

# **A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION**

# MS. BARBA, INTERN PRINCIPAL

# STHS Stakeholders.

Regular student attendance is important for student learning and progress throughout the school year. The state's financial support for schools is also directly linked to student attendance. Absenteeism hurts our students and hurts our schools. When students are absent, they miss out on learning opportunities, can fall behind academically and our schools lose funding. To ensure our attendance records are counted for maximum state funding this school year, please ensure your child attends school each day February 3 - 7, 2020. Thank you for supporting your child's education.



This month our seniors will be attending a Broadway production at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. They will get to laugh alongside their peers as they watch "Groundhog Day" based on that hilarious 1995 film starring Bill Murray and Andie McDowell. There is no charge for this event as it is part of the School Enrichment for the Arts program.

Also this month, we have **students stepping up** as they compete in the SkillsUSA regional leadership competition; **students stepping back** in time as they attend the school days' Renaissance Festival; **students working as a team** as our Basketball season begins; **students going the distance** as our Debate Team travels to Massachusetts to compete in the 46th Annual Harvard National Forensics (Speech and Debate) Tournament; and **students showing heart** as our Health Science student ambassadors attend the inaugural Love YourZ event, learning about the spirit of resiliency, support and love, while they connect and form an ongoing network around the topics of wellness, mindfulness, positive thinking, and self-love. As you can see, **our students are truly amazing**!

Congratulations to STHS students, faculty, and staff as we have received several awards and distinguished recognition over the last few weeks. The first being the **Magnet School of Distinction**, the second for **Female Diversity in AP Computer Science Principles**, and the third is 2020 **Best Schools in Florida** (we are #11). Everyone should be very proud!







All of our Winter EOC Scores have come in. I am pleased to share that teachers and students worked hard and should be proud of the results: U.S. History EOC - 100% passed; Biology - 94% passed; Geometry - 76% passed. There is still a lot of work to be done in Term 2 as students are now in their second set of classes for the school year. Included in the newsletter you will find the updated tutoring schedule for students who need a little extra help. Parents, thank you for your continued support.

**GREAT NEWS!!!** We have over 45 colleges and universities attending our Annual College Fair, which will be held on Thursday, February 13th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Be sure to look at the attached flyer, which includes who has committed to attend as of January 30th. More requests come in daily, so the list will continue to grow. This is the perfect chance to have one-on-one conversations with the reps from these institutions, so please mark your calendar and join us for this special event.

February 14th, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) has designated Friday as **A Day of Service and Love**, in commemoration of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. It will be a day to give back to the community in honor of the 17 students and staff who were lost and those who were injured. **A Day of Service and Love** will be an early release day at BCPS and attendance by students is mandatory. Our students will engage in a number of different activities that day.

"**A Day of Service and Love** honors our fallen eagles and our families and communities impacted by this tragedy," said BCPS Superintendent Robert W. Runcie. "We invite our entire community to be a meaningful part of the ongoing process of healing by pausing at 10:17 a.m. to honor and remember."



Mary Barba Intern Principal



# **CLASS OF 2020**

Coming to the end of the first month of their last semester at STHS, Senior preparations for their exhibitions should be in full swing. At this point Mrs. Alexander not only expects to see submissions rough drafts and preliminary plans for exhibitions in the appropriate dropbox. Several instructors have even gone so far as to begin scheduling exhibitions in the upcoming months. The exhibition has become more important than in years past. Many teachers, such as Mr. Berman, have even gone so far as to make the completion of items such as these a portion of classroom participation grades.

News from the BRACE office, the word of the day is FAFSA. If there is one thing that Seniors can do to give themselves the best possible chance of receiving financial assistance towards their higher education, it is filling out their FAFSA application.

**A Day Of Service And Love**, the theme for the early release day on February 14th, will be an early release day. No instruction will occur on this day, with students and teachers instead using the day to honor the lives lost two years ago at MSDHS. Teachers and students will memorialize the 17 lost with acts of kindness and reflection, ranging from writing uplifting letters to children in local hospitals, to creating 'Caring Comics and Meaningful Manga' to promote positive messages.

**Tuesday, February 4th, the Senior class will attend the musical 'Groundhog Day**'. Several of the teachers are looking forward to this performance, including Mr. Berman, an avid Bill Murray fan. Seniors not in attendance at the musical will be preparing for SkillsUSA competition regional qualifiers in categories such as IT Networking, Brainbowl, as well as many other categories. We wish them the best of luck.

