

## THE PANTHER PRESS

**Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED Newsletter** 

September /October 2017

## Message from the Principal

Dear L612 Families,



Welcome to Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED School. Whether you're new or returning for another fantastic year, we are excited to "C" you. Yes that's right we have raised the bar by improving our school grade. We work hard to ensure all students receive a quality education from highly qualified staff. You can trust that we will provide your children with a safe learning environment everyday while we help to develop their academic and extracurricular growth. We are thrilled to have you as a part of our family and we look forward to this upcoming school year!

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

- John Dewey

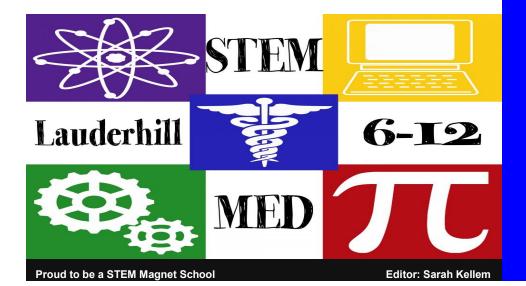
Sincerely,

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Dr. Ryan T. Reardon Principal

#### School Mission

Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED School (L612) recognizes that students have a need to grow everyday and intends to prepare a diverse student population for success in college, and to be thoughtful, contributing members of society.



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### **Administration**

### **Principal**

Dr. Ryan T. Reardon

#### **Assistant Principals**

Shannon Burch Keisha Maxwell Tariq Qaiyim

#### **Guidance Director**

**Bob Frazier** 

## Magnet Coordinator

Kaila Gillings

#### **Athletic Director**

Jessica Bentle

#### **School Information**

1901 N.W. 49th Ave. Lauderhill, FL 33313 754-322-3600

#### **School Website**

lauderhill612.browardschools.com

Check out our magnet program and PPA Academy!



Welcome back students!

## **BCPS (BrIDGES) Evaluation**

Did you know you can provide input into instructional and administrative evaluations? Please read the information below. Parental Input into BrIDGES:

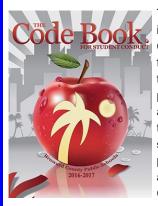
• In accordance with Florida Statute 1012.34, parents must be notified of their right to provide input into the instructional/administrative evaluations.

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Lauderhill 6-12 instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations many contact our office at (754) 322-3600 by April 13, 2018.

## The Code Book for Student Conduct is available online!

For more information please go to:

http://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct



This site is designed to provide parents and students with information about the Code Book of Student Conduct. 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.



## In the Spotlight!

Taking the time to acknowledge the good is a great way to promote a culture of school spirit and Lauderhill 6-12 pride! We have added this special feature in order to take a minute to publically thank those who do so much for our families and staff.

## What's so special about the Research Teacher's Conference?

Two hundred teachers were selected to attend via lottery — one third consists of veteran teachers who have significant experience teaching research, one third of teachers who have some experience, and one third of teachers who do not have experience yet, but would like to begin supporting students by teaching research. No more than one teacher per school was selected to attend and guess what? We got in!

### A Special Shout Out!

Mrs. Renee Barnett was the lucky selected teacher to attend the Research Teacher's Conference in Washington, D.C.! Science rocks at Lauderhill 6-12 as Mrs. Barnett had 94% of her students pass the Biology EOC! We shined bright as the Sun as we outperformed schools in our surrounding area. That's how we get down at L612!

## Panthers of the Month

What does being a panther of the month mean? Well show your panther school pride and you may get featured here!



Being the panther of the month is a special privilege awarded to those who go above and beyond for the students, parents, and staff of Lauderhill 6-12.

We also recognize those who work hard within the community. Our newsletter is the perfect place to recognize those who work hard to ensure that our environment is safe and academically productive! We love our panthers and we want to prove it to you!



## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Student Advisory
Council (SAC)
Meeting

Thursday September 28th at 5:30 pm

Interim Reports
September 29th, 2017

**SAC Meeting** 

September 28th, 2017 at 5:45pm

**Open House** 

Thursday September 28th at 6:00pm

FSA Writing Retakes
October 4th, 2017

Last Day to apply for Free or Reduced Breakfast and Lunch

October 4th, 2017

Professional Study Day Dismissal at 1:30pm October 5th, 2017

FSA Reading Retakes
October 9th and 10th

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) October 11th, 2017

PERT Algebra Test October 12th, 2017

Early Release Day
Dismissal at 2:30pm October 19th, 2017

Employee Planning (No School) October 20th, 2017



#### 2017/18 SCHOOL CALENDAR\*

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"Year-Round Schools Follow Different Calendars

BCPS 2017/18 Calendar

## Save the Dates!

We are excited about our upcoming events and we want you to join the fun! Thursday September 28th we will be hosting our Middle & High School Family Night at 5:45pm immediately following our Student Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting. This is great time to come and meet the staff of Lauderhill 6-12 and spend quality time with your children. Refreshments will be provided.

What is SAC you ask? It's the Student Advisory Council and it's a great way to get involved at L612. Did you know we recently received a new school grade? That improvement shows the commitment of our staff, students, and parents! Come to Family Night and learn all about your child's academic environment and get answers to any questions you have about our programs.

Parental involvement is vital to your child's academic achievements and we want you to be an active part of that success. The parental involvement results from last year shows the more you go, the more the students grow! We can't wait to see you there!

\*\*Parents, students, and staff don't forget that Thursday October 19th is an Early Release Day, students will be released at 2:30pm! There is no school on Friday October 20th. Please also note that Thursday October 5th is a Professional Study Day (PSD), students will be released at 1:30pm so please make arrangements for pick up!



**Broward County Public School's Mobile App!** 

### **Educational Resources!**

#### Pinnacle Gradebook

#### Please Read Carefully Before Proceeding

The Pinnacle Internet Viewer is designed to improve communication among students, parents and teachers by providing Internet access to a student's grades, attendance, and discipline. Please know that although we hope to be accurate at all times, the information contained in the Pinnacle Internet Viewer is not absolute. Grades and attendance change on a daily basis. If you have any questions regarding the grades, please contact the teacher. Attendance and grade information may take up to one week to be recorded. Please be patient.

#### **Here's the link to the Pinnacle Internet Viewer:**

https://gb.browardschools.com/pinnacle/gradebook

To Access Student Information:

#### Students

If you are a student your login name should be in the: username@my.browardschools.com format. Password: PMM/DD/YYYY

If you have forgotten your password, please contact your teacher. If student has already signed in ask for new password

#### Response to Intervention

Response to Intervention (RTI) for students who are having a difficult time in class: Academics and/or behavior. Teachers will provide all students with Tier I interventions in class first and will retrieve assistance from RTI Case Managers when needed. Parents, please make sure you staying abreast with your child's educational endeavors on a weekly basis. If your child is receiving any grades less than a "C" ask your child's teacher to speak to Ms. Brenda Gomez about possibly referring your child to RTI.

## Mobile App?

Yes you read that correctly. Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is happy to inform you of their updated mobile app! Want to know what's happening in BCPS, well then download the app! Stay connected and look tech savvy while you're armed with the information you need to know. Downloading the app is quick and easy.

For more information go to browardschools.com/mobileapp



#### **Parent / Teacher Conferences**

Parents can call the front desk at 754-322-3600 between 9:00am-5:00pm to schedule a parent teacher conference. Please note that conferences are held from 9:00am-9:30am on Tuesdays and Thursday. We encourage you to keep in communication with your child's teachers frequently to ensure college and career readiness for your child!



Become one of the 43,000 adults helping Broward's children and schools. You will work at the school of your choice in activities that match your skills. For more information go to http://browardschools.com/getinvolved

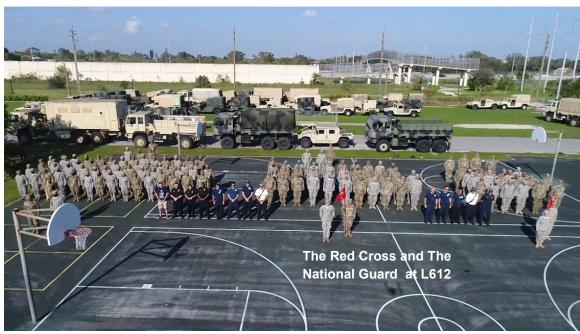


What's happening around
Lauderhill 6-12?
Let's look and see!
6th Grade Orientation,
Junior Achievement, and
the National
Guard, Could it be?











