

# SMOKE SIGNALS

For The Parents, Staff, Students &amp; Community Of Boone High School

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Friends of Boone High School,

Happy New Year! I am so excited to leave 2020 in our rear view mirror and put 2021 in our sights with great expectations for the year.

Boone High School graduates boast one of the top post-secondary success rates of all Central Florida high schools. I am convinced this is overwhelmingly due to the experience our students receive in the rigorous coursework opportunities provided to them. At Boone High School we offer courses that allow students to push themselves academically, while preparing them with the skills and strategies needed to be successful in both AP and traditional coursework. We encourage all students to challenge themselves scholastically and offer an open-door policy to student enrollment in AP courses. Here are some key facts about AP enrollment at William R. Boone High School: • 1,396 students are currently enrolled in at least one AP course at Boone High School. • More than 2,642 AP courses are currently being taken by Boone High School students. • Last year over 1,468 AP exams were taken and passed by Boone High School students, making it the most successful year of AP examination in Boone's history. • Our overall class pass rate increased to 68%.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Holloway, a top-notch educator with a huge heart for exceptional education students, who was voted as Boone High School's Teacher of the Year. Mr. Holloway began his career as a substitute teacher within the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) unit at Boone High School and then seamlessly transitioned into the teaching profession and continues to grow each day as an educator. He goes above and beyond for his students, as evidenced by the creation of Brewing Braves, a coffee cart that allows our ESE students on-the-job training they would not have received without his unique thinking. Our faculty and staff look forward to placing orders with the Brewing Braves daily, and many have commented that their coffee delivery is the highlight of their day. The students look forward to making deliveries each day, and it is evident that the coffee cart has prepared students with skills they can use when transitioning to a post-secondary career. His focus is on both academic and personal growth, and all positive outcomes are praised and rewarded. Whether it is understanding standards-based instruction or simply communicating effectively, Mr. Holloway ensures that his ESE students know they are important and they matter. Mr. Holloway is dedicated to his profession and its demands, and the ESE department is stronger because he is a contributing member. Boone High School is lucky to have such a phenomenal educator, who will stop at nothing to ensure success for all students.

Congratulations are also in order for our Support Person of the Year, Mr. Michael Gantt. Michael is our nighttime custodial crew leader and is absolutely integral to the smooth operation of Boone High School. He is the type of person you want on your team; he is hard-working, diligent, and willing to go the extra mile in order to get things done. No matter how hard the job, he ALWAYS has a smile. Everyone, from students to parents to staff members, knows who he is and relies on him daily. Michael can consistently be seen moving furniture from building to building without the slightest bit of complaint. In the days pre-COVID, he was a rock star, but since the pandemic, Mr. Gantt has stepped up like no one else. He works tirelessly to ensure the school is clean and attractive. He diligently works to create an environment which is safe and inviting to our students and teachers. Mr. Gantt supervises the night crew of custodians and is always available to them for assistance, guidance, or any other help they may need. Michael insists on doing as much as possible to help everyone at this school. Boone High School would not be the place it is today without his extraordinary efforts.



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## Our Mission Statement

The mission of William R. Boone High School is to promote a safe learning environment with intense focus on student achievement. With the support and involvement of faculty and family, the school community strives to prepare all students to think critically, act responsibly, and perform successfully in a technological and multicultural society.

## Vision

By working together, we will strive to inspire life-long learning and curiosity within and beyond the classroom.

## Beliefs

We believe all students should have a respectful, safe, and nurturing environment.

- We believe in setting high expectations for all students to reach their greatest potential.
- We believe all students should experience a meaningful, rigorous curriculum delivered through strategic instruction.
- We believe students should be challenged and prepared for a changing global society and equipped with 21st century skills.
- We believe that as a staff we should foster a positive, supportive, and collegial working environment.

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Construction is finally winding down as we celebrate the completion of our new cafeteria, which was our original gymnasium. This is our final piece of the puzzle after four long years of constant construction. However, it was all worth it! Our Braves now enjoy a turf athletic field with a rubberized track; a new auditorium, gymnasium, and cafeteria; and new HVAC, paint, and a refurbished weight room. If my high school looked like this place when I was in school, I never would have left! I'm also happy to report that we will be losing our portables by summer time, which will add to our curb appeal and bring back some additional student parking.

