals to drive the school year. Whether focusing on improving SAT scores, increasing grade point averages (GPA), and/or taking advantage of Advanced Placement (AP)/Duel Enrollment/Cambridge (AICE) courses, establishing goals is an important step for ensuring a successful school year! We understand our scholars will be adjusting to being back on campus and have therefore included in this newsletter our code of conduct and safety and security updates that will be implemented this year. Furthermore, we have additional counselors on campus to assist with any social-emotional support our students may need as they transition back to in-person learning.

Being prepared for school is another essential step when striving for success. Establish routines for checking Pinnacle and homework assignments and download educational apps on your tablets and smartphones like dictionary.com, Canvas, Newsela.com, Khan Academy and Vocabulary.com. Proper preparation definitely sets the right tone for the school year and establishes the foundation for student academic growth. Please take time to review this newsletter as it provides an overview of important information regarding the upcoming school year. Students return to school on *Wednesday, August 18*. Students will continue to be on an A/B block schedule with a total of 7 classes and a study hall.

We will be holding two on-campus orientation sessions so that our 9th and 10th grade students can see and experience campus prior to the opening of schools on August 18. Our 9th grade orientation will be held *August 9, 2021 from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.* and our 10th grade orientation session for all 10th grade students and any new students to FLHS will be held on August 10, 2021 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. During the orientation, students will have the opportunity to learn more about what our school has to offer, meet new friends, tour the campus, and leave with a sense of school pride. These two on-campus orientation sessions are just for students; however, we have planned a *Virtual Parent Orientation for all 9th & 10th grade parents* on *Tuesday, August 10 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.* Please register for the orientation session using the link or QR code on the blue Orientation Flyer within this newsletter by August 4, 2021. Finally, we will be holding an on campus Magnet Orientation on Monday, August 9 from 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Fort Lauderdale High School is committed to working alongside our Flying L families to make certain the 2021-2022 school year is a success and that our scholars enjoy their on campus experience!

Thank you for your continued support,

Erin B. Brown Principal





FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

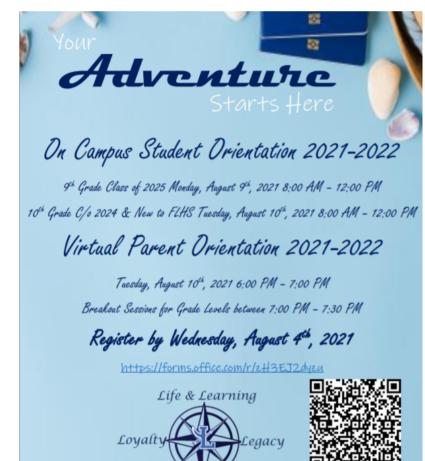
Power Up! With nutritious Meals from your local school cafeteria.

The BCPS Food and Nutrition Services Department will serve meals at no cost to all students for the 2021-2022 school year using the waiver granted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Broward County Public Schools, Food and Nutrition Services Department encourages households to complete a Free or Reduced-Price meal application along with the Meal Benefits Disclosure form. To apply please go www.myschoolapps.com and complete the forms.

The approval of a meal benefits application along with completion of the Meal Benefits Disclosure Form, may provide students additional assistances with district programs.

STUDENT ORIENTATION

Ninth graders, tenth graders, & students who are new to FLHS are invited to join us for our 2021-2022 On Campus Orientations. We will also host a Virtual Parent Orientation. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register by Wednesday, August 4th.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

9 th Grade	August 9 th
Orientation	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
On Campus Magnet Orientation	August 9 th 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
10 th Grade &	August 10 th
New to FLHS	8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Virtual Parent	August 10 th
Orientation	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Textbook Distribution	August 16 th 7:30 – 9:30 am & 12:00 – 2:00 pm
First Day of	August 18 th
School	7:40 am - 2:40 pm
Open House	TBD – Information coming soon

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Attention Parents and Students:

There are a number of important forms that need to be completed at the start of the school year. This information is key for ensuring your child is safe while on campus, and that families are informed about all rules and expectations for the school year. Key forms that need to be completed online include:

•Emergency Contact and Release Forms •Broward School Board Code of Conduct •Photo Release •Updated Contact Information •Medical Notifications and Medications

<u>CLICK HERE</u>

to access and complete online forms.

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SAFETY & SECURITY

The safety and security of our students, staff and parents is our top priority. With this in mind, we need everyone's support; if you see something, say something. Everyone is encouraged to report suspicious or dangerous behavior, as well as any threats to our school. Reports can be made to any staff member on campus, however, preferably should be reported to one of the school's administrators or security staff members.

Now, any student, educator, parent, or member of the public can also report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the FortifyFL app or <u>www.getfortifyfl.com</u>.



