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Principal's Message

Greetings Bengal Families,

As your proud principal, I am pleased to present the first issue of our new Piper High School newsletter, the Piper Press. It will be published and emailed to you bi-monthly and will update you on all the wonderful academics, athletics, and activities happening every day at Piper High School. If you would like to request that a copy be emailed to another community member or to a different email address, please email Newsletter Editor, Dr. Schuck, at jacqueline.schuck@browardschools.com.

While our community is contending with the unprecedented impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Bengal Scholars of Piper High School are continuing to master the skills and gain the content they need to be successful now and in the future. Everything your child needs to reach his/her full potential is here at Piper.

Our accelerated Cambridge academics program combined with our Advanced Placement program provide students with the opportunity to earn college credits while in high school. Cambridge AICE diploma recipients qualify for the highest level of Bright Futures Scholarship in Florida and can earn up to 2-1/2 years of college credit.

Our Career Pathways include the Bengal Virtual Enterprise Institute that features a nationally-recognized Top 10 Virtual Enterprise completely manned and run by students. We offer a Pre-Engineering Program, Culinary Arts Program, and an EMR/paramedics program with on-site opportunities with the City of Sunrise Fire Dept. The Bengal Academy of Excellence offers high-impact instructional programming to support students in earning critical graduation requirements. Students work closely with highly qualified teachers in a smaller community setting to gain the skills to be successful throughout high school. At Piper High, we educate the whole child and provide so many opportunities for academic success, college preparation, career readiness, arts expression, and athletic competition.

Please follow my morning announcements on Twitter (@piperprincipal). I have vowed to do the announcements every day until my Bengal Scholars return to campus. **We are Bengals...Committed to Success, Integrity, Scholarship and Excellence.**

Warmest regards,

Marie Hautigan
 Principal



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CAMBRIDGE CORNER

The Cambridge AICE program is a prestigious international diploma program which provides students with the opportunity to earn the highest level of Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, paying 100% in-state tuition plus a stipend for books at any 4-year university in the state of Florida, including UF and FSU.

At Piper, students have the opportunity to earn up to 2-1/2 years of college credit while in high school. We currently have close to 200 ninth grade Cambridge students taking as many as three Cambridge college-level courses.

In 2019/2020, the inaugural year of the Piper Cambridge Program, the overall Piper High School Cambridge exam passing rate was 90%. One student earned the much desired diploma and a full ride to Florida International University, completing the required seven credits in just one year. This year, 646 students are enrolled in Cambridge coursework.

For more information on the Cambridge program, please email Assistant Principal Patrick Kothe at patrick.kothe@browardschools.com or Cambridge Coordinator Jacqueline Schuck at jacqueline.schuck@browardschools.com.

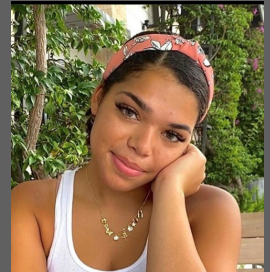
2020 Piper Cambridge Exam Pass Rate
90%
Rising 9th Grade Virtual Cambridge
Night
November 19

TESTING UPDATE

- Algebra 1 EOC: November 12-19
 - Current geometry students
- FSA 10th Grade Reading: December 1-16
 - Current 11th grade students
- PSAT/NMSQT: January 26
 - Current 10th and 11th grade students
- SAT: Saturday, December 5
- ACT: Saturday, December 12 and Saturday, February 6

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

Bengal Scholar Rebekah Caraballo has been recognized for outstanding participation, dedication, organization, leadership, punctuality, and a desire to learn a second language. The Bengal Community congratulates Rebekah for her outstanding academics, attitude, and actions.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

This year, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders (MTL) has focused its efforts on college readiness for our students in 11th and 12th grades, working with them on selecting universities, building resumes for college applications, and essay writing skills. Students are also mastering coping skills to optimize positive attitudes and overall emotional well-being. They are practicing meditation, grounding techniques, gratitude activities and team-building. MTL has also partnered with the Piper Key Club to provide a local preschool with school supplies and books for the coming year. Great job MTL Bengals!

Clubs & Activities

2020/2021

- Best Buddies
- College, Career, & Transition
- Drama/Thespians
- Environmental Club
- Florida Future Educators of America
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Health Information Project
- Latinos in Action
- Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Honor Society
- Peer Counseling
- The Project
- Student Government
- Freshman Class
- Sophomore Class
- Junior Class
- Senior Class

THE *BEST* GO TO B.E.S.T.

BEST tutoring (Bengal Excellence in Student Tutoring) started Tuesday, November 10th after school. Free tutoring with Bengal teachers is available every Tuesday and Thursday via TEAMS from 3:30 to 5:15 in math, reading, writing, language arts, biology and science, as well as SAT, ACT, and FSA test prep. Tutoring is available for every academic level up to college-level Cambridge and Advanced Placement courses. Make sure your students are among the Best by attending BEST beginning Tuesday, November 10th.



MTL Scholars participate in conferences and youth summits throughout the year.

CURRICULUM CONNECTION

Piper High School is home to one of the largest Specialized Varying Exceptionalities (SVE) populations in Broward County Public Schools. Embedded in the SVE program is our PASS Program. PASS students participate in a curriculum that emphasizes academics, social skills, life skills, community-based instruction, and work experience. Through this program, our students can participate in a work-based volunteer experience at local retail stores, restaurants, and hotels.

