

# Gator Bites



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome



*Congratulations!*  
**GATORS**

*We're an "A" rated school  
of Broward County, FL*

## Principal's Message

Dear Everglades High School Community,

Welcome back to Everglades High School for the 2024 - 2025 school year! I hope you had a restful and rejuvenating break, and I am excited to kick off what promises to be an exceptional school year. As we open our doors once again, I want to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and a special greeting to students that will be joining us for the first time.

We are extremely proud to announce that the Florida Department of Education has designated Everglades High School as an "A" rated high school. This "A" rating is a testament of the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students to academic excellence. We look forward to another incredible school year as we will continue to provide a high quality education for all students.

Together, let's make this year a memorable one filled with growth, achievement, and positives. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warmest regards,  
Mr. Sean Curran  
Principal, Everglades High School

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **August 12** - First Day of School
- **August 19 - August 23** - Course Change Request Window. More information inside this newsletter.
- **September 5** - Professional Study Day (PSD).  
Dismissal at 11:40 am.

## IN THIS ISSUE:

- **School Counseling Updates**
- **Safety and Security**
- **Important Information**
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## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

### EHS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Principal - Mr. Curran

9th Grade Administrator - Mr. Smith

10th Grade Administrator – Mr. Henry

11th Grade Administrator Ms. Roman

12th Grade Administrator Ms. Thompson

### EHS SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Cambridge Grades 9-12 - Ms. Tyson-Romeo, 754-323-0563

Grade 9 - Ms. Lysaght-Marikos: 754- 323-0514

Grade 10 - Ms. Powell: 754- 323-0525Ms

Grade 11 – Ms. Gooden: 754- 323-0523

Grade 12 - Ms. Swain: 754- 323-0551

Guidance Director - Ms. Gina Finn: 754- 323- 0510

Family Counselor – Mr. Fitz-Henley and Ms. Reyes

Social Worker – Ms. Perez

Psychologist – Ms. Golovin

### BRACE

Grades 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Pommell: 754-323-0518

Student Assessment Specialist - Mr. Lanfranco:

754-323-0545

## SAFETY & SECURITY



- Starting August 12, all BCPS high school students will be screened through metal detectors. Carefully read important information at <https://www.browardschools.com/metaldetectors>

1. All students and visitors must pass through metal detectors to enter the school.
2. STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PRESENT THEIR ID BEFORE BEING SCREENED.
3. The new metal detectors are calibrated so students can pass through with their backpacks and personal belongings.

4. Parents should remind students to bring only necessary items and ensure they do not bring weapons or other prohibited items to school.

- **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.**

## ANONYMOUS TIP REPORTING

Anonymous Tip Submission via:

- [www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips](http://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)
- Call the District Security Operations Center (DSOC) at 754-321-3500 (reporter can remain anonymous)
- Email to [SecurityTips@Browardschools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@Browardschools.com) (reporter can remain anonymous)
- FortifyFL at [www.GetFortifyFL.com](http://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.

## SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

### SCHEDULE CHANGE PROCESS

The schedule change window will be open from Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pm until Friday, August 23<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pm.

**No exceptions will be made for students that fail to submit a request by the deadline.**

Schedule change requests will only be reviewed if the "Back to School" form has been completed in the Focus Parent Portal. Proof of completion must be uploaded to receive any change. A link will be posted to CANVAS on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pm. The School

Counseling Department will not accept schedule changes via email or phone call. A submission does not mean a schedule change is guaranteed.

Please note that changes will be made on a limited basis, and when space permits. When requesting a change, please keep in mind that it may result in adjusting **multiple courses** on your schedule. Teachers will also provide the School Counselors with a list of student names that are academically misplaced in **CORE** classes. Please continue to complete all the work in your current classes, since you cannot be certain that a change will be made.

ONLY elective schedule changes will be reviewed; if students are academically misplaced, communicate with the teacher. If you believe you are in the wrong core class (English, Math, Science, or Social Studies), please tell your teacher immediately.

Your schedule change request will be handled in the order in which it was received. School Counselors will advise you if the schedule change has been granted by Monday, August 26.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### \*\*\*REGISTER FOR THE BUS\*\*\*

#### ATTENTION ALL BUS RIDERS

##### Rider Registration

All eligible students needing bus transportation for this school year must register for a bus assignment. Use <https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride> to register for a bus assignment.

Any student who registered for a bus last year and did not use the service, must register for a bus using their student 06 account.

##### **Register 2 Ride Instructions:**

- 1.) Navigate to <https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/Ride>
- 2.) Select the school year you would like to register for
- 3.) Log in with a student account and student password, e.g: [06XXXXXXXX@my.browardschools.com](mailto:06XXXXXXXX@my.browardschools.com)
- 4.) Answer the corresponding question(s)

- 5.) Press Submit to complete. You may return to the form at any point before the deadline to update your answer.

**Bus route information will be available to view in the Focus Parent Portal.**

[REGISTER2RIDE FLYER FOR THE 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR](#)

## FOCUS (SIS)



The new Focus Parent Portal account gives families convenient and secure access to their student's school information, including school grades, attendance, interim reports, report cards, and more, anytime and anywhere.

Register for the Focus Parent Portal at [browardschools.com/focus](https://browardschools.com/focus).

**Next Steps:** All parents/guardians of new and/or current students will need to register for the Focus Parent Portal. Follow the directions at [browardschools.com/focus](https://browardschools.com/focus).

**Benefits:** Student schedules will be available in the Focus Parent Portal upon the start of the 2024/25 school year.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA





# "A" Rated! EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL

"Transforming Education: One Student at A Time"





## 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](https://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](mailto: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](https://GetFortifyFL.com)

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## 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.



### 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

\*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.