# Hey, Class of 2020, be sure to keep these important dates in mind!

- Senior Awards Night Thursday, April 9, 2020
- Grad Bash Friday, April 24, 2020
- Final Exams Monday and Tuesday, May 18 & 19, 2020
- Last Day for Seniors Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- Prom Thursday, May 21, 2020
- Senior Breakfast Tuesday, May 26, 2020
- Graduation Rehearsal Thursday, May 28, 2020
- Graduation Friday, May 29, 2020

# **Payment deadlines:**

- Yearbook on sale NOW for only \$40. After Feb. 28 it jumps to \$50
- Buddy Ads still on sale for \$10 Cash Only. See Mrs. Katz ONLY 5 LEFT







JUNIORS'S MESSAGE Junior Teachers; Mr. Jason Cogan, Mr. Joshua Lewis, Ms. Helena Giannini & Ms. Bethany McAfee

Dear Juniors,

Can you believe we are already in the month of February? By now, we are well into the Spring Semester, so you should be fully immersed into the swing of things with your academics, clubs, and your new or continuing CDE programs. A couple of key points that should help you manage your academic responsibilities.

First, Don't miss after-school review sessions. Know that we are here to support and empower you. This includes helping you with your SAT BootCamp as well as tutoring offered almost every day. Please listen to the announcements daily for the tutoring schedule, or check the

many posters throughout the school showing which dates tutoring is offered.

Second, be sure to check your Outlook e-mail daily. For one, you'll find emails from Ms. DiAlberto 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.

On a different note, remember that safety is a top priority. We expect you to do your part by wearing IDs and uniforms daily, and if you "see something, or hear something, then say something." Finally, let's keep the lines of communication open. Students – let us know how we can help you. Families – check your child's grades regularly in FOCUS and don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions, comments, and concerns.

Best wishes for a productive second term,

Joshua Lewis, Precalculus, Geometry and Financial Algebra Instructor, 11th Grade Team MemberJason Cogan, AP US History and Honors US History Instructor, 11th Grade Team Leader- The 11th Grade Team (Mr. Cogan, Ms. Giannini, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. McAfee)

# **CLASS OF 2022**



As the class of 2022 embarks on a new semester, the students are excited for the challenges their new classes will bring.

Sophomores recently received their PSAT results and are strongly encouraged to review their testing books to see the math problems and reading passage questions they may have missed. Overall, the class of 2022 showed impressive gains and are on track to perform well on their SAT tests.

In Marine Science Honors students have been getting their hands messy with labs. Students completed a food-based plate tectonics lab where students got to see the different tectonic plate boundaries and how they interact in a fun and interesting way.

Technology Studies welcomed a new batch of Sophomore students this

January. Our course is the opportunity to explore the many different trades that Sheridan Technical College has to offer. The students have been busy learning about themselves with <u>Career Assessment quizzes</u> in hopes that they will move toward a career they will enjoy and succeed in versus simply going to work at a j-o-b for an hourly wage. We promote professionalism and <u>soft skills valued in the workforce</u>. Each week students receives a <u>Class Dojo</u> grade reflecting their professionalism within class and while on field trips to STC. In addition to exploring the different trade options students will also have the opportunity to gain <u>Adobe Certifications</u>; Photoshop and Illustrator (especially valuable if interested in a communication arts career). Thus far the students have been introduced to Digital Multimedia, Game Design / Programming and beginning Hospitality & Tourism (Culinary). Presently each student is creating a website within <u>Wix</u> showcasing their knowledge of each trade, describing the possible salary (three different locations, i.e., South Florida, New York, New York & San Francisco, California should relocation be necessary or desired), if a trade is a growing or contracting industry, requirements and certifications available to make informed decisions about their future. On March 4th the students will have the opportunity to tour their top two trade choices more in depth at STC.

# Success is not only possible, it is necessary!

# **CLASS OF 2023**

The 9th grade team is happy to report that students are acclimating well to their Term 2 classes. We would like to thank parents for their continued support at home

Winter Biology scores are in and we're excited to announce a 94% pass rate! Way to go 9th graders, Mr. Wisner and Mrs. Novotny! Keep up the awesome work!



PSAT scores are also in and students have received paper copies of their scores as well as their test booklets returned. Students may not begin detailed and personalized practice in Khan Academy or attending SAT tutoring here at the school. It's never to early to study!

Upcoming: Day of love and service on Feb 14, 2020. This will be an early release day and 9th grade will have a variety of different activities in each of their classes.