L612 High School students set a new precedent in Florida as they take an in house Junior Achievement course with Ms. Alexander!





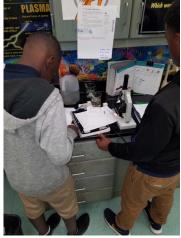
Oh how sweet it is to be a L612 Panther when you have Assistant Principal Mr. Qaiyim listen so attentively!





6th Grade Orientation!





First time that L612
Middle school students will take a high school Science course Biology Honors.
Learning parts of a microscope, proper usage, and to make wet mount slides using pond water.

High school students make candy neurons in AP Psych!



### **Help After Hurricane Irma**

**FEMA:** Phone number for disaster relief 1-800-621-3362 **Apply for assistance by registering online** at <a href="http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov">http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov</a>. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

**Rental Assistance:** Assistance through FEMA's Individual and Households Program may be available to eligible applicants to secure temporary housing while repairs are being made to the pre-disaster primary residence, or while transitioning to permanent housing while applicant survivor is displaced from their primary residence.

**Temporary Blue Roofs:** The recent hurricane has left many homeowners with damaged roofs, which can take time to repair. Additional information will be available in the coming days on how to access this type of assistance, but the first step is registering with FEMA for federal assistance.

**Disaster Unemployment Assistance**: Available for Florida residents whose jobs were affected by Hurricane Irma, specifically those who live or work in the counties included in the major disaster declaration. This may include people not normally eligible for unemployment benefits, such as self-employed persons and farm-workers. They can apply for unemployment benefits online at <a href="Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity">Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity</a>.

**Disaster Distress Helpline:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Disaster Distress Helpline (1-800-985-5990) remains open 24/7 for free help coping with the stress of the storm. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster.

**Loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA)** may be available to help repair flood-related damage to your home or business and replace personal property. Survivors need to register with FEMA first to determine their eligibility for any federal assistance that may be available.

#### **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

#### **Food Pantries**

The Pantry of Broward, Inc. (Non-Profit Organization) Ft. Lauderdale, FL 954-358-1481 Open until 4:00 PM Feeding South Florida (Food Bank) Pembroke Park, FL 954-518-1818 Open until 5:00 PM Gateway Community Outreach (Social Services Organization) Deerfield Beach, FL 954-725-8434 Open until 4:30 PM

All saints soup kitchen (Soup Kitchen) Fort Lauderdale, FL 954-801-8283 Opens at 2:00 PM Haitian Evangelical Baptist Church (Baptist Church) Pompano Beach, FL 954-960-5193 Boca Helping Hands (Social Services Organization) Boca Raton, FL 561-417-0913 Open until 4:00 PM

**LifeNet4Families (**Family Service Center) Fort Lauderdale, FL 954-792-2328 Open until 4:00 PM

#### **FOOD ASSISTANCE CONTINUED**

For a complete list of food pantries visit: https://facebrowardschools.com/resources/help-after-hurricane-irma/

#### **Food Stamps**

<u>Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</u> (D-SNAP). The program gives food assistance to low-income households with food loss or damage caused by a natural disaster.

If you're a current SNAP (EBT/foodstamp) client, you can request a supplement if you meet at least one of the following conditions:

- You currently get benefits that are less than the monthly maximum
- You have losses from the disaster that are not reimbursed.

