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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message



Dear Everglades High School Community,

As we welcome October, I want to reflect on the progress our school community has made so far this semester. It is inspiring to see our student's engaged in their classes, participating in extracurricular activities, and preparing for the several exciting events lined up for October.

Our school will be celebrating Homecoming Spirit week from October 15 - October 18. During this week there will be a football game, played against Pines Charter, and our Homecoming dance. Later this month, EHS will be hosting the Mayor's Cup football game against Miramar High School. These events provide a wonderful opportunity to foster connections between students, staff, and the community.

The end of the 1st quarter for the 2024 - 2025 school year is fast approaching on October 11. Please check your students grades in Focus often to ensure they end the 1st quarter with the best possible grade. I encourage all students to embrace the upcoming challenges with determination and enthusiasm. Remember, each day is a new day to learn something new and make a positive impact on our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school. Let's make October a month filled with growth and achievement.

Warmest regards,  
Mr. Sean Curran

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **October 3:** Rosh Hashanah- No School
- **October 14:** Teacher Planning Day- No School for students
- **October 15 - 19:** Homecoming Spirit Week
- **October 19:** Homecoming Dance
- **October 22:** Makeup Yearbook Picture Day

## IN THIS ISSUE:

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

### EHS ADMINSTRATIVE 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

**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

- **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

### CAMBRIDGE RETAKES SCHEDULE

Exam	Date
AICE GENERAL PAPER	Monday, September 30, 2024
AICE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES	Tuesday, October 1, 2024
AICE GENERAL PAPER	Wednesday, October 2, 2024
AICE SOCIOLOGY	Tuesday, October 8, 2024
AICE ENGLISH LITERATURE	Monday, October 14, 2024
AICE HISTORY	Thursday, October 17, 2024
AICE MARINE SCIENCE	Thursday, October 17, 2024
AICE PSYCHOLOGY	Friday, October 18, 2024
AICE HISTORY	Thursday, October 21, 2024
AICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Monday, October 21, 2024
AICE MARINE SCIENCE	Tuesday, October 22, 2024
AICE PSYCHOLOGY	Tuesday, October 22, 2024
AICE SOCIOLOGY	Wednesday, October 23, 2024
AICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Wednesday, October 23, 2024
AICE ENGLISH LITERATURE	Friday, October 25, 2024

## STUDENT ASSESSMENTS: PSAT/NMSQT

At Everglades High School, we believe in creating as many opportunities as possible for our students to own their future. That's why we offer the **PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)** to our students. Whether your child is thinking about attending a two- or four-year college, a job training program, or isn't sure what they want to do after high school, the PSAT/NMSQT can help make their career goals and postsecondary path clearer.

Results from the PSAT/NMSQT provide insights into your child's academic strengths, along with areas they can work on while still in high school.

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT can also help your child to:

- Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program if they meet program requirements specified in the PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide.
  - Visit [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org) to learn more about the program.
- Understand your skills and knowledge and which areas to focus on improving.
- Practice and prepare for the SAT®.
- Find out what AP® courses they're ready to take.
- Plan and pay for college.



- Explore personalized career insights aligned to their score.

Your child will take the PSAT/NMSQT on **October 9, 2024**, using a school-issued device.

If you or your child have questions about the PSAT/NMSQT or college and career planning, please reach out to your child's counselor—we're here to help!

## BRACE UPDATES

### BRACE Week

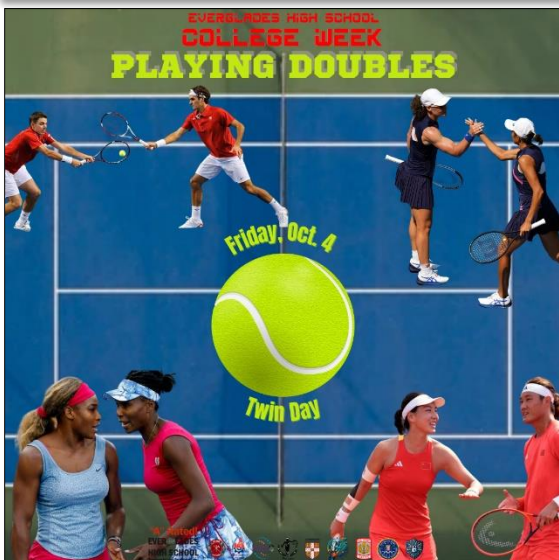
**9/30: Sports Jersey/Apparel Day**

**10/1: College Colors/Apparel Day**

**10/2: Pajama Day**

**10/3: No School**

**10/4: Twin Day**



### Upcoming Study Hall College/Career Visits

**10/1: Virginia Tech College at 1:15 PM**

**10/4: University of Central Florida**

**10/8: Armed Forces (Airforce, Army, Marines, Navy)**

**10/10: Florida State University**

**10/15: University of Central Florida**

**10/23: Florida International University**

**10/25: Spelman College**

College visits are open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students ONLY. Students must register on the BRACE Canvas announcement page at least 2 business days before the visit. The visits are held during study hall. If a student does not have study hall during 6<sup>th</sup> period, they are responsible for receiving approval from their teachers and making up any missed assignments in a timely manner.

