

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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

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## Principal's Message

As spring arrives, our school calendar is filled to the brim with activities, signaling that we are nearing the end of another school year. Our campus will be hosting several events from now until the end of the school year, and I warmly invite you to support our Brave athletics, performing arts, and various extracurricular activities. Specifically, I would like to formally invite you and your family to our spring musical, *The Wedding Singer*, April 4-6. Tickets can be purchased at [www.teachtix.com/bhs](http://www.teachtix.com/bhs).

We are entering the final stretch for our Class of 2024. At this time of year, we are dedicating our efforts to create as many lasting memories for our seniors as possible; Prom, Grad Bash, yearbook signing, and senior checkout, just to name a few. I am eagerly anticipating the celebration of their achievements, culminating in the commencement ceremony on May 28, at 7:30 PM, at UCF's Addition Financial Arena.

This period is marked by a fresh wave of enthusiasm as we not only prepare to bid farewell to the Class of 2024 but also gear up for the academic planning of our underclassmen and the welcoming of the new cohort of Boone Braves. It is reassuring to know that our future rests in the hands of such promising young individuals. With your mentorship, many students have chosen challenging and relevant courses, setting them on the path to a bright future.

I would be remiss if I ended this spring update without recognizing the top of our Senior Class, led by our Valedictorian, Joseph Scheck, who has a 5.300 GPA, and our Salutatorian, Christopher Silva, who has a 5.275 GPA! The Top 20 students listed below, led by Joseph and Christopher, are a tremendous representation of what it means to be a Boone Brave.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Scheck      | 11. Briana Harris        |
| 2. Christopher Silva  | 12. McKenna Murphy       |
| 3. Benjamin Graham    | 13. Andrew Pullum        |
| 4. Nichola Wells      | 14. Scarlett Seyler      |
| 5. Julia Anagnostis   | 15. Anabella Garcia      |
| 6. Juan Salinas Recio | 16. Amelia Wishart       |
| 7. Emma Thompson      | 17. Ella Whittington     |
| 8. Noor-ul-Ain Bhatti | 18. Hannah Spencer       |
| 9. Jack McDonald      | 19. Charles Hamer-Hodges |
| 10. Harrison Summer   | 20. Robert Whittington   |

Forever Brave,  
Dr. Hector Maestre



MARCH  
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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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## PTSO

It's that time of year again – spring break is behind us and the end of another school year is quickly approaching! Once we return from winter break, PTSO is in appreciation mode – honoring and celebrating all of those on campus that make Boone such a great place! We started by recognizing our “Soup”er Guidance Counselors and Student Services with a soup and salad lunch for all that they do to make sure that our Braves are on track to a bright future.

In February, the Sweetheart Lunch was a great way to thank our cafeteria, custodial and security staff as well as our School Resource Officers – Officer Daniel and Officer Manganiello. This group is dedicated to keeping Boone safe and healthy. PTSO celebrated them with a delicious lunch and Valentine's sweet treats. Thank you to everyone who donated desserts and resources to make this possible. We also thanked our Bus Drivers with a grab-and-go lunch. Next time you think traffic is bad in your car, imagine how difficult it must be driving a BUS! PTSO certainly appreciates those that keep our students safe traveling to and from school.

Coming up are appreciation weeks for Teachers, Assistant Principals, School Nurses, Admin Assistants, and volunteers – and Boone has the very best! We are so grateful for you all and look forward to celebrating you all this spring!

Last but not least, our Class of 2024 deserves a huge congratulations! We are so proud of all of your hard work throughout your school career, but especially the last 4 years in high school. You all have made your mark on Boone and now it is time for you to make your mark on the world! We are so excited about all of the fun activities and events coming up to celebrate you!

On a personal note, the end of the school year means that my term as PTSO President is ending and my youngest Brave will head into his senior year. PTSO is truly a team effort – I am just the fortunate one who gets to write these articles. Thank you to every single person who has stepped up along the way to continue so many great traditions and help build new ones. There are so many things that could not happen without the generosity of Boone families and our community. The people are the heartbeat of this campus. We have the best admin, faculty, and staff. They amaze me each time I am on campus with their commitment to students and willingness to go above and beyond to help them succeed. Parent support is critical to fill the gaps and I encourage you to get involved however you can. You won't regret it!

Email us at [boonehighschoolbraves@gmail.com](mailto:boonehighschoolbraves@gmail.com) to find out how you can be a part of the action!

Let's wrap up the school year and look forward to the slower pace of summer!

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2023-24 PTSO President

  
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Boone PTSO is proud to offer (3) \$500 scholarships to be awarded to Boone graduating seniors. Typed applications are due to Ms. Gurley in College and Career by March 11, 2024! 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, 2024.

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

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

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

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 **typed** sheet.

(Please **type** 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 **type** a 250 word essay on the following topic:

Reflect on something or someone at Boone High School that impacted you in a significant way. How will this affect or motivate you in the future?

