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Nova High School Newsletter

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The Titan Times

ADDRESSING THE ACADEMIC, PERSONAL, AND SOCIAL
NEEDS OF THE STUDENT BODY AT NOVA HIGH SCHOOL

*"Innovation is the ability to see change as an
opportunity—not a threat."*

Steve Jobs

Principal's Message

Get to Know the Guidance Staff:

Ms. Yahshae Mainer, Director of School Counseling
Ms. Maileen Rivera-Ramos, School Counselor
Ms. Herlande Prospere, School Counselor
Mr. Eric Knight, School Counselor
Ms. Michelle Porter, BRACE Advisor
Ms. Kristina Patino, Cambridge Coordinator
Ms. Alicia Calloo, ESE Specialist
Ms. Kimberly Perry, Social Worker
Ms. Alessiana Diniz, Family Therapist
Mr. Travis Bentley, Campus Security Manager

Hello Titan Families,

Happy Holidays and Cheers to a New Year!

As we embark on the third quarter of the school year, I want to commend you and **THANK YOU** for your support and understanding. At the start of the year, we initiated a number of changes: new software systems, new procedures, and communication methods to improve our work and impact on student growth. Please know that your flexibility and understanding played a key role in making this opening a success. It is a pleasure to collaborate with you. As we get ready for what many consider the most important part of the school year, remember that we are here to support you and your child's academic growth and wellness.

Our counseling team continues to grow, and we have a new family member, Mrs. Vil, who will serve both middle and high school students. If you feel that your child is in need of additional support or counseling, please do not hesitate to reach out to your grade level counselor. Our students have steadily worked on mindfulness activities through the ReThink educational curriculum in their study hall classes. It is our goal for students to independently monitor their strengths and areas of growth, so they are able to meet their personal academic goals.

The FOCUS Parent Portal is available for all parents to access, and many have found it to be easier to use. You are encouraged to check it weekly and if needed, utilize our district resources found at www.browardschools.com/FOCUS if you need additional assistance.

Our BRACE office, led by Mrs. Porter, will continue to publish valuable information on your student's CANVAS page. We encourage you to review this with your student weekly. Workshops and presentations for College and Career exploration are in "full-swing", so please visit our website regularly.

With Titan Pride,
Ms. Awofadeju

At Nova, We Do The Right Thing!!

WAY TO GO TITANS !!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year
Ms. Drididi Preston**



**Congratulations to our School Related Employee of the Year
Ms. Miriam Figueroa**



WAY TO GO TITANS !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congratulations to our Employee of the Month recipients

September

*Bryna Prospere. 9th Grade Administrative Assistant
Stephanie McBean-Mcdonald, SGA & Reading Teacher*

October

*Katrina Brickley, Office Manager
Jessica Lee, Science Teacher*

Advanced Placement Testing & Cambridge

- *30 AP Scholars with Honors*
- *37 AP Scholars with Distinction*
- *7 AP Seminar & Research Certificates*
 - *23 AP Capstone Diplomas*
- *93 Cambridge International Diplomas 22024*

Congratulations to our Academic Scholars for the 1st Quarter

- ♦ *172 students earned the Principal's Straight "A" Honor Roll*
 - ♦ *473 students earned the "A/B" Honor Roll*
 - ♦ *75 students earned Perfect Attendance*
- ♦ *Certificates being delivered on 12/12, 12/13 and 12/16*



SEMESTER EXAMS

NOVA HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 MIDTERM EXAM BELL SCHEDULE

All buildings go to lunch from 12:05-12:35 p.m. with a 12:35 p.m. dismissal

Time	December 17 (Gold Day)	December 18 (Green Day)	December 19 (Gold Day)	December 20 (Green Day)
9:25	Morning Bell	Morning Bell	Morning Bell	Morning Bell
9:30 – 10:45 (75 min)	Period 5	Period 1	Period 7	Period 3
10:45 – 10:50 (5 min)	Passing	Passing	Passing	Passing
10:50 – 12:05 (75 min)	Period 6	Period 2	Period 8	Period 4
12:05 – 12:35 (30 min)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch

Nova High School Midterm Exam Exemption Procedures 2024

Students who fail to comply with these procedures will be required to take all midterm exams. Deadlines are **FIXED** and **no late forms will be accepted FOR ANY REASON.**

To qualify for an exam exemption, students must have earned a grade of **“B” or higher in each quarter.** There are **no exams for Study Hall classes**; therefore exam exemptions are not applicable.

AP, AICE, and Dual Enrollment courses CANNOT be exempted.

It is the student’s responsibility to verify with each teacher that you are still approved to exempt his/her exam and that your grade for the current quarter has not fallen below a “B”. **Reminder, if your grade falls below a “B”, you must take the exam.**

EXAM EXEMPTION PROCEDURES:

1. Student and parent complete the EXAM EXEMPTION FORMS
2. **Student and parent select up to 3 qualifying courses (do not include Study Hall) for the EXAM EXEMPTION** and select the correct 1st and 2nd Marking Period Grade. Students must have earned a grade of “B” or higher in each quarter to qualify for an exam exemption. See Exam Exemption Flow Chart below to determine exam exemption and final semester grades.

Please note: These are the only combinations that will qualify a student to exempt an exam.

First Marking Period	Second Marking Period	Exam Grade (with exemption applied)	Semester Grade (with exemption applied)
A	A	A	A
A	B+	B+	B+
A	B	B+	B+
B+	A	B+	B+
B+	B+	B+	B+
B+	B	B	B
B	A	B+	B+
B	B+	B	B
B	B	B	B

Parents: Please look at the Final Semester Grade to determine if exempting the exam is the best option for your student.