We are so grateful to our taxpayers for showing OCPS such great support over the years in voting to approve the half-cent sales tax and renew the one mill property tax. These are the funds which were used for building our new buildings. I would also like to thank the BHSAA and all of our community members and businesses that have donated to make the "Revive the Tribe" campaign a success over the years. This project has been the first of its kind in Central Florida and possibly the state.

As we begin our journey into a new year, communication will be key to our success. Please visit our website at [www.boonehs.ocps.net](http://www.boonehs.ocps.net) for all things "Boone Braves." Here you can subscribe to our weekly newsletter "Totem Talk;" find links to other helpful forums such as the websites for the Boone Foundation, BHSAA, the Trading Post, and PTSSO; and gain access to our Facebook and Twitter pages. We are preparing for an extremely busy spring and these resources will be key to staying up to date every step of the way.

Forever Brave, Dusty Johns



## Student Services

What an exciting time it is to call yourself a "Boone Brave". The Student Services Department is committed to helping all students maximize their potential.

## Course Selection

This year Course Selection will take place utilizing a custom-designed website and Google form. Please refer to: <https://sites.google.com/ocps.net/bhscourse/home/>. This website will better enable families to make informed course decisions and understand course progressions for different subjects. After reviewing the website, students are taken to the Google form in which they can make their course selections for next year. The website and the Google form work in tandem to ensure the most appropriate placement level for each student. Students will have access to the website and course selection form beginning in January. Counselors automatically receive the student responses and will schedule the proper classes. Students and parents are still welcome to contact the Guidance Counselor with questions, however many questions will be answered during the instructional video on the website.



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## Bright Futures Scholarships

Seniors were given the opportunity to attend the Bright Futures sessions through their English class. At the session, your student was given the Bright Futures/Financial Aid Next Steps handout providing them with specific instructions concerning the Bright Futures Application process and FAFSA. If you have not completed the bright futures scholarship application please see the link below for assistance.

[https://www.ocps.net/departments/school\\_choice/home\\_education/bright\\_futures\\_scholarship](https://www.ocps.net/departments/school_choice/home_education/bright_futures_scholarship)

## FAFSA

### Free Application for Student Aid

Seniors began the student portion of their free application for student aid (FAFSA) in their English class on October 15th. Please follow-up with your student to complete the parent and/or guardian portion of this application. The application will not be complete without your information and electronic signature. For additional help please see Mrs. Cullen in College and Career center. You may also visit the financial aid link below.

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## College & Career

Join College and Career Instagram's page to get updates about what's going on in college admissions, financial aid, Bright Futures, scholarships, etc. Join Instagram@boonecollege.career. Scholarships are updated frequently this time of year. Check out the College & Career section of Mr. Johns weekly Totem Talk newsletter or stop by Mrs. Cullen's office to see what is available.

### SAT Tutoring

Free SAT tutoring is being offered virtually this year! This tutoring is offered by students who perform well on standardized tests. Students can sign up for tutoring by texting to 81010 and typing in the message @boonesat Questions? Email Mrs. Cullen at Margaret.cullen@ocps.net.



## Always Wear Your Seatbelt Club (AWYS)



Congratulations to the Always Wear Your Seatbelt Club for being named as one of the 2020 AAA Florida Traffic Safety grant recipients. The Boone AWYS Club is selling short and long sleeve shirts to raise awareness for their mission. They can be purchased on Schoolpay and picked up in Ms. Florer's room #200/200 building. This will mark the 10th year since the tragic auto accident in which the Boone community lost two of its beloved students. Buckle up for Laura & Eddie. *Always remembered and never forgotten.*

## No Homework DIGITAL DESIGN Elective

Digital Design is a fun, low stress, creative elective with **no homework**.

Students learn to use Adobe software (Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator) and will have the opportunity to earn an industry certification(s) in Adobe software. Industry Certifications look good on resumes and college applications.

