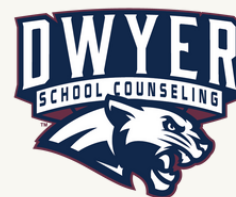


DWYER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING MONTHLY

MARCH 2025



THIS MONTH

- **Individual Student Course Selection Meetings:**
 - March 3rd - March 21st: Counselors will meet with all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students individually to review their elective choices and select academic courses.
 - Helpful Course Selection Links:
 - [Dwyer Curriculum Guide](#)
 - [Sample 4-Year Course Progressions](#)
 - [Course Selection 'How-To' Video](#)
- **School-Day SAT for Juniors:**
 - Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at Dwyer High School.
 - All Juniors are registered to test, and are to report directly to their testing location at 7:35am.
 - Juniors are encouraged to review the [SAT School Day Student Guide](#) prior to the March 5th test.
 - Juniors must bring the following to school to test:
 - Fully-charged school-issued laptop & charger.
 - Wear their Dwyer student ID.
 - Optional: Calculator - [Click here for the SAT Calculator Policy & Acceptable Calculators](#)
 - Optional: Light snack, water, and a jacket.
 - The whole school will be on a [modified bell schedule](#) with an extended 2nd period to accommodate the required testing time (non-testers in attendance will be in an alternative room for the full testing block).
- **College Fair at Dwyer High School:**
 - Wednesday, March 12th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm in the Dwyer Gym.
 - All north county high school students and their parents are invited to attend.
- **Summer Dual Enrollment Registration:**
 - **First-time DE students:** Click here to view the [Dual Enrollment Guide](#) for eligibility criteria and steps to complete.
 - **Returning DE students:** Email the completed Authorization Form to your school counselor for their review and signature.
 - Students **may now submit** Authorization Forms to their PBSC Workday.
 - Course registration for PBSC Summer Dual Enrollment opens **Monday, March 24th**.
 - The deadline to submit registration documents for PBSC Summer Dual Enrollment is **May 5th**.
 - Make an appointment with our PBSC On-site Advisor, Ms. Cindy: [Appointment Link with PBSC](#)
- **End of the 3rd Quarter & Spring Break:**
 - The end of the 3rd Quarter is Friday, March 21st.
 - Check SIS, and submit permitted make-up work and tests by your teachers' deadlines.
 - Spring Break is Monday, March 24th through Friday, March 28th, & March 31st is a Teacher Workday.
 - Students return to school Tuesday, April 1st, and it will be a "Day 1" schedule.

IMPORTANT DATES

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ACT Bootcamp Begins: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:15-4:45pm at Dwyer. Register here: [ACT Bootcamp](#)

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College Fair at Dwyer High School. 5:30 - 7pm in the Gym. All students and parents are welcome.

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End of the 3rd Quarter. Be sure to check SIS & submit any permitted work by your teachers' deadlines.

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Summer Dual Enrollment Course Registration Opens. Students register via their PBSC Workday account.

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Spring Break Begins: Monday, March 24th - Friday, March 28th.

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

MARCH
APRIL
MAY

Click here for the upcoming Dwyer State, AICE, AP, & IB testing calendar: [Dwyer Testing Calendar](#)

CLASS OF 2027 OPPORTUNITIES

- **'Leadership Grow' Palm Beach County:**
 - Current 10th grade students may apply to be Dwyer High School's nominee for *Leadership Grow* for next school year by completing the application (link below) and **submit by Friday, March 7, 2025**.
 - Applicants should be in good academic standing, hold leadership positions in school and/or community, and participate in community service.
 - Click here to apply: [Leadership Grow Application](#)
 - For more information about the Leadership Grow program visit <https://www.leadershippbcc.org/grow>.
- **Solomon Leadership Program:**
 - If you are interested in learning more about the *Solomon Leadership Program*, sign up now to attend their informational session on Thursday, March 20th by using this form: [Solomon Leadership Registration](#)
 - For more information about Solomon Leadership Program visit: <https://www.solomonprogram.org/>

