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## Principal's Message

Hello Dillard High School Family,

With the Winter Break behind us and the Spring Break ahead of us, now is a great time to pause and reflect on our accomplishments thus far and consider the work we have yet to accomplish. We are well into the third quarter of the 2020-2021 school year, with only one full quarter remaining. Many games are won and lost in the 4th quarter. The biggest determining factor of wins or losses is what we've learned from our experience and how we use that knowledge to move forward.

As the principal of Dillard High School 6-12, I am proud of the work we, the Dillard community have done to continue providing students with the resources and skills they need to be college, career, and life ready. Despite the challenges we continue to face as a nation, this team has, as you always have risen to meet every challenge with dignity and class.

Our students continue to represent Dillard at the district and state levels in academics, extra-curricular activities, and athletics. Our students continue to be accepted into some of the nation's most prestigious and sought-after schools. Our parents and community members continue to show up to support our school at district and school events, including School Advisory Council, School Advisory Forum, and Title 1 district events. At the school level, our teachers and staff continue to regularly engage in professional learning and collaboration to improve their craft. Together, we are doing remarkable work!

Thank you,

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 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



### March

18th - Early Release Day  
19th - Teacher Planning Day  
22nd - 26th - Spring Break

### April

2nd - School Closed  
8th - Early Release Day

## Guidance News

### "The Happy Department"

Character Education for the Month of March

## SELF - CONTROL

### Dinner/Car Discussions

- Have each family member explain ways that he/she has shown self-control that day.
- Have family members tell about how they have seen other family members show self-control.
- Have family members share about times when they did not show self-control.
- Have family members explain some of the benefits of showing self-control.

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."

- **Leah Arendt**

"Nature gave us one tongue and two ears so we can hear twice as much as we speak."

- **Epicetus**

"For every minute you remain angry, you give up sixty seconds of peace of mind."

- **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

"Do not lengthen the quarrel while there is an opportunity of escaping."

- **Chinese Proverb**

## NO PSD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

All remaining Professional Study Days will be converted to Regular School Days

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## MEET DILLARD'S NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL **MR. PHILPART**



We are proud to introduce the newest member of the Dillard High School 6-12 family -- Mr. Joshua Philpart. Mr. Philpart comes to Dillard High from Deerfield Beach High School where he has served in the capacity of Industry Certification Coordinator, Behavior Specialist, ESOL Coordinator, Athletic Director, and much more. At Dillard, Mr. Philpart will serve as the Assistant Principal over our Middle Grades, Digital and Occupation Technology (DOT) department, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) department, and the Performing and Visual Arts Magnet department among other duties and responsibilities.

*Welcome*

## BCPS Customer Survey 2021 SURVEY ACCESS & QR CODES

Parent Survey

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/154923/p568>



School Staff Survey

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/154924/p568>



Student (6-12) Survey

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/154927/p568>



Student (3-5) Survey

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/154926/p568>



**Survey Dates:**  
March 1st  
through  
April 30th

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## Upcoming Exam Dates:

**WIDA Testing**  
**(World-Class Instructional  
Design Assessment)**  
January 25th - March 19th

**FSA ELA Retake**  
**(Florida Standards Assessment  
English/Language Arts)**  
February 8th - March 6th

**SAT School Day**  
March 3rd

**FSA Testing**  
April 6th - 9th-Grade students  
April 14th - Middle Grades  
April 20th - 10th-Grade students



"Ask BRIA" (Broward Remote Instructional Assistance) is a service provided to Broward County Public School Students to help with school work. The service is provided Monday-Thursday from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Students can access Ask Bria by clicking on the link in their Canvas courses. By clicking on the link, students will be guided to a live Teams session and receive academic support from a certified teacher. We encourage our students to take advantage of this free resource to receive assistance with homework and academic questions!

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