



# WILLIAM T. DWYER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week of May 6, 2024

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **2024 STATE ASSESSMENTS & ACCELERATED EXAM CALENDARS AND MODIFIED SCHEDULES:**

- Now through the end of the school year, we will have multiple State and Accelerated exams happening each day:
  - Click here to view the [State & Accelerated Exam Calendar](#)
- Some of the assessments will require us to modify our class & bell schedule:
  - Click here to view the [Modified Class & Bell Schedule Calendar](#)
- Important Notes:
  1. 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.
  2. Performance on State Exams (FAST & EOCs) may impact Graduation status, course placement, and course final grades.

### **CLASS OF 2025 – SENIOR PORTRAIT INFORMATION:**

- Attention current Juniors, parents/guardians: It is time to start scheduling your senior portraits!
- You must have your portrait taken by CADY to be in the yearbook.
- To schedule an appointment go to: [cady.com/schedule](http://cady.com/schedule)

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS DWYER CHORUS!**

- Congratulations to our DHS Singers for earning GOLD 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the WorldStrides Festival of Gold in Nashville!

### **DWYER STUDENTS COMPETE AT NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES ACADEMIC GAMES TOURNAMENT!**

- Congratulations to our students who competed at the National Academic Games in Social Studies held in Atlanta:
  - [Mirabelle Kakushadze](#): 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Propaganda
  - [Evan McLean](#): 1<sup>st</sup> place, Current Events; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Theme; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Presidents
  - [Aditya Narayanan](#): 1<sup>st</sup> place Current Events; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Propaganda; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Presidents; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Theme

### **THANK YOU TO OUR SENIOR CLASS DONORS!**

- Thank you to the following business and parent for donating to our Senior Breakfast prizes:
  - For the Love of Sugar
  - Anonymous Senior Parent – Dorm Basket
- Parents & Businesses: check out the “Senior News” section of this newsletter for ways you can donate and volunteer to make our Senior Week a fantastic one for the Dwyer Class of 2024!



## THIS WEEK’S EVENTS:

### **MODIFIED BELL & CLASS SCHEDULES THIS WEEK:**

- We will be on a modified Bell & Class Schedule this Wednesday and Thursday to accommodate State Assessments

6	7	8	9	10
Regular Day 1 Schedule	Regular Day 2 Schedule	<b>FAST ELA PM3 10th Grade</b> 1st Period Testing-Block 7:35am - 10:35am  3rd Period 10:41am - 11:53am  Lunch A 11:53am - 12:28pm 5th Period 11:59am - 12:46pm (Buildings 1, 2, 3, & 5)  5th Period 12:34pm - 1:21pm Lunch B 12:46pm - 1:21pm (Buildings 4/Gym, 6, & 8)  7th Period 1:27pm - 2:40pm	<b>FAST ELA PM3 9th Grade</b> 2nd Period Testing-Block 7:35am - 10:35am  6th Period 10:41am - 11:18am  Lunch A 11:18am - 11:53am 5th Period 11:24am - 12:11pm (Buildings 1, 2, 3, & 5)  5th Period 11:59am - 12:46pm Lunch B 12:11pm - 12:46pm (Buildings 4/Gym, 6, & 8)	Regular Day 1 Schedule

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS (CONTINUED):

### **DWYER COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS CONTINUE THIS WEEK:**

- Every Thursday in May (May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>) from 5:00pm – 8:00pm in the Band room.
- Current Dwyer 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, and incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to audition.
- Wear athletic clothing and bring your own water bottle. Contact [Reagan.milillo@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Reagan.milillo@palmbeachschools.org)



### **DWYER CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS:**

- Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 6pm (current Dwyer students) & 4pm – 7pm (incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students).
- Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> will be clinic days where students will learn the tryout material.
- Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Tryout Date: 3:30pm (current Dwyer students) & 4:30pm (incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Wear a White T-Shirt, Navy Blue shorts, and athletic sneakers for clinic dates (May 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>).
- Must have a fully Cleared/Completed [Aktivate.com](https://www.aktivateme.com) status to participate.

### **FINANCIAL AID & FAFSA WORKSHOP AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE:**

- Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the School District's main building Cafeteria (3300 Forest Hill Blvd).
- in-person Financial Aid and FAFSA workshop hosted by the School District in collaboration with PBSC TRiO.
- **Register here:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FuH2TsMeSvng8gmDsHJbHE6c91z7NNlanckl11Xo1g/prefill>
- Students and families can also receive 2024-2025 FAFSA assistance from PBSC by clicking the following link: [FAFSA Workshop - Palm Beach State College \(campuslabs.com\)](https://campuslabs.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **EARLY RELEASE DAY FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY – MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>:**

- Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony at the South FL Fairgrounds.
- To accommodate the number of staff members involved in the ceremony, we will be on an Early Release Schedule with school dismissed at Noon (the detailed schedule will be published in the next newsletter).

### **2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER/FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE:**

- Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Exams may not be taken early. If a student misses an exam, they must make it up at a later date.
- Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> is a full school day - dismissal at 2:40pm.
- There will be **NO SCHOOL or Exams Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- We will be on an early release schedule Tues, May 28<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Students **may not** have Early Dismissal during Exam blocks until the scheduled dismissal time of that class.

