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A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Mary Barba, Intern Principal

Greetings Stakeholders,

The month of October will bring many exciting opportunities for our students as we recognize "College/Career & Life Readiness." Mrs. DiAlberto, our BRACE (Broward Advisors for Continuing Education) Advisor, held our first College Tips Parent Night for the parents of seniors. We want all parents and students to understand the opportunities afforded our students, starting with [Bright Futures Scholarships](#). There is excellent information in this newsletter about your child's Bright Futures opportunities. Please read it over and if you have further questions, make an appointment with your counselor or BRACE advisor.

On October 4th, our seniors will take a practice [ACT](#) at the high school. A qualifying ACT score will yield a student eligible for a scholarship that will save tens of thousands of dollars off their college tuition! On October 10th, all ninth, tenth, and eleventh 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](#).

Please refer to the testing calendar you received at the beginning of the school year. Subject area exams will take place on October 16th and 17th, with students released at 10:50 a.m.

Parents, in response to [Senate Bill 7026](#), Code Red Drills have been mandated for all schools by the State of Florida to ensure the safety of our students and staff. These Code Red Drills will be implemented on a monthly basis, similar to fire drills. The date of the drill will not be pre-

announced due to potential security and attendance issues. Instead, our school will send families Parent Link messages via text message and e-mail (and remind if you signed up with me) approximately 20 minutes prior to the drill to alert everybody that it is only a drill. Please do not contact your child during the Code Red Drills as it is important for all students to learn the safety procedures in case of an emergency. Our school will then send a second message to families notifying you that the drill has been completed.

Trained mental health and security personnel will be on campus to support students and faculty, as needed. Many mental health services are available at our school, in the district, and the community. [Please click here to locate resources and contact information for additional assistance.](#)

We are very pleased to announce that [STCHS Debate Teacher, Renka Friedman](#), will be representing Sheridan Tech as the [2018-2019 Teacher of the Year.](#)

On a final note, [SGA](#) has planned our first Spirit Week, which will be held October 29th through November 2nd culminating with a School Dance on Friday night! Each day will have a unique theme, so get ready to get your spirit on!

Thank you for all your continued support.



Save the Date!!

Fall Picture Day

Friday, October 12, 2018

Makeup Day: Friday, November 16



**SMILE
FOR THE
CAMERA**





BEFORE THE DRILL:

- You know your child best. Approach the topic as you would any other important topic. It is important to speak honestly and openly with your child about their feelings towards the upcoming code red drill.
- Remind your child that each school has a designated team trained in safety procedures and protocols.
- Remind your child to listen to and follow the instructions from the adults around them during the drill
- Use metaphors to explain that practice means being prepared. For example, wearing a helmet while riding your bike, wearing your seatbelt in the car, and practicing a sport before the big game.



DURING THE DRILL:

- If you know the date and time of the code red drill at your school, please limit your direct communication with your child and the school during and immediately after that designated time



AFTER THE DRILL:

- Empathize with and encourage your child to speak freely about how they felt during the drill
- It is important not to "force" the conversation and let them do so at their own pace
- Use understanding and supportive language.

Additional support will be at the schools during the code red drills to assist where needed

If your child is experiencing severe distress before or after the code red drill, please contact your school counselor

For immediate assistance, you can call 2-1-1 (Available 24/7/365)



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DATES OF INTEREST

October 18th

Early Release – Dismissal 11:50 AM

October 19th

Employee Planning - No School

[Broward Schools 2018/19 Calendars](#)

SENIOR'S MESSAGE

Senior Teachers;

Mr. Richard Berman,

Mr. Ozkan Keskinaya, Ms. Wendy Payne

& Mr. Peter Wizenberg



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's Bright Futures Scholarship program, [SAT testing and/or college admissions](#), or call 954-414-9986.

STHS is offering SAT tutoring to all students!

Math SAT tutoring is available every Monday and Friday after school.

English SAT tutoring is available every Tuesday and Thursday after school.

