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Principal's Message

Hello Cocoa Beach Families,

It has been an absolute honor to serve as the Principal of Cocoa Beach Junior-Senior High School for the last 4 years. This is a wonderful school, with great students & parents, and an exemplary faculty. What is also special is the incredible support the community of Cocoa Beach provides our school. I have never seen anything like it.

The goal was always to make Cocoa Beach the school that every parent wants to send their child. The school at which every teacher wants to teach. The school of choice. I don't know if we are there yet, but the atmosphere on this campus is so positive, and the energy and enthusiasm is so strong, that we have to be close. We put in place mechanisms to reward students for the hard work and it has paid off. Recognitions such as Students of the Month and Class of the Quarter are fun, but also tools to emphasize the desired behaviors.

We have maintained our high academic performance and are actually the highest rated comprehensive high school in Brevard, according to US News & World Report's ranking system. We have strengthened the International Baccalaureate programme and increased educational opportunities for our students with the addition of our new Aqua Science program. We were designated a Purple Star School of Distinction by the state Department of Education for our support of military families.

Probably the most memorable highlight over this time was the first Beach Walk in May of 2020. We were in the early stages of the pandemic and had shut down in-person school and finished the year with remote instruction. Health and safety guidelines at the time prevented us from conducting our normal graduation ceremony. Out of this uncertain and challenging time came an incredible celebration of our graduates. I will never forget the joy on the faces of the Class of 2020 as they were finally able to break free from isolation of quarantine and lockdown to celebrate one of life's most important milestones. The Beach Walk is now a Cocoa Beach tradition that rivals the Crossing of the Bridge and other Minutemen rites of passage.

I wish each and every member of our school community the best this summer. Beach Pride.

Mark J. Rendell



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2023-24 Re-enrollment

Use this QR code to start your student's re-enrollment process for the 2023-24 school year!



JROTC News

As we close out our year, our Cocoa Beach JROTC program takes great pride in this year's accomplishments. We remain the top program in Brevard County based on our Cadet's performance and commitment to supporting their school and community. We are the largest JROTC program by Cadet numbers in Brevard County, and we do that as one of the smallest high schools. This growth is a testament to the support of our administration and faculty and the rigor our program provides to our students. We again remained District Champions with our Raiders, Drill, and Color Guard teams. Our Lady Raiders captured the state title for the second year in a row and are poised for a run at a third title. Our Rifle team placed second in Districts and remained one of the top teams in Central Florida. Our Academic and Leadership teams sailed into the second round of competition and narrowly missed returning to the national tournament held in Washington, DC. Twenty-one of our future leaders participated in this year's JCLC Leadership program, a three-day leadership Camp held at Camp La No Che. This Camp challenged our Cadets with a high ropes course, rappelling, and water survival and orienteering tasks. In addition, Our Cadets supported our community with over twenty-five Color Guard presentations, support to the Cape Canaveral VFW Vietnam War Veterans dinner, and the Cocoa Beach and Minutemen 5km races. Our Senior Class Cadets have earned over \$500,000 in scholarship monies and have set up next year's class for continued success. We proudly announce next year's Senior Leadership with Cadet Blake Anderson becoming next year's Battalion Commander, Cadet Landon Benoit will be our Executive Officer, and Cadet Billy Day as the Command Sergeant Major. 1SG Staddie and I are excited about the continued success of our program for the 2023-2024 school year.

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STEM News

L3 Harris STEM Challenge

The 8th grade STEM team competed in the L3 Harris STEM Challenge against other middle school in the district. The team won 1st place in the communications challenge and took 2nd place overall. Congratulations Xander Fuchs, Maxim Kobzarenko, Rhyse Warns, Timothy Loftis, Nathan Sherwin, and Charlie Grissom!



Garden Boxes are Complete!

The STEM students recently finished the garden boxes for the Green and Growing Club. 32 bags of soil, 40 plants, a "C" and "B" in rocks for Cocoa Beach, and the boxes are done. We think they turned out fantastic! These students worked hard in STEM this year learning woodworking skills.



Student Scholarship Award

We are happy to announce Rowan Booth is the winner of the 19th annual Student Scholarship Award presented by the Central Brevard Art Association. They have awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, complimentary framing of one artwork from Ridley's Custom Framing of Palm Bay and The Studios of Cocoa Beach art gallery is hosting a hanging show for the month of June complete with a formal "show opening" on June 3 from 6-9pm.

CBAA's mission is to cultivate community interest in the Visual Arts through educational and creative arts opportunities, to support our members with instruction and venues in which they can exhibit their art; and to collaborate with other art organizations, businesses, and community groups. Central Brevard Art Association.