3. Student and parent sign the EXAM EXEMPTION FORMS
4. Teachers will use the Exam Exemption Flow Chart above to verify the information submitted and enter a corresponding EXAM EXEMPTION GRADE in FOCUS.

The EXAM EXEMPTION FORMS will open on Monday, December 2, 2024, and close at 11:59 pm on Monday, December 9, 2024. NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

Access the EXAM EXEMPTION FORMS by clicking the link below:
<https://forms.office.com/r/n6W6CRTguD>

TITAN ACTIVITIES

HOME COMING WEEK

Thank you Ms. McBean-McDonald and the Student Government Association
for a successful Homecoming Week!



HOMECOMING FOOTBALL—TITANS WIN!!!!!!!

A special shout out to our Titan Varsity Football Team for defeating Hallandale High School 24-20. Go Titans!!!!!!!!



RECORD
7-3



TITAN ATHLETICS

GIRLS SOCCER

- *Head Coach: Jamoi Wesley (jamoi.wesley@browardschools.com)*
- *Key Players: Sarah Mckenzie, Sara Mirza, Julia Moore,*

BOYS SOCCER

- *Head Coach: Ronald Woodstock (ronald.woodstock@browardschools.com)*
- *Key Players: Alonso Banados, Adrian Salinas, Destin Wright*

COMPETITION CHEERLEADING

- *Head Coach: Briana Hall (briana.hall@browardschools.com)*
- *Key Players: Taliyah Barnes, Ja'Leah Lewis, Brandi Virgo*

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- *Head Coach: Jason Hively (jason.hively@browardschools.com)*
- *Key Players: Jaelynn Housey, Kyra Paul, Jyan Tyrell*

BOYS BASKETBALL

- *Head Coach: Dequan Sierra (dequan.sierra@browardschools.com)*
- *Key Players: Noah Felix, Michael Smarts*

WRESTING

- *Head Coach: Fritzler Dorisca (fritzler.dorisca@browardschools.com)*
- *Key Players: Nathaniel Hunnighan, Xander Ortiz, Marciano Smith*

FALL SPORTS RECAP

Congratulations to the following Swim/Dive Team members who qualified for Regionals:

*9th grader, Humberto Diaz—100 Backstroke
10th grader, Christina Kozman—200 & 500 Freestyle
11th grader, Matthew Orsini—100 Butterfly
11th grader, Ian McKenzie—1 meter Diving
12th grader, Adriana Lozano—100 Freestyle, Alternate 100 Backstroke
12th grader, Elizabeth Volovich—100 Freestyle
12th Grader, Noah Chang—200 Individual Medley, Alternate 100 Freestyle
Alis Penton, Christina Kozman, Adriana Lozano, Elizabeth Volovich—400 Freestyle Relay
Humberto Diaz, Derek Moor, Matthew Orsini, Xavier Suarez, Noah Change—200 Medley Relay, 400 Free Relay*

Congratulations to the Varsity Football team for their 7-3 overall record.

Top players were Branden Natson, Michael Smarts and Kenneth Pierre.

Our BCAA Senior Football & Cheer All-Stars

*Ricardo Alexandre, Zachary Dorelien, Jamari Jenkins
Jaleah Lewis & Brandi Virgo*

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

BCAA Senior All-Stars: Trinity Principe & Quiyanna Williams

Athletic Director Jason Hively (jason.hively@browardschools.com) or 754-323-1671.
Visit www.browardschools.com/novahigh for the latest information regarding
Nova High School Athletics.

TITAN COMPETITION CHEER



We would like to highlight the return of our Titan Competition Cheer Team!

Welcome new Head Coach Briana Hall!!

Best of luck for the 2024-2025 season!!!



CLASS OF 2025 UPDATES—FINISH STRONG

Visit the **class of 2025 Canvas page** for important updates from Mr. Knight, School Counselor and Mrs. Porter, BRACE Advisor.

FAFSA Parent Night is on Thursday, December 12th @ 6:00pm in the Media Center. Email Mrs. Michelle Porter at michelle.porter@browardschools.com for assistance.

Seniors who still need to complete their **(40) mandatory service hours** should have it done before winter break. Forms are available in the grade level office and on our website. The deadline for senior service hours is Friday, March 1, 2025. Hours submitted by the deadline will guarantee the receipt of your Silver Service Cord (250 hours).

Attendance Counts! All students must come to school on time and attend all day. Students with a pattern of non-attendance will need to meet with the grade level team to address attendance concerns. Your attendance will affect participation in senior activities.

Senior portraits must be done by January 11, 2025 with FoxMar. Schedule now as the dates are filling up.

Last day for service/work hours accepted for Bright Futures eligibility is the date of graduation.

BRACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAT/ACT/CLT taken through August 31st, will be accepted for Bright Futures eligibility. Complete the application before August 31, 2025, deadline for Florida Financial Aid Application/FFAA/Bright Futures Application at <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPPRFILE/SAPPRFILE>.

FAFSA opened on December 1, 2024 for all seniors planning to attend college in the fall. FAFSA Night is scheduled for Dec 12, 2024, from 6-8 pm in the media center.

