## For the Parents, Students and Community of Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School

#### Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School

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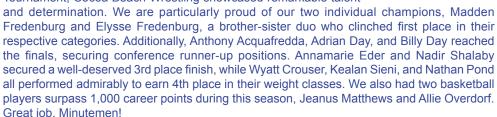


## Principal's Message

Hello Minutemen!

I hope this letter finds you well as we find ourselves more than halfway through the academic year. It is with great pride and excitement that I share some noteworthy updates on the achievements of our students and the overall progress of Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School.

As we approach the conclusion of the winter sports season, I am thrilled to highlight the exceptional accomplishments of our wrestling team. At the 2024 Cape Coast Conference Wrestling Tournament, Cocoa Beach Wrestling showcased remarkable talent



Academically, Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School continues to make significant strides. The recent results from our PM 2 testing are a source of immense pleasure and pride for our school community. These results not only reflect progress but also demonstrate that our students are excelling in their mastery of course standards. This success is a testament to the hard work and commitment exhibited by both our dedicated educators and our students. Your dedication to academic excellence is truly commendable and sets a high standard for our entire school community.

I am proud to share that our students' behavior has been commendable this year. Referrals are down 3.3 percent compared to last school year, a testament to the positive school culture we are fostering. The top three referral categories—Tardies, Out of Assigned Area, and Electronic Device Misuse—highlight areas where we continue to focus on improvement. We ask for continued support from parents in reinforcing positive behaviors at home, as this helps us maintain a focused and positive learning environment in the classroom.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to the Cocoa Beach community for your continued support. Your involvement and encouragement play a vital role in the success and positive atmosphere of our school. Together, we will continue to foster a learning environment where our students thrive academically and make significant contributions to our community.

Go Beach!

7im Powers
Principal









#### Home of the Minutemen



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#### **Front Office Staff**

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## January Students of the Month

These young people were chosen by their teachers for exhibiting the characteristics of the Learner Profile. September's characteristic was **Reflective**: We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

Victoria Amores-Ramazanova Creighton Browder GabrielBruso Hannah Butler Lauren Cann Michael Candelaria **Emma Carver** Raiden Chappell Charlie Clayton Olivia Cooper William Day **Fyah Deconte** Olivia Gibbs Harlow Johnsey Matthew Kenny Remy Key Winnie Lee Kaylee Lillie

**Delaney Mager** Jeanus (Jay) Matthews Misty McCabe Gracie McKee Henry Milton Isabel Ownbey Liam Parsons Ved Patel Oliver Pedyash **Hunter Penate** Collin Ramsey Antonella Ripepi Sara Rivera Ponce Peter Rudloff Maren Schluraff Daniella Scribner **Austin Wills** 

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# Academic Team Finishes 3rd at County Tournament

"Team Beach" (L-R) Malinda Todorovic, Kira Furton-Sparks, Canon Fleming, Frazier Hoak, Rose Slotin, Victoria Amores & Nanami Clouser.

Of the 15 high school teams participating in this December's Brevard County Academic Challenge (BCAC), only the Top Six were invited to the county's Championship Tournament.

"We're always shooting for a tournament bid," quipped Coach Mike Prince after his team's 3rd Place finish at the Tournament. "We had the misfortune of drawing one of the toughest schedules that had us playing the top teams multiple times. But finishing ahead of Edgewood & West Shore to finish 3rd at the Tourney was a big victory for us."

This year's CBHS squad had a lot of talented players, but no one who blew away the competition as in previous years. "West Shore, Edgewood & Holy Trinity all had Ivy League caliber players," said Coach Prince. "They were the teams to beat, so finishing ahead of everyone except Holy Trinity was huge for us."

The Minutemen's style of play during the season was cautious & calculating, letting other teams gamble and lose points. "We had to play that way a few years ago, when we finished 6th in the regular season and 6th at the County Tournament," said the coach. "But the difference this year has been Seniors Malinda Todorovic & Victoria Amores. They've been exceptionally accurate in their answers and have helped us win a tourney trophy."

