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Principal's Message

Greetings Bengal Families,

Welcome to another issue of the Piper Press. We are excited to share all the wonderful academics, athletics, activities, and events happening at Piper High School. Many of our teachers have returned to campus, and more and more students are returning every quarter. While we remain strict in our social distancing guidelines and implementation, we are welcoming our returning Bengal Scholars and working to support them in all areas of their education. Simultaneously, we are consistently reaching out and connecting with our remote learning students and preparing for their return when they and their families believe they are ready.

There are some BIG events scheduled this quarter. We recently held our second Virtual Cambridge Night of the Year and were excited to welcome dozens of families throughout our community. The Cambridge Program continues to be the premier choice for academic acceleration and excellence. Our goal is that every Bengal student will take at least one college-level Cambridge course before they graduate Piper High School. **We are currently preparing to welcome 8th grade families throughout our community for our annual Piper Palooza on Thursday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. The Palooza is our annual Open House for current 8th grade (rising 9th grade) students, and while we wish we could host the event on campus, social distancing mandates that we hold a virtual event this year.**

It may seem early, but we are preparing to schedule students for the 2021-22 school year. Students will soon be receiving course cards, curriculum guides, and scheduling information. Please take the time to review this information with your child and make informed scheduling decisions. Scheduling and academic placement are the foundation of academic performance and success. Guidance counselors will also be visiting Westpine Middle, Bair Middle, and Millennium 6-12 to meet with students, provide academic guidance, and schedule classes. Our goal is to ensure that students are appropriately placed in classes in which they can be academically successful while optimizing rigor and critical thinking.

Please reach out to me at any time if I can assist you or your child. The Piper team and I are here for you. **We are Bengals...Committed to Respect, Integrity, Scholarship & Excellence.**

Warmest regards,

Marie Hautigan
 Principal



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Cambridge Corner

RISING 9TH GRADE FAMILIES EXCITED ABOUT CAMBRIDGE

Despite the trying times we are all confronting, the show must go on, and it certainly did. Our virtual Cambridge Nights for current eighth grade students were the most successful yet. More than 100 families joined to learn about Piper's Cambridge Program and the pathway to earning the Cambridge ACE Diploma.

Students participating in the Cambridge Program take college courses while at Piper and can earn up to 2-1/2 years of college credit. As important, any student who earns the Cambridge ACE Diploma is eligible for the highest level of

Bright Futures Scholarship, which provides full tuition, books, and a stipend to any four-year Florida university including University of Florida and Florida State University.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about Cambridge at Piper, please email our Cambridge Coordinator, Dr. Schuck at jacqueline.schuck@browardschools.com. Nearly 200 current ninth grade students are taking college-level courses at Piper and are on track for a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum throughout high school.

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



Freshman Josiah Gaynor is a Bengal Scholar Athlete. This incredible Cambridge student is taking three college level courses in ninth grade, and after his first semester at Piper he has earned a nearly 5.0 GPA. Wow! Josiah is also a Junior Olympian and two-time national champion in multiple track and field events. He is also playing JV football for Piper and making his mark on the field. Great job, Josiah!

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



Senior Kimeisha Moyston is an active Bengal scholar, maintaining top grades while holding leadership positions in many campus life activities: JROTC, Key Club, MTL, NHS, H.O.P.E., Debate, Poetry Club, STEAM Club, S.W.A.T., and the YMCA. She has already been accepted and awarded academic scholarships to leading universities including Norwich University, Nova University, St. Thomas University, and many others. Way to go Kimeisha!

Testing: PSAT Jan. 26

Piper High School will administer the PSAT exam to all 10th grade and self-selected 11th grade students on the Piper campus on Jan. 26th. This college preparatory exam is one of the most important preparations for the all-important SAT college admissions exam that students take as they apply to colleges and universities around the country. All 10th grade students are afforded the opportunity to take the PSAT free of charge.

Some 11th grade students choose to take the PSAT as they practice for their college admissions test and compete for the ranking of National Merit Scholar. The PSAT is used to designate National Merit Scholars in all 50 states. Any 11th grade student who receives this prestigious designation is entitled to scholarship opportunities from universities across the country including prestigious private and Ivy League schools. The PSAT is just one component of the extensive college preparatory programming offered at Piper High School.

Athletics Announcements

WINTER SPORTS BRING OUT THE BEST OF BENGAL ATHLETES

Like the Fall, Winter sports experienced a delay for the start of the season, officially beginning on December 14th with games beginning the week of January 4th. The teams have been participating in voluntary conditioning for the last month and are just starting to get out there and compete. All three programs are led by veteran coaches and have excellent senior leadership and young talent returning.

Coach Jennifer Simu returns to the sidelines for her third season as Head Coach of the Lady Bengals soccer team. This group surprised a lot of teams around the county last year and are continuing to build on last year's success. This season, the Lady Bengals will be led by Seniors Karen Paiz and Paula Francis. They also see the return of young talent like Junior Kimari Downer and Sophomore standouts Camila Lopez – Rodriguez and Elysia Rojas. The Lady Bengals soccer team opened their season on January 5th.

Boys Basketball Coach, Jerry Jones, returns to the hardwood as Head Coach for the Bengals. The boys are poised and ready to rebound from last year's season. This season, the team will be led by Senior Point Guard, Moses Frazier. Moses is the heart and soul of this Bengal team. His tenacity and leadership on the court will make up for the lack of game experience in this young team. The Bengals opened their season on January 4th.

