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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message



*Health,
Wealth
and
Happiness
in the
New Year
ahead*

Dear Everglades High School Community,

Happy New Year! As we embark on the first month of 2024, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you for a year filled with growth, achievement, and joy. January is a special time at Everglades High; it's a period of new beginnings and renewed energy. As we step into 2024, I am filled with optimism and excitement for what this year holds for us. January is not just the start of a new year but also a pivotal month in our academic calendar.

Firstly, I want to remind everyone that the end of the current quarter is approaching on January 19. This is a significant milestone for our students, marking the halfway point of the academic year. I encourage all students to remain focused and continue their hard work as they complete their courses.

I want to take a moment to thank our dedicated staff, committed students, and supportive parents. Your continuous engagement and collaboration are what make Everglades High School a wonderful learning community. Please note that the school will be closed on January 15 and January 22. I hope everyone uses this time to rest, recharge, and return ready to start the second semester with renewed energy.

An important highlight of this month is the upcoming course selection for the next academic year. This is a valuable opportunity for students to think about their interests, college, and career aspirations as they choose their classes. We will be providing more information and resources to help guide students and parents through this process, so please stay tuned.

If you have recently visited our campus, you may have noticed that our campus is currently undergoing some enhancements. The school campus is currently being painted. We are also installing new wraps on the front office windows. Additionally, we are making changes to improve our visitor parking lot. Please excuse our appearance as we complete these projects around our school and provide students with the best possible learning environment. More information is to come in the future as each of these projects are completed.

As always, we are here to support you. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Let's make January a productive and positive month, setting the tone for a fantastic year ahead.

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1/8: Return from Winter Break
- 1/15: School Closed
- 1/19: Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:40 p.m.
- 1/22: No School - Teacher Planning Day

IN THIS ISSUE:

- **School Counseling Updates**
- **Safety and Security**
- **Important Information**
- **Plus so much more**

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

EHS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Principal - Mr. Curran

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

CAMBRIDGE CORNER



Thank you to all EHS families that attended our Cambridge Parent Night. The evening was certainly a success!

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

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



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

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](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 (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 TEACHERS

The following teachers are as the Gator Star teachers for the month of December:



Ms. Lourdes Blanco (World Languages)

Ms. Blanco checked for understanding, activated prior background knowledge, and reviewed unfamiliar vocabulary terms and concepts. A KWL chart (graphic organizer) was used to ensure students understanding of the text/article.



Mr. Hector Rodriguez (World Languages)

Mr. Rodriguez engaged student with discussion questions based on a Newsela article. He reviewed unfamiliar vocabulary terms, concepts and checked for student understanding.

Congratulations

AFTER SCHOOL PEER TUTORING

- **Wednesday:** Mu Alpha Theta Math tutoring in Room 359 at 2:45pm

F.A.S.T. & EOC REVIEW SESSIONS

EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL
GATOR AID
EOC PREP SESSIONS

- BIOLOGY** Room 456 (TUESDAYS)
- U.S. HISTORY** Room 330 (WEDNESDAYS)
- LANGUAGE ARTS** Room 477 - Grades 9/10 (WEDNESDAYS)
Room 372 - Grades 11/12 (THURSDAYS)
- ALGEBRA - Room 359** (Beginning 11/30)
- GEOMETRY - Room 350** (Beginning 12/9)
- U.S. HISTORY** Room 330 (Beginning 12/9)
Weekdays 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM
Saturdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

www.evergladeshs.org

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATHLETICS

- EHS Track and Field practice in Monday - Friday. All paperwork must be submitted in the DragonFlyMax App. Paperwork must be approved before attending practice. Practice will begin at 3:00 p.m. on the track. See Mr. Truesdale if you have any questions.

SWAMP CELEBRATIONS

- The Everglades High School **Legacy Choir** performed at Disney's Candlelight Processional at the 2023 EPCOT International Festival of the Holidays.



