

# SMOKE SIGNALS

For The Parents, Staff, Students & 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 2021 in our rear view mirror and put 2022 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:

- 1,390 students are currently enrolled in at least one AP course at Boone High School.
- More than 2,606 AP courses are currently being taken by Boone High School students.
- Last year over 1,250 AP exams were taken and passed by Boone High School students.

Congratulations are in order for Ms. Schields, one of our most extraordinary educators, who has been instrumental the past few years in assisting struggling students to graduate. Ms. Schields is a “get-er done” mathematics teacher, who provides students a second chance to learn the key standards of Algebra in the Liberal Arts Mathematics classroom. She is a teacher whose passion for teaching and love of the math content merge to create an exciting and engaging classroom filled with activities that draw students to be successful. Her supportive and caring teaching style gives students the confidence to master Algebra, as many of her students enter her classroom with a defeated attitude towards any success in learning mathematics. It can't be said any better, she believes that everyone given the chance, can succeed. It takes someone special to have a heart for the struggling learner. Stephanie Schields is that type of teacher, and Boone High School is proud to have her as its representative for “Teacher of the Year”.

Congratulations are also in order for Mr. Alfredo Rebolledo Gutierrez, Boone High School's Technology Support Representative (TSR). Last year, Alfredo transitioned into the TSR position from the General Technology Support position and has excelled. Alfredo's professional demeanor, coupled with his great attitude when

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### Student Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
7:20am – 2:20pm  
Wednesday  
7:20am – 1:10pm

### School Office Hours

7:00am – 4:30pm



FEBRUARY  
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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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instructing and correcting technology issues with students and staff, eases anxiety over any technology glitch. Even through the ever-changing district rules on laptop inventory, handling, and distribution during the Launched school year, he provided stellar customer service to both at-home students with tech-help appointments and on-campus students during any period of the day, often sacrificing his lunch time to help others. When the WiFi is down on campus, it's Alfredo to the rescue to get the campus up and running so learning can take place. We are lucky to have him on our campus!

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 PTSO; 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

Mr. Johns & Ms. Shields  
"Boone Teacher of the Year"



BACK TO BACK:  
**BRAVE RUN**  
**@7:30AM**  
FOLLOWED BY  
**GREEN UP**  
**BOONE**  
**@9:00AM**

### Green Up Boone

The Inter-Club Council would like to invite all clubs to our annual campus cleanup day from 9am-12pm on Saturday, February 26th following the Brave Run 5K. Please RSVP at [tinyurl.com/gup22622](http://tinyurl.com/gup22622). All club members are required to attend this event and will receive community service. We are looking forward to this fundraising and community service double header!

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# A Message from our Assistant Principal...

Welcome Back Braves,

I hope that everyone had a restful, safe Winter break with family and friends. As we begin the new semester, I am hoping everyone is healthy and practicing CDC recommended safety precautions <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/index.html> and self-care.

In conjunction with my message of staying healthy and safe, I want to share some valuable information on the dangers of vaping that you may want to have a discussion with your family. Here our Boone family are being proactive and combining resources for our children to provide prevention awareness. We have united with our SAFE and our Discipline departments and our partners at Caron Treatment Center ([www.caron.org](http://www.caron.org)) to create a focus group of diverse BHS students to participate in being change agents in their community as members of the **Role Models for Change Program**. This program will consist of a small group of students that will learn about current trends in substance use and ways to make healthier choices. These peer leaders will then be trained on how to facilitate portions of the program to their peers.

### Here are 3 dangers of vaping use/abuse for your teen:

- Negative impact on your child's developing brain.
- Negative impact on mental health and potential Cannabis Use Disorder in the future.
- Negative impact on motivation and decrease in academic performance and attendance.

### A few alarming statistics from Drug Free.Org ( <https://drugfree.org/>):

- According to the CDC National Youth Tobacco Survey, 1 in 5 high school students have reported vaping in the past month <https://drugfree.org/drugs/e-cigarettes-vaping/>.
- JUULS currently contain 59 mg/ml of nicotine in each pod in the U.S- an amount equal to about 1-2 packs of cigarettes (<https://drugfree.org/article/what-parents-need-to-know-about-vaping/>).
- In the past year, there has been a wave of severe lung injuries, illnesses and deaths associated with vaping known as **EVALI** standing for **E**-cigarette or **V**aping product use **A**ssociated **L**ung **I**njury (<https://drugfree.org/article/understanding-vaping-illness-its-symptoms-and-more/>).

