



Wolves' Howl

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A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Mary Barba, Intern Principal

Greetings Wolf Pack.

December is here, and winter break is just a few short weeks away, however we want to keep students focused over the next three weeks to finish strong! There are a few important events and dates to share with you as we prepare for the end of Term 1. This month we have End of Course Exams (EOC's). The exams are in Biology, Algebra 1, Geometry, and U.S. History and will take place on December 11th and December 12th. Parents, please note that 30% of the course grade for Biology, Algebra 1, Geometry, and U.S. History will come from their EOC score which is why we are offering students numerous opportunities to practice, review, and receive assistance prior to their test date. Leading up to these exams, our teachers have scheduled days for after school help as well as 2 Saturday EOC prep sessions- one on December 1st and one on December 8th. We want your child to take advantage of these opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills in these academic areas, all of which are graduation requirements.

We also have Term 1 Final Exams, which will be administered December 19th and December 20th. Students will be receiving exemption forms the week of the 10th for your approval and signature. Please note that all students will be released after lunch on these two days. Release time will be 10:50 a.m. District buses will be picking up early and running their normal routes. If your child is a car rider, plan on a 10:50 a.m. pickup. There *is* school on Friday, December 21st, which is an early release day. The 21st is the last day of Term 1 and a good opportunity for students to make sure they have turned in all work and completed all exams. When students return in January, they will start their new classes and begin Term 2.

What's new? Term 2 Practical Nursing, Pharmacy Tech and Medical Assisting students will begin their respective programs which will take place on Sheridan Technical College's main campus. Students must wear their nursing uniforms and ID's at all times. Congratulations to the students who made it into these rigorous programs.

Many amazing events and student activities have been taking place through our classes and clubs. This newsletter is full of interesting information to keep you up to date on the wonderful things happening at STHS, so be sure to check it out.

As this is the last newsletter before winter break, I wish you and your loved ones a Happy, Healthy Holiday and will see students back at STHS on Tuesday, January 8th.



DATES OF INTEREST

December 5th- School Advisory Council Meeting

December 11th- EOC exams: Algebra 1, Geometry, & U.S. History

December 12th- EOC exams: Algebra 1, Geometry, & Biology

December 19th- Blocks 1 & 2 Final Exams

December 20th- Blocks 3 & 4 Final Exams

December 21st- Early Release Day

December 24–January 4th Winter Break - No School

January 7th- Employee Planning – No School

January 8th - Back to school...Term 2 Begins

[Broward Schools 2018/19 Calendars](#)

SENIOR'S MESSAGE

Senior Teachers;

Mr. Richard Berman,

Mr. Ozkan Keskinaya, Ms. Wendy Payne &

Mr. Peter Wizenberg



For the Senior class, December will be filled with many new challenges and opportunities. With first semester finals coming up at the end of the month, students will soon transition into their final semester of high school. This will provide unique challenges.

[Ms. Santana](#) would like to remind seniors that there are many financial obligations that seniors must be mindful of during their final year at STHS. These include purchasing high school rings, ordering their caps and gowns for graduation, paying for prom, paying for grad bash and a host of other responsibilities. Fundraisers throughout the year will help to lower the cost of these obligations, but the Senior class is only as strong as its members, so go out and do your part.

Seniors are doing great things around campus. Many seniors are participating in [clubs](#) and organizations. Many seniors have volunteered their time and helped organizing donations for the [Harvest Drive](#), as well as continued disaster relief for the destruction in northern Florida due to the recent hurricane. Several members of the Senior Class, such as *Marissa Ibanez* and *Jacob Chaimowitz* were present at the [Ten80 STEM-Fest](#), where they were exposed to new technology and helped earn STHS entry into the [National STEM League](#). This will provide new opportunities in the future for students to compete in the areas of computer science, drone flight, rover design and piloting, autonomous robot design, and game design.

During November another the campaign to Pie-A-Teacher began. This fund-raiser lets students purchase tickets that will be placed in a raffle. The winning student will have the privilege of introducing the face of their favorite teacher to a whipped-cream pie. Several teachers who have previously been involved, like Mr. Berman, will be returning, and new teachers have volunteered for this lactose-filled honor. Please be sure to buy your tickets.

Those seniors taking [AP classes](#) during the Fall semester will have an added challenge of taking a new load of courses during the Spring semester and reviewing past information to prepare for their AP exams in May. While

teachers of AP classes are preparing review sessions in advance, the best advice that they can give you is to review your notes for a half hour and few times a week in order to keep the information fresh.