If you have ever taken a photo and immediately told the photographer to "Photoshop me thinner, younger, etc." your student can do that for you by taking Digital Design and learning how to use the software.

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## PTSO

### HAPPY NEW YEAR! WE DID IT! IT IS 2021!

Our family has been so grateful for this Boone family so far this school year and it is hard for me to believe that we are already halfway through. Working together this year with each of you, PTSO has been able to accomplish so much. We are especially thankful for all we were able to do during the Holiday Season.

We started the festivities with a little treat in each teacher's mailbox. Thank you to our incredible Teacher Appreciation Committee lead by Beth Seabrook and Gerri Padron, for assembling and delivering a package of Extra gum letting them know we are "EXTRA" Thankful for each of them! We also treated our teachers, along with the help of our generous Boone Leadership Team, to a last minute surprise of Starbucks coffee and breakfast treats the Friday morning before Thanksgiving Break. A special thank you to Erin Summer, Stacy Dalton and Tracy Murphy for making it happen and getting up extra early with me on a Friday!

December was full of celebrations! Thank you to our Senior Committee, Ellis Searl, Debbie Bullock, Suzanne Tagman, Darcie Griffin and Allston Ball for working alongside the Senior Class to organize and put on the Senior Breakfast. It was a fun morning for our Seniors to have a break from class and chat with friends. Both

F2F and LaunchEd Students had the opportunity to enjoy a pancake breakfast with a hot chocolate bar. Even Santa took time out of his busy schedule to wish our Seniors a Happy Holiday!

PTSO helped our Admin team prepare a surprise treat for every single Honors Student. There were 845 total Honors students to celebrate. WAY TO GO BRAVES!

Our Kemosabe Kloset hosted its annual Holly Jolly Holiday event. It was a grab and go set up this year, but many Boone students walked away with toiletries items, gift cards, cookies and hot chocolate. Thank you to Erin Summer, Sarah Doherty, Carolyn Ward and Amy Bhavsar for being creative this year and giving all of this to our Braves who depend on and need it.

Our Teacher Appreciation Committee was at it again in December. We hosted our annual Holiday luncheon for our teachers and staff. Everyone enjoyed a boxed lunch and many homemade holiday treats. Teachers also kicked off this year with another Starbucks Coffee and breakfast snack bar, Wednesday, January 6th. Thank you, Teacher Appreciation Committee!

I cannot say it enough how thankful I am for all of your support so far this school year! ALL of these events would absolutely not be possible if we didn't have the support of each and every one of you. Everything was able to happen because of your countless and generous gifts of your food, your time, and your finances. I am so grateful!

Now...to the Class of 2021... Can you believe it?! The end of your time at Boone is coming near. You only have two 9 weeks left! My promise to each of you, is that I will do everything I possibly can to make the end of this year the one you deserve. Be on the lookout for "Home of a Boone Graduate" yard signs going on sale after Spring Break. And don't forget to apply for our PTSO Scholarships. Applications are in this newsletter, available in College and Career and accessible in the PTSO section of the Boone website. Finish Strong, SENIORS!

Parents and Students...Don't forget to follow our Facebook pages. They are definitely the BEST way to stay up to date on all of our events and activities. We have a main page, "Boone Braves PTSO", and one for each graduating class. Each family should be following at least 2 pages.

Lastly, if you are interested in serving on the Boone PTSO Board for the 2021-2022 School Year, please email me at Boonehighschoolbraves@gmail.com and let me know. This is a great way to become involved with the school, students, teachers and staff. Also, if you just want to help out from time to time, you can let me know that too.

Whatever came your way in 2020, it is my hope that you will find peace and strength with a new start to a new year. Thank you to each of you and Happy New Year!

Forever Brave,

Jessica Pullum  
Boone PTSO President 20-21



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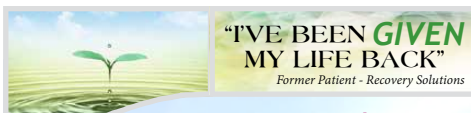
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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Boone High School will maintain all rights to any ideas and concepts submitted during the application process. If submitting additional pieces of paper along with your application, please include your name and "Boone PTSO Scholarship Application" at the top of each sheet.

