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# The Dog on News



## Principals Message

Dear FPCHS Family,

In keeping with the long tradition of FPC, our students continue to succeed in the classroom and several have been recognized within the state of Florida as well as nationally. This school year has also been rewarding beyond the classroom as our students have received many accolades in the arts, athletics and extracurricular activities. That is why it is hard to believe that we are well into the 2nd semester, and it will not be long until the culminating activity of graduation takes place on May 28th.

Between now and then, classes will continue, and our students will soon be taking a series of tests - some to meet state requirements and others for industry certification, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) course work. Testing is a stressful event, so it is important for parents to be encouraging and supportive of their students. During this same period of time, the underclassman will be selecting their courses for next school year. Parents please review the course selections being submitted by your student. Our goal is for each student to be registered in the correct classes on the first day of school in August.

Let's continue making this an exceptional school year. Your involvement in your child's education has been pivotal, and together our partnership will provide a quality education in a safe learning environment. There is a dedicated faculty and staff at Flagler Palm Coast High School that will provide instruction and opportunities to meet the needs of your student throughout the spring.

Cordially,  
 Tom Russell



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## Kiwanis Seniors of the Month

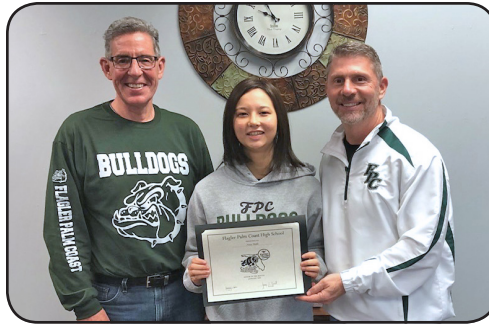
The Kiwanis organization recognizes one senior from FPC each month for their academic achievement and participation in school and community events.



November - Gavin Morton



December - Kyle Alves



January- Nina Walls



February - John Overton

**A few spots are left!**



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Liyang Wu & Elizabeth Wolcott



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### March

March 3	DSC Rep to visit during lunches (cafe booth)
March 4	School Day SAT for 11th graders and some seniors- Alternate Bell Schedule
March 4	Future Chef's Club Meeting in room 6-108 from 2:15-3:30
March 4	FFA Chapter Meeting in the Bistro from 2:30-4pm
March 5	Mental Wellness Lessons # 5 (5th period)
March 5-8	SGA -- State Competition in Tallahassee
March 6	TV Production film festival in the BLC from 6-8pm. Admission is \$5.00
March 7	Mu Alpha Theta Competition at Seminole High School
March 7	ROTC Fitness competition at Dr. Phillips High School, Orlando FL
March 9-12	Quarterly Testing
March 10	i3 Informational Night, Location: i3 Building, Time: 6-7 pm
March 12	3rd Quarter Celebration after lunches in the stadium. Bell Schedule TBA
March 13	Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
March 14	SAT testing - 200 building from 7am-3pm
March 16-20	Spring Break
March 18-21	Thespian State Festival in Tampa
March 23	Starlets Friends/Family Winterguard Event at 6pm in the 800 gym
March 23-24	North State Solo and Ensemble Music Performance Assessment FPCHS Bands at Buchholz High School, Gainesville, FL Performance Times: TBA
March 28	ROTC Fitness competition, West Nassau, Callahan FL
March 29-April 1	FPS State Competition in Orlando
March 30	FPC SAC Meeting from 6pm - 7pm in the BLC
March 31	DSC Rep to visit during lunches (cafe booth)

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### April

April 1	FFA Chapter Meeting from 2:30-4pm in the Bistro
April 1	Future Chef's Club Meeting in room 6-108 from 2:15-3:30
April 2	NHS Inductions at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria
April 4	ACT testing - 200 building from 7am-3pm
April 7	DSC On Site Admissions in the BLC from 8am - 2pm
April 8	Career Fair in the 800 gym from 8am-2pm
April 8	FPC Bulldog Showcase (8th grade orientation), 6-8pm in the 800 gym, school tours available
April 14	FPC Chorus Concert at 7pm in the auditorium
April 15	Future Chef's Club Meeting in room 6-108 from 2:15-3:30 FPC Dance Company Recital, Flagler Auditorium, 7pm Ticket Price TBA
April 17	Grad Bash 2019 -seniors report at 3:30pm for security check and to load busses
April 21	DSC Rep to visit during lunches
April 23	Starlet Showcase in the Flagler Auditorium at 7pm Ticket price TBA
April 23-26	Mu Alpha Theta State Competition @ the Universal Doubletree in Orlando
April 25	ROTC End of Year Event in the Dining Hall
April 27	FPC SAC Meeting from 6pm - 7pm in the BLC
April 27-29	North State Concert Band Music Performance Assessment FPCHS Bands, Location: University of Florida Performance Times: TBA
April 28	Senior Scholarship Ceremony at 6pm in the auditorium

