



# WOLVES' HOWL

## A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION

### MS. BARBA, INTERN PRINCIPAL

Greetings STHS Parents/Guardians/Students/Stakeholders:

The month of October will bring many exciting opportunities for our students as we celebrate college, career & life readiness. We wish to recognize the vast number of opportunities for our students and Mrs. DiAlberto, our BRACE Advisor, is here to help guide our students towards that next leg of their journey. Last month we held a College Info Night for the parents of seniors. This month, we will host a College Tips for Parents of Juniors on October 23rd, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. There are numerous opportunities for **FREE** money, starting with Bright Futures Scholarships, so join us for this important information session.

Did you know that we have College Reps coming to the high school weekly? Mrs. DiAlberto has arranged for them to come to the high school to speak to students about what their school can offer. This month we have Florida PolyTech Oct. 3rd; University of Florida, Oct. 8th; University of West Florida, Oct. 11th, FSU (seniors only) Oct. 16th; Univ. of North Florida, Oct. 21st; Nova Southeastern University, Oct. 22nd; and Florida Atlantic University Oct. 24th. Many more will be coming, so please encourage your child to take advantage of these one-to-one or small group opportunities to gather information about a college of interest. Each session is held after school from 1:50 – 3:00 p.m.

**PARENTS OF SENIORS...**if you or your child have not met with Mrs. DiAlberto, please make an appointment so you can start working on those future plans, whatever they may be. The FAFSA opens October 1st and the new [FAFSA Checklist](#) can help you prepare to file. This smart guide outlines the items you will need to gather and provides additional resources about the FAFSA and its importance. Please take a moment and review this with your child.

[CLICK HERE FOR FAFSA CHECKLIST](#)

## OCTOBER EVENTS

- FAFSA opens, October 1st
- No School Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
- Picture Day, October 11<sup>th</sup>
- Block 3 & 4 exams, October 15<sup>th</sup>
- PSAT Exam- 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Block 1 & 2 exam, October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Early Release Day, October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Teacher Planning Day, October 18<sup>th</sup>
- College Tips for Juniors, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Spirit Week, October 28-November 1
- ASVAB Exam-11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade (sign up only), October 29<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Dance, November 1<sup>st</sup>

On October 16th, all 9th, 10th, & 11th grade students will sit for the PSAT. This is an opportunity for students to get a measurement of their SAT and college readiness. In addition, the PSAT is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship, so I look forward to our students doing their absolute best on this exam. In addition to the PSAT, Quarter 1 exams will take place on October 15th for blocks 3 & 4 and October 17th for blocks 1 & 2. Please see the exam schedule at the back of the newsletter for release, bus, and pickup times.

Parents, we are once again mandated by the State of Florida to conduct safety & code drills on a monthly basis. This includes fire, lockdown, and evacuation drills. We have conducted these drills since the school year started, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I am very pleased to announce that STCHS Career Dual Enrollment Coordinator and Principles of Teaching instructor, Nicole Alexander, will be representing Sheridan Tech as the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year.

SGA has planned this school year's first Spirit Week, which will be held October 28th through November 1st culminating with a School Dance on Friday night! Each day will have a unique theme, so get ready to get your spirit on!

On a final note, Friday, October 11th, we will have picture day. This will be a photo in the school uniform, however additional photos in a non-uniform outfit are permitted.

Thank you for your continued support.

***Mary Barba, Intern Principal***



## **CLASS OF 2020**

Florida high school students who qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars (full tuition fee) (FAS) award need to have scored 1290 on the SAT. Students who qualify for the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) (75% tuition fee) award need to have scores 1170 on the SAT. Students cannot combine scores from the old and the redesigned SAT, but they can use scores from either the old or redesigned SAT exam.

Students should take advantage of the higher scores on the new SAT as soon as possible. We believe that at some point the scholarships will make the adjustments. The Bright Futures Scholarship program is available to eligible students who live in the state of Florida. This award was designed to make college more affordable to promising high school graduates and may be used at any in-state institution.



