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THE BEAR TRUTH



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bayside Families,

I have spoken with many of you and/or your students over the past two weeks regarding school safety and security after the tragic events at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Our thoughts and prayers are with the students, families, school personnel and first responders in Broward County.

I met with all faculty and staff to review our safety and security plan and various safety procedures. As you know, we have made several adjustments to help secure our campus. All classroom doors are now locked at all times. We have prohibited parking, pick up and drop off in the Theater Parking lot. This ensures that those gates will remain closed and locked before, during and after school, limiting access to our campus while students are present. Bayside has also received some of our District Security Upgrades, including front office security doors and video camera. District Security is already gathering information regarding additional security concerns we have for phase II of the school security upgrades.

We are working with the Palm Bay Police department, who will participate in our second school lockdown drill of the school year. We will be scheduling this drill within the next couple of weeks and look forward to any feedback the PBPD can offer us. We will communicate with you before and after the drill via email and/or text. We plan to have at least one other lockdown drill prior to the end of the school year.

Parents, I welcome any concerns or suggestions regarding student safety. Please call or email me, set up a time we can meet, or you can send me a letter, however you prefer to communicate. This is my first year as Bayside's Principal and I take the safety and security of my campus, my students, faculty and staff, very seriously, as my number one priority.

In closing, please know that I am so proud to be part of this community. Your Bayside Students have been compassionate, thoughtful, mindful and respectful. Many are concerned about the security of the school and have gone through appropriate channels to voice their concerns by setting up meetings with me or the School Resource Officer, or both. Many of our students want to make a difference, and they too are going through appropriate channels to begin clubs and organize their fellow classmates while always respecting the instructional integrity of our school.

Sincerely,

Lena C. Wiebelt
Principal

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There is a waiting list if you missed out and want a yearbook. This waiting list is based on the possibility that the publisher sends us extra books, which is not guaranteed. Being placed on the waiting list does not guarantee you a yearbook; however, if books come available, we will use that waiting list before opening up to the whole school. If books are available, they will be \$90.00. Contact Mrs. Fowler, at fowler.heather@brevardschools.org if you wish to be added to the waiting list.

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SUCCESS FOR OUR BAYSIDE THESPIANS

The Florida State Thespian Festival was the largest high school theatre festival in the world! Students had opportunities to take workshops from industry professionals and to see the best one acts and mainstage performances in the state. The Bayside thespians had some members who performed this year, and they did incredibly well!

Scarlett Garee received a superior rating in costume construction for the traditional Japanese Noh play, *Izutsu*.

Ashana Golida & Ireland Grimmich received a superior rating for their duet acting scene from *Parallel Lives*.

Drake Cunningham received an excellent rating in playwriting for his piece entitled, *The Knowledge of Good and Evil*.

Maia Ramos received an excellent rating in playwriting for her piece entitled, *Saving Sharpesville*.



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BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

With all of the support for the blood drive, Bayside collected 82 units on March 27th. Approximately 92 students registered but we had a few deferrals. Bayside donated 285 units during the 2017/18 school year! The original goal was 248. For these donations, Bayside will be receiving a total of \$2,850 in scholarship funds! Congratulations to all of the hard working students who put in their effort and had a drive to succeed.



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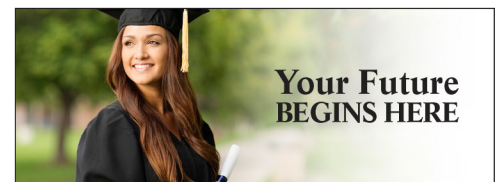
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SUPERIOR PERFORMANCES ONCE AGAIN

Congratulations to the Bayside Color Guard on straight superior performances at State Solo and Ensemble. Also earning the honor of performing were four soloists: Congratulations to Jessica Berman (horn solo, Superior), Lorissa Deesaw (clarinet solo), Michele Gibson (bassoon solo, Superior), and Rashard Vedrine (piano solo, Superior with Distinction).



AMI SUCCESS!