Scholarships

2025 PAF Chapter Student Scholarship: Deadline January 31, 2025 https://browardschools.instructure.com/files/274267796/download?download_frd=1&verifier=V9NbAlDr5jDQdgZXDQQw9i6dQ5e2ST4Zd8wfxURI

Broward Education Foundation Scholarship Deadline April 1, 2025 www.BrowardEdFoundation.org/apply

Emerald Society of Fort Lauderdale Scholarship Deadline March 2, 2025
https://browardschools.instructure.com/files/274179750/download?download_frd=1&verifier=47fhYYJ7GyzVKrzvZWzb4KWSWYJIZxoCZIWqABYq

SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER

School Counselors have concluded round one of their **classroom guidance lessons** for all grade levels. The topics covered included the role of a School Counselor, an overview of the mental health resources available, and graduation requirements/credit checks. Round two of classroom guidance lessons will begin after the winter break.

Small Group Counseling began in November and will continue for 6-8 weeks. The sessions offer support for grief, organizational skills, peer relationships, self-esteem, positive choices, and family dynamics.

"Counselors Care" is an initiative for interactive activities and discussions during lunches to focus on the district's Life Skills & Wellness traits. December's LSW Skill is *Relationship Skills/Kindness*.

"Wellness Wednesday" took place on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 for the students and faculty. There were many district support personnel with activities, games, music, and resources for the students to enjoy during their lunch period.

Our district's mandated **Resiliency Education** curriculum is being taught monthly during study halls. This is mandatory for ALL students with no opt out. Seniors must be 100% complete to attend Grad Bash, Prom and to receive Cap & Gown.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are held at 8:50am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays via Microsoft Teams or in-person upon request. Parents can reach out to the grade level Administrative Assistant to schedule.

Students can **meet with their School Counselor during study hall with a pass** from their teacher. School Counselors can also be found out-and-about during lunches on a golf-cart for Mobile Guidance.

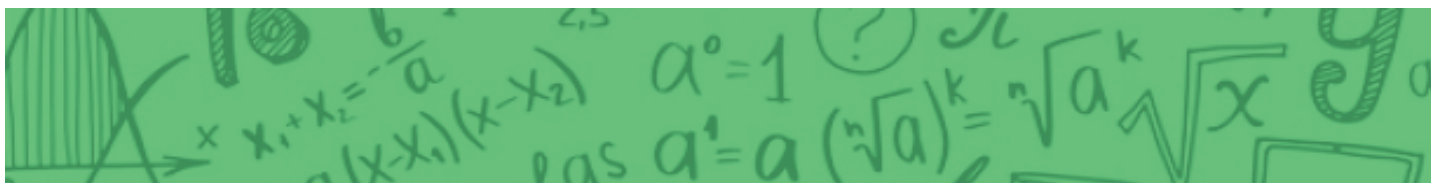
Xello is a resource for career exploration, college & scholarship search, resume building, and requesting transcripts.

FOCUS has replaced Virtual Counselor and Pinnacle. It is a one-stop shop for students and parents to view transcripts, graduation status, current grades, and communicate with their teachers. Parents should be checking weekly and communicating directly with teachers regarding concerns.

Follow us on Instagram: @TitanGuides



MATH TUTORING HAS BEGUN



NOVA HIGH SCHOOL

GOT MATH PROBLEMS? WE GOT YOU!

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS

TIME: 4:30PM - 5:30PM

LOCATION: ROOM P29

TUTORS AND TUTEES WELCOME!!

**ALGEBRA 1, GEOMETRY, ALGEBRA 2, PRECALCULUS,
CALCULUS, STATISTICS, AND MORE!**

SEE YOUR MATH TEACHER FOR A PERMISSION SLIP. ALL
STUDENTS MUST HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP TO ATTEND.



TITAN OLYMPIC READING CHALLENGE



TITAN OLYMPIC READING CHALLENGE



Simple as 1-2-3



1. Download the Beanstack APP
2. Record minutes read
3. Receive recognition

See Coach Bua in the Media Center

Innovative Learning Commons

NOVA CYBERSECURITY & AI**NSA & NSU EVENT (October 1st)**

On 10/1/24 Nova High School hosted Ms. Ashley Greely, from the National Security Agency, and NSU Professor Dr. Yair Levy to talk about the role of the NSA in Cybersecurity, careers at the NSA, GenCyber Cybersecurity summer camps in the area, and Dr. Levy talked about the intersection of AI and Cybersecurity with his research work on SecureAI and CyberAI.

We had nearly 200 of our Cybersecurity, AI, Computer Science, Engineering, Digital Design and Business students attend. In her thank you message, Ms. Greely stated that 'I was reflecting and really think that was the best round of questions I have had in 6 years of engagements across the country! Kudos to you for the passion and hard work! It's reflected in your students.'

GREAT JOB MR. ABRANTES!!!!



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Three of our Nova students were selected as semi-finalist to compete for a Posse Full-Tuition Scholarship to some amazing colleges and universities. Give a round of applause to:

*Noah Chang
Milan Dansoh
Samantha Garcia
Jahmari Gooden
Isabella Goyzueta
Shania Laird
Robrice Williams*

Also, four Nova students applied and were selected to receive the Big Future Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. Please let's congratulate and give a round of applause to the following students:

*Allana Anglin
Ariana Karapetyan
Shania Laird
Marina Makary*

On Monday November 25th, 2024, during Academy Day Presentations at the 25th Congressional District, Representative, Debbie Wasserman Schultz presented Nova HS NJROTC Cadet/Command Master Chief Camila Renteria with two Congressional Nominations, one to the U.S. Naval Academy and the other to the U.S. Airforce Academy. Cadet Renteria has been a member of Titan Battalion for three years and is a senior. She is a member of our Honor Guard, Color Guard and Drill Team. She is the cadet enlisted advisor to our Cadet Commander Jacob Cespedes and oversees the training and morale for 160 cadets.