Individuals may also visit the DCF offices at 1400 West Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale FL, 33309. We will assist eligible clients in faxing the forms here at the Legal Aid Campus in Plantation at 491 N. State Road 7.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### **Disaster Unemployment Assistance**

Visit <a href="http://www.floridajobs.org/news-center/DEO-Press/2017/09/13/federal-reemployment-assistance-available-for-disaster-victims">http://www.floridajobs.org/news-center/DEO-Press/2017/09/13/federal-reemployment-assistance-available-for-disaster-victims</a>. Individuals in designated-disaster areas must file DUA applications by October 13, 2017. DEO instructs those affected that to file a DUA claim go to <a href="http://www.floridajobs.org/">http://www.floridajobs.org/</a> or call 1-800-385-3920. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time to assist claimants. For DUA claims information call 1-800-204-2418 and choose option 2 to speak to a customer service representative.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE (850) 413-3140
FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION (888) 404-3922
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211 BROWARD/FLORIDA 211 If call drops, survivors are asked to text "Irma" to 898-211

#### **IRS Filing Extensions for Tax Returns**

The Internal Revenue Service has extended until January 31, 2018, for any tax return, extended tax return or tax payment that was due on or after September 4, 2017. This applies to persons who live in in or whose business is located in Broward, Charlotte, Clay, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Putnam, Sarasota and St. Johns. **Additional counties may be added if they are designated by FEMA as disaster areas eligible for individual assistance**. See <a href="https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-for-victims-of-hurricane-irma">https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-for-victims-of-hurricane-irma</a>.

**Banks** are offering hurricane relief. Check with your banking institution for details about specific resources available.

**Federal Student Aid** is committed to assisting students enrolled in college or career school and federal student loan borrowers who have been impacted by federally declared natural disasters. We strongly encourage impacted students to contact the *financial aid office* at their school and borrowers to contact their *lender* or *loan servicer*.

### Lauderhill 6-12 Clubs

#### Who's Got School Spirit? We've Got School Spirit!

We want to show it to you and we want you to show us yours right back! With so many clubs to join, which one will you pick? Just remember, you don't have to choose only one :)

<u>Student Council (Middle School Level)</u>: Young and in charge. You stand out amongst your peers because even in your young years you are the leader of the pack and a forward thinker! See Ms. Gillings for more information.

<u>Student Government Association (SGA) High School Level:</u> Were you born to lead? Are you usually the one who excels in decision making? Then this club is for you. Elections are steadily approaching so hurry in today to get the vote! Contact person—Ms. Kellem and student Shanese Wright.

National Honors Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) for all grades: Are you an academic rock star? Do you have what it takes to make the grade? If you do then meet Tuesday September 20th at 9:00am in room 181 for an interest meeting. Contact persons—Mrs. Boucher and Ms.Alvarez.

<u>The Ultimate Group of Awesomeness (TUGA):</u> Are you completely awesome? Oh yes you are baby! Then come join Mr. Deich and his totally awesome crew for technology competitions. Not tech savvy...don't worry no prior techy terminology required!

<u>Minecraft:</u> Doesn't the name just explain it all! Of course it does because we all have done our hour of coding probably using this game (wink, wink). See Mr. Deich to get in on the fun!



#### TUGA is hosting the following event:

• Movie Night- Saturday 10/30/17; open to all L612 Panthers 6th-12th grade. TUGA is hosting a Movie Night where the theme will be Girl Power. The films shown will be Hidden Figures and Wonder Woman. Come and join us as we celebrate women who take care and aren't afraid to show it! The event is scheduled from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM and includes lunch, a drink, and popcorn/ cost \$10.00 per person. See Mr. Deich for details!













## **Panther Playhouse**

In the fall of 2016 Taylor Wells approached Ms. Alvarez asking to start a drama club. Our first meeting had over 35 students and thus, Panther Playhouse was born! Panther playhouse is a safe place for students to learn the basics of theater. Panther performers study acting strategies, perform monologues and dialogs at school events, and now for the first time will learn how to run a show from behind the scenes! Last year students studied poetry written by Langston Hughes and preformed his work as monologues. This year students will develop independent pantomimes, a form of dramatic entertainment in which performers express meaning through gestures accompanied by music. If you are interested in becoming a Panther Performer please contact Ms. Alvarez at Felicia.Alvarez@browardschools.com

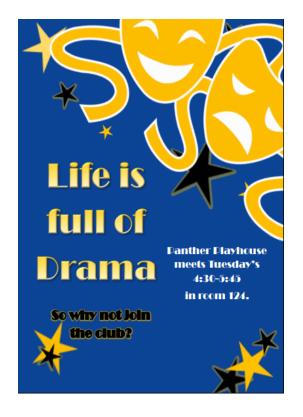


Hungry, why wait? Get your application for Free and Reduced Lunch in by the October 4th, 2017 deadline! Not sure where to go? Want to know what's on the menu? Apply at:

https://www.myschoolapps.com

or call 754-321-0250 for more information.