Friday, May 24th	Monday, May 27th	Tuesday, May 28th	Wednesday, May 29th	Thursday, May 30th
1st period Exam 7:35am – 9:35am	<b>No School Memorial Day</b>	2nd period Exam 7:35am – 9:35am	3rd 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
3rd period Class 9:42am – 11:10am		4th period Exam 9:42am – 11:42am	5th period Exam 9:42am – 11:42am	7th period Exam 9:42am – 11:42am
P.R.I.D.E. Period, 5 <sup>th</sup> period Class, & Lunch Regular Schedule		Grab & Go Lunch Buses Depart at 11:50am		
7th period Class Regular Schedule				

## SENIOR NEWS:

### **CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION NEWSLETTER:**

- Information includes: Important senior dates, Grad requirements, Grad ticket info, Grad dress code, etc.
- Click here to view: [Class Of 2024 Graduation Newsletter](#)



### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SENIOR FIELD DAY:**

- Our Senior Class is in need of Parent Volunteers and Donations for the Field Day on Friday May 17th.
- Please click the links below to volunteer your time (select between set-up, manning games, or clean-up) or to donate specific items for the event (water, tarps, snacks, yard games, etc.):
  - Click here to volunteer: [Senior Field Day Volunteer Sign-Up](#)
  - Click here to donate items: [Senior Field Day Donation Sign-Up](#)



### **PARENTS & BUSINESSES: DONATE A PRIZE FOR THE SENIOR BREAKFAST!**

- During the Senior Breakfast, prize drawings will be held for the Seniors in attendance.
- To hand out as many prizes as possible, we are asking for donations of items to help set up our Seniors for their next chapter in life (college, career, etc.).
- Donation ideas: Gift Cards (restaurants, gas, grocery stores, etc.), Dorm essentials (fans, mini fridges, laundry baskets filled w/ linens or other items), or anything else you think our Seniors would like.
- Businesses & Donors will receive a Thank You Letter, a 'shout out' in our upcoming Dwyer newsletters & social media sites, and be featured on a banner at the Senior Week activities.
- Donation drop off location, date(s), and time(s) will be announced soon.

### **SENIORS WHO ATTENDED TIMBER TRACE ELEMENTARY – GRADUATION WALK:**

- Monday, May 20th at 8:15am, Timber Trace Elementary will celebrate former students who are 2024 graduates.
- Graduates are to arrive at Timber Trace at 8:15am wearing their graduation cap & gown, and will parade through campus being cheered on by your former Timber Trace teachers and their current students.
- Please email [Heather.folmar@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Heather.folmar@palmbeachschools.org) for more information.

### **IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES:**

- Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>: Senior Check-out & last day w/ Day 2 teachers (regular full school day for Seniors)
- Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>: Senior Check-out & last day w/ Day 1 teachers (regular full school day for Seniors)
- Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Senior Sign-Out w/ Admin & Counselor in the Gym (see your scheduled time below):

<u>Ms. Masterson:</u>	<u>Mrs. DeJesus:</u>
Last name A - B: 8:00am - 9:00am	Last name Lf - O: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Last name C - F: 9:00am - 10:00am	Last name P - Se: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Last name G - Le: 10:00am - 11:00am	Last name Sh - Z: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: Senior Awards Night in the Auditorium at 6:00pm
- Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Senior Week (*RSVP for each event here:* [Senior Week RSVP Form](#))
  - Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Drive Shack from 12:00pm – 3:00pm (\$30 no dues, or \$15 w/ paid dues)
  - Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: Field Day at Dwyer from 3:30pm – 6:30pm (FREE for all Dwyer Seniors)
  - Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: Senior Sunset & BBQ at Ocean Cay Park from 6pm – 8:30pm (\$20 no dues, or \$10 w/ paid dues)
  - Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Senior Breakfast at Eastpointe CC from 10am – 12pm (\$30 no dues, or \$15 w/ paid dues)
- Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Graduation Rehearsal in the Gym at 3:00pm (MANDATORY for Seniors who will be participating in the Graduation Ceremony)
- Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Graduation Ceremony at 6:00pm at the South FL Fairgrounds Expo Center (Seniors must arrive to the Expo Center at 4:00pm).

## 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

<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

## SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPT. NEWS (CONTINUED):

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

- For scholarship opportunities, please visit the district's [Scholarship & Financial Aid page](#). **New Scholarships Added!**

### **TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS:**

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

### **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:
  - [Things You Need Before Filling Out the 2023-2024 FAFSA®](#)
  - [How to Fill Out the FAFSA](#)
  - [FAFSA Help](#)

### **SENIORS - FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS 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 ACT test scores be sent directly to Bright Futures using CEEB code 0095 while on ACT's website.
- Click here to apply for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship: [Florida Bright Futures Award Application](#)



### **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
June 8, 2024	<del>May 3, 2024</del>	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
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024

## SCHOOL REMINDERS:

### **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: 6nzqjp6.

## SCHOOL REMINDERS (CONTINUED):

### ACADEMIC TUTORING AVAILABLE:

Subject	Teacher	Days	Room	Time
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

### SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS – REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN PROCEDURES:

- A new volunteer management system in the Palm Beach County School District launched March 25, 2024.
- Here are the steps to follow to volunteer at the school:
  - 1) Complete the NEW [Volunteer Application](#) to skip this step at the school when you arrive to volunteer.
  - 2) The FIRST TIME you arrive to volunteer at a school, you must present your government-issued ID to the Visitor Check-In office staff to be entered into the volunteer system.
  - 3) Complete the [Volunteer Application](#) in the Visitor Check-In office (*you may skip this step if you completed the application before you arrived to volunteer*).
  - 4) After initially scanning your ID in the Visitor Check-In office, you may use the Volunteer Kiosk in the Visitor Check-In office to sign-in and out.
  - 5) After signing in, you can present your photo ID to the office staff to retrieve your volunteer badge.

### REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY THROUGH FORTIFYFL:

- FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay info to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.
- To submit a tip, go to: [GetFortifyFL.com/Tip](https://GetFortifyFL.com/Tip)
- **Important Notice:** *Florida Statute 943.082 states that if a false tip is submitted through FortifyFL, the IP address of the device on which the tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies for further investigation, and the reporting party may be subject to criminal penalties under s. 837.05.*



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