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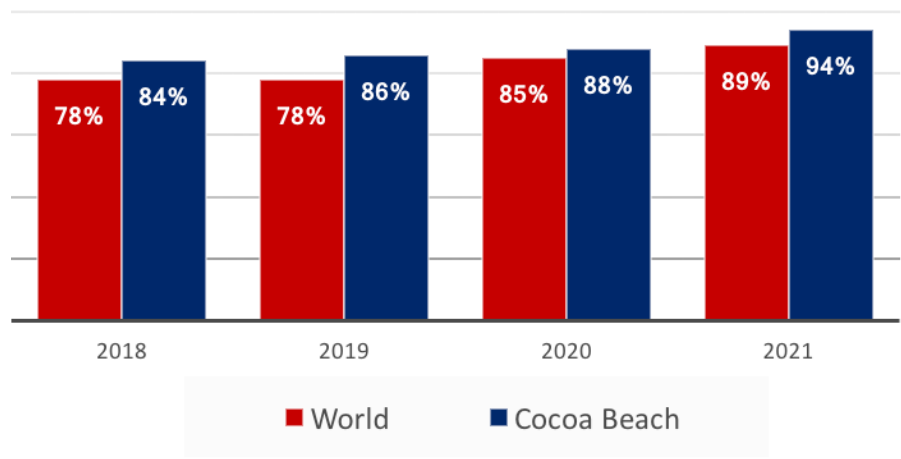
IB Continues to Shine at Cocoa Beach

We are fortunate to be able to offer an accelerated academic program at Cocoa Beach Junior-Senior High School. It is the International Baccalaureate Programme. The program is centered on a rigorous college level curriculum which is taught in schools around the world. Students in London, Paris, Singapore, and thousands of cities all over the globe, take the same courses that our students take. At the conclusion of each course is a demanding set of assessments, including written and verbal exams that are scored by international judges. If a student performs well enough on these assessments, they earn a diploma that is recognized all over the world, and will guarantee acceptance into the most prestigious colleges and universities.

Our students have a history of strong performance in the International Baccalaureate program. Over the years our students consistently earn a high "pass rate" on the culminating assessments, well above the global average. Last year's Seniors, the Class of 2021 not only upheld that tradition, but registered one of the highest rates yet. They earned a 94% pass rate on the examinations! That was a 6 point increase from the previous year and a mark much higher than the Global average of 89%. Our students are being measured by the same standards as their peers all over the world, and are meeting those standards at a very high rate.

Mark J. Rendell

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JROTC News

Since August, our JROTC Cadets have been extremely busy, especially as we continue under trying circumstances. We would like first to recognize our top three Cadets who are leading our program this year. Cadet Sabastian Widick is our current Cadet Battalion Commander, Cadet Alex Adams is our current Cadet Battalion Executive Officer, and Cadet Ricardo De La Cruz is our current Command Sergeant Major. All three of these Cadets have excelled academically and have shown exceptional leadership skills.

Our JROTC Raiders began training in September with the largest number of Cadets in ten years; our Raider's hard work is preparing them for this year's competitions. Team Captains Ricardo De La Cruz and Alexie Kellum command our Raiders. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and determination of our Raiders. These are the toughest athletes in high school, and their discipline and athleticism pave the way for their future success.

We have conducted our 2021-2022 Cadet of the Year board; a highly competitive competition comprised of our best first year students. We are proud to announce that this year's Cadet of the Year is Cadet Billy Day. Cadet Day is an exceptional Cadet and a future leader in our program.

We have remained busy maintaining our volunteer efforts as we wrapped up our only fundraiser, our Cadet Carwash. Our Cadets raised a record \$3,094 with a strong effort with pre-sales and working hard at the car wash. Thank you to the Cocoa Beach ELKs, Rotary and Kiwanis organizations for their support.

Our Color Guard remains active presenting our nations colors and is prepared to support our local Veterans and our multiple High School teams and organizations. We are looking forward to another busy, exciting, and demanding year with a new cohort of Cadets ready to learn and sharpen their leadership skills.

