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Principal's Message

Hello Dillard High School Family,

As the Proud Principal of Dillard High Schools 6-12, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. As we embark upon this year, I can assure you that the teachers and staff remain firmly committed to providing a safe learning environment where students are empowered to engage in the learning process through creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and problem-solving. Our teachers and staff have engaged in professional development throughout the summer to ensure their readiness for engaging students at the highest levels. As I have said for years now, "Together We Make Great Things Happen." Our teamwork has been more evident over the past few months than ever before. It is our Dillard pride, connection, and community that has helped us during the most difficult of times. As we embark upon a new school year, I want to encourage and assure you that academic success remains a top priority for us. Together, we will work hand-in-hand to meet the coming challenges that lay ahead as only we can and we will celebrate our successes as only we can!

Since the last time we were together as a school, you have weathered many challenges. You have witnessed some of the foundations of life as you know it (family, school, education, friendships), disrupted by a global pandemic, and social unrest, and the passing of our dearly beloved Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Mrs. Marcia Pinder. It has been a lot, nonetheless, we are here; prepared to take on the challenges of a brand new school year. Your resilience is astounding.

Thanks,

Casandra D. Robinson, Principal

"Together We Make Great Things Happen!"

Dillard High 6-12 Alma Mater

We fling thy standard on the air,
Dillard High, my Dillard High.
The gray and blue so pure to flair,
Dillard High, my Dillard High.
We'll keep it proudly floating there
An emblem of thy watchful care
And for thy sake we'll do and dare
Dillard High, my Dillard High.

Our loyalty we now proclaim
Dillard High, my Dillard High.
Our hearts are glowing with its flame
Dillard High, my Dillard High.
O, may we live to guard from shame
The purity of Dillard's name,
And all they virtues wide proclaim,
Dillard High, my Dillard High.

O Alma Mater, strong and free
Dillard High, my Dillard High.
Thy loyal sons we'll ever be
Dillard High, my Dillard High.
May our young hearts inspired be thee
Beat warmly for humanity
And in defeat or victory
Be true to thee, my Dillard High



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IMPORTANT Information



SCHOOL HOURS

7:40 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

- Classes will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. each morning
- Arriving on time is crucial to student academic success

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Dillard operates on a 4x4 A/B Schedule

- Students will attend four classes per day (one personalization period).
- Each class will be 90 minutes in length and will meet every other day
- ½ credit in each class may be earned every semester.
- High school credits are earned every 18 weeks.
- High school students can earn 7 credits in a year.

Guidance News

Guidance & Counseling Team

Guidance and counseling service are available for all of our Dillard High 6-12 students. The services provided by our guidance include, but are not limited to, educational information and planning, academic placement, test score interpretation, as well as personal/social counseling.

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Guidance Director - Maryland D. Hankerson-Patterson
9TH & 6TH Grade Guidance Counselor - Antonia Williams
10th & 7TH Grade Guidance Counselor - Cynthia McDonald
11th & 8TH Grade Guidance Counselor - Marsha Monroe
12TH Grade Guidance Counselor - Miriam Mckinzie
BRACE Advisor - Jimmy Witherspoon

SUPPORT STAFF

ESE Specialist - Alma Smith
ESE Counselor - Lauren Schwartz
Social Workers - Thomas Johnson & Jessica Overstreet
Family Counselor - Sharon Forde-Marshall
School Psychologist - Jacqueline Bell

Important Dates

August

13th - Panther Preview
18th - First Day of School
18th - First SAC Meeting of the School Year
TBA - Open House

September

6th - 7th Schools Closed
16th - Schools Closed
20th - Interim Reports



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JOIN SAC & SAF

School Advisory Council & School Advisory Forum

- School Advisory Council (SAC): SAC is a committee of parents, community members, and teachers who meet to discuss and monitor our School Improvement Plan. The focus of SAC is primarily student achievement but many issues are discussed that affect the school. SAC has an official elected membership but all are welcome to attend each meeting.
- School Advisory Forum (SAF): SAF is an open forum to discuss any school or community issue. While SAC focuses on the School Improvement Plan, SAF is the place to get more information, address any other concerns, or share ideas that impact the school. SAF meetings are held back to back with our SAC meetings.
- How to get involved and participate in the SAC/SAF committee? Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the SAC/SAF. Our first SAC/SAF meeting of the 2021-2022 school year will be held on Wednesday, August 18th. Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please come join us!
- The SAC committee provides a place for parents to voice their opinions and make suggestions. SAC also gives the opportunity for parents to actively participate in setting goals and making plans to achieve those academic goals. SAC allows for parents to identify issues that need to be addressed concerning the school climate.

