



# Monarch High School

Welcome To the  
Castle  
Class of 2024

# Introductions

- Administration

- Mr. James Neer Principal

- Mrs. Lang Asst. Principal

- Guidance Team

- Ms. Roberts 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance

- Mr. Weber Guidance Director

# Two Biggest High School MYTHS

- These are the MYTHS... they are NOT true!!!
  - Ninth grade doesn't really matter.
  - Parents can take a less active role.



- BE CAREFUL of these two myths... they are as far from the truth as you can imagine!!!
- Here is the TRUTH:
  - Ninth grade is the SINGLE most important year of high school!!!
  - Parent involvement is more important than ever as students enter high school

# WHAT TO EXPECT

Awesome classes and programs

Excellent extra curricular activities

High expectations



# CLASS OF 2024 FACTS

- Total Projected Enrollment
  - 2,400
- Total in Freshman Class
  - 677
- Total Number of Clubs and Organizations
  - 49
- Total Number of Sports Teams
  - 26

# ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE

- **RESEARCH SAYS**

ALTHOUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEST SCORES ARE GOOD PREDICTORS OF 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUCCESS. GOOD ATTENDANCE IMPROVES THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BY 8 PERCENT

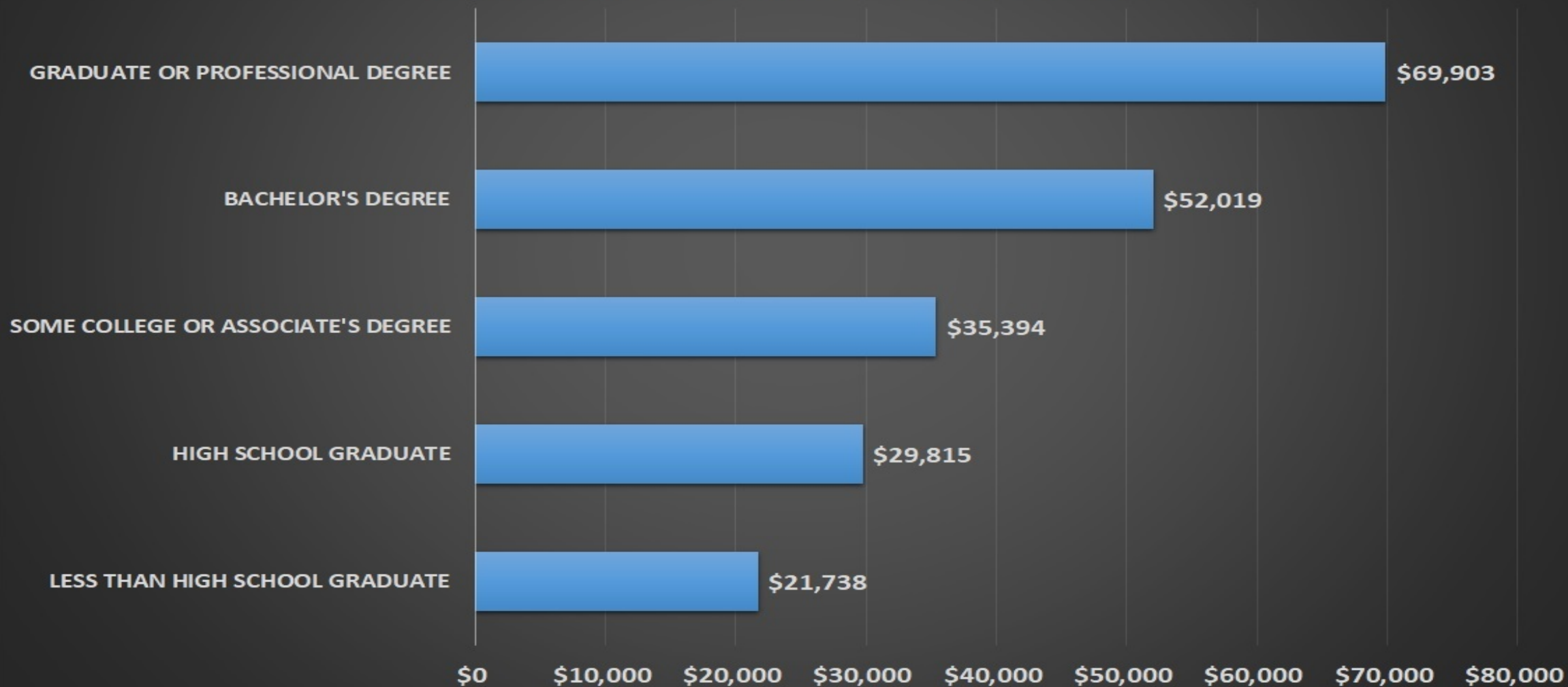
# Attendance Basics

- School begins at 7:40
- Students are considered on time when they are in assigned seat by the bell
- Students who arrive after 7:50 accompanied by a parent will be issued a pass and sent to class
- Students who arrive after 7:50 not accompanied by a parent will receive an unexcused pass from the office
- 8 minutes passing to get to class



# COLLEGE GRADUATES EARN 74.5% MORE THAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*Median Annual Earnings of U.S. Residents  
25 and Older, Census Bureau Estimate for 2013-2017*





# Upcoming Events

## Freshman Invasion

- Receive Schedules
- Walk Campus
- Meet Some Staff
- Date: TBA

To stay informed about future events at Monarch High visit our homepage at <https://www.browardschools.com/monarch>.

# FRESHMAN OVERVIEW

*9<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor*