Congratulations Cadet/Command Master Chief Camila Renteria



NOVA TITAN SPEECH & DEBATE

This Quarter, the Titan Speech & Debate team has grown to over 160 active members and saw success in multiple competitions.

At the local season opener, Flying L hosted at Ft. Lauderdale High School, the team had great success as they had 13 students place in the top 6 for multiple events, including a 1st Place finish in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

In our first travel competition at the prestigious Yale University in New Haven, CT, out of thousands of students from over 20 states, we had 1 student place in the top 30 of Original Oratory, 1 student get to the Semifinal Round of Congressional Debate, and last but not least, we had 1 student get 3rd place overall in Informative Speaking.

At this year's Florida Blue Key, hosted by the University of Florida, Titan Speech & Debate continued their success into the Swamp as they had 2 Congressional Debate Finalists, as well as a Semi-Finalist in Dramatic Interpretation, a 5th place finish in Informative Speaking, and a 4th place finish in Original Oratory.

Most recently, our Titans stormed the campus at UCF for this year's Constellation Invitational and took home some hardware as well as we had a Public Forum Debate team advance to the Quarterfinal round, a 4th place finish in Informative Speaking, and a Tournament Runner-Up in Original Oratory!

***Titan Speech & Debate is now the #1 BCPS school in the District
Titan Speech & Debate is not the #5 ranked school in the entire state of Florida***

CONGRATULATIONS COACH DENIS & COACH SIGLER!!!!



NOVA NJROTC**SEPTEMBER**

Academic Team Commander Jadon Fonarov, along with cadets from our academic team from Nova NJROTC participated in Boca Raton High School NJROTC Brain Brawl (Academics) Competition.

***Cadets of the Month******Izayah Valladars******Alisa Collington*****OCTOBER**

Cadets in our Navy JROTC along with Third year of our Middle School's Junior Cadet Corps conducted their first Uniform Inspection this school year. Cadets were graded on their appearance, grooming, and knowledge about the JROTC program.

***Cadets of the Month******Gabriela Granados******Sierra Torres***

NOVA NJROTC

OCTOBER continued..

The NJROTC Titan Academic Team led by our Academics Team Commander, Jadon Fonarov, along with Gustavo Gambero, Ashton McLaughlin, and Cavan Lawes placed 2nd at Cooper City High School NJROTC Brain Brawl. The team competed against fifteen other teams.



NOVEMBER

Congratulations to our cadets with academic excellence from each platoon. They received their JROTC Academic Stars for the 1st quarter. Cadets with As and Bs received one academic star and cadets with straight As received two academic stars.



NOVA NJROTC

NOVEMBER continued.....

Our cadets are out there doing great things with our community and they also provided community services during Veterans Day weekend. On Saturday, November 9th cadets from Titan Battalion volunteered with Cooper City American Legion who hosted the 9 District American Legion Annual Banquet and their Veterans Day Event on November 11th. Left to right (Cadet Chief Robinson-Gates, Cooper City NJROTC cadet, cadets Lamer and Leon Francis.)



On Monday November 11th, a Flag detail lowered and raised the flag for the Park Place Community located in Pembroke Pines. Cadets lowered the American Flag that was placed on the flag pole of the community's veteran's memorial. Left to right: Battalion XO Emmilly Estupinan, Cadet /Chief Kerry Francois, Battalion Commander Jacob Cespedes, Cadet Chief Alejandra Granados, Battalion Admin Sara Barbosa Aguilera, Battalion Supply Alexia Ardelean, Cadet Gabriela Granados, Battalion Command Master Chief Camila Renteria, Senior Instructor CWO5 John Salgado



Viet Nam Veteran Corpsman 3rd Class Bonnie Rosenfeld Park Place Community resident shared stories of her service with Cadet Chief Kerry Francois.

Left to right: Bonnie Rosenfeld and Cadet Chief Kerry Francois



Cadets from Titan Battalion conduct Flag Detail for the Park Place Community



NOVA NJROTC

NOVEMBER continued.....

Saturday, Nov 16th our Navy JROTC Program hosted its annual Navy JROTC Brain Brawl Academic Competition. With our support staff of 34 Cadets led by Cadet LT Jadon Fonarov, Nova NJROTC hosted an outstanding Academic Competition comprising of 10 Navy JROTC programs and over 120 cadets. This year's Brain Brawl was the first hosting 24 teams from our previous 16. The Navy JROTC program from Ft. Lauderdale High School (Broward) placed 2nd overall, beating out 22 other teams.



Nova Brain Brawl 2nd Place Overall (L to R) LCDR Nick Spence, Cadet/SR Stephanie Escobar, Cadet/LTJG Sabrina Schoeller, Cadet/SR Leroy Graham, Cadet/CDR Than Penso, CWO5 John Salgado Nova HS NJROTC SNSI.



ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

Approved spectator bags for on campus events



CLEAR TOTE BAG

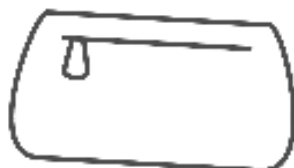
Plastic, Vinyl, or PVC

Can NOT exceed 12"x6"x12"



PLASTIC STORAGE BAG

Clear, ONE (1) Gallon Size
re-sealable



SMALL CLUTCH PURSE

Small bag, the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap. No larger than 4.5"x6.5"

May be carried separately or within an approved bag listed above.