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## Boone Outfitters

Our community showed some love to Boone Outfitters in February! Thank you for your donations from our Amazon registry! The Boone Outfitters team is working hard to ensure all students have what they need. We use your donations for daily student visits, Saturday shopping (the next one is April 13th), and pop-up shops during school hours. We will also ensure that all Boone students have several opportunities to shop our formal attire collection before prom. Please consider donating your formal attire to the closet!

As we wrap up the school year, we are seeking cap/gown donations to ensure that every senior Brave has what they need on graduation day. Please donate only caps and gowns due to the tassels and stoles changing every year. Please also spread the word to any previous Boone families who may have some caps/gowns tucked away in a closet!

All donations can be dropped off at the front desk. Please hold your donations for the last two weeks of school and through the summer. We will be ready to go again in early August!

Thank you for your support of Boone Outfitters!

## Braves' Bounty

The Braves' Bounty supplies snacks and groceries for students and their families. One in six Central Florida children go hungry every day and we want our Braves to have everything they need to be successful.

Let your students know that resources are available to them here on campus:

- Groceries- discreetly packaged in plain brown bags available daily at the Main Office and can be picked up after school
- Toiletries, including feminine products, dental care, hair care, and soap- available through guidance counselors
- School supplies- available through guidance counselors

If you would like to donate to the Braves' Bounty, we accept monetary donations via SchoolPay.com or checks made out to Boone High School and marked "Braves' Bounty donation" on the memo line. Your generous donations allow us to shop for specific items that families need.

Food donations are accepted at the front desk. We accept individually wrapped cheese/peanut butter crackers, breakfast/granola bars, individual fruit cups, packs of tuna/chicken salad with crackers, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, rice, cans of tomato sauce, and pop-top ravioli/spaghetti.

Thank you to all of the families who have supported the Braves Bounty this year. Your generosity is very appreciated!

If you wish to run a food drive for the Braves' Bounty or have questions, please contact Sarah Doherty at BooneBravesBounty@gmail.com.

## Community Outreach



Boone High School would like to sincerely thank *Big Shoes and Cleats for Teens* for the donation of shoes that will benefit our athletes with larger shoe sizes. Their donation allows us to help our athletes in a way that we didn't realize was possible. We thank you for your commitment to our Brave athletes!

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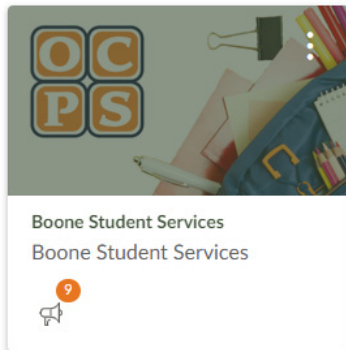
## February 2024 Student Services

[https://boonehs.ocps.net/student\\_services](https://boonehs.ocps.net/student_services)

Course Selection for the 2024-2025 school year has wrapped up! School Counselors went into English Classrooms to present on how to fill out the course selection form and to answer any questions. On their English Teacher's designated date, counselors met with students 1:1 to discuss their course selection. Students had two different opportunities to meet with their counselor (course selection day or the make-up day). The process is collaborative between the counselor and the student, which allows families to make informed decisions and understand course professions for different subjects. Please be sure to go over this with your student and refer to the CPALMS website for descriptions of courses. <https://www.cpalms.org/>

If you have any questions about your student's course selections, please contact their School Counselor. All counselor breakdowns are on the Boone High School website under "Student Services."

Student Services has a canvas page with lots of helpful information! Students can go into their canvas account, and look for this icon:



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## College and Career

Join College and Career's Instagram page @boonecollege.career to get updates about what's going on in college admissions, financial aid, Bright Futures, scholarships, etc. Scholarships are updated frequently this time of year.

Check out the OCPS website [bit.ly/ocps\\_scholarships](http://bit.ly/ocps_scholarships) for an updated list. Scholarships will also be posted in the College and Career section of Dr. Maestre's weekly Totem Talk newsletter or students can stop by Mrs. Gurley's office to see what is available on her Make it Rain board.



## Florida Financial Aid Application (Includes Bright Futures)

Seniors should have completed their Florida Financial Aid Application through their English classes. If your student has not completed the Bright Futures scholarship application, please visit the link <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>.

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Seniors began the student portion of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in their English class. This important application can help students receive Pell Grant money from the government (free money) and institutional aid from the colleges. We encourage all seniors to complete this application. Please follow up with your student to complete the parent portion of this FAFSA. The application will only be complete with your information and electronic signature. Colleges will begin to receive FAFSA information in mid-March.

For additional help please see Mrs. Gurley in the College and Career Center or email [nicole.gurley@ocps.net](mailto:nicole.gurley@ocps.net).



## Juniors

Now is the time to get planning for college. Where should you apply? What should you major in? What classes should you take in 12th grade? All questions can be discussed with Mrs. Gurley in College and Career.

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# PROM INFO

## Prom

**Date: April 20, 2024**

### 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 food 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 prom will be held at Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive.
- 8001 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819
- Students can park in the lot behind the hotel or get dropped off in front of the ballroom.
- The prom theme is "Midsummer's Night."

