

Principal's Message

Dear Braves,

We are already in the fall season and second quarter of the school year. It has been an exciting and bustling start and I want to thank our incredible students, staffulty, parents, and community members because we would not be able to do it without you! As a school community, we continue to rally around our young Braves to ensure they have everything they need to be successful.

The strong traditions at Boone are still alive and this year is no exception. Our academic and extra-curricular programs are second to none. This is because as a school we know that in addition to a phenomenal education, students need to have experiences and opportunities to demonstrate leadership outside of school. I continue to be impressed with the professionalism and professional dress of the students in our 3 magnet programs and the Health Academy. Our award-winning Theatre Department put on an amazing fall show, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and it was utterly amazing. I was honored to be a part of the induction of the Boone chapter of the National Honor Society when 158 new members joined this prestigious organization. Our student leaders in the Hispanic Student Union put together a wonderful celebration of culture during Hispanic Heritage Month. Our Student Government Association outdid itself once again with an incredible Homecoming Week. Everything from the spirit dress-up days, parade, movie night, Braves Brawl, football game, and of course the dance were all so much fun! I could go on and on about all of the events that have taken place so far and cannot wait for the upcoming events as we work towards the holiday season.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to once again congratulate 2 individuals whom we are incredibly grateful for having as part of our Boone staffulty. The 2023-24 Teacher of the Year is Ms. Jennifer Hilley and the 2023-24 Support Person of the Year is Ms. Jamie Longmire! They are both incredibly deserving of this distinction and will now represent Boone in the County competition.

As we move through the second quarter I challenge all of our Braves to continue pushing themselves to the highest level of success. You have all of the tools you need to be successful and if you need anything at all please do not hesitate to ask us for assistance. Have an incredible second quarter!

Forever Brave, Dr. Maestre



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.

'Smoke Signals' October 2023 Published Four Times Per Year Orange County Public Schools Boone High School P.O. Box 271 Orlando, FL 32806 Issue 2





PT50



Happy Fall, Boone Families!

By the time you are reading this, we are more than one-quarter of the way through the school year! That means that PTSO has welcomed teachers

and staff back to school with a delicious breakfast sponsored by **Create Your Nature**, Braves came back to campus to meet their teachers and paint their parking spots, and more than 800 parents, students, staff, and community members have joined PTSO. Thank you to everyone who purchased yard signs and class magnets, attended Parent Mixers, helped stock the Braves Bounty, sponsored meals for teachers at Open House, and supported our annual Polyester Paradise dance.

Did you know that PTSO raises approximately 85% of our annual budget in the first quarter of the school year through these events and campaigns? The funds raised during this time allow us to host meals for over 200 teachers and staff four times throughout the year, maintain Braves Bounty and Boone Outfitters, offer scholarships to seniors, celebrate the accomplishments of students, and recognize our counselors, resource officers, administrative support staff, and custodians and bus drivers for all that they do every day for our Braves. Fall is always a busy time of year – in athletics, arts, and academics – and we are so grateful for your continued support.

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving and the holiday season, PTSO has much for which to be grateful! We count you and your family among our blessings! There is much more to come, so please be sure to stay up to date by checking out our Facebook pages and watching for news in Dr. Maestre's weekly electronic newsletter. A couple of dates you won't want to miss –

- Wednesday, December 6 Senior Sunrise & Breakfast
- Thursday, December 7 Honors Breakfast
- Thursday and Friday, December 7 & 8 Boone Outfitters Holly Jolly Celebration
- Thursday, December 14 Teacher and Staff Holiday Luncheon

If you'd like more information or have any questions about how you can find your place in PTSO, email us at BooneHighSchoolBraves@gmail.com. We'd love to connect with you!

Grateful to be a Boone Brave! Amy Bhavsar 2023-24 PTSO President





Boone Outfitters

Boone Outfitters is a clothing closet that offers free clothing to all BHS students. The closet offers new and gently used clothing at any time throughout the school day, and various Saturday shopping days, and also provides formal attire for Homecoming and Prom!

