

Gator Bites

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message



Dear Everglades High School Community,

As we wrap up another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the successes and challenges we've experienced together. It has been a year of growth, resilience, and achievements for our school community.

****Celebrating Achievements:****

- Academic Excellence: Our students have demonstrated exceptional academic performance, showcasing their dedication and hard work in the classroom. Congratulations to all our scholars for their achievements this year.

- Extracurricular Triumphs: Our sports teams, clubs, and organizations have excelled both on and off the field. Their commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship have brought honor to our school.

****Looking Ahead:****

- Graduation Ceremony: We eagerly anticipate celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors at the upcoming commencement ceremony on June 5. It will be a momentous occasion as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

- Summer Enrichment: As we approach the summer break, I encourage students to take advantage of various enrichment opportunities, including summer courses, internships, and recreational activities. Let's make the most of the break to continue learning and growing.

- Planning for the Future: Our faculty and staff are already hard at work planning for the upcoming school year. We are committed to providing an enriching and supportive learning environment for all students, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall.

****Gratitude:****

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers, staff, students, parents, and community partners for their unwavering support throughout the year. Your contributions have made a significant difference in the lives of our students, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside each of you.

As we bid farewell to another school year, let us carry forward the lessons learned, the memories made, and the friendships forged. Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break.

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



IMPORTANT DATES:

- **June 5 - June 10**: Final Exams for students in grades 9 - 11.
- **June 10**: Early Release Day. Dismissal at 12:40 pm.
- **June 11**: 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

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.**

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.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment- If you signed up for **Dual Enrollment** courses, please send Ms. Finn your Fall 2024 Broward College Schedule at gina.alvarez@browardschools.com

6 TIPS TO BOOST MENTAL HEALTH

1. **Has something been bothering you? Let it all out...on paper.** Writing about upsetting experiences can reduce symptoms of depression.
2. **Spend some time with a furry friend.** Time with animals lowers the stress hormone - cortisol, and boosts oxytocin - which stimulates feelings of happiness. If you don't have a pet, hang out with a friend who does or volunteer at a shelter.
3. ***"What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us. And when you bring what is within out into the world, miracles happen."*** - Henry David Thoreau. Practice mindfulness by staying "in the present."
4. **Be a tourist in your own town.** Often people only explore attractions on trips, but you may be surprised what cool things are in your backyard.
5. **Try prepping your lunches or picking out your clothes for the work week.** You'll save some time in the mornings and have a sense of control about the week ahead.
6. **Work some omega-3 fatty acids into your diet**—they are linked to decreased rates of depression and schizophrenia among their many benefits. Fish oil supplements work, but eating your omega-3s in foods like wild salmon, flaxseeds or walnuts also helps build healthy gut bacteria.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGISTER FOR THE BUS

ATTENTION ALL BUS RIDERS

Rider Registration

All eligible students needing bus transportation for the upcoming school year must register for a bus assignment. Use

<https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride> to register and guarantee a bus assignment for the first day of school.

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.

Eligible students must be registered by JUNE 28, 2024, to reserve a bus seat for the first day of school on Monday, August 12.

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
- 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.

Register 2 Ride Timeline

Register
Before June 28, 2024,
guaranteed a bus seat
for the
first day of school.

Register
By July 12, 2024,
will be assigned a
bus seat no later than
the second week of
school.

SWAMP CELEBRATIONS

Ms. Lisa Powell- Ms. Powell was the winner of the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association (FRLA) Teacher of the Year Award by the FRLA, Broward Chapter.

Congratulations Ms. Powell!



Gator Novice Debate Champions-

The Gator Debate novices participated in the FFL Novice State Championships and at the BCPS District Championship.
Congratulations to the following novices:

FFL

Breanna Harvey- Finalist, 3rd place in Original Oratory & Semi-Finalist in Impromptu Speaking

Kashaneah Tiger- Quarter-Finalist in Impromptu Speaking

Mia Fernandez and Christopher Kaden- Double-Octa Finalists in Public Forum Debate.