(Please print answers)

What are your plans for continued education after graduation? :  
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Tell us in 50 words or less how you have been involved with or benefited from the PTSO at Boone High School:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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What social events, activities, clubs, organizations, sports, etc. have you participated in while a student at Boone? :  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please write a 250 word essay/plan on the following topic:  
 What do you see as the biggest challenge for students and/or teachers & staff in the Boone High School and what would you do about it?

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Grade Level and graduation verification:  
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All tickets for athletic events are now sold through GoFan website and are redeemed electronically on your smart phone at the gate. Paper tickets will no longer be sold. Please note that all venues are at limited capacity with a set number of tickets. Once the ticket allotment has been sold, no other fans will be permitted to enter the contest. Tickets for away games in Orange and Seminole Counties will also be available on GoFan under the home school name when released by the opponent.

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Instructions on how to create the account and the FHSAA physical form can be found on the Boone Athletics website at [www.BooneAthletics.com](http://www.BooneAthletics.com). Questions? Email the head athletic trainer at [molly.fitzgerald@ocps.net](mailto:molly.fitzgerald@ocps.net).



## William R. Boone HS Navy JROTC Aim High at State Air Rifle Championship

Four cadets from Boone Navy Junior ROTC participated in the State Navy Air Rifle Championship, in December 2020. Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) cadets from 58 units across Florida participated in the Air Rifle Championship. The annual event hosted by Area Seven brought more than 200 cadets, who qualified from a field of more than 7,000 cadets, together in order to establish who has the right to be called state champions. "Congrats to all the cadets that qualified to be here and especially the ones that came out on top," said retired Navy Lieutenant Commander Robert Strange, the NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor. The competition consisted of a month of firing by cadets, in which two divisions of competitors, Sporter and Precision, vied for gold, silver and bronze medals. Boone cadets participated in the Sporter division, finishing sixth out of 58 schools. "I am so happy Senior Chief Wade was so, tough on us as a Team to make us better," said Cadet Zoey Willey, a junior from Boone and individual Sporter champion from prior meets. "The team is extremely excited as we improved our discipline and competed to earn the 6th spot."



"I'm so proud of my team as they worked so long hours for this common goal," said Senior Chief Darrick Wade.

*Pictured Left to Right: Cadet Zoey Willey, Nadia Campos, Pierce Meyers and Alex Leverett*

## BHS KEMOSABE KLOSET

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With half a school year left, we still need your help:

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Thank You & Bright Blessings for 2021!

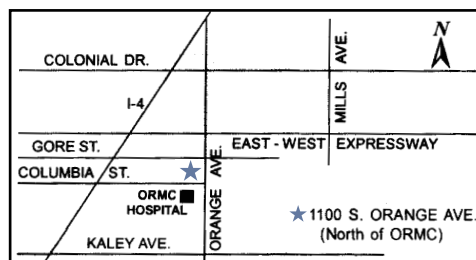
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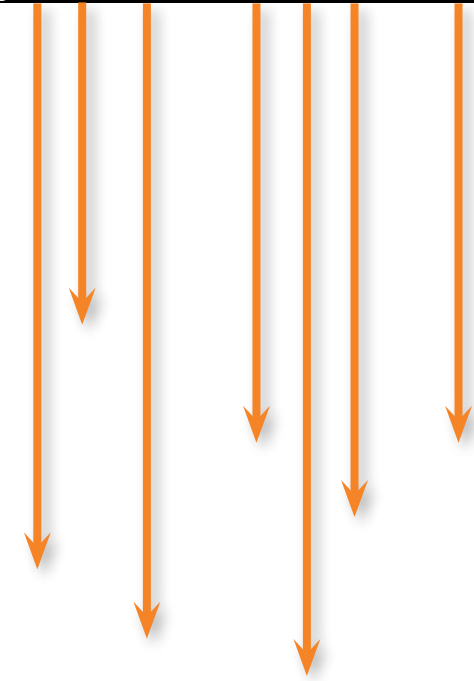


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 Online registration only. Register at: <https://runsignup.com/BooneBraveRun>.  
 Entry fees are non-refundable.