This is also a time where seniors should be updating and finalizing college application, as well as searching and applying for scholarships and other forms of financial aid. Information for potential colleges can be found on [Naviance](#) through the SSO portal. Mrs. DiAlberto would like to remind you to be mindful of deadlines on Naviance. If you need a letter of recommendation you are advised to ask your teacher ahead of time. Be sure to give them enough lead-time to read your brag-sheet and write a personalized letter. Not all recommendation letters are created equally, and readers really do want to get a sense of you as a student, not see a generic form letter.

Many seniors were exposed to different colleges and universities through visits from representatives from admissions offices. Seniors are required to sign up in-advance, and they can only meet with admissions officers during non-academic classes. This may require you to miss a day at the college, so plan accordingly. Be sure to [email Mrs. DiAlberto](#) in advance and plan accordingly.



SOPHOMORE'S MESSAGE

Sophomore Teachers:

**Ms. Maria Agudelo, Ms. Ashley Asselta,
Mr. Jay Feinstein, Mr. Michael Fisher, Ms.
Rita Horton, Ms. Brittney Novotny, Ms.
Marisa Santana &
Mr. Ruslan Tabachynsky**

The class of 2021 is forging ahead this first Semester as it comes to an end. We are still employing [NoRedink](#) for our ELA strategies to help bolster the students' knowledge and help them achieve success on the upcoming exams. Also, they are utilizing [Khan Academy](#) to enhance their skills for the [SAT/ACT tests](#) which will assist in their endeavor to Higher Education. These are important links to overall success at STHS. Please remember to check on your student's progress in [FOCUS](#) as we get down to crunch time with [EOC exams](#) and finals right around the corner.

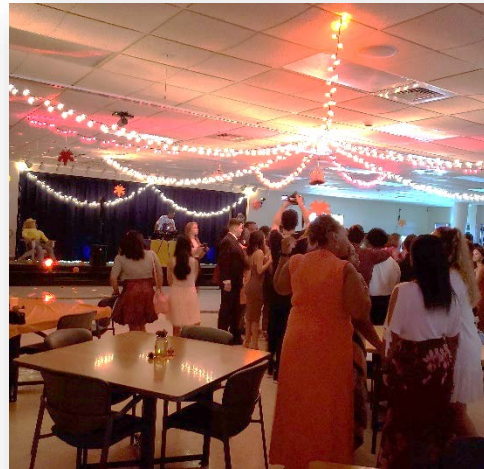


On the lighter side the class had co-sponsored the Fall dance themed "Autumn Nights" which was an astounding sold out event with great music and dancing. All had fun and looking forward to another event. The class is sponsoring a Holiday Candle sale, whereby a

candle can be purchased for \$10 with a limited quantity of 50, so gets yours before they are gone.

FALL DANCE

Written by Erin Hosein



BRACE ADVICE

Ms. Barbara DiAlberto

BRACE Advisor

Autumn Nights

STHS's Fall Dance was the epitome of a success. The energy in the room throughout the night was highly spirited and the wonderful transformation of our boring cafeteria into a fall wonderland only added to the ambiance. Seeing all my classmates dressed to the nines was a definite highlight and seeing them dance...made for some very interesting photos. Overall, our fall formal was a night to remember and a high school memory that I am glad to have shared with my friends.



Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen: you have the perfect opportunity during the break to concentrate on scholarships.

If you didn't get the new Scholarship Newsletter, please email [Mrs. DiAlberto, BRACE Advisor](#).

Seniors, if you haven't applied for [Bright Futures](#), please do so immediately, whether you are eligible now or not!! You have until June to get the numbers you need.

Seniors, please either email a copy of your acceptance letters to Mrs. DiAlberto or bring in a copy to show her.

She also needs a copy of any scholarships and merit awards you receive from colleges or outside organizations.



BRACE Cadet

Just a reminder the BRACE Cadets form is available in students' Naviance account, under enrichment, in colleges tab.

