



## WILLIAM T. DWYER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week of August 14, 2023

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Counselors will work through the Schedule Change Request Forms they received throughout this week.
- If you submitted the Schedule Change Request Form, be sure to check your class schedule in SIS regularly throughout this week 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 just SIX (6) School Counselors. \***

#### **CHROMEBOOK AND STUDENT ID DISTRIBUTION CONTINUES THIS WEEK:**

- Chromebook and student IDs are being distributed to students through their English classes.
- By the end of this week, all students will have had the opportunity to receive their Chromebook & student ID.

#### **AICE EXAM RETAKES:**

- If you would like to retake one or more AICE exams this Fall, click here: <https://forms.gle/StHBdzYLYQaEgWHv8> -
- Deadline to submit for a retake is August 25<sup>th</sup>, and the cost is \$100.
- As a reminder, students were emailed login credentials to check their scores on August 9th. Students should check their student email accounts if they are unsure how to view their AICE exam scores.
- If you have any questions regarding AICE exam retakes, please email [deanna.schneider@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:deanna.schneider@palmbeachschools.org)

### DWYER HIGH SCHOOL POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

#### **DWYER HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE\*:**

- No visible undergarments or exposed midriffs.
- 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 visibly wear their student ID attached to the class-colored lanyard (*coming soon*)

*\* The administration reserves the right to address dress code issues on a case by case basis.*

#### **SCHOOL ARRIVAL & STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP:**

- Student Drop-Off AND Pick-up 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.)
- School gates open for students to enter campus at 7:00am.
- Students must be inside their first class of the day by 7:35am.
- 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.

#### **CLASS 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.

## DWYER HIGH SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (CONTINUED):

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:DwyerStudentServices@palmbeachschools.org) at the beginning of the school day to be verified.
- For unplanned or emergency Early Dismissals, a parent must come to the Visitor Check-In Office at the time they want the student released, and sign the student out of school.

### **STUDENT PARKING:**

- The Student Parking Lot 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 may park in a numbered parking spot (spots are assigned by the parking decal number).
- **Students WITHOUT an official Dwyer Parking Permit decal must park in THE VERY BACK ROW (South side) of the Student Parking Lot).**
- **Beginning next Monday, August 21st, any car parked in the student lot without a 2023-2024 Dwyer Parking Decal 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 Decal, visit the [Dwyer Parking Permit Webpage](#).
- **Students may pick-up their Parking Decal during their lunch period at the table outside of room 5-107.**
- \***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 BAC ROW, 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.*

## ATHLETICS INFORMATION:

### **DWYER FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS:**

- Fall sports season is August – October/November (depending on post-season play)

FALL SPORT	TRYOUT INFORMATION	HEAD COACH CONTACT
Bowling	Week of August 21st. More info to come.	<a href="mailto:nathaniel.mcnealjr@palmbeachschools.org">nathaniel.mcnealjr@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Cross Country, Boys	Continues Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> (M-F), from 3 - 5pm, Dwyer Track	<a href="mailto:reun.bullard@palmbeachschools.org">reun.bullard@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Cross Country, Girls	Continues Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> (M-F), from 3 - 4:30pm, Dwyer Track	<a href="mailto:michelle.vernet@palmbeachschools.org">michelle.vernet@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Football	JV Tryouts: August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , & 17 <sup>th</sup> , 3pm-5pm, Champions Field	<a href="mailto:al.shipman@palmbeachschools.org">al.shipman@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Football Cheer	Tryouts concluded last week.	<a href="mailto:sharon.piper@palmbeachschools.org">sharon.piper@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Golf, Boys	Continues August 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30pm at Abacoa Country Club	<a href="mailto:adam.loss@palmbeachschools.org">adam.loss@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Golf, Girls	Continues August 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> , from 3:30-5:30pm, Mirasol CC	<a href="mailto:emily.ferris@palmbeachschools.org">emily.ferris@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Swim/Dive	Begins Monday, August 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> , 3-5:15pm, North Co. Aquatic	<a href="mailto:shelly.dresser@palmbeachschools.org">shelly.dresser@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Volleyball, Girls	Tryouts concluded last week.	<a href="mailto:wyatt.hamilton@palmbeachschools.org">wyatt.hamilton@palmbeachschools.org</a>

## ATHLETICS INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

### ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- To participate in a Dwyer High School sport, students must:
  - 1) Have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0
  - 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 documents (*submit online via Aktivate.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 submitted the required Athletic Eligibility documents on [www.Aktivate.com](http://www.Aktivate.com) , AND have a "Completed" status.

### 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.Aktivate.com](http://www.Aktivate.com) .
- student-athletes will need to electronically complete or digitally upload the following documents on Aktivate.
  - 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 Aktivate.com registration and uploaded the required documents, check your Aktivate.com account for a "Cleared" status. If "Not Cleared", correct/submit any missing/incomplete documents.
- **Click here for instructions on how to create an Aktivate account & register your student:** [Aktivate Instructions](#)



## SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPT. NEWS:

### ACT REGISTRATION INFO:

ACT, [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org),

Dwyer's CEEB Code: 101338

Test Date	Registration Deadline <i>\$66.00 no Writing*, \$91.00 with Writing*</i>	Late Registration Deadline <i>Additional \$36.00 Late Fee</i>
September 9, 2023	August 4, 2023	August 18, 2023
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
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

Test Date	Registration Deadline <i>Cost \$60.00</i>	Late Registration Deadline <i>Additional \$30.00 Late Fee</i>
August 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 26, 2023
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023
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

## SCHOOL REMINDERS:

### **STUDENTS: HOW TO ACCESS YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT PORTAL:**

- 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)
- **First-time 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 or any of your teachers to have it reset.*
- Once in the District Portal, students will click the specific tile(s) to access various school functions & resources.

### **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

### **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:
    - 12<sup>th</sup> grade: 15 hours
    - 11<sup>th</sup> grade: 10 hours
    - 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*
- **Students may pick-up their Parking Decal during their lunch period at the table outside of room 5-107.**
- More detailed information about Dwyer Student Parking can be found here: [Student Parking Information](#)



### **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](http://cady.com/schedule)



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