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A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Greetings STHS Families.

First and foremost, I hope you are all doing well and taking care of yourselves and your families during this unprecedented time. I greatly appreciate the support you have given our students, your children, while they are attending their classes each and every day. We are aware of the hurdles and challenges remote learning brings and we are here to help our students find success in this digital world of learning.

What I want to make everyone understands is that although there are no state assessments this year, every student must still show engagement and competency to pass their respective courses. In other words, you must still do the work even though we have transitioned to distance learning. This includes our seniors who must meet all academic requirements in order to graduate. School for all students ends on June 2nd, 2020, so there's still time for the seniors who have not been previously engaged in classes to make the most of these last few weeks of school.

Parents, our school social worker school and grade level counselors are available every day for you to reach out to for assistance. The most efficient means of initial contact would be via email:

- 9th grade: pristine.pulley@browardschools.com
- 10th & 11th grade: kenneth.rolle@browardschools.com
- 12th grade: andie.segal@browardschools.com
- School Social Worker: Christine.campbell2@browardschools.com

AP Exams will take place this year, but students will take the exams at home. The exams are shorter, but still designed to test your knowledge, as these are college level courses. Your AP teachers are preparing information for you so you will be ready to sit for those exams next month.

I have wonderful news to share: Our Spoken Word Poetry club entered into this year's *Louder Than A Bomb* competition, which was shifted to a virtual setting, and junior, Samuel Nathan, was a semi-finalist with an amazing poem called "Terms and Conditions". Talk about overcoming obstacles!! Each of the club members recorded themselves performing their original work and submitted it for live viewing and judging.

Senior News: At this time, I have no new information to share with regard to graduation, refunds for grad bash or prom, or any other senior events. As soon as I do, I will share this information with you via parent-link and email. Until then, take care of yourselves, your families, and be well.

MS. BARBA, INTERN PRINCIPAL

CLASS OF 2020

Hi guys. We know this is not what you imagined or dreamed about when you thought of finishing your senior year in high school. There are a great many uncertainties at the moment, but please understand that everything that is happening is being done with your safety and best interests in mind. Here is what we know:



- The graduation requirement of 40 service hours has been waived. This does not apply to Bright Futures Scholarship and other scholarship opportunities.
- The remainder of the school year will happen “virtually.” In other words, we will not be going back to face-to-face school this school year.
- All End of Course exams are cancelled.
- A.P. exams are being held online and will all involve a writing component only – no multiple choice. Your A.P. teacher will contact you with more details. Some of the dates are times are being changed to make sure they don’t overlap.
- In light of the park closings, we are anticipating the cancellation of Grad Bash, but we are waiting for details from the district.

That’s it for right now. We have not been given specific information about prom, last day of school for seniors or what is going to happen with the graduation ceremony, but as soon as we know, we will communicate that information to you – **check your Outlook regularly.**



CLASS OF 2021

Welcome Back, Juniors! We know that this has been a difficult and confusing time in our nation and world, and we want you first to know that we are here for you. We love you and have sincerely missed you so much over the two weeks we had off.

Even though the doors to our school are physically closed, our hearts are open. You still have all of the resources available to you. You can still get guidance from Mr. Rolle (class of 2021 counselor), Mrs. DiAlberto (Brace advisor), and Ms. Campbell (our new school social worker).

They are just a quick e-mail away! You can still get breakfast and lunch from 47 school locations (see <https://news.browardschools.com/>). You can still learn from your amazing teachers using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra and D2L. And, you can still connect with your friends with video chats, facetime, and other virtual platforms.

While this is truly an epochal moment in our history, school (and learning) has not stopped. So, please remember to follow proper online decorum. Adhere to these guidelines to achieve the best result from online learning:

- ✓ Use headphones (if you have them) to decrease background noise
- ✓ Wear appropriate attire and maintain an appropriate presence (clothing/background).
- ✓ Maintain professional speaking and chatting (all sessions and chats are recorded).
- ✓ Use the “raise hand” feature to speak.
- ✓ Update your status as needed during sessions (Away – stepping away for the restroom etc...).
- ✓ Your status choices look like this in Blackboard.