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SCHOOL-WIDE LITERACY INITIATIVES

TITAN THINK TANK (TTT) consists of the Word of the Day and the Critical Thinking Problem. Students are responsible for one composition notebook that they are expected to carry to each period for completion of the TTT activities.

TTT ACTIVITIES:

Period 1/5: Introduce WOD, pronunciation, definition, and example sentence—teacher provides. Student completes synonym and antonym

Period 2/6: Student sentence (use the word in a different context)

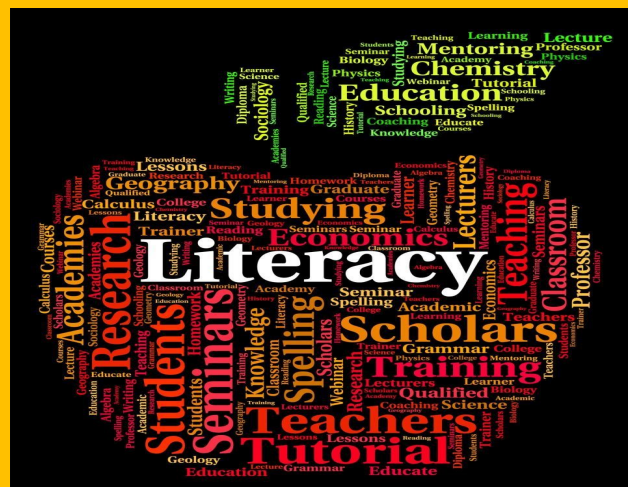
Period 3/7: Assigned activity (changes based on the word of the day)

Period 4/8: Students copy the Critical Thinking Problem in their notebook and find a solution (can be done in pairs, groups, or individually). Teachers play a video of the solution

- ♦ Teachers will encourage students to incorporate the words into their daily writing assignments and assign a participation grade in Pinnacle for student completion of the TTT activities.

ASSESSMENTS

- ♦ English teachers will assess the Word of the Day
- ♦ Math teachers will assess the Critical Thinking Problem



NOVA THEATRE**Nova High Drama Captivates with *Macbeth*, Celebrates with *Wicked*, and Prepares for *The Lion King Jr.*!**

The Nova High Drama Department, directed by Mrs. D. Preston, showcased a stunning production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* on November 20th and 21st. The cast and crew impressed audiences with their gripping portrayal of ambition, power, and destiny, closing out the Fall season on a high note.

To celebrate their achievements, the department attended the premiere of the *Wicked* movie, a magical experience gifted by Alyssa Torres, a proud former Nova Titan Drama student, Nova Eisenhower teacher Natalie Stuart, and the Heal Behavioral Health Organization.

As the curtains close on Fall, the Nova High Drama Department looks ahead to their Spring musical production, *The Lion King Jr.*, set to take the stage in March. Stay tuned for more unforgettable performances from our talented students!



NOVA HIGH SCHOOL WELLNESS FAIR 2024

Thank you Ms. Abdalla for hosting our 1st Annual Wellness Fair It was a huge success for our staff and students. Students and staff came together to learn, grow, and prioritize physical, and emotional health. From Zumba sessions to stress-busting tips, the event had something for everyone. Huge thanks to all the vendors, and volunteers who made it unforgettable. Let's keep the wellness vibe going all year long.



Thank you to Ms. Vil for facilitating our 1st Annual Staff Wellness Fair.



Volunteer Service Hours



All students are required to complete a minimum of 40 service hours to receive a high school diploma. The purpose of this requirement is to teach students the importance of participating and providing services to both their school and community. We encourage students to go above and beyond the minimum 40 hours and continue to give back to the community. **Students interested in earning a silver cord to be worn at graduation must complete 250 service hours.** Students will be advised of the deadline date to submit in hours for the silver cord.

In order for student service hours to be recorded properly, it is important that the following guidelines are followed:

- Students are responsible for receiving approval from Ms. Figueroa prior to performing volunteer service hours.
- One Student Volunteer Service Application and Approval Form must be completed for each organization where service hours are performed. Parts A, B, and C must be completed prior to submitting forms to Ms. Figueroa
- Service hours are to be documented on the Tier Form.
- Students are responsible for making a photocopy for their records of all service hour forms prior to submitting them to Ms. Figueroa. TURN IN ORIGINAL COPY

All volunteer service hour forms are available in all grade level offices. Approval Forms and Tier forms may also be printed from the Broward County Public School's Service Learning website. Additional information in regard to rules and regulations set forth by Broward County School Board are also available on the website. (www.browardschools.com/schools/service_learning.htm)

HandsOn Broward (www.handsonbroward.org) provides various volunteer locations.

Important Service Hour Reminders

- Students are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours for graduation.

Get Involved!

Extracurricular activities offer students the opportunity to apply academic skills in a real-world context; and learn the value of teamwork, individual and group responsibility, competition, and diversity. Participation in extracurricular activities may increase students' sense of culture and community and attachment to their school thereby decreasing the likelihood of school failure and dropping out. Nova High School offers students a wide range of extracurricular activities including social, service learning, and academic clubs and associations. Please visit our website for a list of clubs and organizations being offered this year.