Players on this year's CBHS Academic Team were: **Seniors** – Victoria Amores, Julia Dillon, Kira Furton-Sparks, Katherine Harrington, & Malinda Todorovic; Juniors – Nanami Clouser, Canon Fleming & Frazier Hoak; **Sophomore** – Rose Slotin.

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## Cocoa Beach Elks Vocational Scholarship

Cocoa Beach Elks Club #2387 in cooperation with Cocoa Beach Jr Sr High School and Brevard Public Schools is excited to announce a new scholarship available for vocational training!

This scholarship will help provide a career path for students who would like to pursue a trade or vocational career after high school! Trades like welding, aerospace tech, HVAC and many others are in great need of trained professionals. The Cocoa Beach Elks Club would like to be part of increasing trained workers in the field and are offering this new scholarship opportunity to assist students in paying for their training.

Applications for this scholarship are now open. Students interested in applying can reach out to Ms. Bierman at bierman.kaley@brevardschools.org.

We are grateful to the Elks for this opportunity and look forward to seeing many students benefit from it!

# Teaching Out-of-Field at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School

Please be advised that the following faculty members are teaching out-of-field in the certification area noted, for the 2023-2024 school year at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School:

- Jinny Glas (Out of Field Social Studies)
   \*Certified in Business Education (6th 12th grade)
- Jesse Grey (Out of Field Agriculture)
   \*Certified in Chemistry (6th 12th grade)
- Autumn Wilson (Out of Field Spanish)
   \*Certified in French (6th 12th grade)

CBHS teachers meet all the State requirements to teach in public schools. The out-of-field teachers are either working toward certification in the subject area needed or have recently completed the requirements for the Florida Department of Education to process their additional subject area. This notification is a Department of Education requirement for the state of Florida. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding a teacher's qualifications at 321-783-1776.

#### **Donations Needed Please!**

It's cold & flu season. Our teachers would appreciate any donations of tissue, hand sanitizer in pump bottles and paper towels. These may be dropped off in our office. Please let us know your student's teacher names when you drop them off. Thank you!

#### Want to Become a BPS Volunteer? We Need You!

Complete the Volunteer Application at https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NjE6ZW4tVVM=

#### What is a Registered Volunteer able to do?

Registered Volunteers are able to work in the classroom, work one on one with students, assist with athletic coaching, help office staff with filing and copying, work in the Library/ Media Center, work concession stands for athletic events, and attend in-county and out-of-county field trips as chaperones.

You must be fingerprinted and cleared before volunteering. There is no charge for fingerprinting at this time. Here's where to go for fingerprinting.

 BPS Educational Services Facility – Office of District and School Security:

2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940 Fingerprinting: Monday - Friday

Regular hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

If you're currently an active Registered Volunteer, keep in mind you must renew your status before it expires at a cost of just \$8.00 annually, which can be taken care of at District Security or on the BPS website.

Applicants will be notified upon approval of their application. In order to be fingerprinted, what do I bring to the Office of District and School Security?

- A valid driver license or state identification card.
- Please consider becoming a volunteer. For any questions, call 321-783-1776, ext. 23026 or 23003.
- You may also contact District Security at 321-633-1000.

## Important Dates

March 15 Teacher Work Day (no school)

★ March 25-29 Spring Break (no school)

April 22 Teacher/Student Holiday (no school)

May 21 Graduation

May 22-24 Exam Days (early release)





# Career & Technical Education Internship for School Year 2024-25

Calling all rising seniors! Have you taken two or more sequential Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses in Marketing, Technical Design or Digital Design 2 You may be eligible for a CTE

Design, or Digital Design? You may be eligible for a CTE internship your senior year! These internships count as class credit and may be paid\*!

Scan the QR code or talk with your counselor for more information.

\*Dependent on each individual company's policies.