[Cherisse.Roberts@Browardschools.com](mailto:Cherisse.Roberts@Browardschools.com)

- Graduation Requirements
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Community Service Hours
- Pinnacle and Naviance
- Tips for Success
- Getting Involved



# BLOCK SCHEDULE

- In a block schedule, students attend 8 classes and earn 7 credits per year for classes passed. No credit is given for study hall.
- Classes meet for an hour and a half.
- The grades entered onto the permanent record, called a transcript, are earned at the end of each semester.
- 2 Quarters + Exam = One Semester

# Example of a 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE

A DAY	B DAY
Period 1 English	Period 5 Algebra I
Period 2 Environmental Science	Period 6 Geography
Period 3 Team Sports	Period 7 Study Hall
Period 4 Marketing	Period 8 Spanish I

Different from  
Middle School  
requirements!!!

## **4** CRITERIA TO GRADUATE:

Earn 24 credits

Earn at least a 2.0 unweighted  
GPA

Pass the Algebra I EOC and

the Reading FSA

Earn 40 hours of community  
service

# 24 Credits

- English 4 Credits
- Mathematics 4 Credits
  - Liberal Arts Math
  - Algebra I (must pass class & EOC)
  - Geometry
  - Algebra II
  - Additional rigorous math class
- Science 3 Credits
  - Environmental Science
  - Biology Honors
  - Chemistry Honors
- Social Studies 3 Credits
  - World History
  - American History
  - Economics
  - American Government

# 24 credits continued

- Performing or Practical Art - 1 Credit

Examples...Digital Media, Art, Music, Marketing, Drama, Debate, Engineering, etc.

- PE – 0.5 credit in Personal Fitness AND 0.5 credit in PE, or 1.0 credit of HOPE, or Complete 2 full years of JROTC, or 2 full seasons of a Varsity or Jr. Varsity Sport
- Take an online course through [www.FLVS.net](http://www.FLVS.net)
- Electives - 8 credits
- **Total Credits: Minimum of 24**

# ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Level 3 or higher on the Reading Assessment
- Level 3 or higher on the Algebra I EOC
- 40 Hours of Community Service
- At least a 2.0 Unweighted GPA



# WORLD LANGUAGE

- Not required for High School graduation
- **Two credits** are required for admission into a 4-year university and to qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarships.