JUNIORS'S MESSAGE

Junior Teachers;

Ms. Nancy Barba, Mr. Jason Cogan,

Ms. Helena Giannini &

Ms. Bethany McAfee



The PSAT can, in some cases, be the most important test a high school student will ever take – may even be more important than the SAT itself.

The PSAT names the highest achieving students in the nation to qualify as National Merit Semifinalists (who can go on to become Finalists). This title and honor can, at many colleges, result in larger amounts of scholarship than any amount of scholarship received from the SAT itself.

Yet attaining the coveted title of “National Merit Finalist” — and the hefty scholarship awards that easily come along with it — isn’t as daunting of a task as it seems.

Unlike the SAT, in which students often constantly strive to bring up their scores by just a few more points, the PSAT (shortened and simplified version of the SAT) requires that students merely reach the designated score to be named a Semifinalist. Qualifying scores for the National Merit Scholarship Program are determined after the test occurs; however, by looking at previous state cutoffs, it’s fairly easy

to predict what score a student will need to meet the criteria for the class of 2020.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year, and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

To enter the National Merit Scholarship Program and compete for recognition and more than 8,600 scholarships to be offered in 2020 you must:

- Be enrolled as a high school student, progressing normally toward graduation or completion of high school by 2020, and planning to accept admission to college no later than the fall of 2020.
- Be a citizen of the United States; or be a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT as a junior at STHS.

Students are named Semifinalists at the beginning of their senior year. At that time they can complete an application to become a Finalist; most Semifinalists become Finalists if they complete the application and requirements. By becoming a National Merit Finalist, the world of scholarships opens drastically.

SOPHOMORE'S MESSAGE

Sophomore Teachers;

Ms. Maria Agudelo, Ms. Ashley Asselta,
Mr. Jay Feinstein, Mr. Michael Fisher, Ms.
Rita Horton, Ms. Brittney Novotny, Ms.
Marisa Santana &
Mr. Ruslan Tabachynsky

Class of 2021 is making progress in their SAT prep in [Khan Academy](#)! Students should be completing 90 to 120 minutes a week of SAT practice. The sophomores will be taking their [PSAT](#) on October 10th. Along with Khan Academy students are continuing to work in [NoRedInk](#) to keep up their skills in English.



The sophomores sponsored a class thermometer competition for [World Peace Day](#) on September 21st. The students passed out [pinwheels for peace](#) and collected them after they had been decorated by other students. The class of 2021 put the pinwheels together and placed them on the school fences in the shape of a peace sign!

FRESHMEN'S MESSAGE

Freshmen Teachers;

Mr. Robert Decker, Ms. Renka Friedman,
Mr. Jose Montanez, Mr. Thomas Ogden,
Mr. Kyle Schroeder, Ms. Mariuxi Tinajero,
Ms. Dineen Williams &
Mr. Gregory Wisner

Now that the school year is in full swing, it is time to look at your first interim and reflect on your academic progress so far. If you have any questions or concerns about your grades, talk to your teachers and your counselor, [Mrs. Rattray](#). We are all here to help!

Clubs and tutoring have started meeting after school, please ensure you have all your online forms completed so you can stay after school and be in compliance. Go to ["Back to School Wizard"](#) if you have not already done so.



In 9th grade, over 50 students so far this year have become certified as a [Microsoft Office Specialists](#) in [Word 2016](#) and [PowerPoint](#). Students enrolled in Emerging Technology in Business will start preparing in October to become financially literate with our corporate banking partner [BB&T](#). Students will also start training to become proficient in [Microsoft Outlook](#).



Our 9th grade mathematics teacher and football coach, Mr. Schroeder invites everybody to come root for our team as we play [Atlantic Technical High School](#) on October 8th at 3 PM and [McFatter Technical High School](#) on October 10th and 24th at 5 PM.

We encourage all students to be active participants in class and complete all assignments in and out of school. All students

and parents should be actively monitoring [D2L](#), [FOCUS](#), and emails as we ask parents to be engaged in their child's education.