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Students Of The Month

Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

These young people were chosen by their teachers for doing the right thing and exhibiting all of the characteristics of Beach Pride! Each Student of the Month receives a "dry fit" T-shirt and a yard sign to display proudly on their front lawn provided by a local business partner. Our sponsor this month is the Cocoa Beach Elks Lodge. We thank the Elks for their support!

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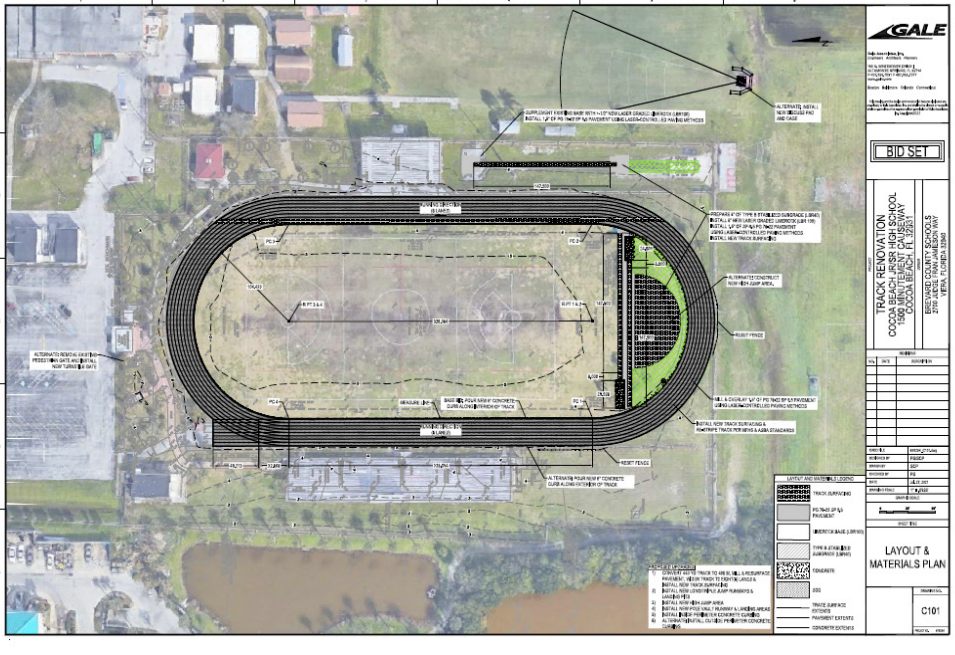
We are excited to share the news that we will indeed have a new track installed at Cocoa Beach Junior-Senior High School. You may be aware of the efforts of a local group "Get on Track" which has been raising money to assist with the renovation of the track. With a combination of funding from the voter approved half-cent sales tax, capital funds from the school district, and the Get on Track monies the project is fully funded and will soon be a reality!

The track will have a full eight lanes with a high quality, durable, rubberized surface just like colleges and large stadiums. The renovation of the track itself is not the only upgrade to the facility. In addition, there will be new long jump and triple jump lanes, a new pole vault lane, and a brand new high jump area. The shot put/discuss cage will be replaced as well.

These upgrades will provide our student athletes with top of the line facilities to practice and compete. We will be able to host large track meets and other events. But our students aren't the only ones to benefit. Through an inter-local agreement with the City of Cocoa Beach, the track facility will be available for community use after school and on the weekends. **That is right, the public will be able to access the new facility when we are not using it.** This will be a great benefit for our residents.

The Get on Track group was integral in making this happen. Marlene White, a Cocoa Beach resident, member of Kiwanis, and leader of Get on Track reflected on this accomplishment; *"We would like to thank our local community residents and businesses for supporting Get On Track and helping to make this new addition to our school facilities a reality."*

When you receive this newsletter, the school district will be in the midst of the bid process, with construction soon to follow. Once the new track and other facilities are complete, we will be sure to share some pictures – and results from our first track meets!