If you feel overwhelmed for any reason, the best thing you can do is to communicate with your teachers. Let them know what’s going on. Send them an email via Outlook explaining your situation. Remember, we are here for you, care about you, and want nothing but the best for you

Sincerely,

The 11th Grade Team (Mr. Cogan, Ms. Giannini, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. McAfee)

CLASS OF 2022

The 10th grade teachers want to say how much we have missed our students. We are so happy to be able to reconnect over blackboard. Students have been doing a phenomenal job of logging in on time and participating in classes. Your teachers are very proud of how the students are handling and adapting to this situation. As a reminder, classes are still in session and we need your help to make sure students continue to log in everyday and are turning in any assignments on time. Students are being assigned NoRedInk and Algebra Nation to keep their skills progressing forward. If your child has any technical issues please have them contact a teacher and the teachers will take it from there. Please check Focus for student grades and reach out to teachers for any concerns you may have regarding your students work. We all hope to be back on our campus soon. Stay safe and be well. Success is not only possible, it is necessary!



CLASS OF 2023

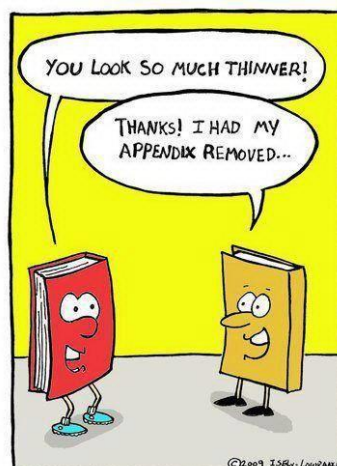
Greetings from the 9th grade team!

We would like to collectively thank the students and parents for their involvement in a successful first week of virtual classes.

Everything ran quite smoothly!

The 9th grade team would like to remind all parents and students that we are here and available to help beyond the classroom in these difficult times. If there is a need your child has regarding food, mental health services etc, reach out and we can point you in the right direction. The district has plenty of resources available.

Remember, 9th grade is the year we introduce and reinforce advocacy, so students please advocate for yourselves. Unfortunately, we can't see your faces but we're still here for you. If you're having trouble with schoolwork, let us know. If you can't make your session because of extenuating circumstances, let us know. We're all here to help. Can't wait to see you again class of 2023!



BRACE News

Mrs. DiAlberto, BRACE Advisor

Barbara.dialberto@browardschools.com



SENIORS: UPDATES FROM COLLEGES

BROWARD COLLEGE – Seniors, check your Outlook for updates from Mrs. DiAlberto about BC Jumpstart Program. If you have applied and are on her list (it was sent out), then go to the link she provided for Orientation. We are planning on doing Registration (where you actually select your classes) on April 9.

FAU – The May 1 deadline for deposits if you will be attending FAU has not changed. If your parent’s financial situation has changed due to COVID 19, contact your Financial Aid Advisor at FAU.

FIU – If your parent’s financial situation has changed due to COVID 19, complete the special circumstances form at: <https://onestop.fiu.edu/finances/applying-for-aid/report-changes-or-special-circumstances/>.

FSU - The May 1 deadline for deposits if you will be attending UCF has not changed.

UCF - The May 1 deadline for deposits if you will be attending UCF has not changed. Orientation registration for summer & fall students is available on the FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE part of UCF’s website. At this time, plans for orientation remain “as is.” Should dates, costs, or mode of delivery change, registered students will be notified. You must submit a \$200 enrollment deposit or qualify for a waiver before signing up for Orientation. UCF has a lot of info on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter, including campus tours and UCF admission’s updates. Give them a “like” if you’re not already a follower.

UNF – Go to: <https://www.unf.edu/emergency/> for updates.

JOHNSON & WALES – The May 1 deadline for deposits has changed to June 1.

WELLS COLLEGE – If you need more time to make a decision, Wells College is doing away with their May 1 deadline, and working with each student individually. Due to the fact that they are small, they have this flexibility.