### May

May 1	College and Career Decision Day to recognize seniors for their postsecondary education plan.
May 2	SAT testing - 200 building 7am-3pm
May 2	ROTC Fitness Competition, Daytona Beach Fl
May 5	DSC Rep to visit during lunches (cafe booth)
May 6-7	FSA ELA Reading 2 day test, Grades 9 and 10 Seniors will have a class meeting and grad supply distribution
May 6	Athlete of the Year Banquet- Hilton Garden
May 6	FFA Chapter Meeting from 2:30-4pm in the Bistro
May 8	Prom at the Hilton Daytona Beach
May 11-12	FSA Algebra & Geometry EOC's (we will have an extended 1st period)
May 4- 22	AP and IB Exams
May 14	Biology and US History EOC (Alternate Bell schedule)
May 14-16	Spring Musical in the Auditorium, May 14, 15 and 16 @ 7pm, May 16 @2pm
May 15, 18, 19	Senior Exams, (Bell schedule TBA)
May 16	FFA Banquet from 5:45-10:30 in the Dining Hall
May 18	SGA Banquet in the Dining Hall from 6:30pm-9pm
May 19	Senior Farewell March and Pep Rall. Bell Schedule TBA (senior laptop pick-up)
May 19, 20, 21, 22	Underclass CDF Exams. Bell Schedules TBA Underclassmen laptop pickup on Friday May 22
May 19	Spring Band Concert, FPCHS Symphonic Bands Flagler Auditorium 7pm. Adult \$8 Youth \$4 (Ages 10 and under)
May 20	Senior Blessing sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Athletes
May 21	Junior Class Meeting about senior pictures. 4th period in the auditorium
May 21	Band Awards Night Senior Recognition Flagler Auditorium from 6-9pm. Free Admission
May 27	Mandatory Graduation Practice in the FPC 800 gym. Time 9:00-10:30am
May 27-28	½ days of school
May 28	Graduation Day, FPCHS - doors open at 6:30 Processional begins at 7:15, Ceremony at 7:30
May 29	Teacher Workday



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### Recent Accomplishments:

- Congratulations to our Girls Weightlifting team who are 5 Star, Regional and District Champions.
- Our Girls Basketball Team is District Champs.
- Wrestling won Dual Team Districts and the 5 Star Conference.
- Girls Soccer were Regional Qualifiers
- Congrats to our Rotary Scholar Athletes.
- Tobin Hackett - Football
- Ryan Montgomery - Girls Basketball
- Nathan Farrell - Cross Country

### Upcoming Events:

- Boys Weightlifting 5 Star Meet will be March 31st (JV) at 11am and April 1st (Varsity) at 5pm.
- Free physicals at AdventHealth on April 16th, beginning at 5:30pm. Physical packets for free physicals can be picked up in the Athletic's Office.

Good luck to our Spring Sports Teams this season. You can find all schedules under the Athletics tab at [FPCbulldogs.com](http://FPCbulldogs.com).

## Counselors Corner

### Seniors:

Finish your last semester of high school on a positive note. Push towards that goal of walking across the stage in May and receiving your FPC diploma! Also begin to finalize your plans for life beyond FPC. Please turn in your college acceptance letters and military enlistments to your counselor.

### Juniors:

Prepare for the free SAT during school on March 4th. Doing well on this particular SAT can count for an FSA concordant for graduation, and earn a qualifying score for college admission.

### Current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students:

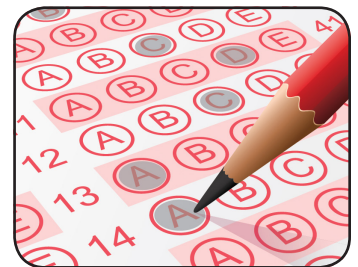
The course selection sheets for scheduling next year's classes were distributed on February 12th and were due back on February 20th. Guidance counselors will be calling students down by their English classes to the BLC and will meet one on one regarding their course selections. This process will take approximately 3 weeks. Appointments in guidance are not necessary.

Students planning on dual enrollment for the first time should fill out their course selection sheet as if they were staying on FPC's campus. Once the student qualifies, and registers for dual enrollment, counselors will adjust their course selections. Returning full time dual enrollment students should check that box on the course selection sheet and follow the normal procedures to register for DSC classes.

## Winter EOC & FSA Scores Are In

Winter End of Course exams and Florida State Assessments for biology, geometry, and US history courses are in. These assessments are worth 30% of the overall grade for the course. Students can pick up their score sheets from Laura Oliva, testing coordinator, in room 1153.