SAT, ACT, & CLT DATES & INFO

Test Type	Test Date	Reg. Deadline
<u>SAT</u>	March 8	February 21
	May 3	April 18
	June 7	May 22
<u>ACT</u>	April 5	February 28
	June 14	May 9th
	July 12	June 6th
<u>CLT</u>	March 8	February 21
	May 3	April 18
	June 7	May 22

Important SAT, ACT, & CLT Information:

- These tests are used for:
 - College admission
 - Some scholarship eligibility
 - To meet the required State Reading / Math assessment concordant scores.
- **Juniors will take a free SAT during school on Wednesday, March 5th.** Prepare now!
 - All Juniors will report directly to their assigned testing room at 7:35am.
- These tests are optional (not a graduation requirement), therefore students must register and pay for them on their own.
 - **Test Fee Waivers** are available to students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch.
 - If you qualify, email the F/R Lunch confirmation you received to your school counselor before you register for the SAT or ACT to obtain a Test Fee Waiver.
 - Click here to apply for Free/Reduced Lunch benefits: [F/R Lunch Application](#)

• Concordant Scores for State Assessments:

Test Type	Reading	Math
SAT	480 (EBRW)	420 (M)
ACT	18 (E/R Avg)	16 (M)
CLT	36 (VR+GW)	11 (M)

• Bright Futures Qualifying Scores:

Test Type	'25 Grads	'26 Grads
	<i>FAS / FMS</i>	<i>FAS / FMS</i>
SAT	1340 / 1210	1330 / 1190
ACT	29 / 25	25 / 24
CLT	96 / 84	95 / 82

REMINDERS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- **Join your grad class Google Classroom:**
 - Class of 2025: gmwuaf0
 - Class of 2026: c73nmq4
 - Class of 2027: 4ggmqak
 - Class of 2028: 5rzed7z
- **Graduation Requirements:**
 - 2.0 GPA (unweighted, cumulative)
 - 24 Credits (specific required credits)
 - Pass State Reading & Math Assessments
 - 20 Hours of Community Service
- **Struggling in a class?**
 - Attend class regularly and on time.
 - Complete/Submit ALL assignments.
 - Attend tutoring sessions.
 - Schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference.
- **Absences and Course Credit:**
 - *In Block Classes:* If you have 5 or more absences (excused or unexcused) you **must pass the semester exam** to earn credit.
 - *In 5th Period Class:* If you have 10 or more absences (excused or unexcused) you **must pass the semester exam** to earn credit.
 - *In EOC Classes:* If you have 10 or more absences (excused or unexcused) for you **must pass the 4th quarter** to earn credit.
- **Student-Athletes:** Register for NCAA eligibility: [NCAA Eligibility Center Registration](#)
- **Meet with a PBSC advisor at Dwyer:** Receive guidance for Dual Enrollment, career paths application, etc: [Book Appointment Here](#)
- **How to submit Community Service Hours:**
 - In SIS, click on "Forms", and select 'High School Community Hours Student Submission'.
 - Complete the required student information boxes, upload log, e-sign the form, and click 'Submit Request'
 - **Community Service Opportunities:**
 - Join a Dwyer service club
 - [Volunteer Match](#)
 - [Palm Beach County](#)
 - [United Way of Palm Beach County](#)
 - [Town of Jupiter](#)
 - [Habitat for Humanity \(Greater WPB\)](#)

COLLEGE & CAREER INFORMATION

NORTH PALM BEACH COUNTY *College Fair 2025*

FREE ENTRY



 **DATE**
March 12, 2025

 **TIME**
5:30PM-7:00 PM

 **LOCATION**
William T. Dwyer High School
13601 N Military Trl, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

NORTH PALM BEACH COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR AT DWYER!

The annual North Palm Beach County College Fair will be hosted **Wednesday, March 12th from 5:30pm – 7:00pm at William T. Dwyer High School.**

Students of all grade levels from any school in northern Palm Beach County and their parents are invited to attend this free college exploration event.

Representatives from over 80 colleges and universities from across the United States have already confirmed their attendance.

