

DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL 6-12

CASANDRA D. ROBINSON, PRINCIPAL

"TOGETHER WE MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN"



**PANTHER PRIDE**  
**QUARTER 2 EDITION**  
**SEPTEMBER - JANUARY**  
**2023**

2501 NW 11th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311  
(754) 322-0800

<https://www.browardschools.com/dillardhigh>





## Principal's Message

### **Administrative Staff**

**Principal  
Casandra D. Robinson**

#### Assistant Principals

Joshua Philpart	Middle Grades
Robert Levinsky	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Nichola Gayle	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Tracie Latimer	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Patrick Lowe	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Greetings Panther Family,

As the Proud Principal of Dillard High School 6-12, first I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Quarter 1 has ended, and we must enter Quarter 2 working on our continued partnership to ensure student success. Parents and guardians please continue to monitor the progress of your student(s), and rest assured that we have wrap around services readily available for all students. Remember, we are always a phone call or email away.

The focus at Dillard High School 6-12 is to prepare our students for success in their post secondary endeavors. The goal by the end of the 2023-2024 academic year is to make monumental strides in academics and life skill and wellness.

As always, the safety and security of our students remains a top priority and all of our responsibility. If you see something, say something. Last, but not least, We Believe We Can all Achieve. We believe, Together We Make Great Things Happen through Proper Planning, Professionalism, and with Panther Pride!



**SCHOOL HOURS**

**7:33 am - 2:40 pm**

**STUDENT IDS**

**IDs Must Be Worn Daily**

**IDs must be scanned for breakfast and lunch**

**REMINDERS**

**ALL VISITORS MUST ENTER AND  
EXIT THROUGH THE SINGLE  
POINT OF ENTRY "ONLY"**

**STUDENT PICKUP IS NOT ALLOWED AFTER 2:10 PM DAILY**



# SAFETY AND SECURITY



**BROWARD**  
County Public Schools  
Established 1915

## See Something, Say Something

Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.

- Anonymous Tip Submission Box**  
Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (no download required). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.  
[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)
- Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)**  
Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.  
754-321-3500
- Send Us an Email**  
Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.  
[SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com)
- FortifyFL**  
Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (no download required) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.  
[GetFortifyFL.com](https://www.getfortifyfl.com)

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Dillard High School 6-12 continues to use the "SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING" initiative, which encourages individuals to help protect our campus through awareness. Parents and students are also encouraged to use the FortifyFL and Safer Watch apps to report suspicious behavior



FortifyFL



SaferWatch

**Attention**  
Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills are conducted monthly!!!

Outside visitors are not allowed on campus during drills. Parents and guardians will be notified of all drills. Make sure your contact information is up to date in our system.



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## **Safety and Security**

For the safety and security of our students, all Broward County Schools have been designed to have a single point of entry. As a result, visitors entering or exiting our campus must enter and exit through the single point of entry only. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO early dismissal after 2:10 PM.**

## **Visitors**

Any parent or visitor wishing to enter the Dillard 6-12 campus must bring a current and valid driver's license to be scanned in our Raptor Security System to be granted admission.

## **Tardy Policy**

Students who arrive at school late, but before 8:00 AM, must report directly to class, They will receive a consequence from the classroom teacher. Students who arrive at school late, after 8:00 AM, will report to Student Affairs and receive an administrative consequence.

## **Breakfast**

Students must have their IDs to eat breakfast. Students who intend to have breakfast on campus must arrive at school early enough to eat breakfast and report to their first class of the day on time.

## **Parent Conferences**

If you need to schedule a parent/teacher conference, please reach out to our guidance department to schedule a conference. Ms. Sly, Guidance Secretary will be glad to assist you at (754)322-0800



Excuse your child's absence online at

<https://www.browardschools.com/domain/16454>

or

call our Attendance Line @ 754-322-0802



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!



All eligible students needing bus transportation for the school year must register for a bus assignment at Use <https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride>

#### DOWNLOAD BCPS FREE MOBILE APP

##### Stay Connected with Your Child's Education

- Academic Performance
- Account Balances
- Bus Pick-Up and Drop-Off Times



To register, visit [browardschools.com/mobileapp](https://www.browardschools.com/mobileapp)



#### Monitor your child's grades and attendance using Pinnacle

To access the Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV), go to <https://gb.browardschools.com>

Username: Student ID#@my.browardschools.com

Password: PMM/DD/YEAR (student date of birth typed exactly as shown with a capital P in front)



# PANTHER SCHOOL COUNSELING

## Guidance Counselors

### Guidance Director

Maryland D. Hankerson

### 9th Grade Guidance Counselor

Marsha Monroe

### 10th Grade Guidance Counselor

Miriam Mckinzie

### 11th Grade Guidance Counselor

Maryland D. Hankerson

### 12th Grade Guidance Counselor

Antonio Walker

### Middle Grades

Louna Bellot

### BRACE Advisor

Jimmy Witherspoon

## SUPPORT STAFF

### ESE Specialist

Alma Guerrier

### ESE Counselor

Lauren Orozco

### Social Worker

Florence Saint-Louis

### Family Counselor

Cindy Philippe

### School Psychologist

Lindsay D'Amico

### Dillard High 6 – 12 Panther School Counseling Updates

#### Welcome to the Xello Family Portal!

The district has created a Xello Family account for you, you'll receive an email. The email will include a link to activate your account within 7 days of receiving it. All you'll need to do to get started is set a password.