The new SAT test was given for the first time in March 2016. These new SAT test scores are on a 1600-point scale rather than a 2400-point scale. To move from the 2400-point scale to the 1600-point scale, the scores for the Reading and Writing sections were combined into a single section with a maximum score of 800. The Math section is still scored out of 800. The SAT essay was redesigned and is now optional. The essay is scored on a scale that goes from 2 to 8. This score is separate from the 1600-point score and not included when calculating the Florida Bright Futures eligibility.

Students wondering how their score on the new SAT compares with scores on the old SAT can easily compare them using the Official SAT Score Converter mobile app and/or online tool to compare scores. The Converter is from the College Board,

the private company that produces the SAT test. After entering the SAT score and getting the results, students will also be able to see the comparable ACT scores.

With the state of Florida paying out up to \$103 per credit hour each semester for the Florida Academic Scholars and up to \$77 per credit hour each semester for the Florida Medallion Scholars, earning the Florida Bright Futures award can save families thousands of dollars over the course of a four-year college degree.

For more information on Florida' Bright Futures Scholarship program, SAT testing and/or college admissions, visit <https://www.internationalcollegecounselors.com> or call 954-414-9986 STHS is offering SAT tutoring to all students!



## CLASS OF 2021

We are well on our way through the first term. Interim grades have been sent out, and first quarter grades will be finalized by Oct 17. Parents, we need your help keeping your students on track. Don't wait for grades to be finalized before recognizing that your students may be struggling. Please check your child's grades in FOCUS every week and don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions, comments, and concerns.

We have begun a school wide effort designed to improve our student's math skills for their PSAT and SAT exams. It is called SAT Boot Camp, which includes software such as Algebra Nation and Khan Academy. We are coordinating our efforts as one 11th grade team to make sure students complete these valuable exercises. Regardless of subject, students are working on these assignments at least an hour a week, and these grades are going in the gradebook. Please make sure your students are keeping up with these assignments on D2L.

Speaking of SAT exams, our schoolwide PSAT Day for Junior is on Oct 16th. It is critical that your students prepare for this exam and know which areas they need to improve before taking the SAT later in the year as Juniors and Seniors. Nothing is more important for PSAT and SAT success than doing practice questions. Please have your students prepare for the English and Math sections of the exam, either by going on Khan Academy or coming to Mr. Cogan's Thursday SAT workshop after school.

Be sure to check your Outlook e-mail daily. For one, you'll find emails from Ms. DiAlbarto at the BRACE office, with valuable information on college visits, scholarships, applications, and internships. Be on the lookout for those, as well as opportunities for involvement with your very own Class of 2021.

After school clubs have already begun, and students need to have their transportation forms filled out before they can board the activity bus. Ask your club advisers for forms if you need them, so you can build up those resumes and participate in extracurricular activities.

We continue to work hard every day to make Sheridan Technical High School the best school in the Broward system, and I am proud to be part of this great group of Juniors and Junior Teachers.

Jason M. Cogan

AP and Honors US History Teacher

11th Grade Team Leader



## CLASS OF 2022

Thank you 10th grade parents for your continued support and commitment to your child's education. We are proud to say that students are working hard in both their courses and towards school initiatives. Tenth grade students are working diligently on Mondays in Algebra Nation, which supports and challenges students while strengthening their Algebra skills. Tuesdays through Friday students continue to work in noredink.com to build their language, grammar, and writing skills. These initiatives partnered with their regular coursework better prepares students for their End of Course exams (EOC) as well as their English Language Arts Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) which they will be taking in the spring. Please remember that tenth grade students must score a level 3 or higher on their ELA FSA in order to meet their high school graduation requirement.

Tenth grade students will also be taking their PSAT on October 16th. This is not only a great opportunity for students to show growth and progress from their PSAT completed last year but also a chance to better prepare themselves for the SAT, which they will take during their Junior Year. In addition, Mid-Term exams will take place on October 15th for blocks 3 and 4 and October 17th for Blocks 1 and 2. Please encourage your child to get a good night sleep and eat a healthy breakfast prior to these exams. We want to always encourage students to perform their best in all they do. With your support from home and our continued support here at school, student success is made possible. Thank you again for all that you do.



## CLASS OF 2023

We've made it half-way through the first quarter! Our 9th graders are adjusting well and we thank the students and parents for their hard work. Just a reminder to parents to continuously check **FOCUS** for your child's progress in his/her class. If you have any questions about how to access the parent portal or create an account, feel free to email the 9th grade guidance counselor, or one of your child's teachers.