Check out our College Fair Event Guide to help you plan and prepare: [Click Here](#)

CAREER PLANNING WITH XELLO

F.S. 1003.42(2)(o)(4), requires students in grades 9-12 to explore career pathways using the State's Career Planning Tool: *Xello*. To satisfy this requirement, 9th grade students will complete the Personalized Career and Academic Plan (PCAP) lesson through Xello which is broken into two parts:

- Part 1: 9th grade students will create a 'Future Plan'.
- Part 2: 9th grade students will develop their PCAP Portfolio by creating a 4-Year Course Plan.

Xello is an online program that helps students create their very own, unique roadmap for college, career, and future success. The School District of Palm Beach County parents and guardians may register for *Xello Family Portal* and have access to your child's future goals and plans. Xello parents and guardians the ability to:

- Explore career options with your child.
- Review and discuss their interests, strengths, and goals.
- Support their course planning and post-secondary decisions.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can visit the [Xello website](#) and create an account to link to their child's portal. If you have an email registered with SIS, you received an email from Xello with your user account name and password information to login to your family account. If you did not receive this email, please contact your child's school counselor.

Xello Family Account Setup Instructions: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Creole](#) | [Portuguese](#)

Xello Family Resources:

- [Navigating the Xello Family Portal](#)
- [Xello Parent Pamphlet](#)
- [Welcome To Xello Video](#)



SENIOR INFORMATION

Dwyer Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony.

Thursday, May 22, 2025
6:00pm
South FL Fairgrounds
Expo Center

IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES AND INFORMATION

- Click here for the **Senior Graduation Newsletter** (includes Senior Week dates, details, graduation ceremony eligibility, graduation ceremony dress code, spectator info, ticket info, and more).
- **Seniors last day of class:** Thursday, May 8th (Day 1) & Friday, May 9th (Day 2)
- **Senior Sign-Out:** Tuesday, May 13th in the Auditorium:
 - Last names A - Ma between 8am - 11am.
 - Last names Mc - Z between 12pm - 3pm.



COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

If You Have Already Applied to College:

- **Application Portals:** Each college will email you with a link and login to your application portal
 - Be sure to check your email, login to the college portals, check the status of your applications, and submit any missing documents ASAP.
- **Mid-Year Reports:** If your college applications require mid-year reports. Click here to request: [Transcript Request Form](#)
- **SSAR/SPARK:** If your college applications required you to complete the SSAR or SPARK, you will need to log in and update your first semester grades in your SSAR or SPARK portal from 'IP' (in progress) to the 1st semester grade you received.

If You HAVE NOT Applied to College and Plan to Attend:

- APPLY ASAP! Most college applications can be completed via the [Common App](#).
- Know your colleges' application deadlines!
- If you missed university deadlines, consider state colleges such as [Palm Beach State College](#)
- Click here to complete the [Counselor Recommendation Form](#).
- Click here to complete the [Transcript Request Form](#).
- [SSAR Dwyer Sheet Link](#)
- Click here to view our [College Planning 101 Presentation](#)
- View mid-range college admissions GPA & test scores here: [Florida SUS Matrix](#)

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES AND OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship:

- To qualify for Bright Futures, submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#).
- Deadline to apply and meet eligibility criteria is August 31st of your high school graduation year.
- We encourage all Seniors to apply ASAP.
- **All seniors must complete this application to proceed through Senior Sign-Out.**

Other Scholarships:

- Click here: [Dwyer Scholarship List](#)
- Click here: [Palm Beach County School District Scholarship List](#)

FAFSA - FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

The 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now open for Seniors.

FAFSA Resource Links:

- Application link: [Click here to apply](#)
- Videos to help families understand the FAFSA process: [FAFSA YouTube channel](#)
- What you need to know about: [Creating Your StudentAid.gov Account](#)
- Helpful tips for preparing to fill out and submit the FAFSA form: [FAFSA Pro Tips](#)
- Get an estimate of the 2025-2026 Student Aid Index (SAI) and Pell Grant eligibility: [Federal Student Aid Estimator](#)