The 2024-2025 Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) also known as the *Bright Futures* application will open October 1. The BRACE team will meet with students to inform them of their current BF standings and assist with applications.

The 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available on or before December 1. The BRACE team hosts FAFSA Night(s) after the application opens. Date(s) TBA.

### Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

**10/15 Burger King Scholars**

**10/21 2024 Carson Scholarship**

**10/25 HACCOF Scholarship Grant**

**10/30 Chick-fil-A Community Scholars**

**Xello** is our one stop shop for all things college & career related. Visit Xello through Clever, and explore scholarships for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, career/major/university exploration, resume building and much more.

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### ACT/SAT Prep

**Broward County Public Library offers FREE workshops to prepare students for the SAT/ACT and college readiness in general.**

[College Workshops](#) | [Broward County Library](#)

**March2Success is a free resource to help students prepare for standardized tests including the ASVAB, SAT, and ACT.**

[March2Success](#)

**Free SAT Tutoring and Prep — Learn testing tips, work on practice tests, and receive personalized support from a tutor.**

[Schoolhouse](#) | [Free Online Tutoring](#)

**The Princeton Review offers online test preparation for SAT, ACT and graduate school entrance exams.**

[Test Prep Tutoring](#) | [Online Test Preparation](#) | [The Princeton Review](#)

**SAT practice on Khan Academy is world-class SAT prep that's effective and 100% free.**

[Khan Academy](#) | [Free Online Courses, Lessons & Practice](#)

## **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

**The Dual Enrollment deadline for Spring term for current students in grades 9-12<sup>th</sup> is October 4, 2024. Students must have an unweighted GPA of a 3.0 or higher to qualify.**

To qualify, you must also pass the ACCUPLACER Exam or have a qualified SAT/ACT, PERT score, or have a B average in specific English and Math classes. If you are currently Dual Enrolled, remember, you must submit paperwork EVERY semester.

**Please see the required testing needed:**

<https://www.broward.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/eligibility-requirements.html>

**DO NOT WAIT** until the Last Minute, the deadline for the all testing and paperwork is due on: **October 4th, 2024** and All placement testing must be completed **PRIOR** to these dates, form submitted, and signed parent form uploaded-NO electronic signatures.

**Student Priority Registration Begins:**

Tuesday, October 29th, 2024

\*If students plan on taking ENC 1102 in the Spring at Everglades High School, please have student write that on their Dual Enrollment form and let the School Counselor know.

## **STEPS FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT**

1. Go to <https://www.broward.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/>
2. Click appropriate icon
3. If a student is new, the student must apply to BC online first.
4. Complete the Remote Testing Request Form.
5. Students will receive a voucher for testing to their personal email address. This may take up to 5 business days.
6. Students should follow directions to schedule their exam.
7. Students should share final scores with counselors.
8. Complete the Dual Enrollment paperwork every semester:  
<https://www.broward.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/>

If you are a continuing student, please click on the appropriate tile and follow the instructions.

\*New students, if you are having trouble with your Broward College application, please remember that you must first create a Broward College number (refer to student checklist). In addition, students and parents may visit [www.broward.edu/dual](http://www.broward.edu/dual) for information on Dual Enrollment and Early Admissions and the list of all BC Approved Classes is also listed below.

### **DISTRICT GUIDELINES FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT:**

Grades 9-10: May take one\* DE course per semester at BC for a maximum total of two courses during the school year and one summer course (if applicable). The DE class may be taken on the college campus, on the high school campus, or online.

Grade 11: May take two\* total DE courses per semester at BC, UF, or any combination of those schools for a maximum total of four courses during the school year and one summer course. Both DE courses may be taken on the high school campus or if the student takes take one DE course on the college

campus or online then the second DE course must be taken on the high school campus.

Grade 12: May take three\* total DE courses per semester at BC, UF, or any combination of those schools for a maximum total of six courses during the school year. All DE courses may be taken on the high school campus; however, students may take a maximum of two DE courses on the college campus or online and the remaining DE course(s) must be taken on the high school campus.

\*Courses with a required lab are considered one course, even though the lab is a separate course for registration purposes.

- Early Admissions students (SENIORS ONLY) must take a minimum of 12-15 credits each term during their senior year.