JANUARY EVENTS

- January 12: Basketball Away vs. Northeast High School at 4:30pm.
- January 15: No School in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- January 16: Home Soccer game vs. Cypress Bay at 4pm and 6pm.
- January 16: Basketball Away vs. Ft. Lauderdale HS at 4:30pm.
- January 17: PTSA Tijuana Flats Spirit Night.
- January 18: Basketball away vs. Coconut Creek at 4:30pm.
- January 19: Early Release Day. Dismissal at 12:40 pm.
- January 19: Basketball Away vs Cardinal Gibbons High School at 4:30pm.
- January 22: Teacher Planning Day. No School for Students.
- January 23: Basketball home vs Plantation at 4:30pm.
- January 25: Curriculum Night for current 8th grade students at 6:30pm in the Everglades High School Auditorium
- January 29: Basketball away vs. Cooper City at 4:30pm.
- January 30: Boys Basketball away vs. American High School at 7:00 pm.
- February 2: Boys Basketball away vs. Doral Academy at 7:00pm.

TIJUANA FLATS
TELE-BAIT FOR ALL

SPIRIT NIGHT

JOIN US IN-STORE OR AT TIJUANAFLOTS.COM
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17TH
4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM EDT
20% OF YOUR PURCHASE WILL BENEFIT
EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

Mention Spirit Night at register or input promo code SPNT146 when placing online/delivery/curbside orders on our website or app

TIJUANA FLATS MIRAMAR PKWY.
14633 MIRAMAR PKWY., MIRAMAR, FL

Orders must occur during the time and date listed above for proceeds to apply. Valid for in-store orders, to-go, curbside pickup and delivery. The code above must be entered for any online or app orders to apply. Additional discounts or promotions are not available towards Spirit Night purchases.

YOUTH INTERNSHIP



The City of Miramar Social Services Department Presents

THE YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



FOR OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Gain experience working with children, seniors, and families.
Earn Community Service Hours toward Graduation.
Help Serve your Community.

Apply through your BRACE Advisor
or contact [954-889-2723](tel:954-889-2723) for more information.



MiramarFL.gov/SocialServices
[@CityofMiramar](https://twitter.com/CityofMiramar)



The City of Miramar Social Services Department Spring 2024 Youth Internship is now open to all students. Please email or visit the EHS Brace Advisor, Ms. Pommilles at nyleve.pommells@browardschools.com or visit in Room 320 if you are interested in applying for this internship opportunity.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

GET READY!

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Earn \$14 Per Hour

APPLICATION OPENS ON
DECEMBER 1, 2023
AT 9 AM



IF YOU ARE A BROWARD COUNTY RESIDENT
AGES 16 - 18 AND WANT A REAL-WORLD JOB THIS SUMMER,
DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Limited Slots Available!

For more information and to apply, visit us at
www.CareerSourceBroward.com/SYEP



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Annual Career Center
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PRESENTED BY: **Children's Services Council**
of Broward County
Our Focus is Our Children.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Goodman Jewish Family Services
in partnership with
City of Miramar Social Services
and Farm Share



WALK-UP FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, January 23rd

12pm to 2pm or until all food has been distributed

Multi-Service Complex

6700 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, FL 33023

For more information, please contact [954-889-2722](tel:954-889-2722).



Goodman Jewish
Family Services
of Broward County



**CURRICULUM FAIR FOR CURRENT
8TH GRADE STUDENTS**

EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL

SEAN CURRAN, PRINCIPAL



CURRICULUM NIGHT

JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO:

- **LEARN ABOUT THE COURSES AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS OFFERED**
- **EXPLORE STUDENT CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
AT 6:30 PM**

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2023-2024 EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

Periods 1/5	7:40 AM - 9:13 AM	Homeroom
Periods 2/6	9:19 AM - 10:51 AM	
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 - 8:37 AM	Homeroom
Periods 2/6	8:43 AM - 9:38 AM	
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 - 8:52 AM	Homeroom
Periods 2/6	8:58 AM - 10:08 AM	
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

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
7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	ERD	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	30	31			

NOVEMBER					DECEMBER					JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
		1	PSD	3					1	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	ERD
20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
			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		
		1	2	3			5	6	7	No School	Report Cards
6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	Teacher Planning Day	Interims
13	14	15	16	17	ERD	11	12	13	14	Midterm/Final Exams	First/Last Day
20	21	22	23	ERD	17	18	19	20	21	Silver Day: Periods 1-4	PSD - Early Release Day 12:40 PM Dismissal
27	28	29	30	31	24	25	26	27	28	Black Day: Periods 5-8	PSD - Prof. Study Day 11:40 AM Dismissal
										Day of Service and Love	11:40 AM Dismissal

Second Period Personalization | 9th and 10th Grade Students
Sixth Period Personalization | 11th and 12th Grade Students

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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.



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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.

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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