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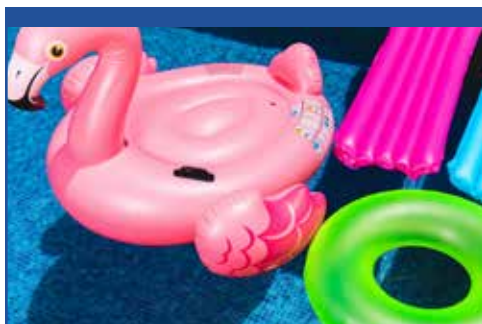
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Brevard Academic Team Finishes 2nd at Championship Tournament

The 2023 Brevard Academic All-Star team earned a 2nd Place finish at the Commissioner's Academic Challenge (CAC) – also known as the Florida High School Academic Championship. "Team Brevard" competed against ten other Division 1 teams over a 3-day period (April 21-23) at the Omni World Resort @ Championsgate southwest of Orlando. This is Brevard's second Top Three finish in the last 2 years, having won the 2022 State Championship last year at Walt Disney World. Teacher / coach Mike Prince and student / player Johnnie Jones represented CBHS on the team.

Selection of these high-achieving students began last fall during 7 academic competitions (known as the BCAC) in which 15 high schools participated. The top 7 players from these competitions were selected for their strengths in the following areas: art, English, foreign language, history, math, music and science. Since January 9th, Coaches Mike Prince (CBHS) and Aaron LeBlanc (RHS) have practiced with the team every other Monday night at ESF in preparation for this State Tournament.

Congratulations to everyone on Team Brevard for their hard work, grit & determination in capably representing BPS at this year's State Championship event.



Front (left to right): Jon Nunes, Johnnie Jones, Abbie Shepard & Vince Stone. Back (left to right): Coach Mike Prince, Jose Montalvo, Coach Aaron LeBlanc, Giancarlo Valdivia & Ioana Silaghi.

HOSA State Competition

Congratulations to the HOSA team for their amazing wins at state competition! These students studied independently for a variety of Health Professions competitions and 4 of the 5 earned the right to compete in National Competition this summer in Dallas, TX.

All of them placed in the top 5 of their categories.
The results from state competition were:

- 2nd Place in Forensic Science - Austeja Ivanauskaite and Olivia Cooper
- 3rd Place in Cultural Diversities and Disparities – Malinda Todorovic
- 3rd and 5th Place in Pathophysiology – Victoria Amores-Ramazanov and Kira Furton-Sparks

We would like to thank Gina Caccamo, Realtor with Apollo Realty, the Elks Club, and all the members of the community who donated money to help us travel for competitions to Orlando and Dallas.



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Students in Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes have the opportunity each year to become certified in areas related to their program. Some students have earned more than one certification this year. Congratulations to all of our industry certified students! **Indicates multiple certifications were earned this year.*

*A special congratulations to **Ivy Taylor** and **Lucy Cummings**, who achieved a perfect score on their Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint certification exams!*

ServSafe (Grades 9-12)

Alyssa Candelaria	Satchel Gash
Isaac Cerveny	Zanna Paraskevas
Kristen Claassen	Aleina Pizatella
Aaron Garber	Araceli Vega

Adobe Certified Professional (Grades 9-12)

Tests include Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro, and After Effects

Brandon Abbott*	Katelyn Laferriere*
Alejandro Barranco	Gregory Lambert*
Theissen Belew	Jacob Lax*
Braden Birkelo	Wei Lee*
Odin Boyd*	Max Louis*
Michael Butler*	Keily Maguire
Kaelin Cannan*	Samuel Marquis*
Jessica Cooley	Nickolas Nelson
Tara Dacus*	Chet Nielsen*
Eyden Deibert	Zachary Parsons
Ava Durham*	Danielle Rogers*
Parker Durham*	Adelie Saint Gabriel
Canon Fleming*	Connor Schachtele*
Kaelin Goslin*	Zane Sherrer*
Aidan Guiang*	Logan Silvea*
Ellie Hill*	Sydney Synder
Addison Hitchins*	Leon Tchistiakov
Joshua Jackson*	James Wehlen*
Marion Jackson	Logan Woledge*
Matthew Kenny*	Ziqi Yu*
Dianna Kotz*	

Entrepreneurship and Small Business (Grades 8-12)

Jafar Ahmed	Adam Meischeid
Nicolette Altamuro	Elijah Nelson
Robert Beaty	Xavier Perez
Andy Blair	Isabella Ronsisvalle
Justice Blanton	Vivian Ross
Harrison Buck	Kyle Sampson
Isaac Cerveny	Sadie Shinn
Jed Claassen	Vincent Splinn
Caleb Crain	Isaak Starr
Lucy Cummings	Alexis Stewart
Abby Dacus	Ivy Taylor
Logan Day	Emma Wyman
Lucas Lawandales	Kailey Wyman
Dakota Lemm	Morgan Youngkin
Loren Lopez	

