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# PANTHER PRESS

*“Together We Make Great Things Happen!”*

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## Principal's Message

Greetings Panthers,

The summer days of sleeping in late, lounging on the beach, hanging out with family and friends, traveling to far away places, and summer jobs are about to come to an end. A new school year is upon us. It will soon be time to refocus and rededicate ourselves to the work that lies before us as we get ready for another exciting and productive school year.

As your principal, I strive to bring innovative programs that will better prepare you for life after high school. This school year, I am excited to share that we have added to our curriculum. Cambridge Credential will give you new ways to stand out in your college applications, and you'll move on to college with a stronger foundation in independent research, presentation, collaborative teamwork, and the knowledge and skills essential for success in college and beyond.

Yes, 2017-2018 was a very good year, but I am even more excited about the opportunities that lie ahead! I know that, together, we will “Make Great Things Happen!” Together, we will set and attain new goals in teaching and learning and continue to make Dillard High School 6-12 a safe and supportive environment for **ALL**. New students to Dillard High School, are invited to attend “**Panther Preview**” orientation on Friday, August 10 @ 1:00 p.m. I look forward with great anticipation, to seeing each student bright and early on August 15, 2018. Come ready to work, learn, and have fun!

Sincerely,

*Casandra D. Robinson, Principal*



**School Hours**  
**7:40 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.**

The first bell will ring at 7:33 a.m. Classes will begin promptly at 7:40 a.m. each morning. Arriving on time is crucial to student’s academic success. Student drop off and pick up on 11<sup>th</sup> street ONLY.

**Schedule for Opening and Closing of Gates**

<b>Gates</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>Who has Access?</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6:30-8:00 a.m.	2:30 p.m. until busses exit	Staff & Busses only
11 <sup>th</sup> Street (Building #1)	6:30 a.m. stays open with supervision	Stays open with supervision	Staff and Guests
11 <sup>th</sup> Street (Building #6)	7:00-7:30 a.m.	2:40-3:00 p.m.	Staff only
12 <sup>th</sup> Court	7:00-8:00 a.m.	Closed	Staff and Student Walkers
13 <sup>th</sup> Street	Closed	2:40-3:00 p.m. reopens based on time of games.	Staff and Student Walkers

**Panther Preview**

All new students are encouraged to attend our annual *Panther Preview* Orientation Program on Friday, August 10, 2018. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. followed by a tour of the campus.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

To assist with the transition process, all sixth through eighth grade students are expected to wear navy blue, gray, or white polo (collared) shirts and khaki, navy or black bottoms with black or brown belts at the waist. Girls may also wear khaki, navy, or black jumpers.

**Activities /After School Programs**

There will be many clubs and after school activities for all students in grades 6 through 12. More information will be available at Panther Preview and throughout the year. The staff encourages all students to get involved in extracurricular activities.

**After-care** will be available for students in grades 6 through 8 beginning on Thursday, August 16, 2018 from 2:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to the LEAP After School Program beginning Tuesday, September 4, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

**Mental Health Services**

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 visit [browardschools.com/bcrc](http://browardschools.com/bcrc) to locate resources and contact information for additional assistance.

**GRADES AND ATTENDANCE**

To access the Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV), go to <https://gb.browardschools.com>  
Username: Student [ID#@my.browardschools.com](http://my.browardschools.com)  
Password: PMM/DD/YEAR (Your date of birth typed exactly as shown with a capital P in front)

**Professional Study Days**

In addition to the six District Early Release Days that may be found on the BCPS website, Dillard will have eight additional Professional Study Days:

9/6/18	12/6/18	3/7/19
10/4/18	1/10/19	4/4/19
11/1/18	2/7/19	

Classes will end at 11:40 a.m. and buses will depart at 11:50 a.m.

**Free or Reduced Meals**

**Free or Reduced Application must be submitted every year.** To apply complete a meal application online at [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com). If you are unable to complete an application online, contact Food and Nutrition Services at 754-322-0250.




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“Where your mind goes, your actions follow. Whatever you think about will dictate your behavior, your attitude, and ultimately your direction in life.”

Craig Williams

Students and parents are strongly encouraged to study the 2018 – 2019 *Broward County Code of Student Conduct*. This booklet lists the District’s rules for students in Broward County. The rules apply to all activities occurring on school grounds, on other sites being used for school activities, and on any vehicles authorized to transport students.

The *Code of Student Conduct* is available on line at [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com). The book is also available in Creole, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Broward County has a **Zero Tolerance Policy**. **At no time is it appropriate for any student to possess or bring a weapon of any kind onto a school campus.** Any student who is determined to have brought a firearm or knife to school, to any school function, or on any school sponsored transportation will be recommended for expulsion. Toy guns, ammunition, and any tools or instruments used in a threatening way have been added to the list of Class B weapons.