OPEN HOUSE

Ms. Susan Collins, Magnet Coordinator



Thank you to all of our busy parents and guardians who made it to our Back to School Open House on Sept 4th. After a brief update of happenings, voting for SAC members, and introductions of teachers, counselors, and staff, parents were able to meet with their child's first term teachers.

Mega thanks to those of you who volunteered for SAC and other opportunities such as teacher appreciation, speech and debate judge, and/or donating \$5.00 gift cards for our weekly

drawing. When a staff member observes a student going over and beyond in showing kindness to others, respect, honesty, etc. they will give them a Wolf coin. The students are able to redeem daily for candy, and a chance to win a gift card in our weekly drawing. We would be very grateful if we could get another 15 gift cards. (McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, Subway...) Please call Ms. Collins if you would like more information for any of the volunteering opportunities or have any questions. 754-321-7465.



they have taken “field trips” to the Innovating Learning Center where they were instructed in research strategies by Ms. Katz, Media Specialist. Students are applying the research strategies as they research the culture of the Central American countries and Mexico. In addition, the Spanish classes are planning activities to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th.

DEBATE

Ms. Renka Friedman
Freshmen Debate



ESPAÑOL I, II, & III

Ms. Maria Agudelo &
Ms. Mariuxi Tinajero

Hispanic
Heritage Month
September 15-October 15



Congratulations to the Sheridan Technical High School Debate team, The Howlers, on a successful first After-school tournament. *Brenda Estrella* placed first in Informative Speaking and *Herdyne Joseph* and *Leona Lyons* took second place in Duo Interpretation. The Howlers will compete in their first-weekend tournament at [Fort Lauderdale High School](#) on Sept 22. What a great way to start off the competition season.

The Spanish classes have been researching about the Hispanic culture. For this purpose,

SPOKEN WORD

Ms. Zsalé Haghighat, aka Miss Z
Career Dual Enrollment Lab Facilitator

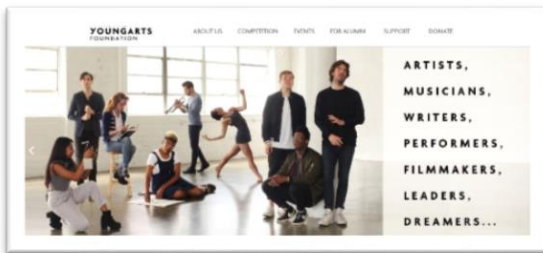
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We had our first gathering September 18th and are excited about creating together! Spoken Word / Poetry Membership Dues (\$25) should be paid before October 27th [via e-store](#).

We are pleased to announce this year’s officers; *Tionni McDaniels* – President, *Samuel Nathan* - Secretary, *Mateo Suranna* – Treasurer.

For the past 4 years, [NBC 6](#) has been a proud presenting partner for [Louder Than a Bomb Florida](#) – an annual spoken-word poetry festival for Florida students. The festival showcases performances from high students from Jacksonville to the Florida Keys.

YoungArts \$10,000 Mentorship Opportunity



Are you a visual, literary, design or performing artist? Apply to win up to \$10,000 mentorship by master artists, a lifetime of professional support and national recognition via [YoungArt.org](#)? Hurry DEADLINE October 12th.

10th Anniversary of Word Up!



Sunrise is celebrating the 10th anniversary of [Word Up!](#) – Our spoken-word poetry competition for Broward County high school students. Finalists selected through the audition process will participate in a series of free Saturday writing workshops at the Sunrise Civic Center. During these workshops, students will receive valuable writing and performance assistance in preparation for the Word Up! Poetry Slam. For additional information, please call (954) 747-4662 or email sdiaz@sunrisefl.gov.

