

# Gator Bites



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message



Dear Everglades High School Community,

Welcome to the September edition of the "Gator Bites Newsletter." As we kickoff the school year, I want to share some highlights and important updates. It has been an exciting start to the year with a smooth transition into the new academic school year. Our students are quickly settling into their routines. Below are a few important events coming up this month.

### Upcoming Events:

- **PSD:** Our first PSD of the school year is on September 5. Students will be dismissed at 11:40am.
- **Open House:** Join us on September 5 at 6:00pm to meet teachers, explore the curriculum, and learn more about what's ahead for the school year.
- **Picture Days:** 11th and 12th grade students will take their yearbook pictures on September 9. 9th and 10th grade students will take their pictures on September 10.
- **School Advisory Council (SAC):** Please join us for our first SAC Meeting of the year. The meeting will be held on September 24th at 3:00pm in Room 202.

Please continue to read this newsletter for additional information. Thank you for your continued partnership. Together we can ensure a successful and enriching school year for all students.

Warmest regards,  
Mr. Sean Curran



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **September 2** - Labor Day- No School
- **September 5** - Professional Study Day (PSD).  
Dismissal at 11:40 am.
- **September 5**- Open House at 6:00pm
- **September 9 & 10**- Yearbook Picture Days

## IN THIS ISSUE:

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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

To ensure that students have every opportunity to excel in our Cambridge program, Everglades High students who received a score of "Ungraded" or "No Results" on the June 2024 administration, are eligible to take an exam. Please review your child's Cambridge exam scores with them, and together decide regarding this opportunity. Retaking an exam or taking an exam for an unenrolled course will be at the cost of the student.

To allow us time to request an exam from Cambridge, please carefully review the document attached and complete the Microsoft form linked below no later than **August 31, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Alvarez Finn at [Gina.Alvarez@browardschools.com](mailto:Gina.Alvarez@browardschools.com)

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO "RETAKE" AN EXAM](#)

[READ THIS RETAKE NOTICE](#)

### STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

Students with questions regarding the upcoming assessments may contact the EHS Student Assessment Specialist, Mr. Lanfranco in Room 399 or at [leandy.lanfrancopena@browardschools.com](mailto:leandy.lanfrancopena@browardschools.com)

Tuesday September 17	Wednesday September 18
<b>FAST PM1 &amp; FAST Retake</b>	<b>Biology 1 EOC &amp; US History EOC</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Grade 9</b> and <b>Grade 10</b> students.</li><li>- <b>Grade 11</b> students who have not met the ELA testing graduation requirement.</li><li>- <b>Grade 12</b> students who have not met the ELA testing graduation requirement.</li></ul>	Students who need the Biology 1 or US History EOC for course credit.

Thursday September 19	Friday September 20
Algebra 1 EOC & Geometry EOC	Algebra 1 EOC & Geometry EOC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Grade 12</b> students who have not met the Algebra 1 testing graduation requirement.</li> <li>- <b>Grade 11</b> students who have not met the Algebra 1 testing graduation requirement.</li> </ul>	Students who need the Algebra 1 or Geometry EOC for course credit.

## BRACE UPDATES

### Upcoming Study Hall College/Career Visits

9/3 Florida Atlantic University

9/13 Notre Dame

9/17 University of Florida

9/19 University of Chicago

9/25 Barry University

9/27 Florida Polytechnic University

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.

**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.

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.

### Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

9/3 The Pizza Hut Foundation Scholarship

9/15 The Gates Scholarship

9/26 Quest Bridge National College Match Scholarship

## 9/30 Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship

### 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

Broward College will be presenting on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Everglades High School Auditorium and will speak about Dual Enrollment for Spring term for current students in grades 9-12<sup>th</sup> that have an unweighted GPA of a 3.0 or higher.

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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](https://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 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

Congratulations to 37 of our Gator students who were nominated for The College Board National Recognition Program!

To qualify students must have a great GPA, have Past assessment scores that are within the top 10% of assessment takers, or have earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams by the end of 10th grade. Congratulations to our Gator Scholars.

## 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.

### DRESS FOR SUCCESS

#### • **Dress for Success:**

Full Implementation began on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please remind your student to Dress for Success daily when coming to school. Everglades will continue to implement the dress code highlighted in the Student Code of Conduct. Parents will be notified and asked to provide an alternative outfit if a student is out of compliance. If you are unable to provide an alternative outfit for your child, we will provide the student with an Everglades T-shirt and charge a \$5.00 obligation.

### PARKING LOTS

#### **Visitor Parking Lot:**

Please be reminded that there will no longer be visitor parking during the day in our Bass Creek lot. All visitors will need to park in the new visitor lot that can be accessed from the road to the

east of campus between Everglades and Glades Middle.

#### • **Student Parking Lot:**

As a reminder to continue to keep the most secure environment possible, our student parking lot gates will only be opened several times during the day. The times are as follows: 7:10am – 8:00am, 9:10am – 9:20am, 10:40am – 10:50am, 1:10pm – 1:20pm and 2:40pm – 3:00pm.

## 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.

# 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 **11th** or **12th** 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**

- o Complete the Household Income Survey and Meal Benefit Application **AND** Parent Disclosure.  
<https://www.browardschools.com/free-lunch>
- o Select "Broward County Public Schools" when choosing the School District. **DO NOT** select "Broward County- Household Public Income Survey."
- o 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.**

- o 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)**

- o 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.**

- o 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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# OPEN HOUSE



**SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**  
**6:00 PM - 8:30 PM**



Parking will be available in the Visitor, Faculty, and Student parking lots.

**During Open House you will:**

- Visit classrooms and meet teachers.
- Learn more about classroom expectations and this year's curriculum.
- Explore student led clubs and organizations.



**[BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM/EVERGLADESHIGH](https://BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM/EVERGLADESHIGH)**

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# EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARENT NIGHTS

Join us for our grade-level parent nights.

Learn more about graduation requirements and important district policies.

Meet your child's administrator, school counselor, and more!

**9-12**

**9th – 12th Grade Parent Night**

**September 25 6:00pm**  
**EHS Auditorium**

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"Transforming Education: One Student at A Time"



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# "A" Rated! EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL

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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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# 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.




*Scan this Code*



**DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW**



*Look for this icon*

Search for "SaferWatch"

Visit [Learning Across Broward](https://www.browardschools.com/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.



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

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	PSD	7	PSD	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	PSD	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	PSD	8
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25	26	27	28	29

DECEMBER				
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30	31			

JANUARY				
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FEBRUARY				
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24	25	26	27	28

MARCH				
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31				

APRIL				
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28	29	30		

MAY				
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JUNE				
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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