Students 15 years or older who reside in Broward County are invited to apply for the Broward County Public Schools' BRACE Cadet program. Students will receive a \$500 stipend to complete training's and activities that support their peers to become college, career, and life-ready (CCLR). Students will be required to attend leadership, college advisement, and event-planning trainings. Students will acquire the knowledge and skills to create a school culture that believes ALL students should be fully prepared to achieve their life goals. Students will then use this training to conduct campaigns at schools and in their communities to assist

families with accessing CCLR resources and information. The campaigns' goals will help ensure that all students graduate from high school; are enrolled, employed, or enlisted upon receiving a diploma; receive financial aid; and achieve their personal goals. [Please click here to go to the form.](#)



Comcast Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program

Deadline to apply December 7, 2018

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program recognizes high school seniors for their community service, academic performance and leadership skills. We provide these scholarships to give young people the opportunity to continue their education to better compete in tomorrow's workplace.

Comcast NBCUniversal anticipates awarding over 800 scholarships for the 2019 – 2020 school year. If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$2,500 award.

Furthermore, a select number of awardees will be chosen as recipients of a Founder's Award. These scholarship winners will receive awards more than \$2,500.

[Please click here to learn more.](#)



Federal Student Aid

Juniors and Seniors - If you will be attending a college or technical college from August 2019 through the summer, 2020, you can do the 2019-2020 FAFSA for financial aid. The 2020-2021 FAFSA will be available Oct. 1., 2019. You will receive an Expected Family Contribution. The closer that number is to "0," the better off you are financially. You won't get your financial aid package until you have been accepted to a school. The earlier you do this, the better!

Student and a parent need to get an [FSA ID](#). This is so you can sign electronically. [Please click here to apply](#). If you need assistance, there is a list of dates and locations in the BRACE Office at various high schools in Broward County that you can attend, and get the expert help you need. If you need it emailed to you, please [email Mrs. DiAlberto](#).

Seniors, if you are starting college in the summer, you need to do both the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 FAFSA. It is highly recommended that you link your account to the IRS Data Retrieval tool. Juniors, your parents can find out approximately how much financial aid you might receive from a college. [To learn, please click here](#).

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More information is in the BRACE Office. You may also call FAFSA at 800-433-32243.

Bright Futures. Juniors, your parents can check the [FAFSA4CASTER](#) to see approximately how much college will cost, based on their taxes.

Seniors, will meet with you in the next couple of weeks to go over your [Bright Futures Evaluation](#), and what you need to do to get either 75% or 100% of tuition. You have until you graduate to be eligible for [Bright Futures](#). All seniors will be signing up with me.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



Free Tuition

[Florida Institute of Technology](#), Melbourne, FL - If you qualify for [Academic Bright Futures](#) (100%), you are eligible to be considered for a [Panther Distinguished Scholar Award](#), a combination of scholarships and grants that cover FULL TUITION + fees.

80 are awarded. Complete [FAFSA](#), listing FL Tech as a receiving institution (school code 001469) by 2/1/19. To qualify for [Academic Bright Futures](#), apply to FL Tech and be admitted. [Please click here to apply](#).



Florida Memorial University

Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens, FL - If you have a 3.6 unweighted GPA, no matter what your test scores are, you can get FULL TUITION. FMU only looks at your test scores for placement.



New College

Juniors, New College is the public Honor's College in FL. If you would like to visit them, fill out an application [here](#) and you could be awarded a 250 travel scholarship to attend an Experience New College Event! Recipients may choose to attend Feb. 16, 2019.

BigFuture™

Opportunity Scholarships

Starting with the Class of 2020, College Board (the SAT people) have [College Board Opportunity Scholarships](#). Please [email](#) or see me.

if you have any questions. It's not too soon to start thinking about where the money is coming from for college, or if extra money in your pocket would be a good thing!

GUIDANCE ADVICE

Ms. Felicia Rattrey

Freshman Counselor

[RAISEME.com](#) is a way to earn micro-scholarships from colleges for your achievements as early as 9th grade.

Please [click here to view RaiseMe!](#) Micro-Scholarship Tools for Parents and Guardians.

FINANCIAL ALGEBRA

Ms. Nancy Barba

Mathematics & Personal Financial
Literacy Instructor



Financial Algebra

The STHS financial algebra course prepares seniors for the world as adults after high school. It's major component is financial literacy. Financial literacy is the education and understanding of various financial areas including topics related to managing personal finance, money and investing. It is everything you need to know to be a successful manager of your money!

In financial algebra you learn:

- investing
- banking basics
- credit cards
- insurance
- income taxes
- business planning
- apartment renting
- home buying
- budgeting

resume cover letter writing
taxes
buying a car
credit scores and much more.

It is a course that prepares you for being an adult!

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Ms. Wendy Payne

A.P. Literature & English IV Honors



Get Your Spirit On!