District Championship

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS in Public Forum Debate

Mia Fernandez and Christopher Kaden

Breanna Harvey - 5th Place - Original Oratory

Noah Trautman - 9th Place - Impromptu Speaking

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.

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.

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

NO BACKPACKS JUNE 3 - 10

PARENTS AND STUDENTS

As the school year ends, we are prioritizing the safety of our students and staff by implementing additional safety measures during the final days of school.

NO BACKPACKS NO BAGS PERMITTED ON SCHOOL CAMPUS

From Monday, June 3, 2024
through Monday, June 10, 2024

- Lunches may be brought in a small lunch box
- Students - if you have devices or books to return to your school, please return them by Monday, June 3, 2024



* NOTE: A small pouch may be allowed for personal hygiene items



The School Board of Broward County, Florida: Lori Althoff, Chair • Debra Hixon, Vice Chair • Torey Alston
Brenda Fam, Esq. • Daniel P. Foganholtz, Dr. Jeff Holness • Sarah Leonardi • Nora Rupert • Dr. Allen Zeman
Dr. Howard Hepburn, Superintendent of Schools

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or TDD/Relay Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158. Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or TDD/Relay Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158. browardschools.com

Effective Dates: Monday, June 3, 2024, through Monday, June 10, 2024

Procedure:

No Backpacks: Students will NOT be allowed to bring backpacks to school.

Restricted Bags: Large purses and beach bag-style purses will NOT be permitted on campus.

FINAL EXAMS

FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION PROCESS

Final exams for students in grades 9-11 are scheduled for June 5-10. Students will take two exams each day and follow a modified early release bell schedule. Additionally, students are allowed to exempt up to three qualifying courses. Please review the exam schedule and exemption criteria below and click the link to access the exemption form.

Note: This form will close at 2:40 PM on Friday, May 31. Students will only be allowed one submission and must be logged into their Clever account.

EXAM SCHEDULE

DATE	PERIOD	TIME
June 5	6th	7:40 AM - 9:35 AM
June 5	2nd	9:45 AM - 11:40 AM
June 6	1st	7:40 AM - 9:35 AM
June 6	3rd	9:45 AM - 11:40 AM
June 7	4th	7:40 AM - 9:35 AM
June 7	5th	9:45 AM - 11:40 AM
June 10	7th	7:40 AM - 9:35 AM
June 10	8th	9:45 AM - 11:40 AM

EXEMPTION CRITERIA

As per School Board Policy 6000.1, a student may be exempt from the midterm and/or final exams in a high school course under the following criteria:

(1) The student earns a grade of "B" or better in all marking periods of the respective high school course during the semester of the exemption.

(2) The student may waive eligible midterms or final exams for up to one-half of all high school or higher-level courses on the student's regular school day schedule.

(3) Dual enrollment midterm and final exams may not be exempted.

(4) The statewide, standardized EOC assessments, required by statute, are not eligible for exemption.

(5) Midterm and/or final exams cannot be retroactively exempted once the student takes the exam.

Please choose your exam exemptions wisely. If you have chosen to exempt an exam, but your current quarter grade falls below a "B", it is your responsibility to then study for and be present for the exam. You would no longer be able to exempt the exam. You will NOT be able to replace this exam exemption with another class. It is the responsibility of the student to:

1) Obtain Teacher, Parent and Student e-signatures on the Exam Exemption Form.

2) Submit the Exam Exemption Form by the date requested by your school.

3) Verify with each teacher that you are still approved to exempt his/her exam and that your grade for the current quarter has not fallen below a "B". Reminder, if your grade does fall below a "B", you must take the exam.

- [EXAM EXEMPTION FORM LINK](#)
- [DIGITAL EARLY RELEASE PERMISSION FORM LINK](#)

EARLY DISMISSAL PERMISSION PROCESS

Students can be granted permission BY THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN to be released early from school AFTER they complete their final exam/s. Click the link below to complete the Exam Day Early Release Form.