### 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.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
Formal dresses (dress length should stay within the school's dress code, nothing too short)	Midriff open (sides cut out or belly showing)
Suits	Plunging necklines
Spaghetti straps or strapless dresses	Plunging backlines
Dress pants	Anything deemed too revealing
Dress shoes	No hats, flip-flops, sunglasses, or canes are permitted inside the dance
Dress shirt with collar and tie	

### Check-in begins at 6:00.

- Students must present their Boone I.D. and table registration card when they arrive at 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.**

### Guests:

- All guests who are not BHS students must have been approved.
- Guests should be of high school age and must be 20 or younger.
- 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.**

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- Cash for Photography if desired

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## William R. Boone High School Athletics

2023-2024

### Spring Sports Coach Contact and Tryout Info

Sport	Head Coach	FHSAA Start Date
Baseball	Tony Darden antonio.darden@ocps.net	January 22nd
Beach Volleyball	Cole Trimble caroline.trimble@ocps.net	February 5th
Girls	Javier Rodriguez parcelplus@aol.com	January 29th
Flag Football	Nick Veith wnveith@gmail.com	January 22nd
Girls	Amanda Matusik amanda.matusik@ocps.net	January 22nd
Lacrosse	Stan Woods stanfordwoods@att.net	January 22nd
Boys	John Richards john@fortgatlin.com	January 15th
Lacrosse	Jerry Williams (B) jerry.williams@ocps.net	January 29th
Girls	Brandon Roush (G) brandon.roush@ocps.net	
Softball	Jack Pflugner jrpflug@icloud.com	February 12th
Volleyball	Michael Martinac michael.martinac@ocps.net	January 8th
Boys	Charles Nassar charles.nassar@ocps.net	January 8th
Water Polo		
Boys & Girls		
Weightlifting		
Boys		

**All athletes must have completed a FHSAA physical and have an ECG on file with BHS in order to participate. Contact Molly Fitzgerald (Athletic Trainer) @ molly.fitzgerald@ocps.net with questions regarding physicals and ECGs. Guidelines on how and where to submit athletic physicals can be found at [www.booneathletics.com](http://www.booneathletics.com)**

For questions about tryouts or preseason conditioning contact the coach listed above or Kevin Demer (Athletic Director) at kevin.demer@ocps.net or (407) 893-7215.

Visit the BHS Athletic website for up-to-date athletic information: [www.booneathletics.com](http://www.booneathletics.com)

### Physical and ECG Night

Date: May 23rd, 5:30-7 pm

Location: Boone GYM

Physical Cost: \$20 - Pre-register on School Pay

ECG Cost: **FREE** - Pre-register at [www.whoweplayfor.org](http://www.whoweplayfor.org)

Sports Physical Night happens each spring and is a great way for students to get their annual physical and one-time Heart ECG exam all in one night. Proceeds benefit the Athletic Training Department.

Register for an ECG at [www.whoweplayfor.org](http://www.whoweplayfor.org). ECG screenings at this event are FREE!!

WHO: All athletes, band members, NJROTC, and dance members must have a physical completed annually. Students must pre-register on School Pay for a physical. ECGs are a separate registration.

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### What's Up

- Casino Night was fun and a huge success...even Santa Claus made an appearance.
- Corn Hole Tournament is April 6 and will be a FREE EVENT! (registration will open soon)
- Spirit Night remains the first Tuesday of each month at Gators in SODO.
- Teacher Grants (request online or email boonebravesfoundation@gmail.com)
- Support BHSAA at the Brave Run with a water table.
- The Scholarship Committee is hard at work with over \$13,000 in scholarships to award to our graduating seniors.
- Performed and scheduled campus tours taking place for class reunions.

### Teacher Wishes Granted and Initiatives:

- Classroom set of scientific calculators and graphic calculators
- Classroom set of keyboards for Spanish classes
- Donation for Quarterly Student Celebration for Academic Excellence
- Funded needed items for Resiliency Day
- Fulfilled Amazon Teacher Classroom Wish Lists (ongoing)
- Provided over 1,000 pencils for SAT and ACT testing
- Treats for college application day for seniors
- Breakfast for SAFE coordinator meeting with Orange County Government
- Provided supplies for the ESE Department
- Provided catered Thanksgiving dinner for Brave Students in need
- Mardi Gras Teacher Pizza Luncheon
- Breakfast for the Boone High School Career Fair
- Provided supplies for SGA



### Working:

- Alumni membership program
- Alumni T-shirt store

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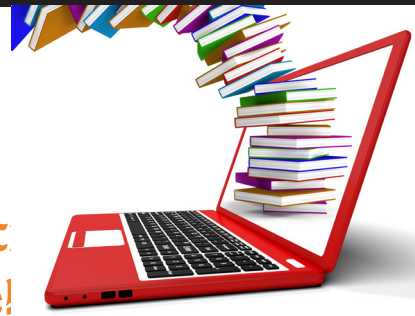
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Congratulations to the following students who were tapped as new members of the National English Honor Society on Valentine's Day! All are welcome to the Induction Ceremony in the PAC on 3/12 at 6 pm to celebrate their success in high school English courses.

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Corey Alexis  
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Havalyn Hale  
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