School Advisory Council (SAC) / School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Nova High School's Advisory Council (SAC) addresses student achievement issues as well as the school improvement plan. SAC is open to parents, students, and community members. The School Advisory Forum (SAF) is open to all parents and guardians and provides important information impacting the quality of education your student receives in the Broward County Public Schools, such as: Standardized Testing, Facilities Improvement (Construction and Maintenance), College Readiness and Selection, Curriculum and Instruction, Extracurricular Activities, Guidance and Student Services, and State Funding for Education.

SAC begins at 5:30PM and our SAF meetings immediately follow.
The location of both meetings is held at Nova high School in the Media Center.

12/16/2024, 1/27/2025, 2/24/2025, 3/17/2025, 4/28/2025, 5/19/2025

If you have any concerns you would like addressed at an upcoming SAF meeting please send an email to:
lara.gutzmore@browardschools.com

SBBC POLICIES

Attendance:

According to Attendance Policy 5.5, an absence needs to be excused by parent/guardian within a 48 hour period of time for every student absence. Five excused/unexcused absences/tardies during a marking period are considered a "pattern of non-attendance" and a referral from the teacher will be administered.

Signing Out:

Students are NOT permitted to sign out during the last 30 minutes of the school day (3:50pm-4:20pm).

Suspensions:

SB Policy 5006 outlines all the violations that result in out-of-school suspension and expulsion and/or the consequences. You may view the complete suspension/expulsion policy and all School Board policies on the Web at: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37754> THE INTENT OF THIS POLICY IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF A SAFE, ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS AND TO ALIGN WITH ZERO-TOLERANCE LEGISLATION AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. Suspended students are eligible to receive assignments and may earn credit and grades for make-up work during the suspension period. The make up work is due the day the students return from suspension.

Substance Abuse:

Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco products, including unauthorized over-the-counter medications is prohibited. The sale or attempted sale of any of the previously mentioned items or possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited. Failure to abide by these policies will result in disciplinary action.

SAFETY & SECURITY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY

ID BADGES

ID Badges must be worn by all staff and students while on campus or transportation. It is also required for use in the school cafeteria for breakfast, lunch and supper program. Students should report to their grade level office for a new ID badge.

SUPERVISION ON CAMPUS

Campus opens at 8:50am and at dismissal students are required to exit campus unless they are on campus for an approved activity. Supervision at all extra-curricular events ends 30 minutes after the event is over. Students should communicate with parents to ensure they are picked up in the front of the school in a timely manner.

5 OFFICIAL TIP REPORTING APPS

- ◇ Anonymous Tip Submission via www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips
- ◇ Call the District Security Operations Center (DSOC) at 754-321-3500 (*reporter can remain anonymous*)
- ◇ Email to SecurityTips@Browardschools.com (*reporter can remain anonymous*)
- ◇ FortifyFL at www.GetFortifyFL.com -NO DOWNLOAD Required
- ◇ Alyssa's Alert: SaferWatch—DOWNLOAD REQUIRED a mobile app that can be used as a mobile duress alarm (*available Apple Store or Google Play Store*)

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TIPS FOR SUCCESS (Academics/Attendance/Behavior)

ACADEMICS

- Parents and students should review Focus/Canvas weekly regarding academic success.
- If you have a concern with a class, the first step is to reach out to the teacher via email
- Parents and students may set up a parent/teacher conference via the grade level office

ATTENDANCE (Policy 5.5)

- **Students should arrive to school before 9:25am daily** to avoid progressive discipline for excessive tardies
- Excused and unexcused tardies/absences indicate a pattern of non-attendance and will be referred to the School Social Worker
- Metal detector screening will be conducted daily; therefore, car riders are encouraged to plan Accordingly. Traffic entering Nova is heavy. **The front gate open at 8:50am.**
- Families should communicate known absences as soon as possible
- Students who ride the bus should download the Nova bus app and use when applicable if the bus arrives to school late. The bus app pass is used for the cafeteria and should be shown to teachers to excuse tardies
- Students should arrive to all classes on time as hall sweeps will be conducted randomly.

EARLY RELEASE (SIGN OUT PROCESS)

- Parent/guardian should email drivers license, student name, date and time for early release to novahighsignout@browardschools.com
- Please include child's name and grade level in subject line
- Provide 24 hours advanced notice if possible
- 3:50pm is the cut off time for early release

BEHAVIOR (Policy 5006)

- Students **MUST** have their ID badge and authorized pass when leaving class
- ID's are also needed for use in the café for breakfast and lunch
- Cell phones, headphones, earbuds should be off or in airplane mode and out of site from 9:30am-4:20pm.
- SBBC Discipline Matrix will be followed for all violations

DRESS CODE (Policy 5006)

Students are expected to follow the SBBC dress code policy, which is enforced daily.