If you haven't received the activation email, it may have redirected to your spam folder. Make sure to remove "xello.world" from your email spam settings to receive this and future messages from Xello.

If you forget your password: 1. Visit <https://login.xello.world/new tab>

2. Click Having trouble signing in?

3. Enter your email address and click Send Email.

4. You'll receive an email to reset your Xello Family password.

If you don't have a Xello Family account, ask your child's teacher to create one for you.

Your child will need the support of caring adults to achieve their dreams. One of the ways you can support their future is through Xello Family.

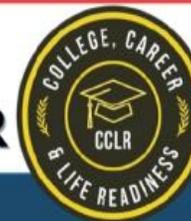
The dashboard is the first page you'll see when you log in. From here, you can manage your personal account, check out your child's work, and access the demo account.

1. Manage your personal account Customize your personal account. Access your profile menu in the top right corner of any page. Upload a profile image, add a mobile number, or change the language.

2. View your child's work Check out the work your child has completed. Click on their name to begin. If you have more than one child using Xello, they'll each have their own profile that you can review.

3. Try Xello yourself Select a grade and start exploring. Use this opportunity to experience firsthand what your child is working on in school. Try a Lesson, complete an assessment, or explore careers!

## THE COLLEGE & CAREER CORNER



OCTOBER 2023

#### FEATURED TOPICS

**ACT**  
**October 25th**  
**6 pm - 7 pm**



Click Topic or Scan Code  
to Join Session

#### PODCAST & WEB SERIES

Receive information,  
resources and action steps  
to prepare for success in life  
after high school!

#### FOLLOW US



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@bridge2lifefsl

#### A COLLABORATION WITH



For more info, visit: [browardschools.com/BRACE](https://browardschools.com/BRACE)



## REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

Dillard High Students may now request transcripts through Xello. Students can request their transcript be sent to an institution and educators can action these requests, including those transcripts sent via FASTER. This provides students visibility into the status of their transcript requests, while helping educators manage and keep track of transcript requests all in one place. Visit the Panther School Counseling Canvas for instructions on how to request a transcript in Xello.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

Now is the time to explore dual enrollment options and deadlines. Keep an eye out in the Panther School Counseling canvas for the most updated information. Also, see below for information regarding University of Florida "Happiness" course.

UF Happiness Course for Dual Enrollment

The Spring 2024 application for the University of Florida Happiness Course is now available at <https://dualenrollment.dce.ufl.edu/happiness/Links to an external site>.

The course continues to be a great success to students throughout the county! sophomores are encouraged to apply also!

The deadline to apply is November 15, 2023.

## State Scholarship and Grant Programs Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Updates

College Entrance Exams: OSFA will evaluate students based on official ACT®, SAT®, and CLT test scores obtained directly from the three national test companies through the state test repository. PERT scores will continue to be reported on the high school transcript for each student. For Early Evaluation, OSFA will use tests taken through January 31, 2024.

Students graduating in the 2023-24 will be able to take the ACT®, SAT®, and CLT until August 31, 2024, as authorized by rule 6A-20.028, Florida Administrative Code, for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

## Service Hours:

The service hour requirement for a specific BF program may be satisfied by completing the statutory required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 hours combined. The combination of volunteer service hours and paid work hours must equal a minimum of 100 total hours to fulfill the service hour requirement. Eligible paid work hours completed on or after June 27, 2022, may be included retroactively in the calculation of the student's total paid work hours completed.

## Financial Aid Updates

The Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) will be available after December 1, 2023, for the 2023-24 High School Senior Class 2. The Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) will be available on October 1, 2023, for the 2023-24 High School Senior Class



## Performing Arts Recognitions

The Black Violin Foundation, D' Addario Foundation, and Barnes Violin made a generous donation to our school!

Special recognition goes to Manasseh Etienne on violin and Gianna Beckford on viola who auditioned in the Sphinx Competition

### Our Events

1. Fundraiser performance for the Broward Foundation November 9th, 2023 (private event).
2. Fundraiser performance for the Broward Foundation November 9th, 2023 (private event).
3. Keys and Strings Concert Dec. 1st, 2023.88 Keys Konzert Series Dec. 9th, 2023.

Our orchestra's arranger-in-residence Danilo Mina deserves special thanks for his outstanding compositions.

Issac Delva will open for Lewis Warren Jr. at the Chopin Foundation concert on November 9th, 2023. This event is free in our recital hall.



# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR PERFORMING ARTS

## A Vision Unfolding

Dillard Center for the Arts Presents

### South Florida Singers

#### Choirs

**Colt Chorus** - Coral Springs High

**Dillard Chorale** - Dillard 6-12

**Rose Singers** - Coral Reef High



7:00 pm

November 15th, 2023

**Dillard Center for the Arts**

2501 NW 11th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311



4:00 pm

November 19th, 2023

**Christ Church**

4845 NE 25th Ave  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Adults \$10  
Students \$5

Tickets available online and at the door:

[www.Dillardhs.com/showtime](http://www.Dillardhs.com/showtime)



DILLARD CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS

# The Chocolate NUTCRACKER

**DECEMBER 15-16, 2023 @ 7:30PM**

DIRECTED & CHOREOGRAPHED BY  
**Alina Peña**

ADULTS **\$20** SENIORS & STUDENTS **\$15** CHILDREN UNDER 12 **\$10**

FREE FOR DILLARD STUDENTS W/I.D.

TICKETS AVAILABLE @ [WWW.DILLARDHS.COM/SHOWTIME](http://WWW.DILLARDHS.COM/SHOWTIME)



# ECT NEWS

## Competitions

1. 12th grader Alyssa Colwell was a national semi-finalist for the 2023 NTFE Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge for her small business Cozy Companions! Her student made website where you can purchase her products - <https://mycozycompanions.com/>
2. Ms. D'Apuzzo's students brought home 1 Gold, 4 Silvers, and 1 Honorable mention from the Scholastic Art and Writing Award.

## Competitions

1. The SigmaC@T Robotics Team, led by Mr. Szoke, brought home the competition finalist award over the weekend at their competition hosted at South Dade Senior High.
2. The team had 9 match wins which was the highest overall points ranking at the competition beating out 21 other robots!

## Donations

1. The Jason Taylor foundation has promised \$10k worth of filming equipment to the Sports Management Class.
2. Issac Bruce has promised to fund the building of a media booth for \$30k.
3. Junior Achievement has provided our students with \$100k in internships through the Career Bound and Pre-Apprenticeship program
4. \$140k worth of furniture has been donated this year through partners like Chetu, Bonsai and Citrix.

## Certification/ Passing Rate

1. Ms. Dapuzzo's Art and Design Cambridge students had a 42.9% pass rate compared to the 23% national average

## Partnerships

1. Through partnerships with the Broward Black Chamber of Commerce and BLKMeninTech our student attended the THRIVE conference on 10/20/2023 to network in their interested fields
2. The Broward Black Chamber of Commerce is also bringing a guest speaking Dr. Chris Ford to our Dillard Tech Talk on November 8th.
3. Kelsy Richardson (11th) and Dailet Ricardo Torres (10th) had their work selected to be exhibited at the KCW building in the 2023-2024 Superintendent's Art Show

# SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)



Please join us for Dillard High School 6-12's monthly SAC meetings for the 2023-2024 school year. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Performing Arts (PA) Building Conference Room. Listed below are the remaining dates for you to remember:

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Wednesday, May 1, 2024



# ATTENTION 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

## TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD PLANNING (TAP)

### Featured Topics

October 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -7:30pm

Transition IEP/Post-Secondary Goals

November 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Self Determination/Self Advocacy Accommodations

December 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -7:30pm

Diploma Options/Course of Study/Graduation Requirements

January 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -7:30pm

Deferment of High School Diploma Deferment Options/Process

February 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -7:30pm

Transfer of Rights/ Age of Majority/Guardianship

March 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -7:30pm

Vocational Rehabilitation Services APD

April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -7:30pm

Post-Secondary Options

May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -7:30pm

Life Planning for the Future

Join us to learn important information and resources to help prepare for life after high school!

[Click Here to Join!](#)

Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 230 226 068 80

Passcode: tVrg7Q



[FOLLOW US on YouTube and Twitter!](#)



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# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



**NOV 2  
2023**

Professional Study Day

**NOV 7  
2023**

Teacher Planning Day

**NOV 20 – NOV 24  
2023**

Thanksgiving Break

**DEC 25 2023  
–  
JAN 5 2024**

Winter Break

**JAN 19  
2024**

Early Release



# OUT OF FIELD NOTIFICATION

We are recognizing teachers at Dillard High School 6-12 who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification. The following teachers are continuously working on developing their teaching skill in order to increase their levels of content expertise. In order to maintain their assignment(s), the teachers will successfully complete requirements within 12 months of the assignment.

**Jermaine Thomas**

Physical Education K -12

**Eddie Bayonne**

ESOL Category 1

**Berlyn Smith**

ESOL Category I and Reading

**Lesleen Evans**

ESOL Category 1

**Brittney Drane**

ESOL Category 1

**Katana Malone**

ESOL Category 1 and Science - Middle Grades

**Jodi Cue**

ESOL Category 2 and Science - Middle Grades

For an ADA accessible version of this calendar, visit [browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar](http://browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar).

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- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of School

Hurricane Make-up Days: 10/23/23, 1/19/24, 3/21/24, 5/24/24, 6/10/24



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- School Closed
- Exam Day
- # Early Release Day
- # Professional Study Day
- Planning Day
- Period 1, 2, 3, 4
- Period 5, 6, 7, 8

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