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Helping Your Teen Get the Most Out of High School

From NEA and National Parent Teacher Association

Parents want their children to do well in high school but sometimes it is a challenge to figure out how to support them. High school is a time when parent involvement is critical; teens need your help even if they don't realize it. Following are some hints on how to help your teen get the most out of high school.

HELP YOUR CHILD SHOW UP AT SCHOOL WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE AND READY TO LEARN

Studies indicate that showing up is important but not sufficient for school success. Physical and mental states are important factors in getting the most from school.

- Keep tabs on school attendance. Check report card attendance reports. If you suspect a problem, immediately call the school. Do not encourage your child to skip school for special trips or activities not related to school such as a family vacation or an outing with friends. That makes school seem less important than having fun.
- Make sure your teen gets plenty of sleep. Recent studies show that teenagers need nine or more hours of sleep nightly and that students earning As and Bs generally are getting to bed earlier than students with lower grades.
- Don't accept the "I'm never gonna use this after high school" excuse for not working hard in a particular class. For example, algebra may not be everybody's favorite subject, but studies show that courses like algebra are critically important in college acceptance decisions and achievement.
- If you have a senior, beware of "senior slump." Recent reports indicate that students may consider the last year of high school a waste of time. However, students who waste their senior year are often unprepared for college-level work even if they took challenging courses during their earlier high school years.

HELP ORGANIZE TIME AND MATERIALS

- Just because students are in high school does not guarantee they are all prepared to do high school work, especially long-term projects, on their own.
- Help your teen keep an assignment calendar with dates for long-term projects as well as daily homework. Review the calendar at the beginning of the week to plan how time will be used and make allowances for other activities such as sports and clubs.
- Help your teen divide long-term assignments into smaller tasks and develop a timeline for when tasks should be finished in order to have the entire assignment completed on time.
- Make sure there is a place for quiet study away from the television and telephone along with a place to keep school materials, including materials necessary for long-term assignments.

TAKE AN INTEREST

- Studies show that parent involvement drops dramatically as students move from elementary school into middle and high school. Yet given the complexities of today's high schools, this is a time when many students are most in need of parental support and involvement.
- You might not understand a subject such as physics or early American literature but you can still listen to your teen talk about what is happening in class. Also listen to what is happening outside of class. Listen to what your teen is trying to say without immediately judging or offering advice. Encourage your teen to join a club or sport at school. Outside activities are educational and often increase students' interest in school.
- Help your teens put their concerns or problems into words and encourage them to try and figure out possible solutions or coping strategies.
- Try to find at least one teacher with whom you can communicate regularly for updates or advice on your teen's general well-being in high school.
- The ultimate goal is to help students become self-sufficient managers of their time and resources in order to get the most out of high school. They may need your help even if they don't realize it. Help them to develop habits and strategies for greater achievement while encouraging them to take increasing responsibility for their work.

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- Viewing student grades and report cards
- Tracking assignments



Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Make school attendance a priority.
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

HELP YOUR TEEN STAY ENGAGED.

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.

COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL.

- Know the school's attendance policy - incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, after-school programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.

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Period 2	9:40 - 10:29
Period 3	10:34 - 11:23
Period 4	11:28 - 12:47
A Lunch 11:23-11:53 (Class 11:58 - 12:47) Buildings 4, 5, 15	
B Lunch 12:17-12:47 (Class 11:28 - 12:17) Buildings 2, 3, 6, 14, 16, PE	
Period 5	12:52 - 1:41
Period 6	1:46 - 2:35
Period 7	2:40 - 3:30

Friday Early Release Bell Schedule 2021~2022

Period 1	8:45 - 9:22
Period 2	9:27 - 9:59
Period 3	10:04 - 10:36
Homeroom	10:41 - 11:16
Period 4	11:21 - 12:23
A Lunch 11:16-11:46 (Class 11:51-12:23) B Lunch 11:53-12:23 (Class 11:21 - 11:53)	
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