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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Dear Members of the Everglades High School Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we enter the second quarter of the academic year. It is with great pleasure that I reach out to you today to reflect on our achievements thus far and share some important updates and plans for the coming months.

First and foremost, I want to express my profound gratitude to our students, parents, teachers, and staff members for their continued dedication and support. Together, we have created a vibrant and nurturing learning community where each individual is valued, and excellence is fostered. Your commitment to education and the well-being of our students is truly commendable.

In the second quarter, we will focus on enhancing student engagement and promoting a love for learning. We believe that education extends beyond textbooks and classrooms and we are committed to providing our students with enriching experiences that broaden their horizons and foster their talents and interests. Our extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports programs will offer ample opportunities for our students to explore their passions, develop leadership skills, and build lasting friendships.

October was a wonderful month at Everglades High School. The month started with an exciting Homecoming Spirit Week. Our students and staff enjoyed dressing up for spirit week and participating in homecoming events. There are more spirit events coming soon and we encourage our students and community to participate. Please see the BRACE Updates for more information. Furthermore, we recognize the importance of parental involvement in education, and we encourage parents and guardians to actively engage with us. We will continue to organize parent-teacher conferences, PTSA workshops, and SAC meetings to foster strong partnerships between home and school. Your collaboration and support play a vital role in our students' success and we value your input and contributions.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for our dedicated faculty and staff who go above and beyond to make our school a place of inspiration and growth. Their unwavering commitment to our students' well-being and academic progress is truly remarkable and I am immensely grateful for their tireless efforts.

In closing, let us approach the second quarter with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Together, we will continue to promote a culture of excellence, empathy, and lifelong learning. I am confident that with our collective efforts, we will overcome any challenges that lie ahead and create an even brighter future for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in our school. I look forward to celebrating our students' accomplishments and witnessing their continued growth in the coming months. I wish you a healthy and happy fall break from November 21 - November 24. We hope all of our students and staff members enjoy their time with family and friends.

Warm regards,

Mr. Sean Curran
YOUR PROUD PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 11/2 - Professional Study Day
- 11/7 - Teacher Planning Day - No school for students
- 11/10 - Veterans Day (observed) - No School
- 11/14 - Report Cards available on Virtual Counselor
- 11/20 - 11/24 - Fall Break - No School
- 11/28 - Interim Reports available

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EHS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Principal - Mr. Curran
2nd in Command - Mr. Tienjaroonkul
9th Grade Administrator - Mr. Henry
10th Grade Administrator - Ms. Roman
11th Grade Administrator Ms. Thompson
12th Grade Administrator Mr. Smith

EHS SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Cambridge Grades 9-12 - Ms. Tyson-Romeo, 754-323-0563
Grade 9 - Ms. Powell: 754- 323-0525
Grade 10 - Ms. Gooden: 754- 323-0523
Grade 11 - Ms. Swain: 754- 323-0551
Grade 12 - Ms. Lysaght-Marikos: 754- 323-0514
Guidance Director - Ms. Gina Finn: 754- 323- 0510

Family Counselor – Mr. Fitz-Henley
Social Worker – Ms. Perez
Psychologist – Ms. Golovin

BRACE

Grades 9th -12th, Ms. Pommell: 754-323-0518
Student Assessment Specialist - Mr. Lanfranco:
754-323-0545

(with the completion of 100 hours of community service), regardless of SAT/ACT score.

Spotlight from Ms. Shadeed's AICE U.S. History Class:

I introduced the lesson, "How to write a Paper 1 essay" to my 8th period students for the very first time about two weeks ago. We read the primary sources together in class, I modeled and illustrated how to underline, annotate, and evaluate primary sources, using a previously posted level 5 sample paper online. A week later, I then split up my class into different groups and allowed the students to work collaboratively on completing a Paper 1 essay together before assigning each student to write an essay on their own. Much to my surprise, the students performed better than expected. The average passing score was an 80%!!!! With more practice and exposure to writing Paper 1 essays, I have no doubt that these students will achieve even higher scores in the future. I am very proud of them :)

Stay connected with everything AICE/ Cambridge Related by joining the Band App:

CAMBRIDGE CORNER

Cambridge Parent Night will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Auditorium.

Why is it important to earn your AICE diploma?

One of the most asked questions that is heard when we talk about the Cambridge AICE Diploma is "Why?" Earning an AICE diploma requires you to take 7 different rigorous courses and pass their corresponding college-level exams within 3 school years. If you polled our current AICE diploma seeking students at EHS, almost all of them would tell you that they are working towards their AICE diploma for 3 reasons:

1. Our rigorous AICE courses help to prepare them for college.
2. Each passed AICE exam earns at least 3 college credits, so an AICE diploma means leaving EHS with at least 21 college credits.
3. The AICE Diploma is an automatic qualifier for the Bright Futures Scholarship



EHS~Cambridge

📢 Attention all Cambridge Students! Stay in the loop and never miss a beat with our...