### Tips for Parents:

- Stay informed.
- Teach your teen refusal skills.
- Teach your teen healthy coping strategies.
- Teaching resiliency is very important and prepares them for the future obstacles they may experience and how to cope.
- Identify your students' coping strategies and allow them the space to practice them.
- Educate yourself on Cannabis Use disorder and other potential mental health issues.
- Remind your student you are his/her confidant and it's okay to share his/her concerns about a friend, school safety and especially for his/her own mental and/or physical health concerns.
- Watch videos like this to be able to identify the NOT so noticeable e-cigarettes and disposable vapes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLSo9L4u0kw>

### Warning Signs as a parent to be constantly vigilant for in your teen:

- Physical changes
- Productivity changes in school
- Behavior and attitude changes
- Evidence of paraphernalia

Thank you for your constant support and appreciation for my staff, students and community. Stay safe, healthy and happy!

Dr. Jessica Torres, Assistant Principal – Discipline



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A new year is always exciting and full of possibilities and renewal. It is a perfect time to reflect on the things that are most important to us. I have reflected on this and realized the most important thing to me is my PEOPLE! No matter what we do or where we are our lives are full of PEOPLE! Some we will only see or hear. Some we interact with on a surface level. And some we have close relationships with. At the end of the day, month or year, the most important thing we have is PEOPLE! PEOPLE are the reason we do the things we do, why we fight for what we believe in and how we're able to be a part of this incredible community. None of it would exist or happen without our PEOPLE. I am so thankful for all of mine including each of you!

As I look back on the last weeks of 2021, there were so many PEOPLE that helped me, supported me and were there for me when I needed it. I could not have done any of the things I've done for Boone PTSO without all my PEOPLE. In December alone, because of some amazing PEOPLE we were able to put on so many events here at Boone! It was so fun to see all our students and teachers enjoying time together.

We kicked it off with a Senior Sunrise and Breakfast. Our Senior Class Officers, Sponsors and Class Committee worked so incredibly hard making it a perfect morning for our Seniors. They all watched the sun rise on the football field and sang the Alma Mater together. Then, they all shared breakfast and hot chocolate and even had a visit from Santa! Thank you to all the parents who helped make it a memorable morning for our Seniors.

The next day we got to celebrate over 800 Honors students with breakfast and hot chocolate too. Students with a 3.5 unweighted cumulative GPA were invited to attend. That is such an impressive number of students. I am so proud of all of them! Our Sophomore Committee Chairs and Boone's Admin Team helped make this pancake breakfast and hot chocolate bar happen. And Santa joined us again to help celebrate. It was a very rewarding morning!

The next week our Kemosabe Kloset and Braves Bounty chairs hosted our Holly Jolly event for our students who need a little extra cheer this time of year. They were treated to lunch, a gift card and hygiene and treat bag. It was a wonderful few days of celebration.

We were also able to serve lunch to all our Boone teachers and staff. Another group of

PEOPLE I am so thankful for! They were so excited to have Olive Garden back and the new Media Center location was absolutely perfect. Teachers and staff were able to stay and mingle and eat together if they had time. Our Teacher Appreciation Chairs worked so hard to make this lunch possible. And I am thankful to all the parents who purchased or baked desserts to accompany the pasta. It was the best part!

Our final December celebration was for our Magnet students. We have over 500 Magnet students at Boone, and we were able to celebrate them with pizza, sodas and dessert after school. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and donated drinks, desserts, and gift cards. It was another fun event!

December was busy but it was so fun! And none of it was possible without all the PEOPLE in this Boone community. I'm so thankful!

CLASS of 2022... this is your year! I am so proud of you! Your high school journey has had its unexpected challenges, but you have risen above and now it is your time to shine. Enjoy your last few months at Boone. I know it is so exciting to think about what your future holds but I promise you, you will miss all your PEOPLE here.

I have been so fortunate to have two amazing PTSO Boards while I have been President. There is absolutely no way I could have done this job without all those PEOPLE! They have all worked so hard and supported me so much over the last two years. While we focus on the rest of this school year, it is also that time of year to start thinking ahead. If you are interested in being a part of this Boone community in this way and working with some amazing people, we would love to have you on our PTSO Board next year. If you have any interest or questions, please email me at Boonehighschoolbraves@gmail.com.