Flagler Palm Coast High School continues to strive to be an A school. This year, FPC is focusing on increasing literacy strategies in the classroom. The implementation of these strategies is increasing the academic achievement of our students, this is evident both in the classroom and on state testing. FPC students outscored the state in biology, geometry, and US History. There was an 87% pass rate for our 9th grade biology students compared to the state pass rate of 85%. Geometry students had an overall pass rate of 86% compared to the states 69% pass rate for the same grade levels. US History 11th grade students earned a pass rate of 68% compared to the state pass rate of 66%. Congratulations to our young scholars for their hard work, and to the FPC teachers for continuing to provide superior instruction to our students.





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By Dave Halliday - Graduation Coach &  
Anthony Campanella - Graduation Coach



Anthony Campanella

The school year is flying by! Let's ALL start this semester with a clean slate. No matter how the fall semester ended, you now have an opportunity to improve your GPA and attendance. We encourage everyone to enjoy this chance for a fresh start by utilizing their time management skills to maintain good study habits and grades. Students, make sure to check your grades on Skyward and your school email daily. Please advocate for yourself. Teachers do not know you are concerned about your grades unless you let them know. Teachers want to see you succeed, make sure you have an open line of communication with each of them.

It is of paramount importance not only to pass all of your classes but to earn C's or higher. Simply earning D in class is almost as detrimental to your GPA as failing a class. Every student must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA to participate in athletics as well as to graduate with a diploma in four years. Earning all C's in each of your classes will keep you at a 2.0 GPA. Just one D or F will drop you below a 2.0 GPA. Do not allow yourself to slack off academically by not maintaining your grades the third nine weeks. A huge key to your success is daily attendance. Students who are absent from class tend to fall behind in their work and grades. Chronic absences can mean being absent as few as 4-5 days the first nine weeks. Be here, be on time, be prepared!

Students needing additional support in their core subject areas or in online classes have the opportunity to stay after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:25-4:25pm. After school buses are provided at 4:30pm for transportation home on these days. FPC also offers online tutoring Monday – Thursday anywhere you have WIFI.

### After-School Tutoring Schedule for Tuesdays and Thursdays:

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### Online Tutoring Schedule: Mondays - Thursdays:

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### Graduation requirements can be found online on the school website:

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## Access Success

On February 25th, several teachers/paras who provide specialized instruction to students with significant cognitive disabilities will be participating in a training given by Access Project. The Access Project supports state-wide professional development to ensure a greater understanding of the Access Points (Access Points are academic expectations written specifically for students with significant cognitive disabilities). This training will help yield more effective instructional planning and teaching of academic content for our students with significant cognitive disabilities.

## Instructional Materials Display

We are approaching our textbook adoption period for new Career & Technical Education and World Language instructional materials. We will publicly display these instructional materials for parents/guardians to see and provide feedback. The window for viewing these materials will be from February 18 - March 7. The materials and feedback forms will be displayed in the guidance office for viewing during normal business hours. We will also be displaying these materials during the February 24th SAC meeting, which will be held in the BLC at 6pm.





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### i3 Update

#### The i3 Student...More Than Meets the Eye!

For the past 6 years and now well into our 7th, the i3 Academy at FPCHS has continued to grow and produce successful, well rounded students. This year's students have chosen to be a part of something special and take ownership in their learning. Our i3 students come from a variety of backgrounds and paths through their educational journey. They all have their own reasons for taking advantage of this unique learning opportunity and have set individual goals for themselves.

Often times if you ask someone on the outside what i3 is and who goes there, you hear comments like, "It's a technology school", "The students are secluded from FPC", "It's a smaller environment", and "Most students are very shy and quiet". While this may be their perception it's not actually the truth. At the i3 Academy we have students with a wide variety of personalities, academic levels, talents and interests. While our campus is located in one building on the FPC campus and offers a smaller learning environment, the i3 Academy and the students are very much a part of Flagler Palm Coast High School. Over 95% of our students take at least one course on the main campus. Numerous students are a part of our athletic programs like baseball, softball, track and field and cheer. We have students who also take part in the other FPC Flagships: the Fire Leadership Flagship and Aeronautics Flagship. Our students take part in clubs on the main campus and have the opportunity to attend all events held on the main campus. Several of our students are taking advantage of dual enrollment opportunities through Daytona State College and

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Upon completion of their high school careers we have had students that have headed to college, the military and even directly into the workforce.

From introverts to extroverts our students run the full gambit. Some common themes among the students that choose the i3 Academy, and stick with it over the years, are the desire to be in control of their education, a draw to project based learning and the development of soft skills, and a desire to be successful past the walls of high school. The connections they are making today in school and with the community are ones that can potentially change the path of their lives and is something we are very proud of.

#### For more information please check out:

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