- No Head Coverings (Hats, Hoodies)
- Ripped jeans that are inappropriate
- No Crop tops
- ID badge must be visible, above the waist
- No inappropriate items displayed on clothing/gear (*drugs, sex, alcohol, violent images*)
- No earbuds or phones during class time (*one ear clear during hall changes and lunch*)
- **Review the full list in the Code of Student Conduct online** at <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38107>

MISCELLANEOUS

- Any student driving to campus **MUST** have a valid decal and can only park in the designated parking spot for students. See Ms. Kelhi for details in the 11th grade office.
- There are NO food deliveries permitted on campus (Policy 3.2)
- Students are not permitted to arrive or depart using Lyft, Uber, etc.
- High School students should NEVER enter the middle school campus for any reason without authorization

Nova High School ~ Testing Calendar ~ 2024-2025

Date	Assessment	Targeted Student Population
Aug 26 – Sept 27	FAST PM1	All grade 9 and 10 students
Sept 9 – Oct 4	Fall FAST Retake & EOCs FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake Algebra 1 EOC Geometry EOC Biology 1 EOC U.S. History EOC	Grade 11 & 12 students who have not met their ELA exam graduation requirement Students who have not met their Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirement Students who need to sit for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and/or U.S. History EOC exams for course credit
Sept 18 – Oct 1	District Formative Assessments - Math	Students enrolled in Algebra 1 and Geometry
Sept 30 – Nov 13	Cambridge November Exam Series	Students retaking Cambridge (AICE) Exams
Oct 1 – Oct 31	PSAT/NMSQT (Computer Based)	All grade 9 and 10, and select grade 11 and 12 students
Oct 7 – Oct 11	Quarter 1 Exams – Biology/US History	Students enrolled in Biology 1 and U.S. History
Oct 15 – Oct 25	NCR ACT	Grade 12 students who have not met their ELA or Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirements
Nov 4 – Dec 20	Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)	Students currently enrolled in government courses
Nov 12 – Nov 22	District Formative Assessments - Math	Students enrolled in Algebra 1 and Geometry
Dec 2 – Dec 20	Winter FAST Retake & EOCs FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake Algebra 1 EOC Geometry EOC Biology 1 EOC U.S. History EOC	Grade 11 & 12 students who have not met their ELA exam graduation requirement Students who have not met their Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirement Students who need to sit for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and/or U.S. History EOC exams for course credit
Dec 2 – Jan 24	FAST PM 2	All grade 9 and 10 students
Dec 9 – Dec 13	Quarter 2 Exams – Biology/US History	Students enrolled in Biology 1 and U.S. History
Dec 17 – Dec 20	1st Semester Exams	All high school courses, Grades 9-12
Jan 20 – Mar 14	ACCESS for ELLs	All LY ELL students
Mar 3 – Mar 20	Broward Standards Assessment (BSA)	Students enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1 and/or U.S. History courses
Mar 3 – Apr 25	SAT School Day (Computer Based)	All 11 grade students and 12 grade students who have not met their ELA or Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirements
Mar 10 – Apr 25	FAA – ELA, Writing, & EOCs	ESE ACCESS students
Mar 11 – Mar 20	NCR ACT	Grade 12 students who have not met their ELA or Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirements
Apr 2 – Apr 11	BEST Writing	All grade 9 and 10 students
Apr 2 – May 16	Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)	Students enrolled in government courses
Apr 25 – June 11	Cambridge June Exam Series	Students enrolled in Cambridge (AICE) courses
May 1 – May 30	FAST PM3	All 9 and 10 grade students
May 1 – May 30	Spring FAST Retake & EOCs FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake Algebra 1 EOC Geometry EOC Biology 1 EOC U.S. History EOC	Grade 11 & 12 students who have not met their ELA exam graduation requirement Students who have not met their Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirement Students who need to sit for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and/or U.S. History EOC exams for course credit
May 5 – May 16	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	Students enrolled in AP Courses
May 19 – May 22	Grade 12 Final Exams	All grade 12 students
May 29 – Jun 3	Grade 9-11 Final Exams	All grade 9, 10, and 11 students
Jul 14 – Jul 17	Summer FAST Retake & EOCs FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake Algebra 1 EOC Geometry EOC Biology 1 EOC U.S. History EOC	Grade 11 & 12 students who have not met their ELA test graduation requirement Students who have not met their Algebra 1 EOC test graduation requirement Students who need to sit for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and/or U.S. History EOCs for course credit

*****Subject to change—edited on 07/31/2024**

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Semester Exams begin on Tuesday, 12/17/2024 (see schedule on page 3 of the newsletter)

Exam exemption form deadline was Monday, 12/9/2024 by 11:59pm.

As per SBBC policy, exams cannot be administered early.

Students need to arrive to campus on time, every day. Hall Sweeps have begun as student tardies are a distraction to the Classroom environment.

Students who ride a bus and arrive late, will receive an excused tardy pass.

ID badges are required daily and must be visible above the waist.

Parents/Guardians,

Please ensure that the school has an updated emergency contact form on file for your child. This will ensure clear communication and also provide us with consent for the nurse to provide health services in our clinic.

Students are not permitted to carry any medication while in school and appropriate forms must be on file, even for over-the-counter medication.

Students should are not permitted to bring in outside food or order food to be delivered to campus.

Students are not permitted to enter Nova Southeastern University campus.

ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9th	August 25th	September 6th
October 26, 2024	September 20th	October 7th	October 18th
December 14, 2024	November 8th	November 22nd	December 6th
February 8, 2025	January 3rd	January 20th	January 31st
April 5, 2025	February 28th	March 16th	March 28th
June 14, 2025	May 9th	May 26th	June 6th
July 12, 2025	June 6th	June 20th	July 4th

SAT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
8/24/2024	8/9/2024	8/13/2024
10/5/2024	9/20/2024	9/24/2024
11/2/2024	10/18/2024	10/22/2024
12/7/2024	11/22/2024	11/26/2024
3/8/2025	2/21/2025	2/25/2025
5/3/2025	4/13/2025	4/22/2025
6/7/2025	5/22/2025	5/27/2025

Additional Resources for Science, Math and Reading Practice

Nova High School will offer additional learning opportunities for enrichment and remediation throughout the school year. Stay tuned to our website and parentlinks for information.