- [EARLY DISMISSAL PERMISSION SLIP LINK](#)

Note: You must be logged into your students Clever account to access the form. In addition, the deadline to submit is Friday, May 31, at 2:40 pm.

NO EXCEPTIONS...

Early dismissal students will only be permitted to leave during the transition time between exam periods.

CLASS OF 2024

We are honored to introduce two exemplary students who have demonstrated remarkable academic achievements and outstanding dedication through their high school careers. Both students have not only excelled academically but have made significant contributions to our school community.

We are proud to introduce the Class of 2024 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN!

VALEDICTORIAN

Ishaan Nair- GPA-5.51

- **Accomplishments**

- Memorial Hospital West Volunteer Service (front desk, flower and food delivery, responsible for wheelchair transport of mothers with newborns)
- Founding of Psychology Society chapter at Everglades High
- Played a major role in establishing the AAPIA ceremony tradition at Everglades High – joint cooperation between DSA, MSA, and AAPIA chapters
- Science Olympiad 22-23 REGIONALS
Event Placements: 1st in Bridge, 2nd in Chemistry Lab, 3rd in Flight; Progressed to STATES
- Science Olympiad 23-24 REGIONALS
Event Placements: 1st in Experimental Design, 2nd in Flight, 3rd in Ecology; Progressed to STATES
Early Cambridge Diploma Recipient
– AICE Certificate with DISTINCTION
AP Scholar Award

- **Honor Roll/Certificate of Excellence**

- 2% Gold and WhitSilver Hour Cord
- Science National Honor Society Cord
- Mu Alpha Theta Cord
- Cambridge Academy Medal
- National Honor Society Cord
- Rho Kappa Cord

- **Planned college-University of Florida**

- Planned major- Biology

- **Quote-** “You fly no one’s flag. You’re free to seek your own harbour. And you can do so much more than tread water.” – R.F. Kuang (*Babel: Or the Necessity of Violence*)



Ishaan Nair

SALUTATORIAN

Maya Saleh-- GPA-5.50

- **Accomplishments**
 - National Merit Scholar
 - Florida Sunshine State Scholar
 - Silver Knight Nominee for Science
 - AP Scholar with Distinction
 - AICE Diploma with Distinction
 - Gold Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish
 - Co-Founder of UNICEF at Everglades High
- **Planned college-University of Florida**
 - Planned major- Biology.
- **Quote-** "If you ever think there's nothing you can do, go look in the mirror and you'll see everything you have already done."



Maya Saleh

Everglades High School Class of 2024,

As we bid you farewell, we celebrate the remarkable journey you have undertaken during your time at Everglades High School. Together, you have forged friendships, discovered passions, and developed resilience and strength that will carry you forward.

Remember that your education has equipped you with more than knowledge; it has instilled in you the ability to think critically, be curious, and approach life with an open mind and compassionate heart.

The future is bright and full of possibilities. We are incredibly proud of each of you.

Congratulations to the Everglades High School Class of 2024!

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	No School	Renew Cards
		1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	Teacher Planning Day	Interims
6	7	8	9	10	ERD	11	12	13	14	Midterm/Final Exams	First/ Last Day
13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	Silver Day: Periods 1-4	ERD - Early Release Day 12-4 PM Dismissal
20	21	22	23	ERD	24	25	26	27	28	Black Day: Periods 5-8	PSD - Eval. Study Day 11-4 AM Dismissal
27	28	29	30	31						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

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

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA





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



This project was supported by Grant No. 2019-YE-BX-0211 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the SMART Office. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Broward Board of Broward County, Florida, provides no official endorsement or approval of any product, service, or organization. The Broward Board of Broward County, Florida, provides no official endorsement or approval of any product, service, or organization. The Broward Board of Broward County, Florida, provides no official endorsement or approval of any product, service, or organization.

The Broward Board of Broward County, Florida, provides no official endorsement or approval of any product, service, or organization. The Broward Board of Broward County, Florida, provides no official endorsement or approval of any product, service, or organization. The Broward Board of Broward County, Florida, provides no official endorsement or approval of any product, service, or organization.



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 "SafersWatch"



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