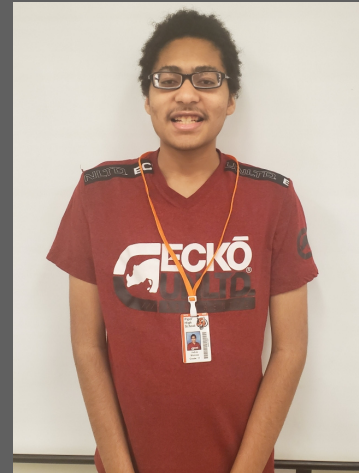
The College, Career, and Transition Club offers additional post-graduate alternatives for our special population students. One student, Julius Monroe, makes video games and publishes them on YouTube. He uses this medium to develop his entrepreneurial skills while earning an income.

Other students participated in a robotics workshop. Following that event, representatives of the club participated in a robotics competition and learned how to assemble a robot and use their creative skills to compete against other schools.

For more information, please contact ESE teacher and College, Career, and Transition sponsor Mark Roberts at mark.roberts@browardschools.com.

Upcoming ESE Events

- November 2020 Career Planning Workshop
- November 2020 Naviance Training
- December 2020 Mock Interview Workshop
- December 2020 Robotics Workshop
- January 2021 Job Preparation Workshop
- January 2021 Job Experience Workshop



Senior Julius Monroe has put to work the skills he learned as a member of the College, Career, and Transition Club. He makes video games and publishes them on YouTube.

ATHLETICS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Sports are Underway!

Broward County Public Schools were given the “green light” to return to play, and our Bengals have hit the ground running! For the fall season, Piper will be offering JV & Varsity Football, Girls Volleyball, and Sideline Cheer. These Bengal Scholar Athletes have been working hard, and we cannot wait to see them return to action!

Coach Alexander, in his first year as Varsity Football Head Coach, has his program moving in the right direction. The Bengals kicked off their season on October 30th at Hallandale Beach High School.



Girls Volleyball returned to action against Hollywood Hills on October 27th. Coach Simu returned for her 5th season as the Varsity Head Coach for the Lady Bengals. Though young, this team has some incredible talent that will be exciting to watch over the next few years. Gabriela Ribeiro returns as the lone Senior this season.

Any Bengals interested in participating in athletics this year must register and upload all required documents on www.athleticclearance.com. Anyone interested in Piper Athletics should email Athletic Director Coach Sanzari at chandler.sanzari@browardschools.com.

Senior volleyball player Gabriela Ribeiro celebrates during senior night along with her family, Coach Simu, and Principal Hautigan.

SCHOOL COUNSELING MATTERS

High school is a time for students to find success, both academically and social-emotionally. Though this year has been unprecedented, there are many creative strategies students can use to ensure their academic goals and social emotional wellness are not forgotten.

Take Control of your Academics:

Students are encouraged to advocate for themselves with teachers through Canvas. Any student who needs assistance speaking with his or her teacher can reach out to his/her grade-level counselor for assistance. Additionally, struggling students can seek academic help through B.E.S.T. tutoring and recover credits via Edmentum.

Create Post-Secondary Goals:

Students are encouraged to explore careers, colleges, and scholarships through Naviance. Naviance is accessible via the student single sign-on on your Clever Launchpad. Students with clear goals and defined steps to achieve those goals are more likely to succeed in high school.

Promote Social Emotional Wellness

The pandemic has proven to be an unprecedented and unpredictable situation. The uncertainty has led many students to feel a variety of emotions. During the pandemic, here are a few tips for Bengal Scholars to maintain emotional wellness and stay connected.

- Facetime a friend/family member
- TEAMS your counselor
- Exercise
- Call/text a friend
- Spend time with your family
- Create and maintain a routine
- Allocate time for work and rest

Piper High School Counseling Team

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BRACE BULLETIN

There are so many paths you can take after high school. The key to navigating all your options is to *have a plan*. I am Ms. Lubell, the new BRACE advisor at Piper High School, and I can't wait to work with each of you.

Will you go to college, get a job, enlist in the military, or participate in a career technical program? All the options are yours.

Your number one resource is **NAVIANCE, NAVIANCE, NAVIANCE!** Yes, it's worth repeating. Use it for creating and executing your plan.

- Check your Naviance home page under *What's New* for college visits and college fairs.
- Ready to start selecting colleges? There are so many! Where do you start? Go to the NAVIANCE Home Page:
 - Click the link under my favorites called *Colleges I'm Thinking About* and go to the Quick Link on the left called *SuperMatch*. There you can enter your complete wish list, and Naviance will give you a list of schools that fit your profile.
- Scholarships are listed under the *Colleges* drop-down menu.
- Naviance is also the place to request letters of recommendation, manage and request transcripts, and view your test scores and GPA.
- Build a resume by going to:
 - About Me > My Stuff > Resume

\$\$\$ for College

YES! FAFSA, the first step to applying for student aid, is open for completion now.

SAT and ACT

Covid-19 has made access to these tests difficult, but Florida public colleges and universities have NOT made testing optional. Be sure to take the SAT or ACT ASAP.



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