TITLE 1 INFORMATION

Dr. Enjoli Paul, Title 1 Liaison

What is Title 1?

Title I is a federally funded program for economically disadvantaged children who reside in school attendance areas with a high concentration of children from low income families. Since a high incidence of poverty in a school has a direct correlation with low academic student achievement, the goal of the Title I Program is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and the skills to master the Florida Standards.

We will be presenting information from the 2021-2022 School Improvement Plan (SIP) at our School Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 5:30 PM as well as information on our Family Engagement Plan. We invite your input and feedback. Visit our website for a list of all SAC and SAF meetings for the 2021-2022 school-year.

Student Code of Conduct

The Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8, provides specific information regarding the rules that all students are expected to adhere to, as well as consequences for violations.

Important among these rules are consistent and timely attendance, respect for people and property, appropriate dress, technology usage, student publications, student activities, student records, and the right to appeal, including grievance procedures.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approves and affirms its support of the Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8."

The Student Code of Conduct book is available online at:
<https://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>

It is required that parents and students review the contents of this publication and sign the online acknowledgment form.

We are looking forward to a great year!

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PANTHER PREVIEW

Dillard High School 6-12

PANTHER *Preview*



Welcome to the
PANTHER
Family

Student Orientation / Campus Tours

Come out and learn about Dillard High School 6-12

Friday, August 13, 2021

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
High School Newcomers

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Middle Grades Newcomers



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Cassandra D. Robinson, Principal

Title 1

Parent Notification

**DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL 6-12
IS A TITLE 1 SCHOOL**

Dillard is designated as a Title 1 school. According to the U.S. Department of Education the purpose of Title 1 funding, "is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments." The basic principles of Title 1 state that schools with large concentrations of low-income students will receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting student's educational goals. Low-income students are determined by the number of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. For an entire school to qualify for Title 1 funds, at least 40% of students must enroll in the free and reduced lunch program. The Broward Title One office organizes events and training for parents throughout the year. To find out more, visit the Title 1 website at:
[https:// www.browardschools.com/title1](https://www.browardschools.com/title1)



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Dillard High School 6 -12

2021 - 2022 BLUE / GRAY DAY CALENDAR

AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
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9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8
16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15
23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22
30	31				27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29
NOVEMBER					DECEMBER					JANUARY				
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15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	18	20
22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28
29	30				27	28	29	30	31	31				
FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
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14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22
28					28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29
MAY					JUNE					<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div> School Closed</div> <div> Exam Day</div> <div># Early Release Day</div> <div># Professional Study Day</div> <div>/ Planning Day</div> <div> Period 1, 2, 3, 4</div> <div> Period 5, 6, 7, 8</div> </div>				
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DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL 6-12 MIDDLE GRADES UNIFORM GUIDELINES

SHIRTS:

1. SOLID POLO STYLE SHIRT IN THE FOLLOWING COLORS:

DARK BLUE, BLACK, GREY, OR WHITE

1. OFFICIAL DILLARD T-SHIRTS

2. MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS TEAM

PANTS:

UNIFORM STYLED DRESS PANTS, SHORTS, OR SKIRT IN THE FOLLOWING COLORS:

BLUE, GREY, KHAKI, OR BLACK

SHOES:

1. SNEAKERS

2. DRESS SHOES

NO JEANS, TIGHTS, OPEN TOE SHOES, SLIDES, OR FLIP FLOPS. PANTS MUST BE SECURED AT WAIST.

Professional Study Days

In addition to the six District
Early Release Days, Dillard will
have eight additional
Professional Study Days:

9/2/21, 10/7/21,
11/4/21, 12/2/21,
1/6/22, 2/3/22,
3/3/22, and 4/7/22

Classes will end at 11:40 a.m.
followed by a grab-and-go lunch.
Buses will depart at 11:50 a.m.

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