Commander Fenech, Sergeant Major Wheeler and the NJROTC program performed flawlessly during their Annual Military Inspection (AMI) which was conducted in front of a host of family, friends and faculty. The students performed military drill and ceremonies at the highest level. Many of these cadets displayed military competencies, skills, discipline and leadership far beyond their current age. This is a testament to the job the instructors (Fenech and Wheeler) do with program. Congratulations to all of the NJROTC students who participated.



BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL NAVAL JROTC TEAM TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP IN WASHINGTON, DC

Palm Bay, FL – April 9th, 2018 -- After advancing through two phases of online competition, the Bayside High School NJROTC Academic Team composed of Nathan Johnstone, Thomas Kang, Jordan Wiggins, and Isabella DuFrane will compete in person at the Championship event in Washington, DC. **The 2018 U.S. Navy JROTC Academic Bowl Championship** will be held on the campus of The Catholic University of America, June 22-26, 2018. The event is conducted by College Options Foundation.

Bayside's JROTC team earned top scores out of more than 170 U.S. Navy JROTC teams that competed from around the world. The team is one of only eight U.S. Navy JROTC Academic Bowl teams in the nation to advance to the finals. During the two fast-paced preliminary rounds, students were tested on their knowledge of JROTC curriculum, English, Math and Science. One of the main goals of the JROTC Academic Bowl is to prepare students for state exit/graduation exams as well as college entrance exams, such as the SAT and ACT.

The winner of the U.S. Navy JROTC Academic Championship will compete against the winners of the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force JROTC Academic Bowls in the **JROTC Joint Service Academic Bowl Championship**.

The JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl (JLAB) is a nationally recognized academic competition created exclusively for JROTC students. By participating, cadets learn the values of citizenship, academic competition, and college opportunity. The competition creates tremendous opportunities for JROTC cadets by allowing them to demonstrate leadership and academic abilities.

College Options Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the academic development of high school students and assisting them in their preparation for higher education. Using academic competitions, college exam study guides, college admissions tutorials and personalized counseling, College Options Foundation has assisted the nation's JROTC cadets worldwide for over a decade.



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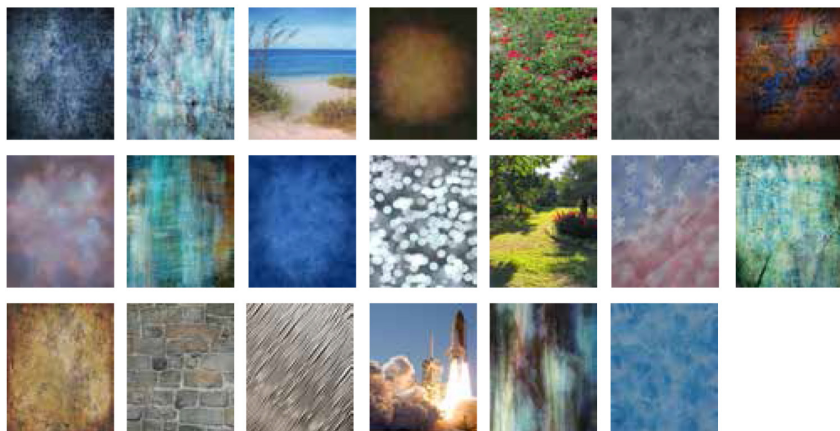
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**** Remember to bring your textbook and/or notes ****

If you have any questions or need additional information, please see Mrs. Webb in Room 317

SPEECH AND DEBATE SUCCESS

Amarys McCalla placed 6th in the crowded field of Declamation on March 24th in the Brevard County Speech and Debate Tournament.





SENIOR NEWS

T-SHIRTS

Senior T-shirts are on sale in Ms. Kaleel's room (636) for \$6. One per senior.

