



# WILLIAM T. DWYER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week of December 11, 2023

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY ANNOUNCED:

- Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00pm at the South Florida Fairgrounds.
- More details (including the number of tickets per Senior) to come.



### VIRTUAL FAFSA WORKSHOP FOR COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS & THEIR PARENTS:

- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – VIRTUAL
- Virtual workshop for Seniors and their parents interested in applying for financial aid for college and completing the new FAFSA for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Must pre-register by December 15<sup>th</sup> at: [FAFSA Workshop Registration](#)

### SAT BOOTCAMP FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS:

- We are excited to announce the SAT Bootcamp in collaboration with Score at the Top.
  - The boot camp will run for eight (8) weeks to prepare students for the upcoming March school-day SAT (Juniors) and the March Saturday SAT. Cost is \$315.
  - If you are interested in registering, please click here to fill out the [SAT Bootcamp Interest Form](#)
- Note: Please be aware that this is not the actual registration form. We will email you the direct link once registration opens on School Cash Online.*

### CANCELED - DECEMBER SAC MEETING:

- Due to semester exam week and the upcoming Winter Break, the December SAC meeting is canceled.
- The next SAC meeting will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Dwyer Cafeteria.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

### 9TH & 10TH GRADE FAST ELA EXAM PM2 – MONDAY & TUESDAY:

- All 9th & 10th grade students will take the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA Exam PM2 on the following dates:
  - 9th grade: Monday, December 11th
  - 10th grade: Tuesday, December 12th

\* **Important Note:** *Students must bring their fully-charged school-issued Chromebook/laptop to school for testing. Use of personal computers and/or Devices WILL NOT be permitted for state testing. If a student does not bring their school district device to school on their assigned day for testing, they'll be scheduled for a makeup assessment on the make-up date.*

- Due to State testing time requirements, the entire school will be on a modified bell schedule Monday (12/11) and Tuesday (12/12). Pictured right → → →

Day 2 Monday, December 11 PM 1 - 9th Grade		Day 1 Tuesday, December 12 PM 1 - 10th Grade	
2nd Period Testing Block	7:35 am - 9:55 am	1st Period Testing Block	7:35 am - 9:55 am
DTV News	10:01 am - 10:06 am	DTV News	10:01 am - 10:06 am
4th Period	10:06 am - 11:36 am	3rd Period	10:06 am - 11:36 am
No PRIDE		No PRIDE	
Lunch A (Buildings 1, 2, 3, & 5)	11:36 am - 12:11 pm	Lunch A (Buildings 1, 2, 3, & 5)	11:36 am - 12:11 pm
5th Period (Buildings: 4/Gym, 6, & 8)	11:42 am - 12:29 pm	5th Period (Buildings: 4/Gym, 6, & 8)	11:42 am - 12:29 pm
Lunch B (Buildings: 4/Gym, 6, & 8)	12:29 pm - 1:04 pm	Lunch B (Buildings: 4/Gym, 6, & 8)	12:29 pm - 1:04 pm
5th Period (Buildings 1, 2, 3, & 5)	12:17 pm - 1:04 pm	5th Period (Buildings 1, 2, 3, & 5)	12:17 pm - 1:04 pm
6th Period	1:10 pm - 2:40 pm	7th Period	1:10 pm - 2:40 pm

### ATTENTION PARENTS – SCHOOLWIDE FUNDRAISER PLANNING MEETING:

- Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Dwyer Cafeteria.
- Join fellow Dwyer parents and Dwyer parent organizations in helping plan the annual fundraising auction to raise school wide funds to benefit all of our students, facilities, and programs.

### DWYER CHORUS "SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" CONCERT:

- Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Dwyer Auditorium.
- Tickets are \$10, and available for purchase at the door. Students with a school ID and children under 5 are FREE!
- PBCSD Employees will receive two (2) FREE entries with their District badge.
- Come spend an hour listening to some beautiful music and get into the holiday spirit!

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS (CONTINUED):**

**DWYER CHORUS STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN EPCOT'S CANDLELIGHT MASS PROCESSIONAL:**

- Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm, our Chorus students will participate in the Candlelight Mass Processional Choir.
- If you are at Epcot, please come to the America Gardens Amphitheater for the 5:15pm show to watch this incredible performance narrated by a guest celebrity.

**SENIOR PANORAMIC PICTURE:**

- Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am (*revised time*) in the Gym. Wear your Senior class shirt, or a NAVY BLUE!

**THIS WEEK'S ATHLETIC EVENTS:**

Day	Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Home/Away
Monday	12/11/2023	6/7:30 PM	JV/V Boys Soccer	Seminole Ridge	Away
		6/7:30 pm	JV/V Girls Basketball	Jupiter	Away
Tuesday	12/12/2023	6/7:30 PM	JV/V Boys Soccer	South Fork	Home
		6/7:30PM	JV/V Boys Basketball	South Fork	Home
		6:00 PM	V Girls Soccer	Jupiter	Away
Wednesday	12/13/2023	3:30 PM	Boys Wrestling	Multiple Teams	Home
Thursday	12/14/2023	4:00 PM	JV/V Girls Weightlifting	Multiple Teams	Home
		6/7:30PM	JV/V Boys Soccer	Spanish River	Away
Friday	12/15/2023	4:30/6/7:30 PM	F/JV/V Boys Basketball	Jupiter	Away
		6/7:30 PM	JV/V Girls Basketball	Seminole Ridge	Home
Saturday	12/16/2023	8 AM - 3 PM	Competition Cheer	Magic Touch Cheer Comp.	Home
		10:00 AM	Boys Wrestling	Various	Away @ Harmony HS
		4:30/6/7:30	F/JV/V Boys Basketball	Atlantic	Home

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**SEMESTER EXAM WEEK:**

- Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Important Notes:

- 1) No student is exempt from Semester Exams.
- 2) Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> is a FULL school day.
- 3) We will be on an early release schedule Wed, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> through Fri, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 4) Students may not have Early Dismissal during Exam blocks until the scheduled dismissal time of that class (even if they finish the exam early).

Tuesday, Dec. 19th	Wednesday, Dec. 20th	Thursday, Dec. 21st	Friday, Dec. 22nd
2nd period Exam 7:35am – 9:35am	1st period Exam 7:35am – 9:35am	4th period Exam 7:35am – 9:35am	6th period Exam 7:35am – 9:35am
Class Change 9:35am – 9:42am	Class Change 9:35am – 9:42am	Class Change 9:35am – 9:42am	Class Change 9:35am – 9:42am
4th period Class 9:42am – 11:10am	3rd period Exam 9:42am – 11:42am	5th period Exam 9:42am – 11:42am	7th period Exam 9:42am – 11:42am
P.R.I.D.E. Period, 5th period Class, & Lunch Regular Schedule	Grab-and-Go Lunch Buses Depart by 12:00pm		
6th period Class Regular Schedule			

**SAVE THE DATES – 2024 AP, AICE, & IB EXAM CALENDAR:**

- AP, AICE, & IB Exams will take place between April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Check out the [Accelerated Course Testing Calendar](#) so you can plan and prepare accordingly.
- Failure to take the exam associated with your AP, AICE, or IB course may result in an Exam Fee Obligation, and A decrease in the course HPA weight to an honors level.

## SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPT. NEWS:

### **COUNSELOR CONNECTION – SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR DURING LUNCH!**

- Every week, our dedicated school counselors will have a table inside the Cafeteria during both lunch periods ready to provide students with the guidance, support, and tools to reach their goals. See the schedule below:

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
Ms. Masterson	Ms. Little	Ms. Moon & Ms. Murphy	Mrs. DeJesus	Mrs. Mirguet

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

- For scholarship opportunities, please visit the School District's [Scholarship & Financial Aid page](#).



### **FRESHMEN FRI-YAY – TEST TAKING TIPS:**

With midterms approaching, students can become stressed and overwhelmed. Giving yourself enough time to prepare by studying will help you retain what you've learned, increase your confidence, and improve your test performance. Follow the test taking tips below to help make the most of your exams: [Fri-YAY \(8 Test Taking Tips\)](#)

### **ACT REGISTRATION INFO:**

ACT, [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org), Dwyer's CEEB Code: 101338

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b> <i>\$66.00 no Writing*, \$91.00 with Writing*</i>	<b>Late Registration Deadline</b> <i>Additional \$36.00 Late Fee</i>
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

### **SAT REGISTRATION INFO:**

SAT, [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), Dwyer's CEEB Code: 101338

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b> <i>Cost \$60.00</i>	<b>Late Registration Deadline</b> <i>Additional \$30.00 Late Fee</i>
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024

## SENIOR NEWS:

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### **CAP & GOWN ORDER/SALES DATES:**

- Herff Jones will be on campus the following dates for Cap & Gown sales for Seniors:
  - Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> during Lunch in the Cafeteria (students only)
  - Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 7:00pm in the Cafeteria (Parents welcome)

### **SENIOR PANORAMIC PICTURE:**

- Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Gym (*revised time*).
- The entire Dwyer Class of 2024 will take a large group picture. Wear your Senior class shirt, or a NAVY BLUE shirt.

### **PARENTS OF SENIORS – PURCHASE A SENIOR AD IN THE YEARBOOK:**

- Commemorate your student with a Senior Ad in the Yearbook!
- Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter school code **17481** to see pricing & options. **Deadline: 2/19/24**

## ATHLETICS INFORMATION:

### **SPRING SPORTS ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENT CLEARANCE DEADLINES:**

- Students interested in participating in an upcoming Spring Sport, must have a minimum cumulative unweighted 2.0 GPA, and a fully complete and cleared Athletic Eligibility documents status on Aivate.com by the deadlines:

Spring Sport	Aivate.com Clearance Deadline	Approx. Tryout Date	Coach Contact Info
Baseball	January 15th	January 22nd	<a href="mailto:kaizenpitching@gmail.com">kaizenpitching@gmail.com</a>
Beach Volleyball (Girls)	January 29th	February 5th	<a href="mailto:eric.tenlen@palmbeachschools.org">eric.tenlen@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Flag Football	January 22nd	January 29th	<a href="mailto:heather.radcliff@palmbeachschools.org">heather.radcliff@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Lacrosse (Boys)	January 15th	January 22nd	TBD, <a href="mailto:ronda.gagnon@palmbeachschools.org">ronda.gagnon@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Lacrosse (Girls)	January 15th	January 22nd	<a href="mailto:anna.spicer@palmbeachschools.org">anna.spicer@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Softball	January 15th	January 22nd	<a href="mailto:rbpd5015@gmail.com">rbpd5015@gmail.com</a>
Tennis (Boys)	January 8th	January 15th	<a href="mailto:dane.ireson@palmbeachschools.org">dane.ireson@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Tennis (Girls)	January 8th	January 15th	<a href="mailto:peter.thorne@palmbeachschools.org">peter.thorne@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Track & Field (Boys)	January 22nd	January 29th	<a href="mailto:reun.bullard@palmbeachschools.org">reun.bullard@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Track & Field (Girls)	January 22nd	January 29th	<a href="mailto:michelle.vernet@palmbeachschools.org">michelle.vernet@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Volleyball (Boys)	February 5th	February 12th	<a href="mailto:brent.tedder@palmbeachschools.org">brent.tedder@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Water Polo (Girls)	December 22nd	January 8th	<a href="mailto:shelly.dresser@palmbeachschools.org">shelly.dresser@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Weightlifting (Boys)	December 22nd	January 8th	<a href="mailto:alex.malsbury@palmbeachschools.org">alex.malsbury@palmbeachschools.org</a>

### **HOW TO SUBMIT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS:**

- Students interested in playing high school sports must register and submit the required state, district, & school eligibility documents into the online system [www.Aivate.com](http://www.Aivate.com) . Click here for [Aivate.com Instructions](#)
- Student-athletes will need to electronically complete or digitally upload the following documents on Aivate:
  - 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 (**include receipt of payment**)
  - 6) 3 NFHS Course Certificates: 1. [Concussion for Students](#), 2. [Heat Illness](#), 3. [Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#)
- After you have completed the Aivate.com registration and uploaded the required documents, check your Aivate.com account for a “Cleared” status. If “Not Cleared”, correct/submit any missing/incomplete documents.



## SCHOOL REMINDERS:

### **ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!**

- Order your 2023-2024 Dwyer Yearbook now before the next price increase! (current price = \$90)
- Don't wait - Yearbook prices will increase as the year goes on, AND we've sold out the past two years.
- Go to [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com) and enter school code **17481**.

### **AICE TRAVEL AND TOURISM TRIPS:**

- AICE Travel is part of the AICE curriculum and one of the requirements for the class is to plan and execute a trip.
- There will be twelve (12) trip opportunities throughout the year to help these students fulfill their requirements.
- Trips are open to all Dwyer students (*students may be denied attendance based on discipline, academic concerns, or fees owed to school*). Seats are limited – first come, first served. Permission Slips available in room 2-114.
- There will be no limit to educational trips that students may attend, Students may only attend two (2) of the non-educational trips. Upcoming available trips:
  - December 15<sup>th</sup>: Loggerhead Marine Life Center (*beach trek and activity*), \$14 (educational)
  - January 17<sup>th</sup>: SeaWorld, \$118 (educational)
  - January 19<sup>th</sup>: Magic Kingdom, \$180
  - January 26<sup>th</sup>: Xtreme Action Park (*lunch included*), \$55
  - February 5<sup>th</sup>: Florida Renaissance Fair, \$15
- Follow [@dwyertravelandtourism](#) on Instagram to stay up to date on remaining trips or email [Mrs. Wagner](#)

## SCHOOL REMINDERS (CONTINUED):

### **STUDENTS MUST HAVE A “PARENT CONSENT FORM” TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

- Students must have the [Parent Consent & Responsibility Statement for Student Participation in Events/Activities](#) to participate in any Clubs, Organizations, Tutorials, etc.
- Forms can be picked up from the Club sponsor, and must be returned to the Club sponsor to participate.

### **STUDENTS MUST HAVE A “SCHOOL HEALTH CONSENT FORM” ON FILE TO SEE THE NURSE:**

- Parents must submit authorization form to the school for their student to be seen by the school nurse, and receive any school health services.
- Click here to access the form: [Parent Consent for School Health Services](#)
- Forms may be emailed to [DwyerStudentServices@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:DwyerStudentServices@palmbeachschools.org), or submitted to Student Services.

### **STUDENT PARKING INFORMATION:**

- All students who park on campus must have a 2023-2024 Dwyer Parking Decal affixed to their rear windshield.
- To obtain a Student Parking Decal, students must complete the following then see Ms. Gagnon outside of room 5-107 during their lunch period:
  - 1) Complete the [Student Parking Google Form](#)
  - 2) Complete & Notarize the [PBCSD Student Parking Form](#) (submit to Ms. Gagnon during your Lunch)
  - 3) Submit the \$75 Student Parking Permit Fee on [School Cash Online](#) (have a screenshot/copy of receipt)

### **ACADEMIC TUTORING AVAILABLE:**

William T. Dwyer High School Academic Tutoring Schedule				
Subject	Teacher	Days	Room	Time
Biology	Ms. Tsakelova	Tuesdays	8207	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
English Language Arts	Ms. Pubols	Tuesday/Thursday	2110	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Math	Ms. Bayton	Tuesday/Thursday	8106	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Math	Ms. Rahmankhah	Monday	8110	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Math	Mr. Breault	Monday - Friday	8118	Day1 (Lunch A)/Day2 (Lunch B)
Math	Ms. Nichols	Wednesday	8114	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Math	Ms. Nichols	Wednesday	8114	Day 1 (Lunch B)
US History	Ms. Chay/Ms. Berry	Tuesday/Thursday	2119	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### **EDGENUITY CREDIT LAB IS OPEN AFTER SCHOOL:**

- Edgenuity Credit Lab allows student who are behind in credits or GPA recover the credits and grade forgiveness.
- Open Monday – Thursday from 2:45pm - 5:45pm in room 2-112. All students & grades welcome.
- Students must bring their own Chromebooks/laptops.
- For more information, Join the Edgenuity Lab google classroom with code: 6nzqj6.



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