I encourage you as you begin this new year to remember that PEOPLE are what really matter. So, take care of each other, build each other up and be there for each other. It seems that everything else will fall into place.

Thank you for building me up and supporting me and allowing me to serve Boone in this way!

Forever Brave,

Jessica Pullum  
PTSO President 2021-2022



Honors Breakfast - Students with Santa



Honors Breakfast PTSO Volunteers



### PTSO Scholarship Application

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Boone PTSO is proud to offer... (3) \$500 scholarships to be awarded to Boone graduating seniors. Applications are due to Mrs. Cullen in College and Career by March 11, 2022! Awarded funds will be administered for post secondary education. In order to be considered for one of these scholarships, students must be PTSO members by March 1, 2022.

**Applicant Contact Information:** (Please Print) Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE #  Check here is number is text enabled E-MAIL

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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? :  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us in 50 words or less how you have been involved with or benefited from the PTSO at Boone High School:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

What social events, activities, clubs, organizations, sports, etc. have you participated in while a student at Boone? :  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_


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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Course Selection at Boone will take place utilizing a custom-designed website and Google form. Please refer to: <https://sites.google.com/ocps.net/bhscourse/home>. The process is collaborative between the counselor and the student and will allow families to make informed course decisions and understand course progressions for different subjects. After reviewing the website, students are taken to a 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 course placement level for each student. Students will also have one on one meetings with their counselors to finalize the scheduling process. Students and parents are welcome to contact guidance counselors with questions or to inquire further with questions or feedback.

### Bright Futures Scholarships

Seniors were given the opportunity to attend the Bright Futures sessions through their English class. At the session, students were given the opportunity to complete their Bright Futures application. If you have not completed the bright futures scholarship application please see the link below for assistance. <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAINscholarship/>.



### FAFSA

#### Free Application for Student Aid

Seniors began the student portion of their free application for student aid (FAFSA) in their English class in October. 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. [https://www.ocps.net/departments/student\\_services/academics/college\\_career/financial\\_aid](https://www.ocps.net/departments/student_services/academics/college_career/financial_aid)

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## Kloset

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Looking ahead to 2022, the next big project for the Kemosabe Kloset will be graduation for the Class of 2022! We want all of our Braves looking their best as they cross the stage to be recognized for their hard work! If you have a cap, gown, and/or stole in excellent condition and would like to donate it so that another student may wear it, please drop it off at the front desk. Keep your tassel! Those are year specific and a great keepsake for you!

Our year round needs continue to be leggings for women, athletic shorts for ladies and men and NEW undergarments in all styles and sizes for men and women. We are also in need of new or very gently used backpacks in neutral colors (black/navy/gray) and basic school supplies such as pencils/pens, college ruled notebook paper, and college ruled spiral notebooks. If you would prefer to make a donation to offset the cost of specific needs/requests, you may do so by submitting a check to the front desk or using the Kemosabe Kloset link on SchoolPay.com.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Kemosabe Kloset!



## Trading Post

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The guys prefer the afternoon, so Guy's Bible Study is after school on Friday afternoons! Reach out to an FCA leader or email [fcaboone@gmail.com](mailto:fcaboone@gmail.com) for details.

One more Bible Study option! Once a month, all of FCA gathers at 7:09pm for a little more in-depth study of God's Word. Second semester dates are February 28, March 21, and April 18. Reach out to an FCA leader or email [fcaboone@gmail.com](mailto:fcaboone@gmail.com) for details.

Large or small group, morning, afternoon or night, FCA has got you covered! We'd love to see you there! Everyone is always welcome!



## Spring Sports Tickets & Passes

The spring sports season is here! With 11 sports in action, Boone athletics is busy with practices and games almost every night of the week on and off campus. Single home game tickets are sold on GoFan.co or on the GoFan app. Sports passes are still available for students, parents, families and grandparents and can be cost effective if attending multiple games this season. Contact [BooneAthletics@gmail.com](mailto:BooneAthletics@gmail.com) with questions regarding passes. Go Braves – Hail Orange & White!