SENIOR VIDEO

Please use the attachment on the Baccalaureate instruction sheet to order your senior graduation video. Videos should be pre-ordered and will be ready for pick up

SENIOR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

Scholarship Night will be held on **May 7, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bayside High School Theatre**. Those seniors being honored will receive an invitation to attend this event. Parents and family are invited to attend as well. **If you have been awarded any scholarships, you must notify Mrs. Davidson no later than May 1, 2017, if you want to be included in the program.** Please bring a copy of your scholarship award letter to the guidance office and give it to Ms. Wright at the guidance counter.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Final transcript release forms will be available in the guidance office starting **May 1**. Any senior needing their final transcript to be sent to a college or university must use the final transcript release form. Once you have filled out the form and paid your \$1.00 transcript fee, we will process your request. Transcripts will not be finalized until approximately late June. Students attending EFSC are encouraged to **HAND DELIVER** their transcripts.

FINANCIAL AID FRIDAYS

All students going to any college or university **MUST** fill out the FAFSA to be eligible for any financial aid (scholarships or loans). If you have not done your FAFSA yet, or would like help applying for Bright Futures or other Florida Financial Aid, come to the guidance conference room any Friday during Power Hour for help.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 1, 2018 Baccalaureate Ceremony – 7:00 p.m. @ First Pentecostal Church of Palm Bay
- May 5, 2018 Prom 8 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. @ the Eau Gallie Civic Center
- May 7, 2018 Senior Awards Night – 6:30 p.m. in the Bayside Theatre (by invitation only)
- May 9, 2018 Yearbook distribution in the gym lobby during Power Hour
- May 11, 2018 Period 5, 6 and 7 exams
- May 14, 2018 Period 1 & 2 exams
- May 15, 2018 Period 3 & 4 exams
- May 15, 2018 **LAST DAY FOR ALL COURSE COMPLETION**

BACCALAUREATE INSTRUCTION SHEET

Seniors listen up!

Bayside's Baccalaureate ceremony will be May 1st. This is a voluntary church service that includes guest speakers and an inspirational message. The highlight of the evening is a video, tribute to the graduating seniors and how they have grown. If you would like to be featured in Bayside's baccalaureate video please turn in a baby photo to Mrs. Potter in room 206. To participate Please pay attention to the following guidelines:

- If you did not have a SR photo taken, see Mrs. Potter in room 206.
- Make sure photos are school appropriate.
- The preferred method is to scan and save as a .JPEG and email your pictures to potter.lora@brevardschools.org.
- **DO NOT** send us photos of you and someone else, you must be alone in the photo.
- Baby photos can also be dropped off in room 206.
- Photos must be in a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Please take into consideration that the price of the stamp is 49 cents. So, use a Forever stamp if possible.
- Clearly print your name on the outside of envelope and on the back of picture. We want to make sure we spell your name correctly. Use a sharpie! Regular ink will smear onto other picture.
- Do not seal the envelope! We'll do that when we mail it back to you.
- All pictures are DUE to Mrs. Potter in room 206 by Monday, April 23rd.
- **NO pictures will be accepted after April 23rd !**

GRADUATION DVD/SENIOR VIDEO

The Television Production Class will be video taping the entire graduation ceremony. The DVD is \$20 and will be (professionally filmed) and include the baccalaureate baby pictures video, and the senior memories video. They will be on sale before or after school and during Power hour in room 206 starting May 1st. You can also preorder your dvd with the form below. DVD's will also be sold at the graduation ceremony. The videos may be picked up starting June 18th, in the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Lora Potter at potter.lora@brevardschools.org.

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The videos may be picked up starting June 18th in the front office.