**GPA**

**GRADE POINT  
AVERAGE**

# GPA PURPOSE

- Graduation from High School (2.0)
- Class Ranking
- Earn College Admission
- Earn Scholarships
- Play on a Sports Team for school (2.0)

# HOW IS A GPA EARNED?

- GPA is cumulative and is the average of ALL classes from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- GPA is calculated at the end of every semester.  
2 Quarters + an Exam = 1 Semester
- A ½ credit is earned at the end of a semester *if* student passes the class
- Credit is earned at the end of the year for courses with an End Of Course Exam

# COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- ALL students **MUST** have their outside community service organization **pre-approved**
- Volunteer hours completed after graduating from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be accepted.
- Must be done at a **NOT FOR PROFIT** organization and students **cannot be paid**
- **Pre-approval forms and log sheets** are located on the Monarch High School website
- Visit **[www.HandsOnBroward.org](http://www.HandsOnBroward.org)** for service locations

# PINNACLE, PROGRESS REPORTS, AND REPORT CARDS

You are able to access grades and attendance from home using the Pinnacle Internet Viewer. Follow these simple instructions and keep track of your progress:

- To access the Pinnacle:

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

Username: **Student ID#@my.browardschools.com**

Password: **PMM/DD/YEAR** (Date of Birth)

**ALL REPORT CARDS AND PROGRESS REPORTS MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN!  
NO EXCUSES!!!!**

# NAVIANCE

- Naviance– a comprehensive website that you can use to plan for college and a career
- Research **Colleges** and **Scholarships**
- Build a resume and **take Career Assessments**

## STUDENT LOGIN

- **Connection.naviance.com/monarchhs**
- Login ID - **10 digit Student ID Number (06#)**
- Password- **date of birth** in the following format  
MM/DD/YYYY

# TIPS TO SUCCEED

Ninth grade is one of **the most important** **years** of high school and requires **ALOT** of monitoring.

Now is not the time to let go!



# ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES

- Bring your child to school on time
- They should be in their seat at 7:40AM!!!
- They have 8 mins in between each class

# SUPPLIES & ORGANIZATION

- Make sure your child has their **supplies** for each class
- Help them to stay **Organized**
- **Check** backpacks and notebooks periodically

# CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- Teach your child to put cellphones away during class time.
- Headphone, earbuds and earpods should be kept at home.

# HOMework & STUDYING

- Students should take **Good Notes** and STUDY them **each night!**
- **Homework includes STUDYING!**  
Prevent cramming the night before for tests and quizzes!

# USE OF AGENDAS

- Instruct your child to copy assignments in their AGENDA daily. Homework is posted on the board.
- Check their agenda daily to make sure that they are keeping track of assignments!

# CHECK PINNACLE

- Check Pinnacle & Canvas **weekly** to make sure your child is turning in **ALL** HW and Classwork Assignments on time!!!
- By checking Pinnacle often, you can catch zeros and missing assignments before it is too late.
- Don't wait until the end of the quarter!

# REPORT CARDS & INTERIMS

- Print the **Broward School calendar** each year to stay aware of when report cards and interim reports are issued.
- Report cards and interim reports are sent home **with your child**.
- Know the dates so you can ask them for it.
- 2019-20 Report Card dates: **11/13, 1/29, 4/15, 6/24**

# COMMUNICATION

- Communicate with your child's teachers via email  
([first.name.last\\_name@browardschools.com](mailto:first.name.last_name@browardschools.com))
- Contact teachers any time with questions regarding assignments, grades, or behavior in class.
- If your child is struggling, contact the 9<sup>th</sup> grade School Counseling office to arrange a conference with your child's Teachers and School Counselor.

(754) 322-1460



# GET INVOLVED !!!

Check out **Activities & Athletics** on  
Monarch High School website



# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Dual Enrollment- *Contact Mr. Weber*
- Bright Futures Scholarships- *Contact Mr. Weber*
- Career Technology Pathways- *Contact Ms. Fuller*
- Fine Arts Programs- *Contact Mr. Halladay*
- Hospitality, Tourism & Marketing-  
*Contact Mrs. Matarasso & Mr. Kennedy*
- Debate Program- *Contact Mr. Machado*
- Engineering Program- *Contact Mr. Medisch*
- JROTC- *Contact Col. Hall*

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