Construction Update

SMART Bond Construction Updates:

Red=Not Started **Yellow=In Progress** **Green=Completed**

Building 6 / Tech I Culinary

New Fire Alarm System

Building 13 / Math HVAC

Building 5 Toofing

New Public Address System



USEFUL APPS & LINKS

- www.browardschools.com
School Board website

www.broward.k12.fl.us/novahigh
Nova High School website

www.collegeboard.com
SAT practice test questions, SAT registration dates/deadlines

www.actstudent.org
ACT test prep, scores, ACT registration dates/deadlines

www.fafsa.ed.gov
Federal financial aid application and financial aid info
- www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/
Bright Futures info

www.fastweb.com
Scholarship search engine

www.browardschools.com/departments/service-learning-
www.floridashines.org
Choices Planner, High School e-PEP, career and college info

student-volunteer
Service Hour Guidelines, Log Sheets, and Approval Forms

www.handsonbroward.org
Website for possible volunteer opportunities.

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Nova High School

2024-2025 GREEN/GOLD DAY CALENDAR

AUGUST

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	PSD	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

FEBRUARY

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	PSD	7
10	11	12	13	ER
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MAY

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	PSD	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

DECEMBER

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

MARCH

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

JUNE

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

OCTOBER

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

JANUARY

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

APRIL

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	PSD	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Planning Day

PSD Professional Study Day

ER Early Release Day

Exams

No School

1st Quarter Begins 8/12 (43 Days)

2nd Quarter Begins 10/15 (42 Days)

3rd Quarter Begins 1/13 (51 Days)

4th Quarter Begins 4/1 (44 Days)

Green: Periods 1-4

Gold: Periods 5-8

PSD Release Time: 12:35PM

Early Release Time: 2:35PM

School Time: 9:30AM - 4:20PM

PSD 9/5 11/7 2/6 4/3

25 26 27 28 29 30 31

30 31

27 28

NOVA HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

1st Lunch

Period 2 or 6 Location Portables, Modulares, Science Bldg, Tech II Bldg, Music Bldg		
Time	Green Day	Gold Day
9:25	Morning Bell	Morning Bell
9:30 – 11:02 (92 min)	Period 1	Period 5
11:02 – 11:32 (30 min)	Lunch	Lunch
11:32 – 11:36 (4 min)	Passing	Passing
11:36 – 1:08 (92 min)	Period 2	Period 6
1:08 – 1:12 (4 min)	Passing	Passing
1:12 – 2:44 (92 min)	Period 3	Period 7
2:44 – 2:48 (4 min)	Passing	Passing
2:48 – 4:20 (92 min)	Period 4	Period 8

2nd Lunch

Period 2 or 6 Location I.B. Bldg, English Bldg, Lower M.S. Bldg, Mlabs, Math Bldg, Portable Cafe, Tech I Bldg, P.E.		
Time	Green Day	Gold Day
9:25	Morning Bell	Morning Bell
9:30 – 11:02 (92 min)	Period 1	Period 5
11:02 – 11:06 (4 min)	Passing	Passing
11:06 – 12:38 (92 min)	Period 2	Period 6
12:38 – 1:08 (30 min)	Lunch	Lunch
1:08 – 1:12 (4 min)	Passing	Passing
1:12 – 2:44 (92 min)	Period 3	Period 7
2:44 – 2:48 (4 min)	Passing	Passing
2:48 – 4:20 (92 min)	Period 4	Period 8

NOVA HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 EARLY RELEASE BELL SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY 14, 2025

1st Lunch

Period 2 Location Portables, Modulares, Science Bldg, Tech II Bldg, Music Bldg	
Time	Green Day
9:25	Morning Bell
9:30 – 10:35 (65 min)	Period 1
10:35 – 11:05 (30 min)	Lunch
11:05 – 11:10 (5 min)	Passing
11:10 – 12:15 (65 min)	Period 2
12:15 – 12:20 (5 min)	Passing
12:20 – 1:25 (65 min)	Period 3
1:25 – 1:30 (5 min)	Passing
1:30 – 2:35 (65 min)	Period 4

2nd Lunch

Period 2 Location I.B. Bldg, English Bldg, Lower M.S. Bldg, Mlabs, Math Bldg, Portable Cafe, Tech I Bldg, P.E.	
Time	Green Day
9:25	Morning Bell
9:30 – 10:35 (65 min)	Period 1
10:35 – 10:40 (5 min)	Passing
10:40 – 11:45 (65 min)	Period 2
11:45 – 12:15 (30 min)	Lunch
12:15 – 12:20 (5 min)	Passing
12:20 – 1:25 (65 min)	Period 3
1:25 – 1:30 (5 min)	Passing
1:30 – 2:35 (65 min)	Period 4

NOVA HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY (PSD) BELL SCHEDULE

All buildings go to lunch from 12:05-12:35 p.m. with a 12:35 p.m. dismissal

Time	Sept. 5 (Gold Day)	Nov. 7 (Gold Day)	Feb. 6 (Green Day)	Apr. 3 (Green Day)
9:25	Morning Bell	Morning Bell	Morning Bell	Morning Bell
9:30 – 10:45 (75 min)	Period 5	Period 7	Period 1	Period 3
10:45 – 10:50 (5 min)	Passing	Passing	Passing	Passing
10:50 – 12:05 (75 min)	Period 6	Period 8	Period 2	Period 4
12:05 – 12:35 (30 min)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch