



Newsletter



Letter from our Principal

Dear Dreyfoos Family,

We have had a great beginning of the school year and as you read this newsletter, you will see that we are already in full swing at Dreyfoos! This newsletter is packed with information and our goal is to outline all of our school operating procedures so everyone knows what to do and where to go to find answers.

Please start marking your calendars with all of the upcoming events! Tuesday, August 29th, is our Open House/Curriculum Night at 6:00 pm. Students will be bringing home a copy of their schedule and a map to give to their parents. Parents will attend their child's period one class starting at 6:00pm and then proceed to every class to meet all of their children's teachers and hear about the curriculum for each class. If you are worried about getting lost walking from class to class, don't be! We will have our Student Government Association members dressed in teal shirts to help you with directions. Each class will be approximately ten minutes and the evening will conclude at 8:00 pm. Our parking on campus fills up quickly and we would like to thank the Kravis Center for allowing us to use their parking garage for the overflow. Unfortunately, we do not have space in the classrooms for students and parents to attend. This is a parent/guardian event only and we thank you for understanding.

It is important that with the new school year, we all remember that if we SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Safety is everyone's responsibility. This includes wearing our lanyards and I.D. badges at all times. Students and staff are required to wear their badges around their neck from the moment they either step on campus, a bus, or the Tri-Rail.

I am so excited to have all of our wonderful students back on campus and have enjoyed starting to get to know our new students! Thank you for continuing to support our school and helping to spread our Dreyfoos Magic!

Sincerely,
Blake Bennett

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Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Students are supervised on-campus from 7:50AM until 4:15PM daily. Students may not enter campus prior to 7:50AM. The Burt Reynolds parent drop-off gate is located off of Sapodilla and is open from 7:50AM until 8:30AM and from 3:40PM until 4:15PM daily. Between the school hours of 8:30AM and 3:40PM, the only accessible, supervised entrance to campus is off Fern St.

Students must stay on campus once they have arrived in the morning, no student should be exiting campus.



Early Dismissal Procedures

Students may be signed out for early dismissal between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:15 pm. There will be no dismissals made after 3:15 pm.

1. A parent/guardian must email dsoastudentservices@palmbeachschools.org to report the early dismissal. The email must come from a parent/guardian's email that is already in SIS. In the request, the parent/guardian must include the following information: student name, student ID number, time for early dismissal, reason for early dismissal, mode of transportation to leave campus, and name of emergency contact who is authorized to pick up the student. Students will only be released into the care of a contact that is listed as the emergency contact on the student's SIS screen.
2. A printed pass will be in Student Services for the student to pick up. This pass allows them to leave their class AND leave the campus as passes must be presented at the gate.
3. Student drivers may not leave early unless their parent/guardian has emailed the school. Student drivers must report to Student Services to pick up their dismissal pass before exiting the building to their car. This pass will be shown at the gate to allow exit. Students may not ride with other students for early dismissal.

*Students with dual enrollment, executive internship, senior privilege, etc. will be required to show their ID and schedule at the gate before leaving school grounds.

No student may leave early with another student, even if the student is 18 years old. Students that are under the age of 18 must be picked up by an adult that is on their contact list on SIS, unless the student drove themselves to school. When picking up, please be ready to show your ID at Students Services. Safety is a top priority for us here at Dreyfoos and we want to ensure that all students are accounted for each day.



DSOA SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

COLLEGE APPLICATION BOOTCAMP

DATES

Saturdays - Media Center - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Aug. 12th, Aug. 19th, Aug. 26th
Sept. 9th, Sept. 16th, Sept 30th, & Oct. 7th

After School - Media Center - 3:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 28th
Wednesday, Sept. 6th
Thursday, Sept 28th

INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS

Available upon request after attending a general session.

**Sign up on Naviance under the
"College Visit" tab.
For Senior STUDENTS ONLY**



561-802-6007

This program is made possible by the Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation and the James Patterson Family Foundation

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COLLEGE APPLICATION BOOTCAMP



SESSION INFORMATION

The college application landscape is rapidly changing and we are here to help! Join us for one or more sessions to gain a better understanding of the college application process and timeline.

The sessions will cover:

- College Search & Selection Process
- The Common App
- Resume
- The Self-Reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)
- Essay Assistance



Message from the Superintendent ***Michael J. Burke***



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! As your Superintendent, I am thrilled about the prospect of another school year that is sure to be filled with student success and academic achievement, as well as the continued excellence of our A-rated School District.

The purpose of the Student and Family Handbook is to communicate the expectations, policies, and procedures for the school year for all of our students and their families. This Handbook is a valuable resource to reinforce the staff and administration at each of our schools who work hard to provide a safe and positive learning environment.

You will find plenty of useful information within these pages. I encourage you to pay close attention to this document and become familiar with its contents. As a School District, our objective is to create an atmosphere in which we can effectively educate our students and help them thrive. That involves providing thoroughly explained procedures, as well as established parameters and clear directives.

The District's Student and Family Handbook can be found on your student's SIS page. The Handbook includes the Student Code of Conduct, the Notices of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), and many other important forms. If you cannot access your student's SIS page, please notify your child's school promptly, so that they can provide you with hard copies of these documents.

Additionally, it is very important that students, parents, and guardians become familiar with the District's Zero Tolerance Policy. We all benefit when everyone is aware and abides by the guidelines and instructions that are necessary for ensuring a safe and productive learning environment.

Each new school year offers the opportunity for a fresh start. I encourage students to make the most of this year and set themselves on a path toward success by putting in the hard work today that will serve as the foundation for a successful and rewarding future.

I invite you to partner with us in fulfilling our District mission to educate, affirm, and inspire each student in an equity-embedded school system. I appreciate your support of our District and look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments of our outstanding students and dedicated staff.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Burke

Michael J. Burke, Superintendent

CALENDAR FOR 2023-24

The School Board approved the School Calendar for 2023-24 and can be found online at:

[School District of Palm Beach County Calendars](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

August 10, 2023 <i>First Day of School</i>	October 13, 2023 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i>	November 1, 2023 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i>
January 8, 2024 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i>	February 19, 2024 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i>	March 25, 2024 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> <i>Professional Development Day</i> <i>(no students)</i>
May 30, 2024 <i>Last Day of School for Students</i>		

HOLIDAYS

September 4, 2023 <i>Labor Day</i>	September 25, 2023 <i>Fall Holiday</i>	November 20-24, 2023 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>
December 25, 2023 - January 5, 2024 <i>Winter Break</i>	January 15, 2024 <i>M.L. King's Birthday</i>	March 18-22, 2024 <i>Spring Break</i>
March 29, 2024 <i>Spring Holiday</i>	April 10, 2024 <i>Spring Holiday</i>	May 27, 2024 <i>Memorial Day</i>

Student Handbook

The purpose of the Palm Beach County School District Student and Family Handbook is to communicate the expectations, policies, procedures, and practices for the school year for all students and their families in Palm Beach County. Please find the updated handbook for school year 2023-2024 here:

https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/student_family_handbook

FLVS AP Exam Information

Any student who is enrolled in an AP class in FLVS must submit the "FLVS AP Exam Only Join Code Request" form they obtain from their FLVS instructor in order to register for their exam here at Dreyfoos in May. Those forms need to be provided in person or via email to Ms. Napuli or Mr. Clark before November 1st.

Jennifer.Napuli@palmbeachschools.org or
William.Clark.2@palmbeachschools.org

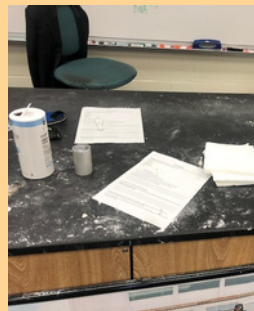
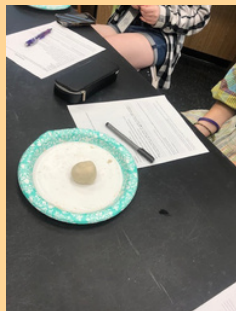
Clubs at Dreyfoos

Are you interested in starting your own CLUB at Dreyfoos?

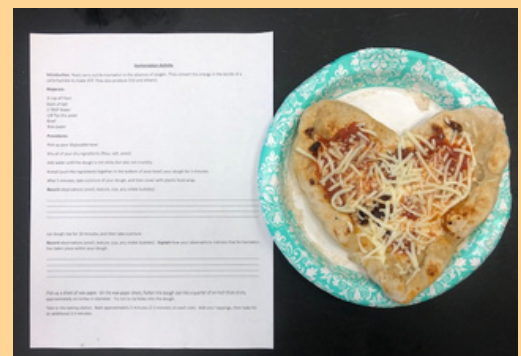
Steps to create a club:

1. Attend the Club Rush Information Meeting in Meyer Hall during lunch on **August 21st**.
2. Join the Google Classroom **3eqyqpw**
3. Turn in your Club Rush forms by **September 1st at 11:59 pm**.
4. Once your club is approved, make sure you can attend the Club Rush set up which is on **September 11th** in the Gym from **4-6 pm**.
5. Present your club at Club Rush on **September 12th** during lunch.

Science



Check out our Biology classes reviewing cellular respiration and chemistry by making pizza and tie dying!



Communications

Film Association

Film Association merch is now on sale! You can purchase on School Cash Online (preferred) or bring cash/check to Ms. Hernandez in room 1-209. T-shirts are \$20 and Crewneck and Hoodie Sweatshirts are \$30.



Film Association is hosting its first contest of the year on Friday 8/18! Make sure to join the Google Classroom (ednpp2g) and listen to the announcements Friday morning for contest info. All grades and majors are invited to enter!

CAPA

Hello Dreyfoos Family!

The Communication Arts Parent Association (CAPA) is excited to launch our Annual Goody Bag Care Package Plan. Three times during the school year (Welcome, Fall and Valentine's Day), CAPA will deliver goody bags filled with tasty treats to your students... you can order for classmates and teachers, too! Students are always thrilled to receive their goody bags! It's such a fun way to show your love and encouragement. These goody bags are available for purchase for ALL Dreyfoos students.

Orders can be purchased via check or online as follows:

VIA CHECK: Make checks payable to Dreyfoos School of the Arts. Please write "COMMUNICATION ARTS - CARE PACKAGES" on the MEMO line of your check. You can mail your check along with this order form to Dreyfoos School of the Arts, Attn: Angela Anyzeski, 501 S. Sapodilla Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

ONLINE: To pay using School Cash Online (<https://palmbeach.schoolcashionline.com>), please complete this form and print it out along with a copy of your online payment receipt and mail it to Dreyfoos School of the Arts, Attn: Angela Anyzeski at the address listed above.

Please see the following pages for the order forms and gift tags.



Dreyfoos School of the Arts Care Package Order Form

Offered by Communication Arts
& The Communication Arts Parent Association

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DEADLINE TO ORDER:

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
Welcome
(or to order all 3 at a discount)

NOVEMBER 3, 2023
Fall

FEBRUARY 2, 2024
Valentine’s Day

We are so thankful for your participation and support! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at dsoacomarts@gmail.com.

Parent’s Name: _____
Parent’s Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
Student’s Name: _____ Grade: _____
1st Period Teacher* _____ Building #: _____ Room #: _____
2nd Period Teacher* _____ Building #: _____ Room #: _____

Circle your selection(s)

Welcome Package	\$23
Fall Package	\$23
Valentine’s Package	\$23
SAVE! ALL 3 PACKAGES	\$60

* If you do not know your student’s schedule, just leave blank. CAPA will look this information up before delivering the goody bag.

Check here if you’d like allergy-friendly options Please specify student’s allergy: _____

DON’T FORGET THE GIFT TAGS!

Attached are themed gift tags you can print, cut out, and write a special message on the back for us to include when we deliver your student’s goody bag! Just return them along with your payment (if paying via check) or with your receipt (if paying online).



Students Name:

Grade: _____

Parent's Name & Cell Phone: _____

1st Period Teacher* _____ Building #: _____ Room #: _____

2nd Period Teacher* _____ Building #: _____ Room #: _____



Students Name:

Grade: _____

Parent's Name & Cell Phone: _____

1st Period Teacher* _____ Building #: _____ Room #: _____

2nd Period Teacher* _____ Building #: _____ Room #: _____



Students Name:

Grade: _____

Parent's Name & Cell Phone: _____

1st Period Teacher* _____ Building #: _____ Room #: _____

2nd Period Teacher* _____ Building #: _____ Room #: _____

Theatre

The Theatre Department was ecstatic to welcome all of our new students to Dreyfoos at the annual New Student Invasion! Students were welcomed by our Thespian Officers, toured the campus, played games with the Theatre faculty, and got a glimpse into all the Dreyfoos Theatre Magic!

We are so excited to share our upcoming season of shows starting with Mamma Mia! (October/November), Twelfth Night (February), followed by PUFFS (April)!

We are thrilled to welcome our new Musical Theatre Dance teacher, Sandra Christie to Dreyfoos! Ms. Christie brings over 13+ years of teaching students how to dance as well as her impressive career as a dancer herself with Dallas Black Dance Theatre II & the Miami Heat! Students are already commenting on how much they love our new faculty member!



Photo Credit: Jackson Gentry, c/o '24

Upcoming in the Theatre Department:

*Senior/New Student Buddy Welcome Event, Friday, August 18 from 4:00 - 6:00, followed by Theatre Family Night for ALL Theatre students and their families!

*The annual ITS (International Thespian Society) Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 26 from 2:00 - 5:00 at John Prince Park.

*Mamma Mia! auditions begin on Monday, August 21 in the Brandt Black Box.

PTSO

Join Us For
Coffee Happy Hour!

PTSO General Meeting
-Volunteer Orientation
Tuesday, Sept. 12th
9:00 am

School Cafeteria

All Welcome!

Come have coffee,
breakfast, & meet
other parents and
the members of the

2023-24 PTSO.

www.dreyfoosptso.org



5 Myths About Joining the PTSO

1. Only moms and teachers need to join the PTSO. FALSE!
A strong PTSO needs the support of parents, family members, teachers, school staff and the community. Anyone who cares about children belongs in the PTSO.

2. Joining the PTSO means I have to volunteer. FALSE!
The PTSO appreciates everyone's membership, whether or not a member volunteers, you will not be sucked into a black-hole of volunteering.

3. I don't have time to join the PTSO. FALSE!
Can't volunteer time? Then please consider becoming a PTSO member and give your financial support. Your membership fee will go towards events and activities the PTSO does during the school year. There are other ways you can be involved.

4. My child's life will be the same whether or not I join the PTSO. FALSE!
Not only does membership put you in direct communication with other parents and teachers, it shows your child that you are interested and invested in their educational experience.

5. I have an idea but the PTSO isn't interested in what I have to say. FALSE!
We look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions. Maybe you have the start of the next big thing!

The DSOA PTSO supports the students and staff by hosting the New Family Welcome Dinner, multiple teacher support events throughout the school year, College Fair, Project Grad, Teacher Grants for classroom supplies and materials, and so much more.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers to get involved in any capacity. Please visit our webpage at www.DreyfoosPTSO.org or click on the QR Code to visit our membership page or to find information on upcoming meeting dates.



Project Grad

ATTENTION



PROJECT GRADUATION 24 NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Senior families and all Dreyfoos community
is invited to help fund
PROJECT GRADUATION 2024.

Please check out our website for
volunteering, donation opportunities,
and to learn more.



<https://bit.ly/3DQpUzt>

Important DSOA Information

District Bullying Hotline: 561-434-8200

You are able to report anonymously or give your name.

- If you or someone you know is a target of bullying, abuse, mistreatment, harassment, threat, or intimidation, let us know the name of your school and as many specifics of the situation as possible. Reporting is not tattling when the intention is to alert the teacher and/or administration of any harmful acts of mistreatment toward your child or others.

[Bullying Report](#) OR Call Bullying Hotline: (561) 434-8200

[DCF Report Abuse Hotline](#) - 1-800-962-2873

[Report Abuse Online](#)

[Abuse Hotline Resources and Useful Links](#)

If you have a Title IX concern, please reach out to Jennifer Napuli (Title IX Lead Contact) at jennifer.napuli@palmbeachschools.org or by calling 802-6203

CARING FIRST



Bullying is an unacceptable behavior that adults and students have a responsibility to stop. If you or someone you know is a target of bullying, abuse, mistreatment, harassment, threat, or intimidation, let us know the name of your school and as many specifics of the situation as possible. Reporting is not tattling when the intention is to alert the teacher and/or administration of any harmful acts of mistreatment toward your child or others.

What you should do if your child is bullied:

- Focus on your child. Listen, be supportive, and gather information and the facts related to the incident.
- Stay calm and report the incident to your child's teacher, school counselor, assistant principal, and/or principal. Document all incidents of mistreatment, abuse, cruelty, and/or disrespectful acts towards your child.
- Complete and/or encourage your child to file the Student Bullying and Harassment Report found in the main office of your school and place it in the Drop Box or complete the online [Bullying and Harassment Form](#). Reporting is not tattling when the intention is to alert the teacher and/or administration of any harmful acts of mistreatment toward your child or others.
- Call Safe Schools' centralized Bullying Anonymous Hotline Telephone to report concerns of bullying (561) 434-8200.
- Request that you be informed or schedule a follow-up conference to discuss findings and determine actions to monitor and support all students involved, as well as to deter continued and/or escalation of incidents.
- Seek resources to assist you in strengthening your child's resiliency toward harm.

FortifyFL

SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING.
DO SOMETHING.



FORTIFYFL

- INSTANTLY ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & THREATS
- INCLUDE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS EASILY
- REMAIN ANONYMOUS

Download the app today!



In collaboration with the state of Florida, the School District of Palm Beach County is rolling out one more way to keep your children safe at school.

Students, parents, community members, and school District staff are encouraged to download the FortifyFL app. FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Making a threat on social media is a crime and is considered a second-degree felony in Florida. Threats made toward schools, regardless of the severity of the threat, will be taken seriously by authorities. The app is quick and easy to navigate. Users can provide a description of the threat, as well as share pictures and videos all while remaining anonymous. Tips are reported to school administrators, school police, local law enforcement, and state investigators.

Visit the [FortifyFL website](#) for more information.

See Something, Say Something, Do Something

Closed Campus

The School of the Arts is a closed campus, in order to satisfy State and School Board requirements (FS 230.22,22; FS 230.12,6,c.) for supervision of students.

1. All students, regardless of age, are not permitted to leave the campus during the school day without written permission from parent/guardian and administration.
2. Early Release: In order to ensure student safety, students may only be released from school early into the care of an authorized emergency contact on the student's SIS screen. If the student is authorized to park on campus and has a notarized parking permit for students form on file, they may be released to drive off-campus for early release. Students may NOT ride with another student for early dismissal, regardless of the students' respective ages. Students may not take an early Tri-rail train home and may not walk off-campus for early dismissal.
3. During lunch, students must remain in the assigned eating area. All other portions of the campus are off-limits. Food deliveries are not permitted. Leaving campus for lunch is not permitted unless it is part of an approved DSOA activity. In the case of an approved off-campus lunch activity, a notarized parent/guardian approval form must be on file with the school.
4. Students are not permitted to bring or invite friends onto the campus during school hours for any reason.
5. All campus perimeter gates are closed at 8:30 am for safety purposes. The single point of entry during the school day is the entrance off Fern St.
6. Those students who have a free period at the end of the day and need to return to campus after school for a rehearsal, audition, athletic competition or other school activity, may not return to campus until 4PM in order to avoid congestion in the parking lot during dismissal.

Parent/Teacher Communication and Conferences

The following protocol is required when communication is necessary between home and school. The steps are as follows:

The parent and/or teacher will establish the first line of communication between the teacher and home. Parents should email the teacher, as this is the most efficient type of communication.

Teachers emails are always in the following format:
firstname.lastname@palmbeachschools.org

If necessary, the parent/guardian and/or teacher will contact the school counselor for assistance via email.

If necessary, or in extenuating circumstances, the parent or student will contact the assistant principal.

If necessary, the school counselor or assistant principal will schedule a parent-teacher conference in which the assigned assistant principal and/or school counselor will attend.



Locker Sales

1. All lockers will be assigned on a rental basis. Students will be allowed to select the locker of their choice. The rental fee for each locker, for the entire school year, is \$20. Lockers may be rented in the Magnet Office. Please bring the building # and locker # with you for purchase.
2. No personally owned locks may be secured to any locker. Students who place personal locks on lockers will be in violation of school policy and subject to disciplinary action. In addition, a personal lock may be cut off, as the identity of its owner may be unknown.
3. Students are advised not to divulge the combination of their locks to any other student. Locker sharing is NOT PERMITTED. The student on record for renting the locker is subject to disciplinary action if anything that violates the SDPBC Code of Conduct is found in the locker.
4. Writing on or marking any locker is considered defacing of school property and is subject to disciplinary action.
5. School-provided locks will already be on each locker. When students go to the Magnet Office in building 2 to purchase a locker, the locker will be recorded for that particular student's use for that school year only. Students will be provided the combination to the lock on the locker of their choosing at the time of purchase.
6. Student lockers must be emptied of all personal belongings on or before the last day of student attendance.

THE SCHOOL DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF LOCKERS. The school reserves the right to enter any student locker without warning or consent from the student if the administration feels that it has reasonable cause to do so, pursuant to State of Florida law (FSS 2321.250).

Exam Information

For the 2023-2024 school year, semester exams will take place on December 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd. Final exams will take place on May 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th. Exams cannot be given early. Please do not plan vacations on these dates as student absences impact success.

Senior Yearbook Photos

Make sure your senior takes (or retakes) his or her formal senior pictures for the yearbook this summer! The HJ Photo Studio on Dixie Highway in Lake Worth is open for our students. If a student doesn't like their photo taken on campus in May, there is no charge to retake the photo. Additional photo packages are also available. This will be the picture of the student for the yearbook so be sure to make your appointment soon at HJPalmBeach.com. Spots will fill up so please book now! All seniors must have their photos taken before September 30.

Yearbooks and senior ads are now on sale at yearbookforever.com.



CLASS OF 2024
MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY
BEFORE SLOTS RUN OUT
SCAN BELOW OR VISIT US AT hjpalmbeach.com

HJPalmBeach
PHOTO

Discipline

When students accepted their seat to DSOA, they signed a contract promising to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater and a semester arts HPA of 3.0 or greater. In addition, students agreed to attend classes regularly and promptly, and adhere to the code of student conduct. Failure to adhere to any of these responsibilities may result in a student being placed on probation. If the terms of the contract are still not met in a subsequent semester, the student may be recommended for exit from DSOA at the end of that semester. Students who are found to commit a level 3 or 4 incident, as indicated by the SDPBC Student Code of Conduct, will immediately be considered for a possible dismissal from DSOA, regardless of the time in the school calendar that the infraction occurs. Students who are exited from DSOA must return to their home school or an alternative school, as appropriate. Please reference the full SDPBC Student Code of Conduct available on the school district website for a listing of level 1 through 4 discipline that could impact a student's enrollment here at DSOA.

Student Devices

All students will be required to check out a SDPBC Chromebook or school-issued CTE laptop (CTE laptops are only issued to students enrolled in specific courses). If students bring their own personal device, the school and district are not responsible for any damages or loss that may occur. If students choose to bring their own device, they must also bring the school-issued device. The school device is required for all classroom-based assessments, state testing, etc. If the school-issued device is lost or damaged, the student will be financially assessed appropriately and placed on an obligation list for the appropriate fee until the fee is paid. All obligations must be financially cleared prior to graduation.

Student Lunch

School breakfast and lunches are free to all students. However, students may purchase à la carte items. Parents may utilize School Cash Online ([schoolcashonline.com](https://www.schoolcashonline.com)) to add money to lunch accounts. The cafeteria will not “credit” lunches, meaning students cannot have a negative balance in their lunch accounts. Checks should be made out to Dreyfoos School of the Arts. The cafeteria cannot accept any bill larger than a \$50 bill. Breakfast is free to all students. Although lunch is free, students are encouraged to apply for free or reduced lunch. If you would like to apply, go to the School District Food Service website, <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>, to apply for free or reduced lunch benefits.

Lunch at Dreyfoos is from 11:19-12:06 every day.



Student Attendance

Absence Limits:

Six (6) or more absences in a block class (1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th period) each semester will require a student to demonstrate mastery on an exam to receive credit for that class. Eleven (11) or more absences in a non-block class (third period) each semester will require a student to demonstrate mastery on an exam to receive credit for that class.

Discrepancies in Attendance:

The School District of Palm Beach County has an automated attendance calling system that will call parents/guardians when the student has been marked absent from one or more periods each day. Please note that the system cannot distinguish between an unexcused or excused absence; only that the student has been marked absent. If a parent/guardian is aware of the student's absence, they do not have to call the number the recording has provided. That number is for parents/guardians who were not aware that their student had been marked absent. Should a student or parent/guardian have a question regarding an absence, the student needs to do the following:

1. If there is a discrepancy in attendance, email the teacher directly.
2. Ask the teacher to email Michelle Rodriguez to correct the error in attendance.
3. Parent/guardian needs to email dsoastudentservices@palmbeachschools.org to designate the absence as excused.

How to Document Absences & Access Assignments:

1. A parent/guardian must contact the DSOA student services office at dsoastudentservices@palmbeachschools.org. If the parent desires, they may also email the student's teachers. If the absence is going to be long-term due to illness, please email the counselor.
2. The parent/guardian or the student should notify their teachers of the absence via email and access any assignments needed off Google Classroom. If hard copies are required, the teacher should be provided 2 business days to submit the needed documents to student services for pick up.
3. If needed, the school counselor will collaborate with the family and needed staff to provide the necessary support for the duration of the absences.



Dress Code Information

To create the best learning environment for District students, the District-Wide Dress Code must be observed in all District schools. This Code provides a minimal district-wide dress code, which should apply even if a school implements a School Specific (Standard) School Dress Code or Higher Standard (Uniform) Dress Code as provided in this policy. Specifically, the following attire is unacceptable in District schools:

- i. Attire with language or images that are crude, vulgar, profane, lewd/obscene, sexually explicit, or sexually suggestive.
- ii. Attire with symbols, mottoes, words or acronyms that promote illegal or violent conduct, such as gang symbols, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats.
- iii. Attire associated with discrimination on the basis of age, color, handicap, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, race, religion, or sex.
- iv. Clothing traditionally designed as undergarments, such as boxer shorts or sleepwear, may not be worn as outer garments.
- v. Clothing that is sexually suggestive or revealing (examples include, but are not limited to, clothing which exposes the midriff, exposes one's undergarments, has plunging necklines, muscle tops, backless clothing, and are constructed of see-through materials).
- vi. Attire that may be used as a weapon, including but not limited to, steel toed shoes; large, long, or heavy waist or other chains; studded or chained accessories; items with spikes; and other items deemed inappropriate by an individual school site.
- vii. Articles of clothing that cause excessive maintenance problems for school property, such as, shoe cleats that scratch floors or tear rugs, trousers with metal rivets that scratch furniture, etc.
- viii. Clothing which, because of fit, design, color, texture, inadequate coverage, or some other factor, creates classroom or school disorder or distracts the attention of another student or students in any class in session from the lesson being presented or from any other assigned school activity, or which creates a safety or health hazard for any student in the school.
- ix. Jewelry worn in a manner that presents a safety health hazard or causes a major disruption to the educational process. Examples may be chains hanging from the belt pocket or attached to the wallet.
- x. Footwear which does not provide adequate protection or hygienic measures.
- xi. A student who fails to maintain personal cleanliness, grooming, or neatness of dress to the extent that presence in the classroom creates classroom or school disorder or distracts the attention of others from assigned classroom activity will be required to maintain a level of personal cleanliness, grooming, or neatness of dress that eliminates the disorder or the distraction of other students in the classroom.



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RAY OF LIGHT: We give students with financial challenges hope and encouragement through the funding of needs and opportunities that would otherwise not be obtainable, such as art supplies, ballet slippers, music instruments, assistance for off-site learning opportunities, art and music lessons, and scholarships for summer study or college.

ADJUNCT ARTISTS: We make up for state and local budget cuts that drastically impact the school by funding artists in residence, guest artists, and resident consultants to continue offering a world-class advanced art curriculum in concert with a rigorous college preparatory program.

SCHOLARSHIPS: We make higher education an opportunity for students as paying for higher education is often a family's greatest challenge.

BOOKING A TRIP? Book through <https://dreyfoos.hotelplanner.com/> and save money while helping raise money for DSOA!

Join our mailing list to keep up with all the Foundation's latest news by clicking here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/O8P9RzB/Join>



DSOA Athletics



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Athletic Director
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Assistant Athletic Director
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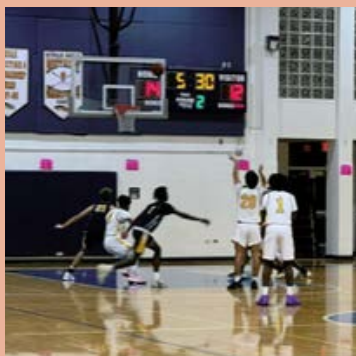
The fall season is right around the corner as a couple of our programs start as early as August 7th, which is the beginning of pre-school week for teachers. All of our athletic programs are listed below with the coach's name, email address, and estimated start date. We have added a few new members to our staff and are very excited about the upcoming seasons.

The School District of Palm Beach County has renewed the contract with Aktivite for the upcoming school year. It is recommended that all athletes register with an account through Aktivite for submission of their athletic eligibility packet. For returning athletes, you will just need to sign in with your previous credentials to restart a new packet for this school year.

-- Requirements for Participation --

- 1) Completed Athletic Eligibility Packet submitted through Aktivite.com
- 2) Athletic Insurance fee paid via "school cash online" on the district website.
\$75 total (\$10 for tryouts and then \$65 if you make the team)
Make sure to attach your receipt of payment with Form # 2608 on Aktivite.
- 3) Athletic Safety Courses (found at NFHSlearn.com)
 - Create an account (unless you already have one from a previous year)
 - Complete the 3 courses listed below and upload the certificates of completion on your Aktivite account.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest
Heat Illness Prevention
Concussion in Sports



FALL

Bowling – AUG 16 – Stephen Anand
stephen.anand@palmbeachschools.org

Cross Country – AUG 10 – Joshua Millstein
joshua.millstein@palmbeachschools.org

Golf (Boys) – AUG 16 – Matthew Vaughan
matthew.vaughan@palmbeachschools.org

Golf (Girls) – AUG 16 – Timothy Freeman
timothy.freeman@palmbeachschools.org

Swimming – AUG 14 – Nathan Hesse
nathan.hesse@palmbeachschools.org

Volleyball (Girls) – AUG 7 – Michael Esopakis
michael.esopakis@palmbeachschools.org

WINTER

Cheerleading – OCT 30 – Widnie Sainvil
widnie.sainvil@palmbeachschools.org

Basketball (Boys) – OCT 30 – Christopher Materdomini – chris.materdomini@gmail.com

Basketball (Girls) – OCT 30 – Joshua Millstein
joshua.millstein@palmbeachschools.org

Soccer (Boys) – OCT 16 – Thomas Ruth
thomas.ruth@palmbeachschools.org

Soccer (Girls) – OCT 16 – Luke Gardner
lukegardner1681@gmail.com

SPRING

Tennis – JAN 15 – Marina Ratchford
marina.ratchford@palmbeachschools.org

Track & Field – JAN 29 – Ross Vening
ross.vening@palmbeachschools.org

Volleyball (Boys) – FEB 12 – Ruby Hernandez
ruby.hernandez@palmbeachschools.org

Administrator over Athletics: [Ronald Lewis](#)

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Stay Connected With Us

DSOA Website:

<https://awdsoa.org/>

DSOA Official Twitter:

https://twitter.com/DSOA_Official

Principal Bennett's Twitter:

[https://twitter.com/blakebennettphc?
lang=en](https://twitter.com/blakebennettphc?lang=en)

DSOA Official Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/dsoa_official/

DSOA Official Facebook Page:

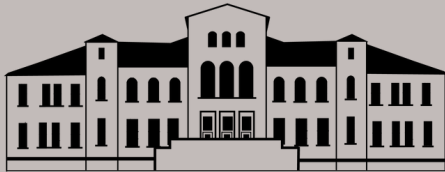
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DSOA School District Website:

<https://dsoa.palmbeachschools.org/DSOA>

School Counseling Website:

[https://sites.google.com/palmbeachschools
.org/dsoaschoolcounseling/home](https://sites.google.com/palmbeachschools.org/dsoaschoolcounseling/home)



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DSOA Visual and Digital

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dreyfoosvigitals/DSOA>

Piano Department:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dsoapiano/?hl=en>

Facebook: DSOAPianoDepartment

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DSOApianodepartment>

DSOA Vocal Department

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dsoavocal/>

Facebook: Dreyfoos Vocal

Parents Webstore: <https://www.dreyfoosvocal.com/>

DSOA Theatre Department

Website: www.dsoatheatre.com

Facebook: Dreyfoos Thespian Troupe 4990

Facebook Business Page: Dreyfoos School of the Arts Season Productions

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dsoatheatre/?hl=en>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUVIPouTfnYd8ce2c3pHHJA>

DSOA Band Department

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dsoaband/?hl=en>

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/DSOABand/?](https://www.facebook.com/DSOABand/?hc_ref=ARQaFmXqNOBpzWV8FIMvMsUoBztzzGr9AtoellhYN0HczRdcLYIWeZtsVFOMTDB4TUY&ref=nf_target&_tn_=kC-R)

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/dsoaband1?lang=en> Dreyfoos

Strings Department

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dreyfoosorchestra/>

DSOA Dance Department

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dreyfoosdance/?hl=en>

DSOA Communications Department

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Education-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Education-Website/AW-Dreyfoos-School-of-the-Arts-Communication-Arts-Department-228868568450532/)

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DEBATE TEAM:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dsoadebate/?hl=en>

Website: tinyurl.com/dsoadebate

FILM:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dsoafilm/?hl=en>

Website: <http://www.dsoafilm.com/>

MARQUEE YEARBOOK

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dsoamarquee/?hl=en>

Website: <https://dsoayearbook.com/>

MUSE NEWSMAGAZINE

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/themuseatdsoa/?hl=en>

Website: TheMuseatDreyfoos.com

YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxouwnrrkPIk5WZA24-QqAw>

SEEDS LIT MAG

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/seedsatdsoa/?hl=en>

Website: DSOASeeds.com

SLAM POETRY

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dsoaslam/>

TV PRODUCTION

YouTube: DSOA Today 1