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## Prom 2022

**Date:** April 23, 2022

**Time:**

- Check-in begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Doors to the ballroom open at 6:30 p.m.
- Dinner begins promptly at 6:45 p.m. Any student arriving after dinner is served may not receive their dinner and will not be refunded.
- Late arrival is not permitted. Students not checked in by 7:15 p.m. will not be allowed entrance to the dance. No Refunds will be given.
- The dance ends promptly at 10:30 p.m. and rides need to be ready.

**Location/Theme:**

- The location and theme of prom will be announced with the digital prom invitation for all juniors and seniors. It will be posted to Canvas on Valentine's Day.

**Dress Code:**

- The dress code is formal. If you are not sure if your outfit is acceptable, please see any administrator before the dance to confirm you will be allowed in.
- BHS Administration reserves the right to refuse admission or dismiss you from the event if you arrive in unacceptable attire, show up late, or engage in any other behavior deemed appropriate for removal.

**Guests:**

- All guests who are not BHS students must fill out and turn in a BHS dance guest form to purchase a ticket. This form will be released on Canvas closer to ticket sales.
- Guests should be of high school.
- Should a guest arrive who is not of proper age, that guest will be revoked entry and will not be refunded.
- Administration reserves the right to remove a student from this event if a student or accompanying person displays inappropriate behavior and no refund will be given.

**Acceptable**

Formal dresses (dress length should stay within the school's dress code-nothing too short)

Suits

Spaghetti straps or strapless dresses

Dress pants

Dress shoes

Dress shirt with collar and tie

**Check-in:**

- Check-in begins at 6:00. Students must have their Boone I.D. and ticket with them at the time of check in.

**Ticket sales:**

- Ticket sales will be held March 23rd - March 30th. This is the only week tickets will be sold. Please note: NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THE WEEK OF PROM.
- Students will need to purchase a ticket online using SchoolPay and bring the receipt to the ticket sales line during both lunches in the PAC lobby.
- They will also need an obligation form to show they do not owe the school money.
- To pick up their ticket at lunch, students must have with them their ID and a cleared obligation form. Students must also have a 2.0 cumulative GPA (it will be checked by administration at the ticket sales line).
- Students will choose their seat and food choice when they come to the ticket sales line during both lunches. No seats will be held. NO SEAT CHANGES WILL BE MADE. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are nonrefundable.

**Unacceptable**

Midriff open (sides cut out or belly showing)

Plunging necklines

Plunging backlines

Anything deemed too revealing

No hats, flip flops, sunglasses, or canes are permitted inside the dance

**During the dance:**

- Our dancing policy will be in effect. Students will receive a wristband at check-in. If they are dancing inappropriately the wristband will be cut. If they are caught dancing inappropriately again, then they will be asked to leave the dance.
- Behavior should be appropriate. This is a school function. If OCPS rules and regulations have not been followed by the student or the guest of a BHS student, administration reserves the right to use appropriate disciplinary action set forth by Boone High school and OCPS.

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## Wrestling

Boone Wrestling is having another outstanding season! They are off to a fantastic start, with our Braves having earned 14 medals collectively. They compete not only as a team throughout their season, but individually, working their way to the State competition to compete against others in their weight class.

Our Braves train every day after school, and matches and tournaments can be anywhere from 6 – 8 hours long! They work hard physically and mentally to be the best in their weight class so they can be best as a team. Their hard work and dedication has certainly paid off thus far! Special thanks for the dedication of their incredible coaches as well, Coach Specht, Coach Saragusa, Coach Camera.

### Below are medalist to date:

#### Barbara Pill Memorial Tournament

- 113 - Dillon Dorman, 2nd place
  - 126 - Paige Angle, 4th place
  - 132 - Kristopher Tellez, 2nd place
  - 138 - Russell Sillery, 4th place
  - 145 - Clayton Camera, 2nd place
  - 152 - Evan Colon, 2nd place
  - 160 - Samuel Wesley, 3rd place
  - 220 - James Rasperry, 4th place
- Boone finished 3rd as a team.

#### William Nutter Memorial Tournament

- 113 - Dillon Dorman, 1st place
- 145 - Sebastian Laso, 3rd place
- 220 - James Rasperry, 2nd place

#### Longhorn Rotary Classic

- 113 - Dillon Dorman, 6th place
- 160 - Evan Colon, 3rd place
- 195 - James Rasperry, 6th place



This is just the beginning for the Wrestling team, as their season continues near every weekend until March 4th and 5th, when States take place at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee. *Go Braves!*



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