Please consider donating gently used teen-appropriate clothing and formal attire. We also accept cap/gown donations from graduated seniors! You can drop off items at the front desk.

You can also easily order from our Amazon wishlist and have items delivered directly to the school!

https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1G0FXBV2IP9GY/guest-view

Thank you to those of you who have been donating! It truly makes a difference.

We will open the closet for all Boone students to shop on many Saturdays throughout the school year. These dates are 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 1/27, 2/24, & 4/13. Students are also able to shop as needed during their lunch shifts. Simply email Ms. Layton to arrange a time at Camille.Layton@ocps.net.

Looking ahead, the holiday season is just around the corner and we are ready to make spirits bright for many Braves and their families! Each year, because of the incredible generosity of our community and fellow Brave families, Boone Outfitters is able to host a Holly Jolly Holiday Celebration for some of our Boone students. If you would like to help us spread cheer, provide joy, and perhaps some relief to families, please help us by donating to schoolpay.com and donating to the Boone Outfitters.

If you would prefer, you may also send gift cards (\$25 increments to Target or Walmart) or a check to the front office. Additionally, you can send gifts directly to the school by using our holiday Amazon registry!

https://www.amazon.com/registries/holiday/14SHZ002W0HMJ/guest-view

Thank you for your continued support of Boone Outfitters!

Melissa Graham Boone Outfitters Chair



The Trading Post

Visit the "official" Boone spirit wear store run by Boone Athletics with all proceeds benefiting Boone High School. The Trading Post sells a variety of spirit wear online and at selected home games and special events. Throughout the year, merchandise can be purchased online at BHSTradingPost.com for pick up at the front desk. Please direct all questions to BooneAthletics@gmail.com.

Celebrate at the Fish!



Grouper, Mahi, Shrimp & Steak Live Music Sunday Brunch Cook Your Catch Catering

7937 Daetwyler Drive | Orlando, FL 32812 407.812.6881





PTSO Yard Signs

Come pick up your signs and magnet order!

Pre-ordered Boone Brave Yard Signs and Class Magnets are ready!

Please have your student come pick up your order at the front desk during school hours!





Student Services

The Student Services Department is committed to helping all students maximize their potential.

Counselors are here to guide students toward success!

School Counselors 2023-2024

Mrs. Elliott: A-De Mrs. Branca: Di-Hel Mrs. Kolber: Hen-Ma Ms. Strum: Mc-Rod Ms. Whitman: Rog-Z Ms. Stanton: Magnet Ms. Mooneyhan: ESE

Academic Coach Ms. Abreu-Sanchez

College and Career Mrs. Gurley Career and Technical Education Ms. Borden SAFE Coordinator Ms. Layton School Social Worker Ms. Creasey

School Counselors are determined to get back into classrooms to interact more with students with informational presentations in regard to graduation, resources, and testing information. Starting the week of September 5th, School Counselors will be holding Senior Meetings, and Junior Meetings will start in October. These meetings entail counselors meeting one-onone with students to show them where they stand for graduation, answering any questions they have, and for a copy of their transcript. Students will come down with their English class on their designated days.

Student Services offers the following tips to assist each student and family as they strive for Success.

- 1. Attend school daily be punctual and prepared
- 2. Develop a study time and place each evening where you will not be interrupted
- 3. Use a daily planner
- 4. Monitor grades in each class using Skyward
- Reach out to teachers directly with questions about grades. They are here to help you find success, so keep the dialogue open with teachers as it relates to grading practices and ideas for improvement

If parents have questions about specific grades and grading criteria, please log onto Canvas and Skyward with your student. Most questions relating to grading practices and specific assignments can be answered through those avenues. If difficulties arise or an understanding cannot be reached, parents/guardians should reach out to individual teachers to attempt to resolve them. Email address can be found on the website:

https://boonehs.ocps.net/facultystaff

If that is not successful or additional interventions may still be needed, please reach out to Student Services to be added to our parent-teacher conference schedule. Parent-teacher conferences will be held one Wednesday each month, and this provides an opportunity for families to meet with their child's teachers to create an action plan for success together. Consistent communication between the student,

parent/guardian, teachers, and guidance counselor is of paramount importance. This partnership is essential to student success. Counselors also utilize an appointment-based system that allows them to meet with counselors throughout the year. Students also have the opportunity to book an appointment online through the Student Services webpage at any time during the year. The confirmation booking is your pass to see your School Counselor.

https://boonehs.ocps.net/student_services

If a student has a true emergency, he or she may request to see a School Counselor or the School SAFE Coordinator/School Social Worker immediately.

