



WILLIAM T. DWYER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week of August 7, 2023

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS:

GEAR-UP FOR SCHOOL DAYS*:

- Students will have the opportunity to select/rent lockers, pay class dues, check-out a Chromebook (*if you returned yours last school year*), pay school obligations, return textbooks, submit Athletic Insurance Fee (*if you did not pay this on School Cash Online*), and select parking spot/receive parking decal (if applicable):
 - **Juniors & Sophomores:** Monday, August 7th between 3:30pm – 5:30pm in the Atrium & 1-213.
 - **Freshmen:** Tuesday, August 8th between 4:00pm – 5:30pm in the Atrium & 1-213.
- * *Senior Gear-Up Day occurred last week.*

FRESHMAN & NEW STUDENT CLUB/ATHLETICS SHOWCASE & ORIENTATION:

- Tuesday, August 8th from 4:30pm – 7:00pm in the Dwyer Cafeteria and Auditorium.
- Students and parents who are new to Dwyer will learn about club and athletic opportunities, and hear from school personnel regarding school policies, procedures, and more!
 - **4:30pm – 5:50pm:** Club and Athletics Showcase in the Cafeteria.
 - **4:30pm – 5:30pm:** Campus Tours every 15 minutes, starting in the main Courtyard.
 - **6:00pm – 7:00pm:** Dwyer High School Orientation presentation in the Auditorium.

WELCOME!
New STUDENTS & FAMILIES

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH!

- Students return to school Thursday, August 10th.
- School gates open at 7:00am, and the first class begins promptly at 7:35am
- We will be on a 7-period schedule the first day of school – students will attend all 7 classes this day.
- Students have access to view their class schedules on SIS, and will also be able to check Student Locators posted around the school to find their 1st period class.
- In 1st period class, students' teachers will have a hard copy of students' current schedules to provide to them.

STUDENTS: GET FAMILIAR WITH THE DISTRICT PORTAL BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS:

- The District Portal is the hub of school information and access, including Google Classroom, Student Email, SIS, Online Textbooks, Google Drive, etc.
- Students log into their District Portal at: <https://www.mysdpbc.org/>
 - **Username:** s and student number (example: s12345678)
 - **Password*:** last 4 digits of student #, first & last initial (capitalized), last two digits of birth year. (example: 5678AZ05). *Many students have changed their password from the above default. If you are unable to remember your password, please contact the school to have it reset.
- Once in the District Portal, students will click the specific tile(s) to access various school functions & resources.

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE FOR VIEW THIS MONDAY, & SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST PROCEDURES:

- Students will be able to view their class schedules on SIS this Monday (click the "SIS" tile in the District Portal).
- Students may submit a Schedule Change Request by completing the [Schedule Change Request Form](#). (The form link was emailed to students Saturday, and must be accessed from the student's School District account)
- Schedule change requests will be considered for the following reasons ONLY:
 - Previously earned credit for the course
 - The student is missing a class period
 - A fresh start for all (previously failed the course with the same teacher)
 - Incorrect course sequence
 - Course needed for completion of a special program (ex. AICE, IB, Career Academy)
 - Course needed for graduation requirement that is not on my schedule
- **Note:** Schedule change requests for class periods, change a teacher, or lunch periods WILL NOT be considered.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:


SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE WORKED ON THROUGHOUT THE WEEK– CHECK SIS DAILY IF YOU SUBMIT A CHANGE REQUEST:

- The deadline to submit the [Schedule Change Request Form](#) is **Friday, August 11th**.
- Counselors will work through the Schedule Change Request forms they received throughout this week and next.
- If you submit a Schedule Change Request Form, be sure to check your class schedule in SIS regularly throughout the next two weeks for any changes.
- Some requests may not be considered, such as: changes to class periods, changes to teachers, or changes to the Lunch period.
- **Please be patient** - There are over 2,300 students, and only six (6) School Counselors.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM INVITES WILL BE SENT TO STUDENTS BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH:

- Teachers will invite students to join their Google Classrooms by Wednesday, August 9th.
- Students should log into their District Portal, click on the Google Classroom tile, and join the Google Classes listed.
- Continue to check your Google Classroom tile daily throughout the first week of school, and join any new class invites (additional invites may come after August 9th due to schedule changes occurring throughout the week).