Student	\$25
Adult (over age 20)	\$35

**T-Shirts**  
 All race registrations received by 2/5 will receive their chosen race shirt size. Shirt availability for registrations after 2/5 are NOT guaranteed and are on a first come first serve basis during packet pick up.

**Race Photos**  
 Upload race photos to: <https://runsignup.com/BooneBraveRun>

**All Entries**  
 This year's event will be a virtual run. Medals will be given to the top 3 female and top 3 male student runners based on <https://runsignup.com/BooneBraveRun> submissions as of 11:59 on February 21st.

**Packet Pick Up**  
**Front Office**  
 Feb 18th & 19th 7:00-8:30am, 11:00-12:30pm & 2:00-3:30pm.  
 Race Bibs can be printed from RunSignUp.com registration site.

**Race Route**  
 Follow the customary route shown on <https://runsignup.com/BooneBraveRun> or create your own 5K (3.1 miles).

**Alumni Challenge**  
 Boone Alumni t-shirt will be given to the 2 top alumni race winners from each decade. Race times must be submitted to <https://runsignup.com/BooneBraveRun> by 11:59 on February 21st to be eligible.

**Sponsorships**  
 Please contact BooneAthletics@gmail.com for more information. All sponsorships must be received by January 15th to be included on the race t-shirt.

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**50% of Every Dollar Raised Goes Directly to Your Designated Team/Club/Class/Future Brave!**  
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**Team Awards**

(Teams/Club/Classes/Future Braves are Eligible to Receive only 1 of the Named Awards)

- Largest "Total Amount Paid" earns their 50% + **\$1,000**
- 2nd Largest "Total amount Paid" earns their 50% + **\$500**
- Most overall registrants earns their 50% + **\$250**
- Enroll highest % of their roster earns their 50% + **\$250**

Please direct questions to Laura Goeb at BooneAthletics@gmail.com or 407-444-2052.



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## 2021-2022



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### Requirements to be considered

1. Must be a junior or senior to attend Orange Technical College
2. 2.0 unweighted GPA
3. Must be on track for graduation
4. Must have 3-4 elective spaces available in schedule

### Tech Dual Enrollment Application Form

[www.Tinyurl.com/BHS0TC2021](http://www.Tinyurl.com/BHS0TC2021)

Please see Ms. Porterfield, the Career Specialist, in student services to discuss the many programs available at OTC. 407-893-7200, ext. 6012629 or [Kimberley.porterfield@ocps.net](mailto:Kimberley.porterfield@ocps.net).

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# THANK YOU!

## Braves Bounty

We'd like to thank the Southern Oaks Neighborhood Association for organizing a food drive that benefited Braves Bounty. We are well stocked with lots of canned vegetables, soup, beans and snacks. Please contact us at [BooneBravesBounty@gmail.com](mailto:BooneBravesBounty@gmail.com) if you or a family you know might have a need for food. The Pantry is currently low on pasta, rice and peanut butter and jelly and welcome donations of these items. Thank you to everyone who donated prior to the holidays as we had a successful distribution of hygiene items and gift cards to students before the Winter Break.

## Seniors

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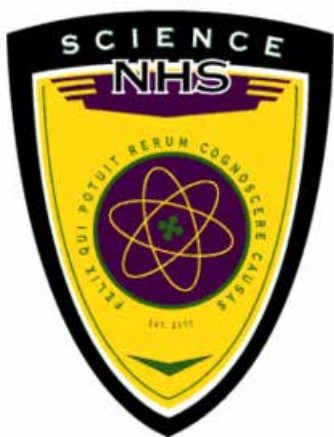
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## Science Tutoring

Science national honors society offers both LaunchED and Face 2 Face tutoring Mondays after school from 2:30 until 3:15. LaunchED students need to join the "Science Tutoring" Remind by texting "@dcbdce" to the phone number 81010 or entering the code "dcbdce" into the Remind app. This is how we will send the link to that day's session. Face 2 Face students can attend in person in room 560 during that time for extra help.



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