Bright Futures Scholarships: This application opened up to all seniors on October 1st.

https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

All seniors were provided with specific instructions concerning the Bright Futures application process and FAFSA during English class in October. Your student created an account on the Florida Bright Futures website and should have completed this application. We encourage any Dual-Enrolled student to contact their counselor if they have questions regarding this application. All counselors must confirm that this application was submitted.

ACT and SAT: Juniors and seniors are encouraged to sign up for ACT and SAT tests to reach their goals. If you are eligible for free/reduced lunch, then you are eligible for a fee waiver from The College Board or ACT to take these tests. Students are encouraged to use the free tutorials provided by CollegeBoard.org, ACT.org, and Khan Academy online at www.khanacademy.org to prepare for tests.

Stay Connected:

- "Like" the Boone High School Facebook Page
- Visit the College and Career page on the Boone website (under Guidance)
- Follow @boonecollege.career on Instagram

FAFSA: Free Application for Student Aid www.fafsa.gov. All seniors are highly recommended to fill out this form in order to try and get grant money, free money, to use for college or technical school. Even if the parent makes too much money, some private scholarships as well as some scholarships at the college will require the form. This year the FAFSA will not open until hopefully sometime in December. Your student will have made their FSA ID, and FAFSA login, in their English class. It is encouraged that one parent also make an account now, as it will be needed for the parent portion in December. The application will only be complete with parent information and electronic signature.

For additional help, please contact Mrs. Gurley in College and Career at Nicole.Gurley@ocps.net.



Julie Bowyer REALTOR®

> 407-758-0153 jbowyer@me.com



Keller Williams at the Parks 11 S. Bumby Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32803 Teacher of the Year and Support Person of the Year



Congratulations to Boone High School's Teacher of the Year Ms. Jennifer Hilley

iner commer range

Congratulations to Boone High School's Support Person of the Year Ms. Jaime Longmire







Contact Ms. Castro or Ms. Yelensky for more information



TBA: Graduation

Open an account online at midflorida.com



Offer valid as of July 1, 2023, and may be canceled at any time without notice. MIDFLORIDA Credit Union membership and eligibility requirements apply. See associate for details regarding terms and fees. The Absolutely Free Student Checking account is designed for individual MIDFLORIDA members 10-20 years old. \$25 minimum opening deposit required. Depending on age, the account may require a parent or guardian's signature. Identification (school or government-issued ID) required to open account, driver's license or government-issued ID required for issuance of debit card. Insured by NCUA.





FLORAL, PLANTS, WEDDINGS, CORPORATE SERVICES INBLOOMFLORIST.COM • BUSINESSBYINBLOOM.COM @@inbloomflorist 325 West Gore St. Oriando, FL 32806 407-649-7771

5



Γ.

MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER



Kimen Rush Allen 407-247-7692 cell 407-545-2662 bank main kallen@cogentbank.net

420 S. Orange Ave. Suite 150 Orlando, FL 32801

Member

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:

- Snack bags- available at the front desks in the Main Office and Guidance
- 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

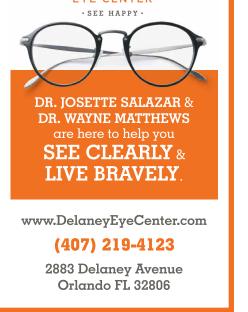
If you would like to donate to the Braves' Bounty, we accept monetary donations via SchoolPay.com or checks made out to Boone High School and marked "Braves' Bounty donation" on the memo line. Your generous donations allow us to shop for specific items that families need.