S.G.A. is selling gorgeous Sheridan Tech tumblers. What better way to stay hydrated than with these fantastic tumblers?! The small is \$20, the medium is \$22 and the large is \$24. The tumblers are all made by Tervis, which means they are double-wall insulated, dishwasher safe and backed by a lifetime

warranty. S.G.A. is hoping to go to the state convention for the first time ever in March 2019 and we are hoping you will help us out by purchasing 1 or more Sheridan Tech Tumblers. Parents – these would make great holiday gifts (hint hint). Please help our members get the opportunity to show our Wolf Pack Pride and achievements on the state stage. See Mrs. Payne in Room 161 to buy yours today!

Speaking of state activities, three of our S.G.A. members attended the [Florida Association of Student Councils \(FASC\) Fall Leadership Conference November 9 and 10 at Boca Raton High School](#). *Erin Oswald, Alisa Melchanova, and Brielle Jean-Baptiste* (shown in photo below) represented Sheridan Technical High School in the best possible way. They presented an interactive workshop to their state-wide peers on “The Obstacles Faced by Student Governments.” They also participated in spirit activities and were inspired by three world-class speakers.



FLAG FOOTBALL

Ms. Susan Collins

Magnet Coordinator



Cup Update

This is our second-year vying for "the Cup" against McFatter and Atlantic for our Club Sports. Results of flag football:

Atlantic - 4

Sheridan - 2

McFatter - 0

Soccer is next, and the Wolves are practicing hard to "score" more points for the Cup!

McFatter just informed us that they do not have enough players for a soccer team. Atlantic and the Wolves decided to turn those slots into JV games. The games are all at 3:00 P.M. here, so come out and cheer us on.

Revised schedule:

3:00 P.M. game time @ [STHS](#)

Nov. 28th: STHS vs. ATHS JV

Dec. 3rd: ATHS vs. STHS Varsity

Dec. 5th: STHS vs. ATHS JV

Dec. 10th: ATHS vs. STHS Varsity

Dec 12th: STHS vs ATHS JV

Dec. 17th: STHS vs. ATHS Varsity

SECME / ROBOTICS CLUBS

[Mr. Richard Berman](#)

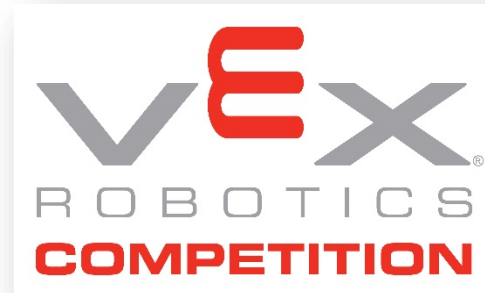
Honors Physics, SECME Coordinator



[SECME](#) is an engineering club whose purpose is to encourage interest in project-based learning and the design process. SECME has always had a focus on encouraging this interest in minorities and females, two groups that have been underrepresented in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics). [SECME competitions are held locally, as well as nationally.](#)

Last year, the first-year of SECME at STHS, students competed in bridge-building and bionic hand competitions at the [Broward County SECME Olympiad](#). The 9/10th grade bridge team, led by now-10th grader *Jonathan Elias*, earned an honorable mention, and the 11/12th grade bridge, led by now-12th grader *Marissa Ibanez*, won 3rd-place.

This year students will compete in the SECME Olympiad held in Broward county in even more events: Mousetrap car racing, water-bottle rocket construction, trebuchet construction, patch design, bridge building and bionic hand construction. Students who wish to pursue a degree in STEM-related fields, and who are members of [SECME](#), can apply for one of [12 SECME scholarships offered by FAU](#). These scholarships are renewable yearly and cover the cost of tuition.



[Robotics club](#) is a brand-new club to STHS. In this club students are encouraged to learn through the process of building, piloting, testing and programming a VEX Robot. Students in this club will compete on December 8th at the Miramar Regional Park Amphitheater in a [VEX Robotics League](#) event.

During this competition there will be a period where the robot is piloted by a student. The

team can earn points in one of many ways; launch balls at targets and hit them, manipulate targets on the ground, and by ending the competition parked in one of the bonus zones. There will also be time where the team can earn points when the robot is running in an autonomous state. This means that the students cannot control the student directly. Several of our students are currently working to write the computer code that will allow the robot to pilot itself and score points during this autonomous window.