DWYER DAY 1/DAY 2 CALENDAR:

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DWYER BELL SCHEDULE:

DWYER HIGH SCHOOL "BLOCK" BELL SCHEDULE:

- With the exception of the first day of school (which will be a 7-period day), Dwyer students will follow a "Block Schedule". This means students will attend half of their classes one day, and the other half of their classes the following day. These are known as "Day 1" and "Day 2" (see below):

Daily Bell Schedule

Everyday bell schedule unless notified otherwise

Day 1 = Periods 1, 3, 5, & 7

Day 2 = Periods 2, 4, 5, & 6

1st / 2nd Period	7:35am - 9:15am
DTV / Announcements & 3rd / 4th Period	9:21am - 9:30am 9:30am - 11:10am
P.R.I.D.E. Period <i>All students report to 5th period</i>	11:16am - 11:21am
"A" Lunch <i>Buildings 1, 2, 3, & 5</i>	11:21am - 11:56am
5th Period Class (for Lunch B) <i>Buildings 4, Gym, 6, & 8</i>	11:21am - 12:18pm
5th Period Class (for Lunch A) <i>Buildings 1, 2, 3, & 5</i>	12:02pm - 12:54pm
"B" Lunch <i>Buildings 4, Gym, 6, & 8</i>	12:18pm - 12:54pm
6th / 7th Period	1:00pm - 2:40pm

DWYER HIGH SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

DWYER HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE*:

- No visible undergarments or exposed midriiffs.
 - No see-through clothing.
 - No tank tops/ sleeveless shirts/exposed shoulders.
 - All shorts and skirts must be finger-tip length.
 - No vulgarity/inappropriate graphics.
 - No pajamas/slippers.
 - Students are required to wear their student ID visibly around their neck on their class-colored lanyard.
- *The administration reserves the right to address dress code issues on a case by case basis.

STUDENT DRIVERS – STUDENT PARKING LOT:

- Student Parking entrance is located off of Military Trail at the South end of the school at the traffic light.
 - Only students with a 2023-2024 Dwyer Parking Decal placed bottom-right side of the rear windshield may park on campus. (parking spots are numbered and assigned by the decal number).
 - The deadline for a Student Driver to park in the Student Lot without a 23-24 Dwyer Parking Permit is Fri, Aug 18th!
- Students WITHOUT an official Dwyer Parking Permit sheet on their dashboard must park in the VERY BACK ROW of parking spots between August 10th – August 18th.**
- After August 18th, any car parked in the student lot without a 2023-2024 Dwyer Parking Permit decal on their windshield will be subject to ticketing, progressive school fines, & eventual boot being placed on their vehicle.
 - For info about how to obtain a 2023-2024 Dwyer Parking Permit, visit the [Dwyer Parking Permit Webpage](#).
- *Students who have already been assigned parking spots: If someone is parked in your assigned spot when you arrive to school, please park in one of the back row spots, and immediately let Ms. Gagnon or Ms. Wilkes know so that we can deal with that student and their vehicle. *Please do not just park in the spot next to your assigned spot, as that parking spot is most likely assigned to someone else.*

SCHOOL ARRIVAL & STUDENT DROP-OFF:

- School gates open for students to enter campus at 7:00am.
- Student Drop-Off entrance is located off of Military Trail at the South end of the school at the traffic light. (There is NO student drop-off at the front of the school, with the exception of permitted ESE students.)
- **If you drop-off your student in the morning, please plan to arrive early, as many parents will be doing the same the first week of school. Expect a long line of cars at the entrance, and please be patient.**
- Students must be inside their first class of the day by 7:35am.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH*:

- Breakfast and Lunch are FREE for all students.
 - Breakfast is available to students from 7:00am – 7:29am.
 - Lunch is served during designated Lunch periods assigned according to students' 5th period classes.
- *Note: Students must remain on-campus for Lunch. Food deliveries or drop-offs are NOT permitted.**

CLASS CHANGE/TRANSITIONS:

- Students are expected to move directly to their next class at the sound of the class change bell, and will have six (6) minutes of transition time between classes.
- Students must be inside their classroom at the sound of the tardy bell.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL & STUDENT PICK-UP:

- Student Pick-up entrance is located off of Military Trail at the South end of the school at the traffic light. (There is NO student pick-up at the front of the school, with the exception of permitted ESE students.)
- Students are dismissed from school at 2:40pm.
- All students must exit campus by 3pm, unless they participating in a club or sport and supervised by Dwyer staff.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES:

- **Student Attendance:** Students are expected to attend school regularly, arrive on time, and remain for the duration of the school day. The District's "[Student & Family Handbook](#)" defines excused absences and tardies, and is available to view on the Dwyer website.
- **Student Excused Absence Procedure:** Students who miss school due to an excused absence are to provide a parent note regarding the absence to Student Services the morning they return before 7:30am, OR parents can email DwyerStudentServices@palmbeachschools.org. Students will be given an 'Excused Pass' from Student Services, and are responsible for showing the pass to their teachers, and completing/submitting any missed assignments or tests.

CLASS TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS:

- **Tardy to Class:** Students who are late to any class unexcused, must scan their student ID at the nearest kiosk to receive a tardy pass to class. The tardy kiosk will provide warnings for the first three (3) tardies, then progressive school consequences will begin.
- **Early Dismissal:** If a student is to leave school grounds prior to regular dismissal, the student must submit a written note from the parent to Student Services OR parents may email DwyerStudentServices@palmbeachschools.org at the beginning of their school day to be verified.
- For unplanned or emergency Early Dismissals, a parent must come to the Single Point of Entry at the time they want the student released, and sign the student out of school. DWYER HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETICS INFORMATION:

DWYER FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS:

- Fall sports season is August – October/November (depending on post-season play)
- Interested in participating in a Fall sport? Please reach out to the coach for workout and tryout information.

FALL SPORT	TRYOUT INFORMATION	HEAD COACH CONTACT
Bowling	Week of August 21st. More info to come.	nathaniel.mcnealjr@palmbeachschools.org
Cross Country, Boys	Thurs, Aug. 10th-18th (M-F), from 3-5pm, Dwyer Track	reun.bullard@palmbeachschools.org
Cross Country, Girls	Thurs, Aug. 10th-18th (M-F), from 3-4:30pm, Dwyer Track	michelle.vernet@palmbeachschools.org
Football	9 th grade: Tues, Aug 1 st -Aug 9 th (T,W,Th), 3pm-5:30pm, Champions Field 10 th -12 th grade: Mon, July 31st-Aug 9th (M-F), 3pm-5:30pm, Champ Field	al.shipman@palmbeachschools.org
Football Cheer	Thurs, Aug. 10 th , from 3pm-7pm AND Fri, Aug 11 th , at 3:30pm	sharon.piper@palmbeachschools.org
Golf, Boys	Wed, Aug. 9 th & 10 th , AND Aug. 16 th & 17 th , 3:30pm, Abacoa CC	adam.loss@palmbeachschools.org
Golf, Girls	Mon, Aug. 7th-15th (M-F), from 3:30-5:30pm, Mirasol CC	emily.ferris@palmbeachschools.org
Swim/Dive	Interest meeting for students: Fri, Aug. 11, 2:45-3:15pm, 1-223	shelly.dresser@palmbeachschools.org
Volleyball, Girls	Tues, Aug 1st-3rd, from 4-6pm & Thurs, Aug. 10 th , at 4pm, Gym	wyatt.hamilton@palmbeachschools.org

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- To participate in a Dwyer High School sport, students must:
 - 1) Have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 (*The deadline for an eligible GPA is August 10th.*)
 - 2) No financial obligations owed to the school
 - 3) Complete 3 NFHS online safety courses (Concussion, Heat Illness, & Sudden Cardiac Arrest)
 - 4) Submit the online 2023-2024 Athletic Eligibility Packet (*submit online via Aktivite.com*)
 - 5) Pay the supplemental \$75 Athletic Insurance Fee (School Cash Online, Check, Money Order. NO CASH).
- Students **MAY NOT** participate in open workouts/conditioning, tryouts, practices, competition until they have a fully completed Athletic Eligibility Packet submitted on www.Aktivite.com and have a "Completed" status.
- If you have questions, contact Dwyer's Athletic Director at: Ronda.Gagnon@palmbeachschools.org.