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, rice, beans, pasta, and pop-top ravioli/spaghetti.

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







Boone Resiliency Day

On Friday, September 15th Boone hosted the Back to School Bash to celebrate Resiliency Day! At the Back to School Bash the Student Services team gave out free popsicles to all students who attended.

Boone clubs also hosted activities and games for students to play and have fun while celebrating resiliency. Thank you to the Boone Foundation which purchased 1,300 popsicles for our students and to all of the clubs and their sponsors who set up games and activities.

Florida Statute 1003.42 requires public schools to facilitate at least 5 hours of mental health instruction in grades 6-12. Florida's First Lady Casey DeSantis has created the Resiliency Toolkit to help educators teach mental health and character education in their classrooms. OCPS has designated one school day each semester to celebrate and teach students resiliency. Students complete 30-minute interactive lessons on Canvas. There will be an adjusted bell schedule on these days, Sept. 15 and Jan. 11.



Content is from the Monique Burr Foundation, Mental Health Matters, which is funded by a grant from the Florida Attorney General's Office.

For more information about resiliency instruction, please visit https://www.ocps.net/departments/student services/guidance/parent resources mandatory instruction

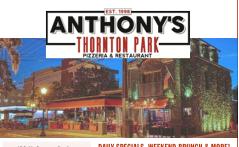




National Science Honor Society

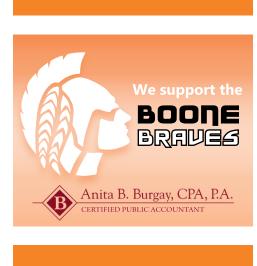
Science National Honor Society offers tutoring sessions for all science subjects. Tutoring takes place every Monday at 3:15 in Room 560.





100 N. Summerlin Ave. DAll Orlando, FL 32801 (407) 648–0009 vww.anthonyspizza.com

DAILY SPECIALS, WEEKEND BRUNCH & MORE! Monday – Thursday: 11:00am – 9:00pm Friday – Saturday: 11:00am – 10:00pm Sunday: 11:00am – 9:00pm



.



Sunday Nights | Service Projects | Mission Trips

for more info: FIRSTCHURCHORLANDO.ORG/YOUTH/



- Massage & Cupping #200
 Spinal Decompression Therapy Orlando FL, 32806
- Stretching & Exercise Therapy

Call us to schedule!

Website
www.Pavlikchiropractic.com

& Contact 407-423-4761







DOUGLAS HUHN, D.M.D. TYLER HUHN, D.D.S. RYAN HUHN, D.D.S. CLETE HUHN, D.D.S.

General Dentistry

1100 SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE ORLANDO, FL 32806

PHONE: (407) 422-6281 DHUHNDMD@HOTMAIL.COM



William R. Boone High School

Afhlefics 2023-2024 Spring Sports Coach Contact and Tryout Info

FHSAA

Head Coach

Sport

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

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

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



BHSAA

Save the Date 16th Annual 5K Brave Run on 2/24/24



Sport Pass

What is a Boone "All Sports Pass?" The Boone High School Athletic Association sells this electronic pass and is good for admission to all regular season home games. Single-game tickets and All Sports Passes are sold on the GoFan app or GoFan.co and available online only.

- \$50 Student (grades 5-12)
- \$100 Adult
- \$50 Grandparent
- \$250 Family (good for 5 family members living in the same household)

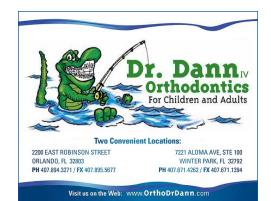


Single-game tickets are \$9 for football and \$8 for all other sports (+ processing fee) and are available on GoFan only.

2023 - 2024

"All SPORTS PASS

BHSAA's "All Sports Pass" is a great way to save money if attending multiple games throughout the 2023-2024 athletic season. Please direct all questions to BooneAthletics@gmail.com.