PROM

**“Golden Moments” - Not to be missed!!!! - \$50.00
Make sure you nominate your Prom King and Queen!!!!**

Prom will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m., at the Eau Gallie Civic Center, located at 1551 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL, 32935. Students must be prepared with their tickets and identification to present at the door. All students will be searched prior to entering the facility. If you are bringing a date that who does not attend this school, your date **MUST** show photo ID to gain entry. Date approvals were done prior to ticket purchase. If you lose your ticket(s), you **MUST** show photo ID or you will not be allowed into the dance. During prom we ask that students enjoy themselves and conduct themselves in a manner fitting this elegant event. Semi-formal attire is required (no jeans or sneakers). If you decide to leave the prom prior to 11:00 p.m. you will **NOT BE ALLOWED RE-ENTRY**. Prom will end promptly at 11:00 p.m. If you need to arrange transportation, please ask your parents to be there to pick you up promptly at 11:00 p.m. We remind all students to act responsibly and drive safely as they proceed home.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Graduation Rehearsal will be **May 17, starting at 8:30 a.m., in the Bayside cafeteria for breakfast**. Please park in front of the gym and walk down the front of the school to the cafeteria doors - you will not be allowed on the main part of the campus. Bring nothing with you unless you are returning textbooks or dual enrollment books. After breakfast, students must be in the gym by 9:15. **ALL SENIORS are required to participate in graduation rehearsal to participate in the graduation ceremony**. During the rehearsal, we will form our graduation lines and practice the processional to the football field. We will be outside for the second half of rehearsal so consider wearing sun screen, hats and/or sunglasses. Once the rehearsal has concluded, you will proceed back to the gym to get your **GRADUATION TICKETS**. **YOU MUST BRING PHOTO ID TO PICK UP YOUR TICKETS**. Each senior will receive a total of 8 tickets: 2 tickets for track seating and 6 tickets for general admission seating in the stands. Any student with a financial obligation must settle the obligation before tickets will be distributed. You can check with any of your teachers to see if you currently have a financial obligation.

GRADUATION NIGHT

The ceremony will be held in the BHS Football Stadium starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Gates will open at 6:00 for families to enter. **Seniors will need to report for check in at 5:30 p.m.** Please park in the parking lot in front of the cafeteria and walk down the front of the school to the gym lobby doors. Mrs. Bombriant and Ms. Setterbo will be checking seniors in through the hallway just south of the main parking lot cafeteria doors. **Please do not bring purses, cell phones or any other items with you to the gym, there will be NO secure location to store items**. Leave all personal items in your car and arrange to meet your family outside of the gym directly after graduation. Once you have been checked in, you will proceed into the gymnasium. Any student who received an honor cord at Senior Award Night or from a Bayside student organization should make sure to wear them. **Don't forget your cords - no extra cords will be available!**

Graduation is a dignified ceremony, meaning each graduate has the right to be valued and receive the attention they deserve. Therefore, inappropriate behavior from graduates is not acceptable. You deserve your moment to shine, but so do the students who come before and after you on the stage.



BRIGHT FUTURES

Any student applying for the Bright Futures Scholarship must have their application completed and community service hours submitted to guidance by May 17, 2018. Final transcripts will be submitted to the Department of Education by the district office in mid to late July.

SENIOR EXAMS

Senior Exams will be given during your regular 47 minute class period, therefore there is no altered bell schedule. Exam days are regular school days and we encourage students to stay in school for the entire day. If you are meeting the criteria for being exempt from your exam, your teacher will notify you in advance. Here is your exam schedule:

May 11 Periods 5, 6 & 7

May 14 Periods 1 & 2

May 15 Periods 3 & 4

Please remember to return textbooks to your instructors on exam day, if applicable.

NOTE: May 15 is the FINAL day to complete all coursework in all classes to be able to participate in graduation.

GRADUATION DRESS CODE

Dress Code for graduation is as follows:

Gentlemen

- Slacks, dress shirts & ties
- Dress shoes (sneakers are not permitted)

Ladies

- Dresses or Dress Pants and a Blouse
- Flat Shoes are recommended, however heels are acceptable. Sandals with a back strap are also recommended

Remember, you will be standing for long periods of time, walking in grass and walking up and down stairs. It is important to wear comfortable/stable shoes. If anyone needs assistance with clothing, please see your school counselor and he/she will do their best to assist you.

Students MUST return back to the gym at the end of the commencement ceremony to collect their diploma.

ANYONE NEEDING TO ARRANGE FOR HANDICAP SEATING, PLEASE CALL MR. SMALL AT EX. 21503.



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May 1, 2018 @7:00pm

Keynote Speaker: Pastor David Myers

**Performances by: Bayside's award winning
Chorus & the JROTC Color Guard**

Seniors: Arrive by 6:30 pm

Refreshments will be served!



**Please invite your family and
friends.**

