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A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Mary Barba, Assistant Director

Greetings STHS Stakeholders,

The month of October will bring many exciting opportunities for our students as we recognize "College- & Career Readiness Week." Ms. Orris, our BRACE Advisor, planned a number of activities to inspire and support student's postsecondary goals. Our goal is to help students become aware of opportunities available in higher education as well as the workforce and we are getting started right away! Our first college tour will take place this month and there is still time to sign up and pay for this event.

On October 11th, all ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students took the PSAT. This was an opportunity for students to get a feel for the SAT in terms of content and skills measured, though the main purpose is to help students get a measurement of their SAT and college readiness. In addition, the PSAT is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship.

As you are aware, school days were impacted by hurricane Irma. Due to the loss of those days, the quarter has been extended until October 27^{th} , therefore exams have been moved from the $16^{th}-18^{th}$ to October $23^{rd} - 25^{th}$. Please note that there is no early release day in October, but there is still a planning day on October 20^{th} .

On a final note, SGA has planned our first Spirit Week, which will be held October 30th through November 3rd! Each day will have a unique theme, so get ready to get your spirit on!

Thank you for all of your continued support.

DATES OF INTEREST

October 19th Hurricane Make-Up Day

October 20th Teacher Planning Day

October 23 – 26th Midterms Rescheduled

November 10th Veteran's Day No School

November 22 – 24th Thanksgiving Break

browardschools.com/calendars

GUIDANCE GURUS

Ms. Felicia Rattray, Senior Counselor

Senior News

Dear Parents,

The Deans of Harvard College, Princeton University, University of Virginia, Wekkeskey College, and Yale University are hosting an evening program for students and parents. To get more information about this awesome even please visit <u>hpuwy.com</u>.



Mr. Kenneth Rolle, Freshman Counselor

Freshman News

UNIVERSITY of WEST FLORIDA

Greetings from the University of Florida Office of Admissions. We have several important updates that we wish to share with you.

1. The freshman application deadline has been extended to November 15.

2. In support of Florida Governor Rick Scott's commitment to help the residents of Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria, the freshman application fee will be waived for students from Puerto Rico as well as students from the U.S. Virgin Islands. Students from these two U.S territories can contact us by email, <u>freshman@ufl.edu</u> to request the waiver. In addition, we will continue to work with students affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma on a case- by-case basis for any challenges they are still facing. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have additional questions.

3. The University of Florida Welcome Center will be closed on Thursday, October 19. There will not be tours scheduled on this day.

Please contact our office at 352-392-1365 or email <u>counselors@admissions.ufl.edu</u>. if there is anything that we can help you with.

INNOVATIVE LEARNING CENTER

Ms. Michele Rivera, Digital Learning Specialist

Digital Direction

Within STHS' digital rich learning environment, my primary role as digital learning (a.k.a. library media) specialist is to lead students and staff to the appropriate resources and help them make meaningful connections through the inquiry and problem solving process. Since the start of the school year, 9th and 10th grade students have been oriented to the District's new single sign on (SSO) process where they are able to access all their relevant student textbooks, online databases, and digital resources.



They have also been (re)introduced to the Destiny Library app where students are able to locate, access, and check out print and digital titles from our collection, anytime and from any place! Staff and students also have access to lessons and resources I model and teach through D2L's Digital Resources & Strategies course.

Additionally, my responsibilities include sparking a love of reading through our Teen Readers' club, which began this month, as well as schoolwide literacy activities and events. I invite you to visit the ILC, and if I can be of any help to students, staff, and parents, you'll know where to find me!

Broward County Public Library Partners with BCPS to Offer Students Expanded Digital Resources

Beginning 2017-2018, the District and the Broward County Library have partnered to establish the BCL Digital Direct Student Library Card that will provide Broward students, whose parents elect to "opt-in," the opportunity to access eBooks and digital resources from the Broward Public library from home or school using their BCPS student login credentials.