Scan this QR code and join!

Contact the Cambridge Coordinator, Ms. Tyson-Romeo for more information at

gabrielle.tyson-romeo@browardschools.com

BRACE UPDATES

COLLEGE WEEK:

Monday 10/30: "College Talk": Staff will dress in their college colors/apparel or Greek letters. Students will dress in their prospective college's gear.

Tuesday 10/31: "Don't Press Snooze on Your Future": Staff and students will wear their favorite pajamas.

Wednesday 11/01: "Crazy About Our Future": Staff and students will wear crazy socks.

Thursday 11/02: "College Roommates": Staff and students will dress up as twins.

Friday 11/03: "Don't Forget Where You Came From": Staff and students will dress up in Black and Silver to show their school spirit.

COLLEGE VISITS:

Nov. 1: Broward College

Nov. 8: Florida Polytechnic University

Nov. 13: University of Alabama

Nov. 15: Broward College Application Day

UPCOMING COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM DATES:

ACT Test Date: Dec. 9 (Registration Deadline: Nov. 3) act.org

SAT Test Date: Dec. 2 (Registration Deadline: Nov. 2) collegeboard.org

The Florida Financial Aid Application (Bright Futures application) is now available. Follow the FFAA quick guide on the BRACE Canvas page for instructions on creating an account and completing the application.

Bright Future - The BRACE Department will be meeting with all seniors to give them information regarding the Bright Future's process.

Federal Student Aid projects the new FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form will be open December 2023. The exact date is TBA.

*Please visit our College and Career Center during your lunch time located in Room 320.

REMINDERS

SAFETY & SECURITY

- **ID badge must always be worn and visibly displayed by students, faculty, and staff while on campus**
- Upon entry to campus, all visitors must be cleared through the Raptor system. This includes but is not limited to, parents, district staff, vendors, volunteers, and members of the public. Official photo identification will be requested. Your name, date of visit, time of arrival, purpose for visit, and time of departure will be reported in a visitor's log.
- **Food deliveries by outside companies (i.e. Uber Eats) are prohibited.**

TARDY POLICY

- School starts at 7:40am.
- Please make sure students are in class before the start time.
- Administration and security will make every effort to guide students to class.
- Students that arrive late to school for 1st and 5th period will be marked tardy by the front office. These students will be issued a tardy pass and sent to class as soon as possible. A warning bell will ring one minute before the final bell to encourage students to get to class on time.
- Hall passes will not be issued the first or final 15-minutes of class. This includes Study Hall classes.

ANONYMOUS TIP REPORTING

Anonymous Tip Submission via:

- www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips
- Call the District Security Operations Center (DSOC) at 754-321-3500 (reporter can remain anonymous)
- Email to SecurityTips@Browardschools.com (reporter can remain anonymous)
- FortifyFL at www.GetFortifyFL.com -NO DOWNLOAD Required
- Alyssa's Alert: SaferWatch—DOWNLOAD REQUIRED a free mobile app that can be used as a mobile duress alarm.

GATOR STAR TEACHER

This month, Mrs. Williams, the Everglades High School Literacy Coach recognizes **Ms. Rivera** for a job well done!. Ms. Rivera teaches 9th and 10th English Language Arts.

According to Mrs. Williams, students were engaged/focused on their lesson. Ms. Rivera provided teacher guided instruction, to help improve students understand the text they were reading. Mrs. Williams recognizes Ms. Rivera for the following:

- “You encouraged students to read and paused between readings to discuss important details learned from the text.
- You utilized strategies such as chunking the text, and reviewing key concepts, words/phrases
- Students completed a *symbol analysis* graphic organizer (based on the novel they were reading) and worked in collaborative groups to complete their group-based project.

I want to recognize you as a **Gator Star Teacher** ☆!”



NIGHT Symbol Analysis		DIRECTIONS: Read the selected passages and complete the chart for each symbol by identifying what each symbol represents, providing a quote for each symbol, and explaining its connection and significance.	
	What does it represent?	Write and cite a quote that shows how this symbol is used in the story.	How does this symbol connect to the novel's theme or message?
SYMBOL 1 Fire	-Impending danger	"I see a fire!" See flames, huge flames!	It slightly foreshadows danger that is headed toward the Jews.
SYMBOL 2 Night	-Lack of hope	"Some pressed against the bars to see. There was nothing, only the darkness of night."	It symbolizes how they were losing hope and felt sorrow.
SYMBOL 3 Silence	-Fear	"Nothing else. Again, heavy silence."	It symbolized how the Jews were shocked with fear.
SYMBOL 4 The Yellow Star	-Label for Jews	Three days later a new decree: every Jew had to wear the Yellow Star.	The symbol connects to the novel's theme of racism because they are reducing them to a label or object.
SYMBOL 5 Mirrors	-Self-reflection	"From the depths of the mirror, a corpse was contemplating me."	It shows how looking at himself was like looking at a corpse because he didn't recognize himself & lost his identity.
SYMBOL 6 Eyes	-He looks to the soul	"Washe was not the same. The joy in his eyes was gone."	This symbolized how people's demeanor would change & how you could see the pain in their eyes through their eyes.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

