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## NEWS

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### **Rockledge High School**

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### **Principal's Message**

Happy Spring Raider Families!

It is hard to believe that we are nearing spring break and are already into the second semester of this school year!

There are many conversations we seem to be having right now, so I hope to share what will be most impactful to our families in this edition of our newsletter. These last weeks have brought a lot of anxious times to our public schools around safety and security. This newsletter will share what we know and are doing and our dedicated focus to keeping your children safe.

It is also a time of year that we are looking to the future, and the choices your student makes now regarding courses have great impacts on their path to graduation. We are currently meeting with all students about those choices to ensure everyone makes the best decisions for next year. It is important for you to realize that student choices **now** determine our schedule for next school year. Once those choices are made and classes assigned, it is difficult to change. Please be sure you are actively involved in this process and working with your child's counselor so you know that graduation requirements, college and career paths, and personal goals are being met.

It is NEVER too early to prepare for success. If your student has not already linked their PSAT account to their Kahn Academy account, please see your guidance counselor as soon as possible for instructions. This will assist your student in being successful on their SAT assessment as well as great support on their classes. In addition to SATPractice.org, Kahn Academy also provides excellent preparation for both the ACT and SAT. Remember, we also offer a large amount of courses which lead to an industry certification which will prepare your student for postsecondary readiness.

In closing, attendance and tardies should never be the reason a student isn't promoted or doesn't graduate. There will be no makeup days for students who exceed the nine allotted absences for the semester. There is a Failure Due To Attendance Appeal process that will be managed by a committee and all appeals will require legitimate circumstances for approval. Being in class and being there on time is the first and most important step to success.

Our doors are always open and we welcome everyone inside to be part of our family and find a role in your child's success at the ROCK!

*Best Always,*  
*Vickie Hickey*  
Vickie Hickey, Principal

*From the Desk of  
Mrs. Kratz,  
Assistant Principal...*

Can you believe there are only a few more weeks until the end of the 2017-2018 school year? It is hard to believe that our seniors will be graduating on May 18th, 2018! What an outstanding school year, and we can thank all of you for your dedication to the education of our students.

Students-make these last few weeks COUNT! I am sure many students are feeling the symptoms of senioritis (for some this may have begun at the beginning of school). My vital advice to you is to try your hardest to beat it, and make every second count. When you really think about it, this is your last year before you're endowed with adult responsibilities, so make the most of it. Work hard to finish the school year off on a good note so you have no regrets.

On a final note, it is with great sadness that we say good-bye to an extraordinary Senior Class. This has been my first year at Rockledge High School and I have had the privilege to be able to meet and get to know many of our seniors. The 2018 seniors have continuously demonstrated "Raider Pride" and there is nothing these Raiders cannot handle. We are not only proud of their accomplishments, but are honored to have served them for the last 4 years. We will watch them make a difference in the world and we hope they will come back to visit and share their successes. The world is waiting...go and get it.

### *School Safety and Security*

Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey and Superintendent, Dr. Desmond Blackburn, outlined a four-pronged strategy to better protect our students and staff. You're sure to hear more about it in the days to come as the school board considers some of its measures.

The four parts of BPS' strategy are:

- 1. An education and awareness campaign.** This will include teaching students and staff exactly what to do in case of an active-shooter.
- 2. Continued "hardening" of our schools.** BPS has already taken steps such as installing security fencing to create a "single point of access" at each school that can be monitored by video and locked down with remote controls.
- 3. More resource officers at schools.** Consistent with the governor's plan, we want all elementary schools to have full-time resource officers as we do at our secondary schools.
- 4. A school marshal program.** Sheriff Ivey has proposed to the school board a Sheriff-Trained Onsite Marshal Program. This program would vet and select school-based volunteers. Those volunteers would undergo 132 hours of intensive training and be allowed to carry concealed firearms on campuses. Former military and police personnel would be ideal candidates, the sheriff said.

School board members will now solicit feedback, discuss among themselves, and determine if they will formally request the marshal program from the Sheriff. ***Please be aware of these community input opportunities so your voice can be heard.***

Student-led activities such as vigils or assemblies to memorialize the Parkland shooting or to call for change is supported by Brevard Public Schools. BPS is OK with our young citizens making their voices heard – as long as it is done peacefully and in collaboration with school leaders.

We are in continual conversation on campus with our staff and local law enforcement and will make every effort to keep our families informed. We are working with student government and student leaders to support our students in their interests to voice their feelings and opinions.



**Dr. Micah Girard, O.D.**

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# Seniors!



## Senior Info That You Need To Know!!

We have **BIG** and **IMPORTANT** events for our seniors!