Microsoft Office Specialist (Grades 8-12)

Tests include Word, PowerPoint, and Excel

Jafar Ahmed*	Steven Lin
Robert Beaty*	Adam Meischeid*
Andy Blair*	Isabella Ronsisvalle
Justice Blanton*	Kyle Sampson*
Harrison Buck*	Sadie Shinn
Isaac Cerveny	Vincent Splinn*
Jed Claassen*	Isaak Starr*
Lucy Cummings*	Ivy Taylor*
Abby Dacus*	Emma Wyman*
Logan Day	Kailey Wyman
Lucas Lawandales*	Morgan Youngkin*

Word Processing, Spreadsheets, and Multimedia Essentials (Grades 7-8)

Cruz Arangure	Christopher Masters*
Richard Berk	Riley Mattingly
Zane Campanelli*	Isabella Mejia
Anthony Ceruti	Kayden Olson
Emery Crocker*	Anthony Pannin*
Miles Crouser	Sasha Paraskevas*
Minas Demetriou	Oliver Phelps*
Nicholas Drake	Eamon Raines*
Michael Dubitsky	Oleksandr (Shasha) Samoylenko*
Liam Glasgow	Caleigh Simmons
Tyler Hanson	Chandler Smith*
Ryleigh Hattrup*	Riley Smith
Jayden Hoppa*	William Surman
Jack Jenkins*	Luna Taormina*
Truman Jones*	Katherine Watters
Joshua King	Sean Weber*
Kaden Lyle*	Cole Wright
Lars (Kibo) Manning*	Thomas Yarborough
Brendan Marallo*	Emma Zambrano
Jessica Martin	

AutoCAD (Grades 9-12)

Alan Bailey Jr.	Jack Meckel
Carson Canicatti	Andres Meija
Michael Frank	Augden Mcgrossen
Scarlett Hoog	Chet Nielson
Henry Hudson	Coy Schachtele

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Lilyanna Whitney	Alana Johnson
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Social Media Strategist (Grades 9-12)

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Pictured with awards:

*Crouched: Harry Watters, Zanna Paraskevas, Delaney Maroney
Middle Row: Sammy Marquis, Sophie Brownfield, Kristiana Quiett, Sasha Paraskevas, Addison Buck, Carina Hansen, Olivia Gibbs, Delaney Mager,
Sponsor Kim Larson*

Back Row: Kendra Belaski, Juliet Loftis, Victoria Amores Ramazanova, Austeja Ivanauskaitė, Olivia Cooper, Frazier Hoak, Kira Furton-Sparks, Alek Vinogradov, Valentin Baudel, Johnnie Jones, Richard Brownfield, Annalynn Conley

Congrès de la Culture Française en Floride

Over spring break, 25 students from CBHS participated in the 71st annual Congrès de la Culture Française en Floride, a competition and convention for students of French from all over Florida. CBHS students competed in diverse competitions ranging from poem recitation to reading comprehension to creating a real flying model of the French Concorde. We took home 13 blue ribbons, 10 red ribbons, and 2 white ribbons, and students blew everyone away with their musical talent and engineering abilities. 10th grader Zanna Paraskevas took home a special judge's trophy for her stellar speech. Year after year at Congrès, our francophone Minutemen represent BPS with pride, skill, and a competitive spirit!



Orchestra News

Madalynn Pearson represented the school with Beach Pride singing the National Anthem for the Cocoa Beach Air Show.



Due to their near perfect score at the District Music Performance Assessments, the Chamber Orchestra went on to perform at the State Music Performance Assessments in Tampa on April 24th to receive overall Superior scores. Cocoa Beach was the only school in Brevard County to receive Superior scores at the State Orchestra MPA this year.



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Spanish Spelling Bee

Thank you to everyone that came to watch and support! We had a total of 42 students. Congratulations to the following students for participating: Harper Lewis, Lorelei Jacobs, Charlotte Monseliu, Nanami Clouser, Kyle Sampson, Lillie Jackson, Pars Yazmanoglu, Helena Davis, River Saint-Gabriel, Katheleen Flanagan, Ana Marija Ilievska, and Zanna Paraskevas.

Congratulations to our Cocoa Beach winners:

Spanish 1:

- Hasini Setty – 1st Place
- Sarah Ahmed – 2nd Place

Spanish 3:

- Zakary Williams – 2nd Place
- Ashlyn Clemens – 3rd Place

Spanish 4:

- Melissa Basily – 1st Place
- Margaret Shunnarah – 3rd Place

Spanish AP/IB: (5 students total)

- Julia Dillon – 1st Place
- Sebastian Bakalar – 2nd Place
- Kalieb Stickland- Smith – 3rd Place

Spanish Nativos: (4 students total)

- Victoria Amores – 1st Place
- Max Perez – 2nd Place



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