



# WILLIAM T. DWYER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week of January 29, 2024

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **SAVE THE DATE – DWYER’S 2024 GALA WILL BE HELD APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>!**

- Dwyer’s 2024 Gala event & fundraiser will be held Fri, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Balenises Country Club.
- Join us for apps, dinner, drinks, dancing, fun, and amazing auction items. “Back to the 80s” theme!
- Purchase you tickets to the event here: [Purchase Dwyer Gala Tickets](#)
- Click here to donate a service or auction item: [Auction Item/Service Donation Form](#)
- For sponsorship donations, click here for the [Dwyer Gala Sponsorship Letter](#)



### **PARENTS – PLEASE COMPLETE THE SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS QUESTIONNAIRE (SEQ):**

- The SEQ is an essential tool for parent to provide feedback for schools to develop and maintain a positive school culture and climate.
- Parents – click here to complete the SEQ by Friday, February 9th: [SEQ for Parents](#)

### **AICE RETAKE EXAMS – SIGN-UP BY FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>:**

- Interested in retaking an AICE exam this Spring?
- The retake cost per AICE exam is \$100, and the deadline to sign-up is **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- Click this link to sign up to retake one or more AICE exams here: <https://forms.gle/Shwt519vK2cFLM7cA>
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Schneider at: [deanna.schneider@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:deanna.schneider@palmbeachschools.org)

### **CAREER FAIR ON CAMPUS – BUSINESSES ARE WELCOME TO HAVE A TABLE!**

- We're thrilled to announce our inaugural William T. Dwyer Career Fair, designed to expose students to various professions, industries, and businesses during school on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- If you are interested in showcasing you career or business, have employee or internship positions available, and/or sharing insights and skills that led to your success, we would love to have you at this event!
- If you or someone you know is interested in having a table at this event, please fill out our Google Interest Form here: [Dwyer HS Career Fair Table Sign-Up](#)
- If you have any questions or require additional information, contact: [georgia.mounce@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:georgia.mounce@palmbeachschools.org)

## THIS WEEK’S EVENTS:

### **PROM TICKET SALES – FOR DWYER SENIORS\*:**

- Junior-Senior Prom will be held Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-11pm at the Marriott on RCA Blvd in PBG.
- This week’s ticket sales will be for Dwyer SENIORS ONLY at a cost of **\$100** (cash or check payable to Dwyer HS).
  - Monday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>: Dwyer Seniors Only, in the Cafeteria during both lunches.
  - Wednesday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: Dwyer Seniors Only, in the Cafeteria during both lunches.
  - Friday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dwyer Seniors Only, in the Cafeteria during both lunches.



\* You must be free of school obligations/fees, have a 2.0 GPA or above, and no level 3 or 4 discipline referrals.

### **SENIOR CAP & GOWN SALES NIGHT:**

- Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00pm – 7:00pm in the Atrium.



### **11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE “PATHWAY TO GRADUATION” PARENTS MEETING:**

- Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria.
- Parents will hear from School Counselors about the graduation requirements and available support resources.
- Pizza and refreshments will be served.

### **DWYER GALA PARENT PLANNING MEETING:**

- Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in room 2-101.
- Join our Parent Auxiliary members to help plan this year’s 2024 Dwyer Gala fundraising event.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS (CONTINUED):

### **2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION!**

- Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> during 6<sup>th</sup> period class in the Cafeteria.
- Students will receive an email invitation to attend, and 6<sup>th</sup> period teachers will have a list of the students to be released from class. Students must have their Dwyer ID to attend.



### **DWYER ATHLETIC EVENTS:**

Day	Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Home/Away
Monday	01/29/2024	6/7:30PM	JV/V Girls Basketball	Palm Beach Lakes	Home
		7:00pm	Girls Soccer (District Semifinal)	Seminole Ridge	Away
Tuesday	01/30/2024	6/7:30 PM	JV/V Boys Basketball	Lake Worth	Home
		7:00 PM	V Boys Soccer (District Semi-Final)	TBD	Home
Thursday	02/01/2024	6/7:30PM	JV/V Girls Basketball	Palm Beach Gardens	Home
Friday	02/02/2024	1:00 PM	Boys Wrestling	Various	Away @ Palm Beach Gardens
Saturday	02/03/2024	10:00 AM	Varsity Girls Weightlifting	Regional Tournament	Away @ Vero Beach HS
		9:30 AM	Boys Wrestling	Various	Away @ Palm Beach Gardens

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **SCHOOL-DAY SAT FOR JUNIORS (& SELECT SENIORS):**

- Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:35am.
- All Juniors will be automatically registered to take this test.
- Seniors who have not yet earned the Graduation Reading or Math testing requirement will be registered to test.

### **JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM – TICKET INFO!**

- Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 7:00pm – 11:00pm at the Marriott on RCA Blvd, PBG. *Masquerade theme!*
- **Students must have a minimum cumulative unweighted 2.0 GPA, be cleared of any school obligations/fees, and have no level 3 or 4 disciplinary action this school year to purchase a ticket and attend Prom.**
- Tickets will begin at \$100, & increase as we get closer to the event. Due to the venue capacity, tickets are limited.
- During lunch, the only method of payment will be cash or check. If you need an alternate method of payment, please email Mrs. Wagner at: [brigidann.wagner@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:brigidann.wagner@palmbeachschools.org)
  - Week 1 (Dwyer Seniors Only): 1/29, 1/31, 2/2, \$100
  - Week 2 (Dwyer Seniors & Juniors Only): 2/6, 2/7, 2/8, \$100
  - Week 3 (Dwyer Seniors & Juniors Only): 2/12, 2/14, 2/16, \$110
  - Week 4 (Dwyer Seniors, Juniors, & Guests): 2/20, 2/21, 2/23, \$120
  - Week 5 (Dwyer Seniors, Juniors, & Guests): 2/28, 2/29, 3/1, \$130
  - Week 6 (Dwyer Seniors, Juniors, & Guests): 3/4, 3/6, 3/8, \$140
  - Week 7 (Dwyer Seniors, Juniors, & Guests): 3/11, 3/13, 3/15, \$150
  - Week 8 (Dwyer Seniors, Juniors, & Guests): 3/26, 3/27, 3/28, \$160
  - Week 9 (Dwyer Seniors, Juniors, & Guests): 4/1, 4/3, 4/5, \$170