#### **Chorus and Orchestra News**

Congratulations to Caroline Watters, Jordan Boggs, Ajay Balkaran, and Sammy Marquis for their selection through auditions to attend the Florida Music Educator's All-State Ensembles in Tampa, FL this past January. Sammy and Ajay were placed 5th and 6th in the state for the Senior High All-County Orchestra. Caroline is the first middle school orchestra violist to attend from Cocoa Beach. Jordan was selected for the High School Chorus. She is the first student selected from Cocoa Beach in more than 20 years.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected through audition to attend the Brevard All-County Ensembles:

- High School Chorus: Madalynn Pearson, Jordan Boggs
- Middle School Chorus: Haniyah Milton, Avah Wong, Maya Molloy, Sofia Noel
- High School Orchestra: Ajay Balkaran, Sammy Marquis
- Middle School Orchestra: Maren Schluraff, Eliza Perez, Tristan Louis, Caroline Watters, Annamarie Eder, and Sam Alvarez.

We are so proud of these students for all of their hard work in preparing for the auditions and their dedication to the ensembles here at school.



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# CBHS ARTS WEEKEND

# Join us for a celebration of the Arts at our High School Arts Weekend!

Featuring a spectacular School Art Show with activities and live music, and captivating performances of The Little Mermaid from our award-winning theater department. Don't miss out on this weekend filled with creativity and talent. See you there!



## The Little Mermaid

Showtime 6.00 PM 4/17 to 4/20 Performing Arts Center



## School Art Show

Open 3:30-5:30 PM 4/19 to 4/20 School Gym

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#### Girls Soccer

Congratulations to our girls' soccer seniors: Mya Farmer, Kayla McQueen, Elle Armenteros. Emma Wyman, Ali Tuggle, Kailey Wyman, Summer Moran, Baylin Parra, and Avery Brown. Keep making us proud. We know that you're just getting started!

## Minutemen Varsity Basketball 1,000 Career Point Club

Welcome seniors Allie Overdorf and Jay Matthews to the 1,000 varsity basketball career point club! Allie swished her 1,000 on January 16 in the Cape Coast Conference tournament game against Cocoa and Jay swished his 1,000 on February 2 on Senior Night against Bethany Christian.

Beach Pride congratulations to Allie and Jay on a huge accomplishment that is so difficult to achieve!

It's been 26 years since a Cocoa Beach Girls Basketball Player has reached this milestone (Leigh Gaudy 1998). And we think it's been 19 years since a Cocoa

Beach Boys Basketball Player has reached this milestone. We seek your help as we plan to make a 1,000 point club banner to hang in our Minutemen Gymnasium with the handful of names that have reached this amazing milestone in their varsity basketball career here at The Beach.

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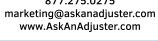
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To Addressee or Current Resident

#### **JROTC News**

Our JROTC program has been extremely busy these past few months. Our Raiders season is complete; our State Champions are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their championship rings. Currently, we have transitioned to our Drill and Rifle teams. Our Drill and Color Guard teams are beginning the drill season and will continue to train daily for their first match on February 10th. Our Drill and Color Guard teams, under the tutelage of 1SG Kevin Staddie, Cadet Battalion Commander Blake Anderson, and Sergeant Major Billy Day, continue to set the standard in the County as they are set to defend their District title, which they have held for the past six years. Our Rifle Team had a quick season, placing third at the District meet, and once again qualified for the State Championship; this is an impressive eleven-year streak for our Rifle team qualifying for the State Championships. Our Rifle Team was challenged this year, losing two varsity shooters after the District meet. The Rifle team is looking forward to resetting next year. Our Leadership and Academic teams sailed through the first round of competition and will compete in the second round in mid-February. Our Academic and Leadership teams aim to return to Washington, DC, for the summer national championship. Our current Staff members are planning for the February Military Ball, which is a night of celebration of the excellent work done by our Cadets and honoring our graduating seniors. Once again, this year's Military Ball will be held at the Tides Club at Patrick Space Force Base.

1SG and I remain excited about the success of our program, and we were recently notified that we are once again the largest JROTC program in Brevard County, as one of the smallest High schools. This is a great accomplishment and is directly due to the pride our Cadets show in our JROTC program and Cocoa Beach High School.



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