Wednesday November 29	Thursday November 30
Florida Civics Literacy Exam	Florida Civics Literacy Exam
Grade 12 students enrolled in <u>US Government</u> on a SILVER DAY.	Grade 12 students enrolled in <u>US Government</u> on a BLACK DAY.
Tuesday December 5	Wednesday December 6
FAST ELA Retake	B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC
Grade 11 and Grade 12 students who have not met the <u>Reading</u> testing graduation requirement.	Grade 11 and Grade 12 students who have not met the <u>Algebra 1</u> testing graduation requirement.
Thursday December 7	Friday December 8
B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC	Biology 1 EOC & US History EOC
Grade 9 and Grade 10 students who have not met the <u>Algebra 1</u> testing graduation requirement.	Students who need the <u>Biology 1</u> or <u>US History</u> EOC for course credit.

HARVEST DRIVE

Collection for the annual Harvest Drive campaign begins on Monday, October 23, and continues through November 13.

Students are encouraged to donate dinner items, including canned green beans, canned corn, black beans, rice, soup, pasta, and pasta sauce in non-glass containers.

Items will be collected through study hall classes. The class that collects the most items will be treated to an ice cream social.

Donations will benefit families in need for the Thanksgiving season.



Xello is located on the student's Clever account.

If you have additional questions, please contact our BRACE Department (Ms. Pommells) or stop by the College and Career Center during lunch time.

[XELLO FLYER](#)

STUDENT JOB FAIR

Students, are you interested in getting a job for the holiday season and beyond?

Students are invited to attend the upcoming Job Fair at Everglades High School on **Wednesday, November 8th** in the Gymnasium.

- A variety of local businesses will be looking to hire on the spot, including Crunch Gym, Nike, Sketchers, Publix, Chick-fil-A, Old Navy, Pollo Tropical, and Jersey Mike's
- Dress professionally.
- Be prepared to be interviewed.
- Bring at least 10 copies of your resume.
- To attend, students must scan the QR code below and complete the signup form by Sunday, November 5

AFTER SCHOOL PEER TUTORING

- **Tuesday:** National Science Honor Society in Room 451 at 2:45pm.
- **Wednesday:** Mu Alpha Theta Math tutoring in Room 359 at 2:45pm
- More options to be announced soon; stay tuned for updates!

SAY HELLO TO XELLO!

BCPS has transitioned from using Naviance to Xello. Xello guides students through the core components of their High School and Beyond Plan, including career exploration, goal setting, creating four-year course plans, creating a resume, scholarship searches and defining pathways for success.

Xello helps students discover relevant college, university, trade, military, and career options based on their personality, skills, and knowledge.



[LINK TO REGISTER FOR JOB FAIR](#)

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 2: Professional Study Hall (PSD)
- November 2: Away Varsity Football game against West Broward HS at 7:00pm.
- November 7: Teacher Planning Day – No school for students.
- November 8: Students Job Fair
- November 10: Veteran's Day – No school
- November 14: Quarter 1 Report Card available in Virtual Counselor.
- November 14: Cambridge Night
- November 14: Everglades Innovation Zone Parent Meeting
- November 20 – November 24: Fall Break – No School.
- November 28: Quarter 2 Interim Reports available in Virtual Counselor

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA





SILVER KNIGHT AWARDS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SILVER KNIGHT?

The Silver Knight Awards program recognizes outstanding students who have not only maintained good grades but have also unselfishly applied their special knowledge and talents to contribute significant service to their schools and communities.

Silver Knights receive \$2,000 and three Honorable Mentions are presented \$500.

The 15 nomination categories:

ART
ATHLETICS
BUSINESS
DIGITAL & INTERACTIVE MEDIA
DRAMA
ENGLISH & LITERATURE
GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
JOURNALISM
MATHEMATICS
MUSIC & DANCE
SCIENCE
SOCIAL SCIENCE
SPEECH
VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL
WORLD LANGUAGES

Requirements:

You must be a 12th grade student with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.2 and at least 100 volunteer service hours.

Submit a completed BRAG sheet as a PDF file including your unweighted GPA and course history including AP, Cambridge, Dual Enrollment, & Honors courses via the QR code.
Deadline to submit: November 10, 2023



Only one student will be nominated per category.