Key Word Up! 2018 dates include:

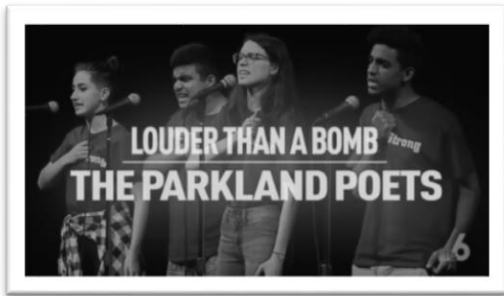
Friday, November 2 - Completed [audition application packet](#) due.

Tuesday, November 6 - Word Up! Audition at 6:00 p.m. in the Sunrise Civic Center Theatre (10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise, FL). Finalists must attend our free workshops from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: November 17, December 1, December 8, and December 15.

Wednesday, December 19 - Word Up! Poetry Slam at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunrise Civic Center Theatre. Reserved seats are \$5 each. To purchase tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office (954-747-4646) or [click here.](#)

Word Up! is presented in collaboration with the [Jason Taylor Foundation and the Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Network.](#)

Parkland Poets



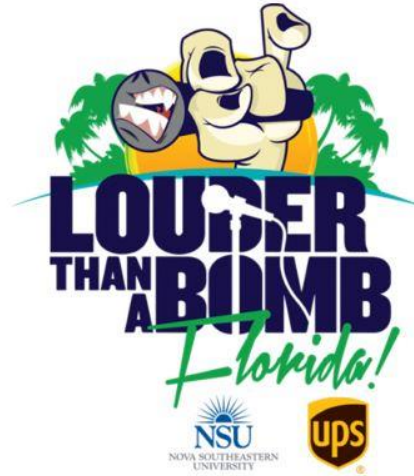
This year NBC 6 is profiling the poets from [Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School](#), who endured tragedy this year that took the lives of students and teachers 17 total during a mass shooting. These Parkland poets turned to spoken-word to cope with their grief and trauma as well as honor their classmates who fell victim.

[Please click here to view the documentary.](#)

bluapple Poetry Educators Orientation

Miss Z attended [bluapple Poetry's](#) Educators Orientation September 26th and will be sharing information regarding this year's open mics, virtual showcases, C.O.R.E. program, Youth Poet

Laureate, Ballpoint Podcast, and the upcoming LTABFLA Road Show, as well as Broward County Public Schools Literature Fair / Spoken Word Performance Category at our next meeting October 16th.



Stay in the know regarding upcoming open mics, meetings and any other poetry options) by joining our ["Remind."](#)

THE 'R' WORD BY Roandra Landell, Senior

Senior Stress

In one corner we have senioritis who is currently kicking down our doors and robbing us of all motivation. In the other corner there is senior stress who is trying its hardest to keep us scared and dreading the next few months. It's not even that we (the class of 2019) aren't motivated or don't care anymore. I think that we are experiencing burn-out, which may seem surprising since as we are only 27 days into

Senior Year. But we have a lot going on for example: multiple college applications, scholarship applications, essays, forms to go with the applications, letter of recommendations, and the cost of being a senior etc. To not be stressed would be an unnatural response. Senior stress is one of those things that hits you in waves and before you know it you are trying to figure out if you will even get into college. You start googling: rich people who don't have a bachelor's degree, how to become a millionaire without going to college. But you can't freak out for too long because the drop-boxes only stay open for a short time and you need to submit your assignments. Nonetheless, there may be some benefits during this confusing time. Research shows that people who don't perceive stress as something bad do better in life because they change the stress they are feeling into motivation. Some ways that you can use this to combat senior stress are: instead of being fearful about deadlines use them as a countdown clock to how much time you have until your weekends are free again. When you find a scholarship apply to it as quickly as possible, so you don't lose the free money. Save every dollar that you get so you can participate in senior activities. Also, the most important thing is STOP PROCRASTINATING. Procrastination is the fakest thing you will ever encounter in life. PERIOD. It's not your friend and you will possibly miss out on amazing opportunities because of it. I know it's hard for everyone right now and we are all trying to figure out where the time went and where life will take us. But, it's time to boss up and show the other classes why the class of 2019 is the best there will ever be.