ORTHODONTICS

Orthodontic Treatment for Adults & Children

LOCATIONS: 2325 E MICHIGAN ST ORLANDO, FL 32806 (407)658-0280 www.amorthodontics.com

12609 NARCOOSSEE RD SUITE 10 ORLANDO, FL 32832 (407)418-0500





Programs, credential levels, technology, and scheduling options vary by school and are subject to change. Not all programs are available to residents of all U.S. states. South University, Orlando, Sp00 Lake Ellenor Drive, Suite 150, Orlando, FL 32809 © 2023 South University. All rights reserved.

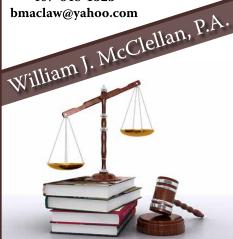
Get Connected to Boone!



- Here's how!
 'Join' us on Facebook: Boone Braves PTSO, Seniors: Boone Braves 2024, Juniors: Boone Braves 2025, Sophomores: Boone Braves 2026 and Freshmen: Boone Braves 2027
- Check out Boone High School's website: https://boonehs.ocps.net/
- Sign up for Dr. Maestre's weekly electronic newsletter, 'Totem Talk' on Boone's website: Click on the icon "Join Our Mailing List"
- 'Like' BHS on Facebook at Boone High School (@BooneHighOCPS) and Boone High School Español (@BHSEspanol). Follow BHS on Instagram at Boone HS Braves (@ocps_boonehs).
- Check out Boone Athletics's website: https://booneathletics.com
- 'Join' Boone Braves Athletics (BHSAA) on Facebook and Instagram
- 'Like' the BHS Foundation on Facebook at William R. Boone High School Foundation (@BooneFoundation)
- Don't forget to register to volunteer at https://www.ocps.net/ departments/community_resources_/ a_d_ditions_school_volunteers.
- Please check with coaches and/or club sponsors to access their respective social media pages.

Representing Clients in all Aspects of Criminal Law and Family Law

200 Ernestine Street Orlando, FL 32801 407-648-1525 bmaclaw@yahoo.com



Practicing in Central Florida for over 33 years

FIRST HORIZON.



There's nothing like the feeling when your team comes out on top. Well, except for maybe winning with your finances. And, for that, First Horizon is always your team. With banking tools that save you time and support that keeps it simple, you'll feel like you can take on any financial challenge.

PROUD SPONSOR OF BOONE HIGH SCHOOL

©2023 First Horizon Bank. Member FDIC.

Let's find a way. firsthorizon.com

Principal's Month





rou

OUR WONDERFUL





Commercial-Residential-Renovation Construction Management

PHONE: (407) 952-4458 FAX: (407) 601-6130 bigdayconstruction@yahoo.com

KEVIN BARNES

LIC. CBC1259742



2875 S. Orange Ave, Ste 536 Orlando, FL 32806 | 407.634.4450 orlandosodo@stretchlab.com



Orlando, FL 32806

NEW 2ND LOCATION!

2859 Delaney Ave.

JAN C. PARRILLO, M.D. JAN C. PARRILLO, M.D. E. FRANK DELGADO, M.D. CRISTINA GARCIA, M.D. MITUL SHAH, M.D. JUMANA AL-DEEK D.O. NATE HENRY D.O. SHANA CALDWELL, A.P.R.N. LINDSEY THILMONY A.P.R.N. YUSRAH AL-DEEK P.A.-C. KRISHA SHAH PA -C ROBERT HOLFELDER P.A.-C

Schedule online and live chat on our website: FamilyMC.com

ame Day Ap

Email us at: 2863 S. Delaney Ave. Patientcare@familymc.com We'll Treat Your Whole Tribe! NOW WITH OPEN HOURS ON SATURDAYS





Orange County Public Schools **William R. Boone H.S.** 1000 East Kaley Street Orlando Florida 32806 Non-Profit Organization U.S. Postage Paid Orlando, FL Permit #2346

12

Inside This Issue

Boone Resiliency Day Yearbook & Prom Info Student Services Class of 2024 Info and much more...