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Principal's Message

Hello Dillard High School Family,

So many of us look forward to the holiday seasons because of the spirit of celebration, joy, and thanksgiving. It is also a time of reflection and renewal for most. This year is no different. As we reflect on where we are, I too look forward to this time of celebration with our Dillard family. I am especially grateful for our Dillard community of students, faculty, staff, and community members who have worked tirelessly to push past our difficulties and rise up to meet the academic, social, and emotional challenges of our time.

As you prepare for the holiday season, take some time to pause, reflect, and give thanks. Focus on what is most important: family, relationships, health, peace and joy. Take the time to care for your social and emotional well being: relax, recharge, laugh, and rejuvenate

To our students, you are the reason we are here. Thank you for representing Dillard High School 6-12 well in the areas of academics, the arts, athletics, and technology. To our parents and community members, thank you for your support and your partnership. Thank you for trusting us with your most precious possessions. Thank you for believing in us and for generously giving of your time and resources. To our teachers, paraprofessionals, clerical, custodian, security team, coaches, counselors, bus drivers, nurses, lunchroom aides, support staff, therapist, administrators, and volunteers, you are appreciated more than you know. Thank you for believing in the vision and working day-in and day-out to help students learn and grow into well rounded adults who are lifelong learners.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday!

Thank you,

Casandra D. Robinson, Principal

"Together We Make Great Things Happen!"

happy
HOLIDAYS

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 thy 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 will continue to operate 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.

Important Dates



December

3rd - Professional Study Day
 15th - 18th Exam Days
 21st - Jan. 1st -No School

January

7th - Early Release Day
 15th - Professional Study Day
 Jan. 18th -No School



Guidance News

"The Happy Department"

Virtual Community Service Opportunity

City of Lauderhill is currently accepting new applications for the Lauderhill Youth Council (Lauderhill residents only). TEEN LEADERSHIP VIRTUAL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB and INTERGENERATIONAL VIRTUAL programs accepts both residents and non-residents. List below are the website and Zoom links for more information. If you have any question or concerns feel free to email Ms. Law at Danyell.law@browardschools.com.

LAUDERHILL YOUTH COUNCIL/TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

<https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/parks-recreation/youth-council> The next Lauderhill Youth Council Interest Zoom meeting @530pm on Dec 10, 2020 register here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6PgFOm0wShuYUqzIWzJ-6g

TEEN LEADERSHIP VIRTUAL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB <https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/parks-and-leisure-services/teen-leadership-after-school-club>

INTERGENERATIONAL VIRTUAL PROGRAMS <https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/parks-and-leisure-services/camps-school-s-out-days-virtual-programming/intergenerational-virtual-programs>

KINDNESS

Broward County Public Schools celebrates the **KINDNESS** character trait during the month of **DECEMBER**.

Kindness involves having a deep concern for the welfare of others. Empathy, compassion, gratitude and generosity are all the marks of a kind person.

Demonstrating kindness includes being willing to inconvenience yourself for the benefits of others. Caring for the needs and feelings of others by giving of our energy and time is a critical ingredient in becoming a person of cha

Character Check

- Who in your life has taken care of you when you needed help? How did you feel as a result?
- Have you ever helped take care of someone or something?
- In what ways have you helped someone feel better?
- How do you feel when caring for others, showing kindness and being generous can improve your relationships with others?

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IMPORTANT *Information*



Meet the DHS Campus Security

The safety and security of our students, staff and visitors is one of our highest priorities at Dillard High School 6-12.

"Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear." Nelson Mandela

School Resource Officers

Officer Jackson
Officer Lockwood

Security Specialist

Kenneth Scott
Daryl Williams

Campus Monitors

Brandon Adams
Douglass Adams
Sherwin Brown
Nicholas Davis
Davidson Gill
Cynthia Love
Demetris Mincey
Ruby Nelson
Jimmy Tobias

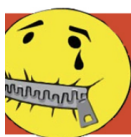
Department News

EMERGING COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Department Chair: Ms. Jessica Swanson

SIGMAC@T ROBOTICS

The SigmaC@T organization was created in 1995 at Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida to compete in the annual FIRST Robotics Competition. As the first FRC team in Florida, SigmaC@T quickly became a nationally-recognized powerhouse. With extremely talented students, exceptional mentorship, and a solid corporate sponsorship, the team has always been an engine for success. twenty three years after emergence, the saga continues. In 2001, several talented minds at J.P. Taravella High School joined the SigmaC@T family, forming a partnership that lasted over eight years. From this, some of the team's all-time greats have emerged from this school and have gone on to become a part of many great universities and companies. The partnership was initially intended to jump start a FRC program at a semi-local, non-magnet school that already had an established expansive extracurricular and athletics programs. The idea didn't gain substantial traction inside the school to prove itself viable in forming their own team. In 2008, the district budget was drastically reduced and the partnership could no longer thrive in such a state. Currently in their twenty-sixth season, the team has competed in over sixty FRC regular season and championship events, acquiring twenty-two awards throughout the process, including four-time Regional wins and Curie Division Winner at the World Championship event in 2005. More than two hundred student members have progressed through the ranks of the team. Over ninety-five percent have gone on to colleges and universities. Some alumni have even returned as mentors. In addition to building robots, during the off-season, the team continually focuses on building leaders, fundraising efforts, community service projects, district events, and FIRST Lego League mentorships with local middle schools to raise awareness of such a great program, and provide community outreach and support. Team 108 SigmaC@Ts aims to be a channel for students to become leaders through change, growth, innovation and iteration. Through resources acquired from its partnerships and FIRST, the team builds the characters of its students in order to cultivate leaders and introduce the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) to the community. We embrace this with our core values



SILENCE HURTS
SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING
ANONYMOUS TIPS

SAFERWATCH

Communicate with law enforcement seamlessly and report potential threats and suspicious activity.



FORTIFYFL

Instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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IMPORTANT Information



Dillard High Club & Organizations

Youth Behind the Shield

Officer Lockwood
Officer Jackson

HOSA

Ms. Jones

Women of Tomorrow

Ms. Mckinzie

Student Government

Ms. Terfair & Ms. Hill

Yearbook

Ms. Faustin

National Honor's Society

Ms. Pinder

JROTC

Major Packard

Debate

Ms. Singletary (Middle)
Ms. Chipman (High)

Business Professionals of America

Ms. Powell (Middle)
Ms. Butler-Overstreet (High)

First Priority

Ms. Powell (Middle)
Ms. Rawls (High)

Florida Future Educators of America

Ms. Feinman

HOW TO ACCESS TEST SCORES & GRADES (FSA, FCAT 2.0, ETC...)

STEP 1- Log on to your student's Single Sign-On
Username: Student Number

Password: P00/00/0000. Check with the student to see
if the password has been changes.

(You will land on their CLEVER homepage.)

STEP 2 - Click on the "Virtual Counselor" option. (If you
do not see the Virtual Counselor option type "Virtual
Counselor in the search bar at the top.)

STEP 3 - Under "Student Info" choose the **Test Scores OR
Grades** to see your student's test scores and/or report
cards.

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