**At no time are students allowed to possess, use, sale, or transmit drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.** They may not possess drug paraphernalia or transmit over-the-counter medications. Violation of District drug and substance abuse policies could lead to suspension or possible expulsion.

Appropriate **dress** and grooming can help to create a positive and safe learning environment. **When students are planning their school wardrobe, these are just a few reminders that they should consider:**

- **Revealing clothing or clothing that exposes the torso is not allowed.** Halters, backless dresses, garments with spaghetti straps are not allowed without an over blouse or jacket.

- **Clothing that exposes the upper thigh is not allowed.**
- **Head coverings are generally not allowed.**
- **Garments that were traditionally designed as undergarments, sleepwear, or beachwear may not be worn as outer garments.**
- **Baggy Pants are not appropriate at any time. Pants must be secured at the waist at all times.**

Possession of a **wireless communication** device that disrupts the educational process is a violation of the Code. Cellular phones, camera phones, and pagers are prohibited at all times during class unless specifically instructed to do so as part of the lesson.

Please adhere to the **attendance policy**. Sign outs, excused absences, and tardies will now be used to determine patterns of non-attendance. If a student is out of class 30 hours (5 days) in any marking period or 60 hours (10 days) within 90 days, the student will be out of compliance. Sanctions may include:

- Loss of academic credit
- Referral to social services
- Suspension of driver’s license
- Court appearance by parent
- Suspension of TANF payments

**Absences MUST be excused within 2 days.**

**No behavior that interferes with the learning process will be tolerated.**

A copy of the Code of Conduct Handbook can be found under “School Board Policies” at [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com). Please read for more detailed information.





## **Safety and Security**

Significant progress is being made to ensure that all of our nation's schools are safe, secure and productive. School safety includes keeping campuses free of crime and violence, improving discipline, and increasing student attendance. Schools that are safe and free of violence, weapons and drugs are necessary to ensure the well-being of all children and the quality of their education.

At Dillard High School 6-12, we are proud to share that we have two security specialists, eleven campus monitors and two School Resource Officers (SRO) in addition to our proactive administrative team, faculty, staff and students. Effective the 2017-18 school year, all students and staff are required to wear an ID badge at all times while on campus. All visitors **MUST** have an ID in order to enter our building.

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 drill will not be pre-announced due to potential security and attendance issues. Instead, our school will send families Parent Link messages via phone call, text message, and/or e-mail approximately 20 minutes prior to the drill to alert everyone 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 is completed.

We appreciate your cooperation as we strive to be the **SAFEST** and **BEST** high school in Broward County and the Nation!

### **Important Phone numbers**

Main Switchboard	(754) 322-0800
Attendance Office	(754) 322-0802
Media Center	(754) 322- 2040
Guidance	(754) 322-0860
Breakfast/lunch program (Mrs. Sly)	(754) 322- 2014
Dillard Center for the Arts	(754) 322-0841
Emerging Computer Technology Magnet	(754) 322-0852

### ***Dillard High School's Bell Schedule***

During the 2018-2019 school year, Dillard High School will operate on a 4X4 A/B schedule. Each class will be 90 minutes in length. Students will attend four classes per day.

<b>WARNING BELL</b> 7:33AM	<b>LUNCH A</b> 10:56-11:26AM
<b>PERIOD 1 and PERIOD 5</b> 7:40-9:10AM	<b>CLASS A</b> 11:32-1:02PM
<b>PASSING</b> 9:10-9:18AM	<b>CLASS B-1</b> 10:56-11:40AM
<b>PERIOD 2 and PERIOD 6</b> 9:18-10:48AM	<b>LUNCH B</b> 11:46-12:16PM
<b>PASSING</b> 10:48-11:26AM	<b>CLASS B-2</b> 12:22-1:02PM
<b>PERIOD 3 and PERIOD 7</b> 10:56-1:02PM	<b>CLASS C</b> 10:56-12:26PM
<b>PASSING</b> 1:02-1:10-PM	<b>LUNCH C</b> 12:32-1:02PM
<b>PERIOD 4 and PERIOD 8</b> 1:10-2:40PM	

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**



#### **AUGUST**

15 - First Day of School

#### **SEPTEMBER**

3 - Labor Day (No School)

6 - Professional Study Day

10 - School Closed

19 - School Closed

#### **OCTOBER**

9 - Open House @ 6:30 p.m.