Parents may "opt-in" to the BCL Digital Direct Student Library Card using the electronic forms in the 2017-2018 "Back to School" forms packet or the enclosed paper Opt-in form. Completed paper opt-in forms are to be returned to STHS Students that already have a library card can use their full service card as well.



I highly encourage students and their families to visit the Broward County Public Library. They have created a dynamic, creative space just for teens! Throughout the month of October, the BCPL (main branch) will be hosting an Employment Skills Workshop for teens on its 3rd floor. Interview skills, resume writing, and job leads will be featured. Please see enclosed flyer for registration and program details.



Looking ahead, BCPL's newly configured "Teen Studio" will present a film and video workshop series beginning November 14, 21, and 28th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Please see enclosed flyer for registration and program details.

Website of the Month: STHS Innovative Learning Center Website

How does one juggle all of his/her academic responsibilities with success? Get a grip on time management and study skills and explore the many resources available to help you do just that! Simply, click on the Media Center tab from the <u>Sheridan Technical HS web page</u> and select the Study Skills, Resources & Strategies tab.



Be sure to also check out the College (TEST) Preparation tab filled with apps and resources to help prepare students for the SAT & ACT upcoming exams!

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS School Board of Broward Country

National Cyber Security Awareness Month

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month which is an annual campaign to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. The Internet touches almost all aspects of everyone's daily life, whether we realize it or not. National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity, provide them with tools and resources needed to stay safe online, and increase the resiliency of the Nation in the event of a cyber-incident. Please visit <u>dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-</u> <u>month</u> to learn more.



South Florida Gifted & Talented Symposium

Broward County Public Schools, in partnership with the Broward County Government Cultural Division and Broward Center for the Performing Arts, is pleased to present the South Florida Gifted and Talented Symposium: Passport to Innovation - Personalized Learning for Gifted Students to be held on October 27th, 2017 at Pompano Beach High School. We are looking forward to providing educators and parents with the opportunity to network and learn in a forum dedicated to strategies and practices that foster self-directed, motivated, and independent learners in real-world learning environments with "no ceilings". Please visit <u>sfgtsymposium.com</u> to learn more.



EMERGING TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS

Mr. Robert Decker & Miss Z

MOS Certifications

STHS is proud to be a showcase school for Microsoft. Our freshman students have had their first attempt at Microsoft Office Suite (MOS) certification this past Friday of which 55 of our 76 students passed on the first attempt (only five weeks into school). Friday, October 13th the students will attempt to certify in PowerPoint.

In addition to gaining MOS Certifications our students are have been engaged in the following content; The Internet and

e-Commerce, (including a Computer Buying Project where students had a justify components and costs of such), The Nature of e-Commerce & Retailing on the Internet.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Ms. Wendy Payne, Senior English

2018 Hoodies



<u>Class of 2018 hoodies are now available in the</u> <u>online store for \$30</u>. Deadline for purchase is Tuesday, October 17.

Spirit Week

Spirit Week is coming up - the last week of October. Dress up days will include Super Hero Day, Costume Day on Halloween, Pajama Day, Throwback Thursday and Class Color day. Lunchtime activities will be announced shortly.

Halloween Grams

Halloween Grams will go on sale later this week for \$1 each and the sale will continue through October 18.

Civic Engagement Project

SGA is also starting a Civic Engagement Project that everyone can participate in if they wish. We will be writing letters to our state and federal representatives expressing our educated opinions regarding current gun control laws and their consequences and what can/should be done to combat this serious issue.

ECOLOGY CLUB

Ms. Brittany Smith, Junior Marine Science



Dear Faculty and Staff,

The Ecology club and SGA have partnered up to work on the student spirit gardens as the legacy they are leaving behind. There is a spot reserved for the teachers and staff to leave their legacy. I have wildflower seeds to plant for everyone. If you would like to leave your legacy, please come and see me during lunches or after school until from Tuesday to Friday this week.