- Your total number of Dual Enrollment classes plus your Everglades High School classes must equal 7 Instructional classes. (Example: 2 DE courses plus 5 EHS equals 7 Instructional courses. Study Hall or Senior Privilege is NOT an Instructional class but will be added to your schedule.

- Broward College classes MUST NOT conflict with your EHS class schedule (NO morning classes or classes that begin/end when you are to be in class at Everglades)

- To remain eligible in the Dual Enrollment program, you must not earn a "D" or "F" in any Dual Enrollment course. In addition, your unweighted GPA must not ever fall below 3.0.

- Once you register for your courses, please submit a copy of your Broward College schedule to Mrs. Finn. If necessary, Mrs. Finn will adjust your EHS schedule to comply with DE rules and to ensure you are not taking duplicate courses.  
[Gina.Alvarez@browardschools.com](mailto:Gina.Alvarez@browardschools.com).

## GATOR SCHOLARS

Thank you to the students in Ms. Eichel's Work-Based Learning (WBL) class for assisting the EHS clerical staff by organizing ID lanyards for our entire school.

Thank you to our fellow Gators for a job very well done!



## 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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT

- **Disconnect to Reconnect:**

Effective this year, the use of wireless devices during instructional time is not permitted. All wireless communication devices must be powered off or in airplane mode from bell to bell. Cell phones, laptops, headphones, smartwatches and all other wireless devices must be turned off unless directed otherwise by a school employee for instructional purposes.



# ATTENTION 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS:

# NEED AN SAT/ACT FEE WAIVER?

## SAT/ACT Fee Waivers Eligibility & Request Process

If you are an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student and you're having trouble paying for the ACT/SAT exams, the Fee Waiver Program can help. If you're eligible for a fee waiver, you can take the ACT/SAT for free and get other benefits.



**Family's total annual income is at or below the USDA levels for free or reduced-price lunches listed on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service**

- Complete the Household Income Survey and Meal Benefit Application **AND** Parent Disclosure.  
<https://www.browardschools.com/free-lunch>
- Select "Broward County Public Schools" when choosing the School District. **DO NOT** select "Broward County- Household Public Income Survey."
- Email [nyleve.pommells@browardschools.com](mailto:nyleve.pommells@browardschools.com) a copy of the benefits approval letter. This letter will be sent via email to the guardian's email from [freereducedmeals@browardschools.com](mailto:freereducedmeals@browardschools.com).



**Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in federally subsidized public housing.**

- Email [nyleve.pommells@browardschools.com](mailto:nyleve.pommells@browardschools.com) a copy of the confirmation of benefits received.



**Enrolled in a federally funded program for the economically disadvantaged (e.g., Free or reduced-price lunch program, GEAR UP, or Upward Bound)**

- Email [nyleve.pommells@browardschools.com](mailto:nyleve.pommells@browardschools.com) a copy of the confirmation of enrollment in the program.



**Resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless.**

- Visit Room 399 to speak with Ms. Pommells or Mr. Lanfranco.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Pommells at [nyleve.pommells@browardschools.com](mailto:nyleve.pommells@browardschools.com)

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**EVERGLADES**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
"Transforming Education One Student at a Time"



**EVERGLADES GATORS**



**VS**



**MIRAMAR PATRIOTS**



*Mayor's Cup*

**FOOTBALL GAME  
HOSTED BY THE EHS GATORS**

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 25, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

**EVERGLADES HS STADIUM**



# *Everglades Zone*

## PARENT MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 2024  
10:00 AM

CORAL COVE  
ELEMENTARY  
5100 SW 148 AVE  
MIRAMAR



LEARN HOW PARENTS AND  
CAREGIVERS CAN HELP  
CHILDREN HAVE A  
POSITIVE AND SAFE  
ONLINE EXPERIENCE



Coconut Palm Elem  
Coral Cove Elem  
Dolphin Bay Elem  
Silver Lakes Elem  
Silver Shores Elem  
Sunset Lakes Elem  
Glades Middle  
Everglades High

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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](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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County Public Schools

## 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







## EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 SILVER/BLACK CALENDAR

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
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5	PSD	7	PSD	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER				
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OCTOBER				
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21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER				
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DECEMBER				
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30	31			

JANUARY				
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27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY				
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24	25	26	27	28

MARCH				
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31				

APRIL				
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MAY				
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JUNE				
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30				

CALENDAR CODES				
No School	Renew Cards			
Teacher Planning Day	Interims			
Midterm/Final Exams	First/Last Day			
Silver Day: Periods 1-4	ERD - Early Release Day 12:40 PM Dismissal			
Black Day: Periods 5-8	PSD - Prof. Study Day 11:40 AM Dismissal			
Day of Service and Love	12:40 PM Dismissal			

Second Period Personalization | 9th and 10th Grade Students

Sixth Period Personalization | 11th and 12th Grade Students

## 2024-2025 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