## Lauderhill 6-12 Soccer

It's soccer season and we're excited to kick this season off with support from you. Come and show your team spirit! Below you'll find the schedule so there's no excuse to miss out on the action!

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Tuesday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Coral Springs	4:00pm	AWAY
	(Cypress Hammock Park)		(Girls&Boys)
Thursday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Westpine	4:30pm	HOME
			(Girls First)
Monday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sawgrass Springs	4:30pm	HOME
			(Boys First)
Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Plantation	4:30pm	HOME
			(Boys First)

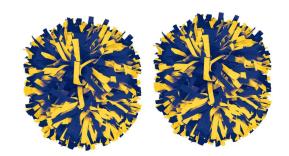
## **Lauderhill 6-12 Cross-Country**

Let's all take lap as we run straight into Cross Country season! Check out our panthers at these locations:

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Wednesday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Plantation, Pioneer, Sawgrass Springs, Falcon Cove, McNichol, Gulfstream, West- pine, Indian Ridge, Attucks, Driftwood, Beachside, Te- questa Trace	4:30pm	AWAY Plantation Central Park 9151 NW 2nd St, Plantation, FL 33324
Tuesday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Forest Glen, Silver Lakes, Sawgrass Springs, Coral Springs, Westglades, Millenni- um, Ramblewood, North Broward, Renaissance Char-	4:30pm	AWAY Tradewinds Park 3600 W Sample Rd, Coconut Creek, FL 33066
Thursday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	County Championships	4:30pm	AWAY Markham Park 16001 W State Rd 84, Sunrise, FL 33326

## **Sports Continued**





Cheerleading tryouts just ended and we're excited to kick this season off with support from you. Come and show your team spirit! Below you'll find your lady panther cheer squad so grab a pom-pom and get ready to shout!

Below you will find a list of the 2017-2018 Cheerleading roster. Congratulations to all the girls who made the cut!

Callender, Natalya
Camacho, Anisha
Chambers, Victoria
Clarke, Cache
Cochran, Destiny
Douglas. Krystal
Duverseau, Zaria
Edwards, Arkaijha
Hima, Angelina
Jacques, Seradieuni
Josue, Sherlandine
Masses, Janay
Moore, S'coria
Oliphant, Amiyah
Oliphant, Daveona
Sharpe, Krystal
Willims, Isis
Williams, Jadah





## PANTHER PREPARATORY ACADEMY



Your middle school experience begins with the **Panther Preparatory Academy** that provides students an integrated approach to **Microsoft Office certification eligibility**.

 PowerPoint (6th grade)  Microsoft Word (7th grade) • Excel (8th grade)

## 6th Grade Courses

Adv. Language Arts 1
Adv. Math/GEM Math
Adv. Earth Space Science
Adv. World History
Elective
Elective

## **7**th Grade Courses

Adv. Language Arts 2
Pre- Algebra or
Algebra 1 Honors\*
Adv. Life Science
Adv. Civics
Spanish 1\*
Elective

## 8th Grade Courses

Adv. Language Arts 3 or World Literature Algebra 1 Honors\* or Geometry Honors\* Physical Science Honors\* Adv. U.S. History Spanish 2\* Elective

**Electives** 

Debate I OR II Engineering HOPE Computer Science Research 1 and 2

\*High school credits available

- Quarterly STEM Field Trips
- Cohort Model
- Personal laptops/tablets
- Mentorships: American Express
- ELO's (Extended Learning Opportunities)
   Firewall
- HS Student Mentor
- Summer Institute: Invent.org and Firewall

For More Information Please Contact: Kaila Gillings, Magnet Coordinator, at 754-322-3600



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## Star Students of the Month!