Please also remember that students are responsible for completing all of their work in a timely manner. This includes school initiatives (Newsela assignments and Noredink assignments). If students have extenuating circumstances at home, it's important that they have conversations with their teachers and with guidance.

Good news! Sheridan has started a new mentoring program! Our upperclassmen are available to mentor 9th graders as a way to help them navigate through their new learning adventure: High School. Some of the 9th grade teachers have already identified students to sign up for this program however if your 9th grader is interested in getting an upperclassmen as a mentor, please have them see Mrs. Payne in room 161 or email: [Wendy.Payne@browardschools.com](mailto:Wendy.Payne@browardschools.com)

**PSAT: October 16, 2019**

**Midterm Exams: October 15, 2019 & October 17, 2019**



## BRACE NEWS

Mrs. DiAlberto, BRACE Advisor

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### ALL GRADE LEVELS COLLEGE FAIRS IN OCTOBER

Please take advantage of the college fairs (details below). You will have the as the State of FL! It is not too early to start doing research on how colleges can help you get where you want to go. Find out criteria to get into the college of your choice!

## FINANCIAL AID INFO FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR PARENTS

If your student will be starting college in Summer 2020, you need to fill out the following on [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) 2019-2020 FAFSA with your 2017 taxes.

If your student will be going to college in Fall, 2020, Spring, 2020, or Summer, 2020, you need to fill out the following on [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) as of 10/1/19: 2020-2021 FAFSA with your 2018 taxes.

If you need help with any of the above, you may attend one of the College Fairs below. Before you attend, you and your student need to get a user name and password on the site. Please bring your tax info.

We will have a Financial Aid Night (mostly for parents) (details below). We have a financial aid expert coming to give you information.

## CAREER EXPLORATION INFO FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

I highly recommend taking the ASVAB Career Exploration Test (see below). It is a phenomenal test that will either solidify what you think you want to be when you grow up, or give you some other options. If you take the test, you should also attend the Follow-Up Session (see below). That is where you will get your results and have them explained to you, so you know what your next step is.



## JUNIORS & SENIORS & PARENTS

- **Thursday 10/3/19** 1:45-3:10 pm – Lynn University Visit – location TBD
- **Friday** FL Polytechnic University Visit – location TBD
- **Friday 10/4/19** 1:45-3:10 pm – University of Central Florida Visit – Cafeteria
- **Sunday 10/6/19** 1:00-4:00 pm – NACAC College Fair, Broward County Convention Center, students, please register at: [gotomyncf.com/registration](https://gotomyncf.com/registration). There will be approx. colleges from all over the country and beyond. There will be a FAFSA Lab for parents of Seniors, if you bring your 2017 and 2018 tax information.
- **Tuesday 10/8/19** 1:45-3:10 pm – University of Florida Visit – Cafeteria
- **Friday 10/11/19** 1:45-3:10 pm - University of West Florida Visit – location TBD
- **Saturday 10/12/19** 11:00am-2:00 pm – Broward County College Fair, Museum of Discovery & Science, students, 401 SW 2nd St., Ft. Lauderdale There will be FL colleges attending. There will be a FAFSA Lab for parents of Seniors, if you bring your 2017 and 2018 tax information. There will also be a Financial Aid Workshop.

- **Wednesday 10/16/19** 8:30-9:45 am – Florida State University Visit at Sheridan Technical College – location TBD
- **Monday 10/12/19** 1:45-3:10 pm – University of North Florida Visit – Cafeteria
- **Tuesday 10/22/19** 1:45-3:10 pm – Nova Southeastern University Visit – Cafeteria
- **Wednesday, 10/23/19** 6:00-8:00 pm – Tips on College Night – Cafeteria (seniors & parents, if you missed the Sept. Meeting, you may want to attend this meeting to see what you missed)
- **Friday 10/25/19** 1:45-3:10 pm – Florida Atlantic University Visit – Cafeteria
- **Sunday 10/27/19** 1:00-3:00 pm – NACAC Performing Arts College Fair, Nova Southeastern University, Rick Case Arena at Don Taft University Center, 3301 College Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, students, please register at: [gotomyncf.com/registration](http://gotomyncf.com/registration).
- **Tuesday 10/29/19** 7:00-11:00 am – (for students only) – ASVAB Career Exploration Test – Cafeteria
- **Wednesday 11/6/19** 6:00-8:00 pm – (more for parents than students) -Financial Aid Night – Cafeteria
- **Thursday 11/14/19** 1:45-3:10 pm – Sheridan Technical College Visit – location TBD
- **Monday 11/25/19** 7:00-8:30 pm – ASVAB Follow-Up and Results – Cafeteria
- **Thursday 2/13/19** 6:00-8:00 pm – Sheridan Tech. High School College Fair – Cafeteria