### **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

### **TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS:**

- A valid transcript request must include the completion of the online [Transcript Request Google Form](#) or the 'Transcript Request' paper form from the School Counseling office **AND** the receipt of payment through the School Cash Online system. *Simply making a payment on School Cash Online does not constitute a valid transcript request.*

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

- 1) For scholarship opportunities, please visit the School District's [Scholarship & Financial Aid page](#).
- 2) The **John C. Giba Student Leadership Awards Program** and **Palm Beach North Education Foundation Scholarships** aim to encourage, recognize, and award selected High School seniors who have demonstrated leadership potential through a combination of academic excellence, service, and extra-curricular activities.
  - A minimum of 7 recipients will be selected and receive award amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000.
  - The application and selection criteria can be found at the following link: [Scholarship Application/Criteria](#)
  - **Completed application materials must be submitted to [Kathleen@pbnchamber.com](mailto:Kathleen@pbnchamber.com) by 5pm Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.**



### **SENIORS - FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) IS NOW OPEN:**

- To receive the highest amount of financial aid, submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- You can apply directly here: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- If you are having issues with your application, you must contact FAFSA directly at 1-800-433-3243 or [studentaid@ed.gov](mailto:studentaid@ed.gov) via email. FAFSA contact help center- <https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>
- FAFSA Help links:
  - [6 Things You Need Before Filling Out the 2023-2024 FAFSA® Form](#)
  - [How to Fill Out the FAFSA](#)
  - [FAFSA Help](#)



### **SENIORS - FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN:**

- FL Bright Futures is a merit-based scholarship available to Florida students to use at Florida colleges/universities.
- Click here to view the [Bright Futures Eligibility Requirements](#)
- Seniors must submit a Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) in order to receive the Bright Futures Scholarship.
- Important info about College Entrance Exams (ACT/SAT/CLT) for Bright Futures Scholarship:
  - Students will be evaluated based on official test scores from the FLDOE repository. To ensure that your scores are sent to the repository & OSFA obtains test scores for Bright Futures, please do the following:
    1. Ensure demographics on your test registration and high school transcript match; and
    2. Request your official single-sitting test scores be sent to one of Florida's public colleges or state universities when registering for the ACT®, CLT®, or SAT®. Note: Students can request single-sitting ACT test scores be sent directly to Bright Futures using CEEB code 0095 while on the ACT website.
- Click here to apply for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship: [Florida Bright Futures Award Application](#)

### **RISING JUNIORS & SENIORS - PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT SCRIPPS:**

- The Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation & Technology in Jupiter offers a 9-week hands-on, paid summer internship for select Palm Bch & Martin Co students working with world-class scientists.
- The program runs from June 3rd to August 2nd. **The application deadline is March 17, 2024.**
- Please click the flyer for additional information: [FLYER](#)

**SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPT. NEWS (CONTINUED):**

**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>
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>
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:**

**CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY DATE & TIME:**

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



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

- Commemorate your student with a Senior Ad in the Yearbook! Space is limited – get yours today!
- Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter school code **17481** to see pricing & options. **Deadline: 2/18/24.**

**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	was January 15th	was week of Jan. 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	was January 22nd	January 29th	<a href="mailto:heather.radcliff@palmbeachschools.org">heather.radcliff@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Lacrosse (Boys)	was January 15th	was week of Jan. 22nd	<a href="mailto:marcuslantier@gmail.com">marcuslantier@gmail.com</a>
Lacrosse (Girls)	was January 15th	was week of Jan. 22nd	<a href="mailto:thomas.amenita@palmbeachschools.org">thomas.amenita@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Softball	was January 15th	was week of Jan. 22nd	<a href="mailto:rbpd5015@gmail.com">rbpd5015@gmail.com</a>
Tennis (Boys)	was January 8th	was week of Jan. 22nd	<a href="mailto:dane.ireson@palmbeachschools.org">dane.ireson@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Tennis (Girls)	was January 8th	was week of Jan. 22nd	<a href="mailto:peter.thorne@palmbeachschools.org">peter.thorne@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Track & Field (Boys)	was January 22nd	January 29th	<a href="mailto:reun.bullard@palmbeachschools.org">reun.bullard@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Track & Field (Girls)	was January 22nd	January 29th	<a href="mailto:michelle.vernet@palmbeachschools.org">michelle.vernet@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Volleyball (Boys)	February 5th	February 12 <sup>th</sup> Info meeting Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="mailto:brent.tedder@palmbeachschools.org">brent.tedder@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Water Polo (Girls)	was January 8th	Info meeting Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="mailto:shelly.dresser@palmbeachschools.org">shelly.dresser@palmbeachschools.org</a>
Weightlifting (Boys)	was December 22nd	was week of Jan. 8th	<a href="mailto:alex.malsbury@palmbeachschools.org">alex.malsbury@palmbeachschools.org</a>

## ATHLETICS INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

### 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.Aktivate.com](http://www.Aktivate.com) . Click here for [Aktivate.com Instructions](#)
- 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 (**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 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.



## 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 “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: *Very few parking spots remain!*

- 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 \$40 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

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