As a part of our safety procedures for the 2021-2022 school year, we will be conducting monthly emergency and evacuation drills, in coordination with local police and fire rescue to better prepare in the event of a true emergency.

In addition, all students are required to wear their IDs at all times while on school campus. At the beginning of the year students will be required to use IDs from the previous school year until new ones are issued. Fort Lauderdale High School thanks you for helping keep our school community safe!

CODE OF CONDUCT

Students and families are advised of the Broward County Code of Student Conduct and Policy 5006 as it pertains to disciplinary infractions and criteria for expulsion.

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.

Continue to familiarize yourself with the complete Broward County Code of Student Conduct found online at <u>https://www.browardschools.com/global6</u> or search the Broward County Public Schools website under the School Climate and Discipline Section.

JOIN OUR PTSA

The Fort Lauderdale High PTSA knows that a strong partnership among our families, school leaders and community members is important to the success of our students and school. That is why we cordially invite all Flying L families to become PTSA members for the 2021-2022 school year! It is only \$10.00 dollars to enroll at: http://flhs.my-pta.org/

COVID-19 UPDATES

Please note some important updates related to Covid-19:

- BCPS continues to monitor Covid-19 trends. We will continue to update you via ParentLink and our website with any new information .
- BCPS will return to standard seating capacity on buses.
- Meal service will continue to be offered both in our cafeteria and outside with student choice.
- Daily cleaning of high frequency touch points as well as weekly power cleaning will continue.

Prevention Strategies:

- Signage will continue to be posted around campus
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Staying home when sick
- Contact tracing and testing
- Opportunities for Vaccination

PARKING DECALS & TEXTBOOKS

- Any student driving a vehicle on campus must complete a parking decal application, along with submitting a copy of a valid drivers license, insurance card, registration, and pay the \$50 fee. Seniors are now able to pay for their parking decals at <u>https://www.browardschools.com/osp</u> and pick them up at FLHS on August 16th between 7:30 - 9:30 am or 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Underclassmen needing parking decals may purchase them on the website above as of August 18th and they will be distributed on campus.
- Textbook distribution will only be for select courses. Please check the FLHS <u>website</u> for a list of courses that require students to check out a textbook. Textbook distribution will take place on Monday, August 16th between the hours of 7:30 - 9:30 am or 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

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BUS & TRANSPORTATION

Get ready for the back-to-school season with these School Bus Safety Updates & Tips for Students, Parents and Commuters!

- If a student is eligible for transportation services, their bus route will be posted on Virtual Counselor.
- Expect school bus delays the first few weeks of school due to traffic congestion around campuses, schools regulating dismissals, and students becoming familiar with their bus drivers.
- Students should arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes early.
- Major bus stop changes will be considered after
- September 2nd so routes can be stabilized and leveled.
- Parents are encouraged to contact our Transportation Liaison, Mr. Lenard at 754-322-1118 or Transportation Services at 754-321-4400 if they have questions or concerns regarding their child's bus route.

ATHLETICS

The following requirements must be completed before
any student can take part in sporting events. This includes
participation in all practices and games. Contact our
Athletic Director, TJ Lawrence, with any questions at tjlawrence@browardschools.com.

- Pre-participation physical- MUST be a sport related physical (Form EL2) Yearly
- Consent and Release from liability certificate (Form EL3) -Yearly
- Memorial Health Care System parental consent for treatment Yearly

• All incoming 9th grade students are eligible to participate until the second semester. After second semester of 9th grade, all athletes must maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or above - Yearly

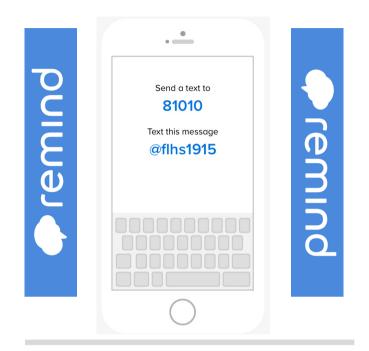
• Affidavit of Compliance with the polices on athletic recruiting and non-traditional student participation (Only for students from FLHS students that did NOT start with FLHS for their 9th grade year)

• Proof of medical insurance with student's name on the insurance card. Insurance can be purchased for school sports at <u>www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com</u>- Yearly

• Birth Certificate must be submitted.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Stay on top of what is happening at Fort Lauderdale High School by joining our school-wide Remind group. Follow these simple steps to enroll so that no matter where you are or what you're doing, you can receive important school updates right on your phone.



LITERACY CORNER

At FLHS we pride ourselves on putting an emphasis on school-wide literacy instruction. To obtain additional literacy practice students can click on the icons below to visit the following websites or click on their corresponding grade level to access the resources available through the Literacy Support Canvas pages:





Follow us on Twitter to get up to date information on what is happening at our school : @FlhsOfficial and @PrincipalFLHigh.

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