# **KEY CLUB**

In January, Key Club attended a beach clean-up with the city of Hollywood on January 11. In February Key Club will have elections on February 3rd, participate in Horses for the Handicapped on Feb. 8, and Adopt-a-Street cleanup on February 24th during the meeting (yes, you will get hours). Info on a Beach Clean-up that anyone can attend on Feb. 22 in Deerfield Beach was sent out. Sometime between February and March, we will also be

making sock puppets for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. We are working on having the socks donated from our new Partner in Education, Simply Healthcare. The Chili Cook-off is on Feb.

28, the Orange Blossom Festival Pancake Breakfast is on Feb. 29, and the Spring Zone Rally for old and new officers is on March 1. Details to follow. From March 2 to 13, Key Club will be facilitating a book drive at school. Again, details to follow. We are working very hard to have everything in place for our District Convention in Orlando on April 2-5. For the 15 students who have expressed interest in attending, we should have detailed info for you soon.



A big "thank you" to Mr. Fisher for all his hard work to make sure that Key Club t-shirts were completed professionally and correctly!

# Key Club President- Jose Mendez



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA's 2020 Teacher Kidnap was a HUGE success! Thanks to an all-out fight between Mrs. Novotny and the reigning champ, Mr. Montanez, more money was raised than ever before. Rounding out the totals were teachers like Mrs. Payne, who offered some interesting motivations to their students, and Mrs. Horton. So, who won? Drumroll please....Mr. Montanez once again came out on top with over \$360!! Mrs. Novotny was very close behind with over \$330. Together with the rest of our faculty, over \$1,019 was raised to help SGA continue to bring fun and helpful events to the students and staff of Sheridan Tech.

Make sure to join us during the week of February 10 as we celebrate global cultures during our Festival of Culture. And keep your eyes and ears open for our very first OVERNIGHT event - coming up in April.





Mrs. DiAlberto, BRACE Advisor Barbara.dialberto@browardschools.com

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS – FAFSA LABS FOR SENIORS & JUNIORS & PARENTS

Seahawk Ready FAFSA lab [Fridays]: go to: https://seahawkfafsa.eventbrite.com B2L FASFA lab [Saturdays]: go to: https://b2lfafsa.eventbrite.com Ask Benji, your Digital FAFSA Assistant. 602-786-8171. Text "Help" to get started. Feb. 5 – 10:05-10:45 am – Marines in Cafeteria during lunch to answer questions. Feb. 6 – 4-7:30 pm – On-site Admissions at Barry Univ., campus tour, meet with admissions & financial aid, meet with faculty & current students, apply & receive on-the-spot decision Feb. 10 – Last documentation for Silver Knight's due to Mrs. DiAlberto Feb. 13 – 6-8 pm – College Fair at STHS for all grade levels and parents. Juniors, if you haven't attended a fair, you really need to attend this one. There will be several hundred colleges participating. Feb. 14 – 7-8 am – Broward College Application Day for seniors on sign-up basis. Bring laptop and social security number. Feb. 19 – 10:05-10:45 am – Marines in Cafeteria during lunch to answer questions. Feb. 19 – 6-8 pm – Tips on College and Career Readiness for students and parents. Feb. 23 – 12-4 pm – National College Fair, DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport Convention Center, 711 NW 72 Ave., Miami, 33126, go to: gotomyncf.com to register, free and open to public March 4 – SAT Day at STHS for juniors. March 10 – 6-8 pm – Financial Aid Night, John Mullins Aquatic Center, 2000 NW 55 Ave., Lauderhill 33313 March 11 – 7-11 am - ACT Free Practice Test for juniors at STHS on sign-up basis. March 15 – Deadline for Broward Education Foundation Scholarship. April 16 – 6-8 pm – Career Fair at STHS (details to follow) INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Please continue to give Mrs. DiAlberto copies of your letters of acceptance. She also needs copies of any scholarships you receive.

# Congratulations to those students who went on the Infinite Scholars Field Trip! You came back with approximately \$2,000,000 in Scholarships! Way to go!

**1. Key Club Scholarships – due 2/10/20** – Key Club Members, if you have been a member in good standing since 11th grade, go to: https://worldscholarshipforum.com/key-club-scholarship/ for multiple scholarships.

2. IT Women College Scholarship – due 2/15/20

a. Be female pursuing degree in IT or Engineering

b. Go to: https://itwomen.org/scholarships/

# 3. Broward County Chiefs of Police Association Scholarship – due 3/13/20 (postmarked by) –

a. Be dependent/sibling of an employee of Broward County law enforcement agency who is active, retired, or vested.

