

West Broward High School

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Good afternoon Bobcat families,

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Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year! As your principal, I will work with our administrators and staff to exemplify our school's mission to promote integrity, respect, and dignity by creating life-long learners in a safe and trusting environment. Our staff is dedicated to creating an amazing education experience for our students in this virtual learning experience as part of the Bobcat Community. Did you know?

- West Broward is rated top 2% of High Schools in the State of Florida.
- Rated 2nd for academic success overall for our state school grade out of 34 Broward high schools.
- We are consistently number 1 or 2 in FSA proficiency in Us History, Biology, ELA, and Mathematics.
- Our graduation rate is steadily above 98% each year.

I am proud that hundreds of students successfully complete an AP and/or dual enrollment courses throughout their high school career. We consistently rate among the highest in both areas. The West Broward Administrative Staff is very proud of our curricular and extra-curricular opportunities that WBH has to offer. Our Bobcat Performance Ensemble Marching Band, JROTC Raiders, and Drill Teams are all defending Florida State Champions. Our student leaders and programs are consistently recognized at the local, state, and national level for their competitive and achievement successes.

As Bobcats, we rise, hold our heads high, and are collectively proud of each other. As we begin this year virtually, I encourage students to reach out to these groups and interact online with each other. The contact information is posted on our school's website for our academic, athletic, and extracurricular sponsors and coaches. Student Government will host school activities virtually. And I encourage students to stay connected with peers, student leaders, and staff. We are in this together and we will get through this together as one Bobcat family.

I encourage the community to stay connected. Our school website will consistently share important messages. I will continue to communicate with weekly Principal messages on our website and through Parent Links, and our staff will be available to interact with students and our community through virtual and electronic means.



I am confident that our Bobcat *culture of caring* will continue to flow throughout our community. Our integrity, respect, and dignity for each other will shine. I look forward to continuing to communicate and interact with you and look forward to welcoming you into the school when it is allowed.

Wednesday, August 19, is the first day of school. As we prepare to begin the new school year through eLearning we know you have questions.

To provide answers, we invite you to join the Parent Community Involvement Task Force and district staff and administrators for the District's Parent University: Getting Ready for School and eLearning live webinar sessions. The four events, which take place between August 12-17, are divided by student groups. They will include step-by-step guidance to help parents assist their students through the school day and information on what to expect once classes begin. District personnel will be available after each presentation to answer questions.

Parent University: Getting Ready for School and eLearning webinars. Choose to attend the gradelevel session that applies to your student(s) through the links below:

- Elementary School Wednesday, August 12, 6:30-8 p.m. https://bit.ly/2XDQMOK
- Middle and High School Thursday, August 13, 6:30-8 p.m. https://bit.ly/3fzcucE
- Exceptional Student Education and English-Language Learners
- Information for Exceptional Student Education and English-Language Learners will be included in the grade-level sessions; however, *more information specific to these student groups will be provided on the following dates:*
 - Exceptional Student Education Friday, August 14, 6:30-8 p.m. https://bit.ly/3a2oDWi
 - English-Language Learners Monday, August 17, 6:30-8 p.m. <u>https://bit.ly/3kmTzFs</u>

All four webinars will be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian-Creole, Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese through closed captioning.

If you are unable to attend a live Parent University webinar, links to the recorded sessions will be available on our district website, <u>browardschools.com</u>, and our school's website at browardschools.com/westbroward.

Go Bobcats!

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