Have any questions?
See Ms. Pommells in the College & Career Center (Room 320)



Light refreshments will be served!

Inclusion for all!

Join our next ACE meeting on **Thursday, 11/09**
at **10am at Coral Park Elementary, 8401**
Westview Drive, Coral Springs, 33067

Topic: Do you have a Play Pals/Peer Buddy program at your school? Learn how you can get one started at your school!

Special speakers:

Caryl Panzarella, ASD Coach Play Pals
Steve Moyer, Community Parent Advocate
Jacqui Luscombe, ESE Advisory Chair
Melissa C. Ramos, ACE Autism Chair
Gary Grigull, Curriculum Supervisor, ASD, ESE

2023-2024 EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

Periods 1/5	7:40 AM - 9:12 AM	
Periods 2/6	9:18 AM - 10:51 AM	Homeroom
Lunch A	10:51 AM - 11:24 AM	
Periods 3/7	11:30 AM - 1:02 PM	
Periods 3/7	10:57 AM - 12:29 PM	
Lunch B	12:29 PM - 1:02 PM	
Periods 4/8	1:08 PM - 2:40 PM	
92-Minute Classes	6-Minute Passing	33-Minute Lunch

PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY SCHEDULE

Periods 1/5	7:40 AM - 8:35 AM	
Periods 2/6	8:41 AM - 9:38 AM	Homeroom
Periods 3/7	9:44 AM - 10:39 AM	
Periods 4/8	10:45 AM - 11:40 AM	
Grab-and-Go Lunch	11:40 AM - 11:50 AM	
55-Minute Classes	6-Minute Passing	10-Minute Lunch

EARLY RELEASE DAY SCHEDULE

Periods 1/5	7:40 AM - 8:50 AM	
Periods 2/6	8:56 AM - 10:08 AM	Homeroom
Periods 3/7	10:14 AM - 11:24 AM	
Periods 4/8	11:30 AM - 12:40 PM	
Grab-and-Go Lunch	12:40 PM - 12:50 PM	
70-Minute Classes	6-Minute Passing	10-Minute Lunch

MIDTERM/FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

December 19 / June 5	Period 1 Exam Block	7:40 AM - 9:36 AM
	Period 3 Exam Block	9:44 AM - 11:40 AM
December 20 / June 6	Period 4 Exam Block	7:40 AM - 9:36 AM
	Period 5 Exam Block	9:44 AM - 11:40 AM
December 21 / June 7	Period 7 Exam Block	7:40 AM - 9:36 AM
	Period 8 Exam Block	9:44 AM - 11:40 AM
December 22 / June 10	Period 2 Exam Block	7:40 AM - 10:06 AM
	Period 6 Exam Block	10:14 AM - 12:40 PM

EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 SILVER/BLACK CALENDAR

AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4					1	2	3	4	PSD	6
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28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
NOVEMBER					DECEMBER					JANUARY				
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13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	ERD
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27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	29	30	31		
FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
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			PSD	2					1	1	2	3	PSD	5
5	6	7	8	9	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12
12	13	DSL	15	16	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19
19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	ERD	22	22	23	24	25	26
26	27	28	29		25	26	27	28	29	29	30			
MAY					JUNE					CALENDAR CODES				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	No School				
		1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	Report Cards				
6	7	8	9	10	ERD	11	12	13	14	Teacher Planning Day				
13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	Midterm/Final Exams				
20	21	22	23	ERD	24	25	26	27	28	Silver Day: Periods 1-4				
27	28	29	30	31						Black Day: Periods 5-8				
										Day of Service and Love				

Second Period Personalization | 9th and 10th Grade Students

Sixth Period Personalization | 11th and 12th Grade Students

See Something, Say Something

Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.



Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.



BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips



Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

754-321-3500



Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com



FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (**no download required**) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



GetFortifyFL.com



ALYSSA'S ALERT

Mobile Duress Alert App

Alyssa's Alert is a mobile duress alert application that empowers staff members to immediately notify first responders in the event of an emergency. Receive potentially life-saving aid with the push of a button.

Speed Crisis Response

Upon activation*, local first responders & District personnel receive an immediate notification of the emergency.

Easy to Use

Select one of the three buttons (shown right) to activate Alyssa's Alert. Assistance will immediately be dispatched to your location.**

Stay Connected

Administrators will be able to push important updates regarding an emergency situation to anyone who has downloaded Alyssa's Alert.

*Duress buttons can only be activated while physically on school property.
**ONLY first responders may access location information upon button activation. Under no other circumstances is location information accessible.

DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW

Scan this Code



Look for this icon

Search for "SaferWatch"



Visit Learning Across Broward and search for "Alyssa's Alert" under the "Courses" tab to learn more about using Alyssa's Alert in the

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