### **FAFSA Event- Thursday, March 22nd 4:00-8:00pm in the Media Center**

There are millions of dollars in grants and scholarships that go unclaimed each year that can help students pay for a college education. The purpose of this evening is to provide resources and guide families through the financial application process for post-secondary education. We want to help your student explore these options. It is NEVER too early to start, so please join us and take your next steps for your future.

**What is FAFSA?** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that can be prepared annually by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid. Please consider this and we will help you get through the complicated process of the application!

We will also have military recruiters, career counselors and much more support for you, so bring your family and come see what you may be missing!

### **Prom Ticket and Dinner Drawing- Friday, March 23rd 7th period in the gym**

Every student who has completed the FAFSA, earned Bright Futures or has a commitment letter from a military branch will be entered into the drawing for free prom tickets along with dinner. There will be lots of prizes for those who are focused on the future!

### **Senior Carwash at Tropical Smoothie Saturday, March 24**

We need all seniors to sign up to help!

FROM THE \$190s



Welcome home

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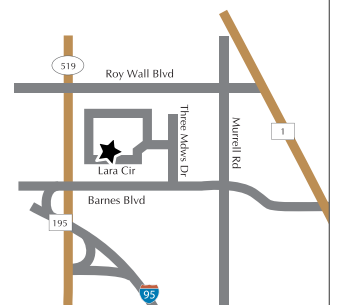
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# Exams

## 2nd SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

### GRADES 9, 10, 11

Below is the exam schedule.

EXAMS are REQUIRED for ALL courses

### MAY 18, 2018

7TH PERIOD EXAM WILL BE ADMINISTERED DURING THE NORMAL 6 AND 7TH PERIOD CLASS. WHEN THE BELL RINGS AT THE END OF 5TH PERIOD STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO 7TH PERIOD FOR THEIR FINAL EXAM. 6TH PERIOD CLASSES WILL NOT MEET ON MAY 18, 2018.

### MAY 21, 22, 23, 2018

#### Grades 9 – 12

8:45 – 2:15

8:45 – 8:55 Announcements and Attendance

8:45- 10:55 Period 1 Exam Period 2 Exam Period 3 Exam

11:00 – 12:10

Group 1 Brunch

10:55 – 11:30 Brunch

11:35 – 12:10 Class

Group 2 Brunch

11:00 – 11:35 Class

11:35 – 12:10 Brunch

12:15 – 2:15 Period 4 Exam Period 5 Exam Period 6 Exam

The second exam each day does not begin until 12:15

**NOTE:** Students are to go to lunch based on their location periods, 4, 5, 6.

**TEACHER WILL INFORM THEIR CLASSES WHICH THE LUNCH TO WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED.**

If your teacher normally eats 1st lunch you will eat first lunch. If your teacher normally eats 3rd lunch, you will eat second lunch. If your teacher normally eats 2nd lunch or has planning, lunches will be assigned by the teachers

last name. Teachers with the last name of A-M will eat 1st and the N-Z will eat second lunch.

Some courses connected to state/national standardized assessments or industry certifications will not administer final exams in addition to these assessments. The second semester average for these courses will be determined by averaging the 3rd and 4th nine week grading period.

### Senior Exam Schedule

#### May 14, 15, 16, 17

- Exams are to be administered in one class period.
- (English 4 is a 2 hour exam. The first part will be administered at teacher discretion)
- Seniors will follow their normal class schedule.

May 14 Exams Periods 2 5

May 15 Exams Periods 3 6

May 16 Exams Periods 4 7

May 17 Exam Period 1

May 17 Sports Banquet Period 3 (café)

May 18 **Graduation Practice 11:15AM** (McClarty Field)

**DO NOT BE LATE!!!**

**IF YOU ARE LATE OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE YOU WILL NOT WALK AT GRADUATION.**

**Seniors are not exempt from exams due to an A in first semester.**

Some courses connected to state/national standardized assessments or industry certifications will not administer final exams in addition to these assessments. The second semester average for these courses will be determined by averaging the 3rd and 4th nine week grading period.

**A few spots are left!**



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- Our 11th and 12th graders who have not passed the FSA ELA test or received a concordant score for graduation, will take the Reading Retake Test on **March 20 and 21**. This is a two-day test.
- Students who have not passed the Algebra EOC will take the Algebra Retake test on **March 22 and 23**. This is also a two-day test.
- Juniors who missed the SAT on March 7 will be given the opportunity to take it on **April 10** at school.
- Seniors who still have not met the Reading requirement for graduation will be able to register/pay for the **April 10** SAT at RHS.
- Our 9th and 10th graders will take the Reading Test on **April 16 and 17 or April 19 and 20**. This is a two-day test.
- Our U. S. History EOC will be given **April 23 and 24**.
- Students in Biology or Integrated Science III will take the Biology EOC on **April 26 or 27**.
- Students in Geometry or Algebra will take their EOC **April 30 and May 1 or May 3 and 4**. These EOC's are two-day tests.

As you can tell, we have a very busy few weeks. It is critical for students to be at school on their assigned testing dates.

### ESE Survey

Parents of students with disabilities: Each year the Florida Department of Education surveys parents of children with an individual education plan to determine how well we are promoting parent involvement in your child's education. A paper copy has been given to students to bring home or you may complete the survey online at <http://www.esesurvey.com>. Additional paper copies are available at RHS.



#### PARENT SURVEY

**The parent survey is one of our most valued pieces of information we use to grow our success and learn from our families. Please take the time to complete the survey from the link below.**

Brevard Public Schools is committed to working together with parents and the community to support our students and families. We value your opinion as we work together to ensure that we serve every student with excellence as the standard. Individual school and district-wide survey results will be posted in May on the BPS Family Engagement website <http://tinyurl.com/BPSFamEng>.

Survey results will be used to provide information that will guide individual school and district efforts to improve our level of service to students, parents, and the community through School Improvement Plans and the District Strategic Plan. This survey is anonymous. We encourage you to complete one survey for EACH CHILD currently attending a Brevard Public School. To complete this survey online, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/17-18Highschool>.

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**Please Share this with all of Your Friends, Family or anyone who loves cars. Come out to Show off your Car/Motorcycle, and Support Project Graduation 2018!!!** Questions? Contact: Linda Mallari 321-514-6603.

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# RAIDER NATION ATHLETICS

The Winter Sport season is rapidly winding down and several of our teams played well into the post season, and we have lots of exciting accomplishments to share. Our boys' soccer team had a great season, finishing in 3rd place in the Cape Coast Conference after an exciting win over Viera. The girls' soccer team finished as the district runner-up and made it to the regional semifinals before losing to eventual state champion Merritt Island. Our wrestlers are young, but they have shined at the right time. Charles Alexander, Jordan Love, Joe Smith and Deandre Thomas all won district championships and the team is headed to the region tournament this weekend. And then there are our basketball teams. The girls won their 4th consecutive district championship and were runner-ups in the Cape Coast Conference. They made it to the region final against American Heritage where they came up a little short, but had a heck of a season nonetheless. Coach Reuben Williams also picked up his 200th career victory with a region semifinal win over Bishop Moore. The boys have had their success too. They ran away with the district championship and also finished as top dog in the Cape Coast Conference with a great win over Viera in the championship game. Up next they took on the defending state champion Leesburg with a hard loss, but always had that Raider Pride. As our Winter sports are winding down, our Spring sports are gearing up. We have already started play in most of our Spring sports and several teams are off to great starts. Early into the season and both of our tennis teams and our softball team are on a winning streak. Track has performed well in early season meets and expectations are high for both teams. Baseball and both lacrosse teams are gearing up for play in a few days and the sky is the limit for all three teams. Check out our Spring schedules on our Rockledge home page and come and catch some of our Spring sport teams in action. Also please contact me @ Clayborne.Kenneth@Brevardschools.org if you are interested in being a sponsor of any of our sports teams or if you would like to make a donation towards any of our athletic facility projects.

Hope to see you soon,  
Greg Clayborne  
Athletic Director

### Cheerleading and Spring Football Coaches Contact Information:

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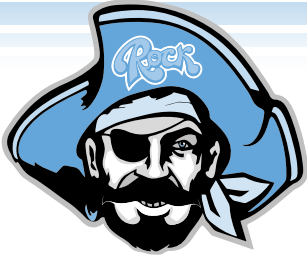


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## *FEA - Raider Pride!*

In January, the Future Educators of America participated in the annual Florida state conference and competition in Orlando. They took part in workshops, networking opportunities, and competitions amongst students from the state. Fortunately, for one of our very own students, Ms. Jasmine Simmons brought home first place in the Student Lesson Plan competition. Please congratulate the club on their awards and endeavors into the first steps at becoming future educators. The students wanted to thank the community and faculty at Rockledge HS for supporting them on their trips to the local and state educator conferences.

## *Thespian Troupe*

**R.H.S. Thespian Troupe 5244 will attend the Florida State Thespian Festival March 13 – 18.** These students received numerous Superior ratings as well as 3 Best of Shows in the District Competition. They now move on to the State Level.

Students competing are: Hope Goodman, Hannah Goodman, Victoria Narvaez, Spencer Valdez, Lance Scott, Eric Colon, Tyler Henriquez, Sean Rainey, Emiley Holmes, Amanda Golden, Searra Weeks, Kat Grimm, Rylee Smart, Olivia Beebe, Caitlyn Roland, and Megan Egenderfer.