STAR Students of the Month / Kids of Character: Cooperation is the character trait of the month for September. Learning how to cooperate will help with success in school, in relationships with friends and in life over all. It is essential to remember that cooperation is a basic life skill that assists us in working together so that collaboration and creativity will ultimately bring about success. Teachers will be nominating students from their 1st period classes who exhibit cooperation in the classroom. A recognition ceremony for all nominated students will be held on October 6th, 2017 at 9:45am

STAR Students of the Month / Kids of Character: Responsibility is the character trait of the month for October. Responsibility is essential for becoming a healthy, happy, and productive person. It is the basis for a free and civil society where each person does what he or she is expected to do. Teachers will be nominating students from their 2nd period classes who demonstrate responsibility in the classroom. A recognition ceremony for all nominated students will be held in November.



# TUGA Spotlight Victoria Rollie Dameus



Sometimes a student makes choices for the best of the group and does not realize she is a role model. Sometimes a student helps another in need and does not realize she is a coach. Sometimes a student seeks to help others and does not realize she is an entrepreneur. Sometimes a student has peers seeking her support and direction and does not realize she is a leader. Victoria Rollie Dameus, a junior at Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED, has become a role mode, a coach, an entrepreneur, and a leader. Arriving from Haiti in 2013, Victoria was faced with the challenges of many new immigrants, who would have thought that her inability to speak a word of English was going to be her key motivator for her early academic and leadership success?

Victoria managed to develop her leadership role as an active member of the National Honor Society's Lauderhill 6-12 chapter, a student member of the North Broward County Chapter of The Links, a lead anchor and writer of the school's television production studio, and founding member of the Oracle Coding group. It was her active involvement in the coding group that propelled Victoria forward. As if learning English as a second language was not enough to keep her occupied, Victoria found the time to learn HTML, HTML5, CSS, Bootstrap, Python, and JavaScript. This opened a new world for her. Identifying problems and developing computer science solutions came naturally for Victoria; her work has gained the attention of the South Florida community and she has already made a footprint of her unique user experience web style. As a web coder and designer she applied her programming knowledge to recreate a web site for Doris Canady-this was her first exposure to web development for the community. CSS and JavaScript were new languages for Victoria and she was quite fluent creating buttons and layouts improved page management resulting in an upgraded and gorgeous page for Doris. This was the first out of class project and many others have followed.

Victoria's determination to lead by example has provided her with 1st place recognitions for Human Capital Management Jr. End of the Year competition and the Yaegar Redesign Project. Her community involvement led her to present at the 9th annual WordCamp Miami where as part of a panel discussion she shared her insights on web tools and publishing in the 21st century. She parlayed these experiences into a summer job at Conceptual Communications, a marketing, branding, public relations and social media company in Ft. Lauderdale. She is currently working with industry professionals in making the web a friendlier place. Her efforts to improve herself has impacted all those that work with her-both personally and professionally.



#### L612 Guidance News

Welcome to Naviance - Family Connection

Broward County Public Schools is providing Naviance - Family Connection for all district students in grades 6-12 to help with college and career planning! This world-class system is designed to inform students, parents, and schools with:

Researching careers, colleges, and majors

Finding local and national scholarships and enrichment programs

Exploring students' career interests, learning styles, personality types, and multiple intelligences

Building resumes and holistic portfolios for job and college applications

Setting goals and developing personalized plans for success

Requesting and sending electronic transcripts

Learning about success skills, financial planning, self-discovery, and building support network

Log on to Naviance-Family Connection

All students in grades 6-12 in district schools have access to Naviance – Family Connection.

https://connection.naviance.com/lauderhill

The student's login information is:

User ID: Student Number (06xxxxxxxx) Password: Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)

#### Guidance Faulty

Bob Frazier — Guidance Director also responsible for grades 11th-12th

Yvette Ellis —Responsible for grades 9th-10th BRACE Advisor: Cindy Woodring

Brenda Gomez — Grades 6-8 Last name letters A-J Julia Gannon — Grades 6-8 Last name letters K-Z

#### **BRACE NEWS**

Welcome back to school L6-12 High School Students!