Mrs. DiAlberto sent out an email on 3/25 in Outlook: Coronavirus and Changes to College Admissions. To check if the May 1 deposit deadline has changed at the colleges you are considering, go to: nacac.net/college-admission-status-coronavirus. Contact info is also there. Also, Mrs. D. is calling all **seniors and/or parents** to find out if help is needed for anything—FAFSA, deciding on which college to attend, what is due to the college, your financial aid package from each college, etc.

JUNIORS:

Mrs. DiAlberto will be calling all **juniors and/or parents** to find out how she can help you with the college process and discuss what you should be doing now to get ready.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

1. April 4 ACT moved to June 13 (cancelled).
2. May 2 SAT cancelled; March 14 makeup (March 28) cancelled
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TRANSCRIPTS

If you need a transcript for a college and/or a scholarship, please contact Mrs. DiAlberto at **Barbara.dialberto@browardschools.com** ASAP! Please don't ask for your final transcript to be sent to the college you will be attending. It is still too early for that.

WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO TODAY IF INTERESTED IN A COLLEGE?

1. Engage on social media.
2. Take online tours and participate in webinars. Some colleges have virtual Q & A.
3. Reach out via email. College reps. are more accessible now that they are not traveling. Reach out to Mrs. DiAlberto for contact info.

FINANCIAL AID

Seniors, if you plan to attend college after graduation and your parent hasn't filled out the FAFSA form for financial aid, have them go to: **https://seahawkFAFSA@eventbrite.com** and sign up for a webinar to help w/the financial aid process. This is through Broward College, but you don't have to be going to Broward to participate.

Juniors, if you plan to attend college during the summer after you graduate, have your parent go to: **https://seahawkFAFSA@eventbrite.com** and sign up for a webinar to help w/the financial aid process. This is through Broward College, but you don't have to be going to Broward to participate.

- **Education Quest** has lots of great resources, as well as step-by-step videos.
- **Federal Student Aid YouTube Channel** has all kinds of how-to-videos related to FAFSA.
- FSA coronavirus-related questions: You will find student loan related questions here.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The new **Scholarship Newsletter** was sent out on 3/27/20 to your Outlook. There are scholarships for all grade levels. **Juniors & Seniors**, you will notice that there are a number of scholarships asking for letters of recommendation. Don't wait until the last minute to ask an adult! There are also a number of scholarships asking for transcripts. Again, don't wait until the last minute to contact Mrs. DiAlberto!

The Broward County Gator Club Scholarship has been postponed until further notice. Updates will be provided on UF's Facebook page (**facebook.com/BrowardCountyGatorClub**) & website (**https://www.browardgators.com/scholarships**)

BCPS 2019/20 School Year Calendar - Weekly Update

April 13 – April 17	Monday – Friday • Instructional days (remote)
April 20 – April 24	Monday – Friday • Instructional days (remote)
April 22	Wednesday • Anticipated date for Third Quarter Report Cards to be issued
April 27 – May 1	Monday – Friday • Instructional days (remote)
May 1	Friday • Anticipated date for Fourth Quarter Interim Reports to be submitted
May 4 – May 8	Monday – Friday • Instructional Days (To be determined if remote or in school building)
May 11 – May 15	Monday – Friday • Instructional Days (To be determined if remote or in school building)
May 18 – May 22	Monday – Friday • Instructional Days (To be determined if remote or in school building)
May 25	Monday • Schools and District Offices Closed
May 26 – May 29	Tuesday – Friday • Instructional Days (To be determined if remote or in school building)
June 1 – June 2	Monday – Tuesday • Instructional Days (To be determined if remote or in school building)
June 2	Tuesday • Currently scheduled last day of school for students
June 3	Wednesday • Employee Planning Day - currently scheduled last day for teachers
June 10	Wednesday • Anticipated date for School Year 2019-20 Final Report Cards to be issued

Information for Parents is at: browardschools.instructure.com/courses/411 For more information, visit browardschools.com/learningnevercloses or email the Office of Academics at cao@browardschools.com.

For more information and updates, visit browardschools.com/coronavirus.

Please note information is always changing and we will provide the latest updates as soon as possible.

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