



# WILLIAM T. DWYER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week of December 4, 2023

## PANTHER P.R.I.D.E. SHOUTOUTS:

### **DWYER CHORUS STUDENT SELECTED TO THE ALL-STATE CHORUS!**

- Congratulations to Dwyer Senior and Chorus president **Lindsay Reese** for being selected to Florida Vocal Association's All-State Chorus!

### **DWYER JROTC STUDENT RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL AWARD!**

- Congratulations to Dwyer sophomore and JROTC cadet **Reed Joeckel** (pictured right) for receiving the Congressional Award for achievement in Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.



## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **WINTER EOC TESTING FOR SCHOLAR DESIGNATION:**

- Students who wish to retake or makeup one or more EOCs for the Scholar Designation are invited to sign up here: [EOC Registration for Scholar Designation](#)
- **The deadline to register is this Friday, December 8th.** More information about the Scholar Designation can be found here: <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/standarddiplomarequirements.pdf>

### **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:

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

- Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Herff Jones will be in the Cafeteria during Lunches for Cap & Gown sales for Seniors

### **DWYER CHORUS TO PERFORM AT EISSEY THEATER!**

- Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, DHS singers will Perform "Winter Wonderland" holiday show with the Palm Beach Gardens Concert Band at the Eissey Theater.
- Tickets may be purchased at the [PBSC Box Office](#) or through the PBG Concert Band website.

### **THIS WEEK'S ATHLETIC EVENTS:**

Day	Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Home/Away
Monday	12/04/2023				
Tuesday	12/05/2023	4:00 PM	Varsity Boys Soccer	Pine School	Away
		4:30/6:00/7:30 PM	F/JV/V Boys Basketball	Palm Beach Gardens	Away
		6:00 PM	JV/V Girls Soccer	Jupiter Christian	Home
		6:00/7:30 PM	JV/V Girls Basketball	Seminole Ridge	Home
Wednesday	12/06/2023	4:30 PM	V Girls Soccer	Atlantic	Away

Day	Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Home/Away
Thursday	12/07/2023	4:00 PM	JV/V Girls Weightlifting	Seminole Ridge	Away
		6:00/7:30 PM	JV/V Girls Basketball	Suncoast	Home
		7:30pm	Boys Varsity Soccer	Boca Raton	Away
Friday	12/08/2023	4:30/6:00/7:30 PM	F/JV/V Boys Basketball	Suncoast	Away
		5:00/6:30PM	JV/V Girls Basketball	Martin County	Away
		3:30 PM	Boys Wrestling	Various	Away (Boca HS)
Saturday	12/09/2023	9:30 AM	Boys Wrestling	Various	Away (Boca HS)
		2:00pm	Boys Varsity Soccer	Benjamin	Away

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **9TH & 10TH GRADE FAST ELA EXAM PM2:**

- 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 has been issued a school district laptop and they do not bring it to school on their assigned day for testing, they will be scheduled for a makeup assessment during the make-up window.
- Due to State testing time requirements, the entire school will be on a modified bell schedule Monday (12/11) and Tuesday (12/12). *Modified Bell Schedule will be posted in next week's newsletter.*

#### **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!

#### **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 10:30am in the Gym.
- The entire Dwyer Class of 2024 will take a large group picture. Wear your Senior class shirt, or a NAVY BLUE shirt.

#### **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
4 <sup>th</sup> period Class 9:42am – 11:10am	3rd period Exam 9:42am – 11:42am	5 <sup>th</sup> period Exam 9:42am – 11:42am	7 <sup>th</sup> period Exam 9:42am – 11:42am
P.R.I.D.E. Period, 5 <sup>th</sup> period Class, & Lunch Regular Schedule	Grab-and-Go Lunch Buses Depart by 12:00pm		
6 <sup>th</sup> period Class Regular Schedule			

## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED):

### 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:

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
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](#).



### ACT REGISTRATION INFO:

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

Test Date	Registration Deadline \$66.00 no Writing*, \$91.00 with Writing*	Late Registration Deadline Additional \$36.00 Late Fee
December 9, 2023	<del>November 3, 2023</del>	<del>November 17, 2023</del>
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 Cost \$60.00	Late Registration Deadline Additional \$30.00 Late Fee
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

### FRESHMEN FRI-YAY – TACKLING PROCRASTINATION:

- Procrastination is the act of delaying or putting off tasks until the last minute. It can cause you to miss out on achieving your goals in life.
- To avoid procrastination, tackle the tips in this link: [Tips to Tackle Procrastination](#)

## SENIOR NEWS:

### CAP & GOWN ORDER/SALES DATES:

- Herff Jones will be on campus the following dates for Cap & Gown sales for Seniors:
  - Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> during Lunch in the Cafeteria (students only)
  - 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)



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## SENIOR NEWS (CONTINUED):

### **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 Aktivite.com by the deadlines:

Spring Sport	Aktivite.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>
Spring Sport	Aktivite.com Clearance Deadline	Approx. Tryout Date	Coach Contact Info
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:rbdp5015@gmail.com">rbdp5015@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.Aktivite.com](http://www.Aktivite.com) . Click here for [Aktivite.com Instructions](#)
- Student-athletes will need to electronically complete or digitally upload the following documents on Aktivite:

- 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 Aktivite.com registration and uploaded the required documents, check your Aktivite.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**.

### **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.

## SCHOOL REMINDERS (CONTINUED):

### **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)

### **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.

### **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, however 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 at: [brigidann.wagner@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:brigidann.wagner@palmbeachschools.org) with any questions.

### **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: 6nzqpi6.

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