- b. Live in Broward County.
- c. Scholastic Achievement
- d. Financial Need
- e. 3.0+ gpa
- f. Community Involvement

# 4. Destination Dorm Scholarship – due 3/15/20

- a. Application is in BRACE Office, but has been emailed previously.
- **b.** 4-paragraph essay
- **c.** Letter of recommendation
- **d.** Copy of College Acceptance Letter
- e. Copy of Dormitory contract and deposit statement

# 5. Hallandale Beach-Aventura Rotary Foundation Scholarship – due 4/1/20

- a. Be Hallandale Beach/Aventura resident.
- b. Return to Mrs. DiAlberto before 3/20/20

# **INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS, SOPHOMORES, FRESHMEN**

# 1. FSU Young Scholar's Program – deadline 2/15/20 –

- a. 6-week residential summer science and math experience
- **b.** Room, board, tuition covered for every admitted student.
- c. Program Dates: June 14-July 25, 2020
- d. Go to: ysp@bio.fsu.edu

# 2. ACLU Summer Program – deadline 2/16/20

- a. Students ages 15-18
- b. July 22-July 28 Summer Program in Washington DC
- c. Designed to help high school students hone their advocacy skills and passion for social justice.
- d. Visit website or see Mrs. DiAlberto
- e. Full scholarships available for students who qualify.

# 3. Adelphi University Pre-College Program -

- a. One-week noncredit or two-week credit-bearing program
- b. Go to: precollege/adelphi.edu

# 4. Peace Ambassador Leadership Summit -

- a. PALS
- b. Earn 40 service hours at UCF or
- c. 64 service hours at FIU, or
- d. 40 service hours at Georgetown
- e. Stay on campus: communication skills, developing empathy, life skills, public speaking, etc.
- f. You will have access to college scholarships, career prep info, and activities.
- g. See Mrs. DiAlberto or go to NVEEE.org

# **APPOINTMENTS FOR JUNIORS**

1. If you would like an appointment with me, either student only or student & parent, please email to let me know what schedule works for you.

Click here to view and download more valuable BRACE news and information.

#### **College Fair 2020 @ Sheridan Technical High School** Thursday, February 13th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Visit with Local, State, and out of state Colleges and Universities. Speak with representatives from the following schools: **Barry University** Johnson & Wales University University of Central Florida **Broward College Keiser University** University of Delaware Farleigh Dickinson University Marymount University University of East London Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University Miami Int'l Univ. of Art & Design University of Florida (UF) (FAMU) New College of Florida University of Miami (UM) Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Nova Southeastern University (NSU) University of North Florida (UNF) FAU's Wilke's Honor's College New York Film Academy University of South Florida (USF) Florida Gulf Coast University **Ohio University** University of Tampa Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) Pennsylvania State University Valdosta State University Florida International University (FIU) St. Thomas University Webber International University Florida Polytechnic University Sheridan Technical College \*Marines \*Platinum Prep. Florida State University (FSU) **Temple University** Full Sail University University of Alabama \*The Princeton Review Instituto Marangoni Miami University of Alabama Birmingham \*\*Additional colleges and universities are added daily.









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# STHS Wolves Taming the Test!



	ENGLISH TEST PREP	AP & OTHER TUTORING	SAT TEST PREP	MATH TEST PREP & TUTORING	
Monday	<b>FSA English</b> Ms. Williams Room 145	AP Economics Mr. Wizenberg Room 118		EOC Math - ALGEBRA 1 Room 165P – Mr. Berman AP STATISTICS Room 165M – Mr. K. AP CALCULUS & PRECAL Room 168 – Mr. Lewis	Monday
Tuesday		Chemistry Room 146- Mr. Wisner AP Environmental Room 116- Ms. Giannini AP U.S. History* Room 160- Mr. Cogan	<b>SAT Math</b> Mr. Keskinkaya Room 165M	EOC Math - GEOMETRY Room 168 – Mr. Lewis	Tuesday
Thursday	<b>FSA English</b> Ms. Williams Room 145	AP Human Geography Room 105- Mr. Ogden	SAT Test Taking Strategies Mr. Cogan Room 160	EOC Math - ALGEBRA 1 Room 165P – Mr. Berman EOC Math - GEOMETRY Room 168 – Mr. Lewis	Thursday
Friday				AP CALCULUS & PRECAL Room 168 – Mr. Lewis AP STATISTICS Room 165M - Mr. K. ALGEBRA 2 Room 102 – Mr. Tabachynsky	Friday

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