Broward County Public Schools College Fair is Monday October 9th at Nova Southeastern University from 6-9 PM

Seniors – Class of 2018 there will be exam fee waivers available from Mrs. Woodring your BRACE Advisor. Free online prep is available from Khan Academy for SAT and Kaplan for ACT.

Five seniors at L6-12 are attending Broward College full time as Early Admissions students! Kevont'e Hawkins, Juliana Joseph, Miguel Leon, Derek Mejia and Mario Metellus are completing BCPS graduation requirements while earning college credits towards their college degree. This program is free of charge for students who meet specific criteria.

Applications for colleges and universities should be submitted prior to October 31st. Each senior with free/reduced lunch qualifies for application fee waivers and they should see Mrs. Woodring for additional information.

Free money for college/universities is available. One of the best places to search is on Naviance (mentioned above). Scholarships will be ongoing throughout the year!

FAFSA.gov – Free Application for Federal Student Aid will begin in October! Parents and students will need 2016 Federal Income Tax information in order to apply for financial aid.

Grades 9th-11th - Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT being given on Wednesday October 11th at L6-12.

The PSAT/NMSQT is used for National Merit and National Achievement Scholarships. It is great practice for the SAT which juniors will take in the spring. FREE PSAT Prep at https://www.kaptest.com/college-prep/psatpreplivetest Please see Mrs. Boucher for PSAT Tutoring after school!



## **Student Advisory Council (SAC)**

#### What is SAC and why should I join?

The SAC committee provides a place where parents can voice their opinions and suggestions. They have an active role in making decisions that will best serve the students. SAC also gives the opportunity for parents to actively participate in setting goals and making plans to achieve those academic goals. The Student Advisory Council allows for parents to identify issues that need to be addressed concerning the school climate. Still have questions about SAC then check out this quick FAQs link at:

http://florida-family.net/SAC/files/DOE SAC FAQ.pdf.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, September 28th	5:45pm	Kiva
Wednesday, October 18th	5:45pm	The Learning Commons
Wednesday, November 15th	5:45pm	The Learning Commons
Wednesday, December 20th	5:45pm	The Learning Commons
Wednesday, January 17th	5:45pm	The Learning Commons
Wednesday, February 21st	5:45pm	The Learning Commons
Wednesday, March 21st	5:45pm	The Learning Commons
Wednesday, April 18th	5:45pm	The Learning Commons
Wednesday, May 16th	5:45pm	The Learning Commons

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that dates, times, and location is subject to change or cancellation. Please contact the school front desk or ask for the SAC Co-chairs Ms. Natasha Forde or Mr. Ken Ward at 754-322-3600. Before attending a meeting please confirm the above mentioned information.







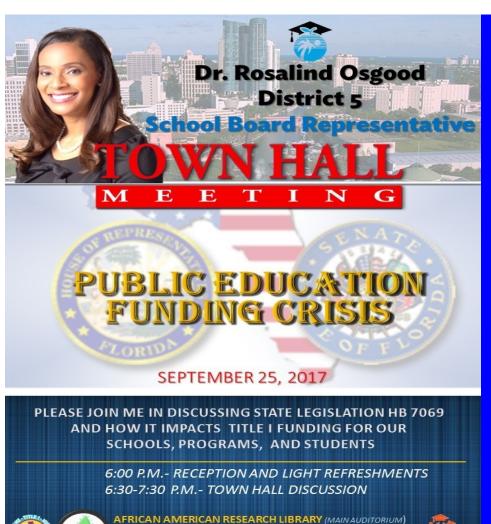
#### **Important Dates for Staff!**

Don't forget that Open Enrollment begins October 3rd, 2017!

 When adding a dependent you must submit verification.
 Please contact the benefits department for further information.

The BrIDGES Deliberate Growth/ Self Assessment deadline is steadily approaching!

 Self-Assessments are due by Tuesday October 31st, 2017!



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