Students interested in either club can enquire in room 165-P with Mr. Berman. There are no class prerequisites for joining, but a keen mind and a curious nature are definitely encouraged. Both clubs will continue to work throughout the year to prepare for different events and competitions related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Come to room 165-P on any Thursday to see one of these two clubs in action.



Many representatives of these clubs attended a STEM-Fest held at Nova Southeastern University. There they were split up into different teams and attended workshops involving video game design, computer programming, leadership, drone control and design, rover design and construction. These forty attendees learned many new skills and earned the sponsorship for STHS to compete in the [National STEM League](#) events held throughout the year.

SPOKEN WORD

Ms. Zsalé Haghighat, aka Miss Z

Career Dual Enrollment Lab Facilitator

In our next meeting we'll be discussing the upcoming Virtual Showcase Poetry Slam with the assistance of the [Jason Taylor Foundation](#). This is where our poets may interact digitally with other poets in SoFlo giving one another a chance to network, encourage and collaborate.



We will also finalize our Spoken Word Constitution and officers who are; *Tionni Mcdaniels*, President, *Keira Knight*, Vice President, *Samuel Nathan*, Secretary, *Mateo Suranna*, Treasurer & *Bellenda Fertil*, Historian.

10th Anniversary of Word Up!

We are sorry to report that none of our poets registered for the Word Up Poetry slam. However, if you are interested in hearing local talent the slam is Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 PM in the Sunrise Civic Center Theatre. Reserved seats are \$5 each. To purchase tickets,

call the Civic Center Box Office (954-747-4646) or [click here.](#)

Word Up! is presented in collaboration with the [Jason Taylor Foundation](#) and the [Omari Hardwick blueapple Poetry Network.](#)

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

[Ms. Marisa Santana](#)

Individual/Dual Sports



Y-High

November 7th, we had five students representing STHS on [Y-100](#); *Gregory Rodriguez, Karina Rojas, George Ekhaton, Cheyanne Manchac & Kadeen Hays.*

They did a fantastic job on the radio- they sounded so good giving us a shout out while having a good time counting down the top five songs!!

THE 'R' WORD BY Roandra Landell, Senior



Decision to Sink or Swim

Failure is an option and what I am about to tell you may be the realest thing you have ever heard in your life. Failure is something that majority of people fear and try to avoid at all cost. Which is understandable, no one sets out to do a task with the intention of failing. However, it is an inevitable part of life and somethings you pursue will result in a failure. But, just like everything in life, failure has a purpose and often we waste it because we don't know what to look for. When someone fails, they either make the decision to sink or swim. Are you going to drown with your dream? Or are you going to swim and see what adjustments need to be made? Sometimes, when we can't succeed, it isn't because we didn't try our best or weren't smart enough. But we need to make changes to how we approach different situations; whether it be testing, making lifestyle changes or job hunting. Especially for seniors, it is important for you to not be discouraged and don't let rejection stop you. There is a lot waiting out there and one bump in the road

won't ruin everything you have worked for. A setback is there to elevate your next step.

BROWARD TECHNICAL CENTERS FOUNDATION

Ms. Lynn Goldman

Community Relations Coordinator

18th Annual Scholarship Foundation Event

Dear Friends of [Atlantic](#), [McFatter](#) and [Sheridan Technical Colleges](#): [The Broward Technical Colleges](#) (BTC); are joining together to raise funds that will help make students' education dreams come true! Save the date of Tuesday, March 19, 2019 and be part of our Foundation Scholarship Dining Extravaganza at the [Charles F. Dodge City Center Pembroke Pines](#). One hundred percent of the dollars raised will go toward assisting students in continuing their education.

Building on our extraordinary success over the past eighteen years, the event will be a Wine and Dine Extravaganza showcasing signature dishes from local restaurants and caterers. As a bonus, the event will also feature our own talented chefs and students from the Technical Colleges. Accompanying the wonderful food and wine, an extraordinary silent auction adds to the fun of this worthwhile event. Past attendees agree that "it is a fabulous event for a great cause."

This year's Sun & Sand themed event and get county-wide exposure. In addition to raising scholarship dollars for current students to continue their education, the intent is to attract

new students to our programs. BTC offers over 80 programs in the following areas: Adult Education, Apprenticeships, Architecture & Engineering, Arts, A/V Technology & Communications, Automotive Technology, Building Trades, Business Technology & Administration, Commercial Vehicle Driving, Construction, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Education, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Fire Science, Health Sciences, Hospitality & Tourism, Human Services, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Marine Technology, Marketing, Spa Services, Transportation, Distribution & Logistics.