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS & PARENTS

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## *Club News*

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### KEY CLUB

By Jose Mendez, President

Key Club has been very busy in the beginning of this great school year helping to welcome new students to our school. We also did 2 events in the summer, where we packaged school supplies for needy students. Key Club started the year strong with fundraising and volunteer ideas that will help gain student activity. Key Club is working on many different projects that strive to represent what we stand for. On November 16, Key Club will be hosting a garage sale at Sheridan Technical College. Our goal for fundraising is to be able to send students who have a passion for community participation to DCON, the Florida Key Club Convention in Orlando, Florida. Fundraising is important to Key Club but is not our only priority. As a club wishing to give back to the community, Key Club will be participating in things like beach cleanups, Relay for Life, Book Drive, set up for Alzheimer's Walk, Haunted Trail for Halloween, Horses for the Handicapped, sock puppets for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, and much more! Key Club is proud to be more ambitious than ever before, and hope for the support from the rest of our fabulous Wolf Pack. If you have any questions, please see or email Mrs. DiAlberto, our Sponsor, or myself, Jose Mendez, Key Club President.

**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

*Congratulations to*

**OUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR**



Here are just a few reasons why we love her!

“Mrs. Nicole Alexander has a wonderful relationship with all of our faculty, students and staff. Her hard work and unmatched dedication to her job is like no other. She displays exemplary leadership skills with each and every hat that she wears. From developing engaging curriculum to mentoring teachers Nicole does it all. I do not think everyone knows how fortunate we are to have Nicole Alexander at Sheridan. She has a love of teaching and a passion for the work evidenced by the many hours she puts in on nights and weekends. She has many responsibilities as CDE Coordinator, TIER Liaison, Inservice Facilitator, Curriculum Developer and Teacher Assisting teacher...and she does it all with poise.”-Bethany Fee

Congrats to **YOU** Mrs. Alexander! We are a **VERY PROUD WOLF PACK!**



**Save the Date!!** 

**Fall Picture Day**

**Friday, October 11, 2019**

*Makeup Day: Friday, November 15*

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## *Important District News*

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The safety and security of our students, staff and schools remain the highest priorities for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS). We encourage everyone to 'say something if you see something' because the safety of our schools is the collective responsibility of the entire community.

We want to make you aware of a couple of resources that have been developed to improve public safety by allowing individuals to report potential threats and suspicious activity. These free mobile phone apps are both available for download on Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store.

The first resource is the **SaferWatch** app. This app, supported by the Broward Sheriff's Office, allows individuals in Broward County the ability to communicate with law enforcement seamlessly and report potential threats and suspicious activity.



Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward/> for more information about the SaferWatch app.

The second resource for reporting safety and security concerns is the **FortifyFL** app. FortifyFL allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. For more information about the FortifyFL app, visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/>.



As a reminder, BCPS also monitors its own anonymous tip line for reporting potential school threats or other school-related safety and security concerns. Parents and students can report tips in a number of ways. They can:

1. Call (754) 321-0911
2. Text SBBC with a tip to 274637 (CRIMES)
3. Email a concern to [school911@browardschools.com](mailto:school911@browardschools.com)
4. Submit an electronic tip at <https://www.browardschools.com/Anonymous-Tips>

Please remember these methods of reporting are NOT a replacement for calling 9-1-1, when there is a crime in progress or an emergency. BCPS encourages parents and students to be vigilant in reporting all suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities, regardless of your preferred method of communication. Working together, we can improve the safety in schools and our community.

Sincerely,