HOW TO SUBMIT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS:

- Students interested in playing high school sports will register and submit the required state, district, & school eligibility documents into the online system www.Aktivite.com.
- High school student-athletes will need to electronically complete or digitally upload the following documents and certificates into the registration system:
 - 1) [FHSAA EL2](#) – Participation Physical
 - 2) [FHSAA EL3](#) – Consent and Release
 - 3) [PBSD Form 1588HS](#) – Athletic Eligibility for High School Students
 - 4) [PBSD Form 1589HS](#) – Student Medical Consent for Athletics
 - 5) [PBSD Form 2608](#) – Interscholastic Athletics Accident Insurance
 - 6) 3 NFHS Course Certificates: 1. [Concussion for Students](#), 2. [Heat Illness](#), 3. [Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#)
 - 7) Birth Certificate (for proof of age purposes only)
 - 8) Receipt of payment for the Athletics Accident Insurance Fee (payable on School Cash Online)
- After you have completed the Aktivite.com registration and uploaded the required documents, check your Aktivite.com account for a "Completed" status. If "Not Completed", correct/submit any missing/incomplete docs.
- **It may take 24-48 hours after submission for documents to be reviewed for completion – Plan accordingly.**
- Parents/guardians of student-athletes may begin registering their student for all sports seasons now.
- **Click here for instructions on how to create an Aktivite account & register your student: [Aktivite Instructions](#)**
If you are experiencing a hardship that prevents you from submitting the Athletic Eligibility docs online, please call the school to make an appointment with our Athletic Department for Aktivite assistance.



STUDENT PARKING PERMIT/DECAL INFORMATION:

STUDENT PARKING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND INFO:

- To be eligible for a Student Parking Permit, students must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - 1) Minimum unweighted cumulative 2.2 GPA
 - 2) No financial obligations owed to the school
 - 3) Minimum number of Community Service Hours showing in SIS:
 - 12th grade: 15 hours
 - 11th grade: 10 hours
 - 10th grade: 5 hours
- Students who meet the eligibility requirements above and have a valid Driver's License, will need to complete the following to obtain a Student Parking Decal:
 - 1) Complete/Submit the [Dwyer Student Parking Application](#) (Google Form)
 - 2) Print/Complete/Notarize the [PBCSD Student Parking Form](#) (you will submit this form when you pick-up your parking decal).
 - 3) Pay the \$75 Student Parking Fee ([School Cash Online](#), Check, or Money Order. NO CASH). *If paid on School Cash Online, bring a copy of the receipt when you pick-up your parking decal.*
- More detailed information about Dwyer Student Parking can be found here: [Student Parking Information](#)



SCHOOL REMINDERS:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- To ensure all students are working towards and maintaining the requirements for graduation and beyond, any student wishing to participate in school events (such as Homecoming and Prom), activities, athletics, and other school privileges (such as Student Parking) must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - 1) 2.2 cumulative, unweighted GPA
 - 2) Community Service Hours (must be visible on SIS):
 - 10th grade: 5 hours
 - 11th grade: 10 hours
 - 12th grade: 15 hours
 - 3) Be cleared of any school financial obligations

SCHOOL BUS RIDERS MUST "REGISTER YOUR RIDE":

- All student school bus riders must submit registration each school year for District transportation:
 1. Login to "[Register Your Ride](#)", or click on the "Register your Ride" icon on your Student Portal.
 3. Verify your address and school
 4. Select the option in which your student will ride the bus (To and/or From school)
 5. Click Save
- **Note:** You may change your selection at any time. Contact the District Transportation Department for additional assistance at (561) 357-1110

CLASS OF 2024 – SENIOR PORTRAIT INFORMATION:

- Attention Seniors & their parents/guardians: It is time to start scheduling your Senior portraits!
- You must have your portrait taken by Cady to be in the yearbook (Deadline is Nov. 26, 2023)
- To schedule your Senior Portrait appointment, go to: cady.com/schedule



Student Class Schedules:
Will be available for view on SIS this Monday, August 7th

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