SENIOR MOSES FRAZIER LEADS HIS TEAMMATES IN THE 2021 WINTER SEASON. MOSES HAS PLAYED BASKETBALL FOR 7 YEARS, AND HAS ALREADY RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS FROM TOP SCHOOLS. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR BENGAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE!



Any Bengals interested in participating in athletics this year must register and upload all required documents on www.athleticclearance.com. Any inquiries about athletics at Piper can be sent to Athletic Director, Chandler Sanzari at chandler.sanzari@browardschools.com.

Piper Palooza - Feb. 25 @ 6PM

The Piper Palooza is our annual Open House for current 8th grade (rising 9th grade) students. This year's Virtual Palooza will be held via TEAMS. The link will be available on the homepage of the Piper website. We are inviting 8th grade students and their parents to learn about the exciting academics, athletics, and activities available at Piper:

- Academics Showcase including the Cambridge AICE Program, Accelerated Advanced Placement, Career Pathways, Bengal Academy of Excellence, extensive visual and performing arts, physical education and JROTC.
- Athletics Spotlight featuring a wide range of Boys & Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity sports that participate in both FHSAA & BCAA
- Clubs and Activities Showcase covering more than 30 clubs and activities to meet every student's interests
- Presentations from guidance and administration
- Meet the Principal...Ms. Hautigan is delighted to welcome all our new Bengal families and to ensure that your child receives every opportunity for an outstanding education.

Piper Career Pathways: Opportunities for Every Student

Piper is home to an extensive and innovative Career Technical Education (CTE) Department that includes career pathways that meet the interests of just about every student. At the heart of the program is the Bengal Virtual Enterprise Institute that features a nationally-recognized "Top 10" Virtual Enterprise completely manned and operated by Bengal Scholar Entrepreneurs. Last year, nine Virtual Enterprise students and their teacher, Mr. Pinkney, were awarded an all-expenses paid trip to the national VEI Conference in New York. Many of these same students also participate in the Bengal Academy of Finance, which provides coursework and hands-on technology experiences related to accounting, finance, and other areas of financial oversight and reporting.

Students with an interest in Engineering and Architecture are taking advantage of the Piper Pre-Engineering Program, which covers drafting, engineering, and advanced manufacturing coursework. Students have access to high level technology in all of their classes.



VEI STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL PLAN COMPETITION AT NSU.

The Piper Culinary Arts Program offers students the opportunity to earn the National SafeServe Certification. An advanced, state-of-the-art culinary arts learning center is currently under construction and will open for Piper students in fall 2021. Many Bengal scholars are also taking advantage of the Piper EMR/Paramedics Program that offers an EMT certification. This incredible career pathway includes on-site opportunities with the City of Sunrise Fire Department, and Piper plans to expand course offerings to include actual classes in firefighting.

Piper High School Career Pathways are a critical component of the Piper focus on educating the whole child. Our goal is to provide students with extensive opportunities for academic excellence, critical thinking, college preparation, and career readiness.



BENGAL CULINARY ARTISTS AT A GINGERBREAD COMPETITION AT THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL

School Counseling Matters

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!

We are halfway through the school year and even though it does not feel like it, we are so close to graduation. Some seniors are anxiously waiting for college acceptance letters, some are determining which branch of the armed forces to join, and others are preparing to join the workforce. Whatever your post-high school plan, it's that time of the school year to make all the necessary arrangements to ensure that you are ready for life after high school.

Seniors, at this time, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and Bright Futures application should be completed. Mr. Francis conducted a workshop for FAFSA and Bright Futures for seniors and their families. Contact him at Dwight.francis@browardschools.com, if you need any assistance with either FAFSA or Bright Futures.

Additionally, we will also be administering the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) in February for those seniors interested in the military. Graduation and ensuring you have a plan after high school are mandatory.

Don't forget to place your cap and gown order with Herff Jones at hjbroward.com or 954-693-0006. Time is of the essence. We are on our way to graduation.

BRACE Bulletin

JUNIORS

Now is a great time to get a jump on college testing. It is recommended that you take both the ACT and the SAT once in your junior year to decide which test is a better fit for you. Although the tests are similar, there are differences, and some students can perform much better on one than the other. Juniors will take the SAT for free on March 3.

WHAT ABOUT THE COST OF THE SAT & ACT?

The SAT cost is \$49.50. The ACT is \$52. The costs of taking these tests or applying to college should never stand in your way! You may qualify for free or reduced lunch or have other special circumstances that will entitle you to free test waivers. When you are issued a waiver, your application fees to colleges will also be waived. Remember, qualifying students are allocated two free SAT and ACT waivers throughout their matriculation at Piper High School. Simply send me an email, and I will help you navigate this process.

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES

It's not too early to become comfortable using Naviance; it's a wonderful resource for planning your future. Take the tests that will give you career ideas! Explore different colleges and what they offer!

QUESTIONS?

Ms. Lubell can be reached via email at andrea.lubell@browardschools.com or you can schedule a TEAMS meeting with her by clicking [here](#).

\$16 Million Campus Renovation Underway



When you are dropping off or picking up your beautiful children from Piper High or driving down 44th Street, you probably notice the myriad of construction cranes, equipment, trucks and workers throughout the campus. Our incredible \$16 million renovation is well underway, and Piper is being transformed into a “new” campus. Among the highlights are 7 brand new, state-of-the-art STEM labs that every student will access, a state-of-the-art culinary arts learning center, completely renovated media center, new roofing on all buildings and structures, new air conditioning system throughout the campus and more. Plus, we have some fun and exciting enhancements that we are keeping a secret to surprise students as they return in the fall. Welcome to the new Piper High School. Our community demands it. Our students deserve it. Piper High School is proud to present it.

