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# The Dog on News

## Bring on 2021

**It's almost Spring! Be refreshed & Renewed!**

*Time for Spring Cleaning on your grades and attendance.*

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By: Dave Halliday—Graduation Coach, Anthony Campanella—Graduation Coach

This school year has been uncharted waters for all of us, but we have all persevered and moved forward! The fall semester flew by in the blink of an eye. No matter how the fall semester ended you now have an opportunity to improve your GPA and attendance.

Let's ALL start this semester with a clean slate. 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 Skyward and 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 and 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 that class. Every student must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA to participate in athletics as well as to graduate 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. Don't 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 supports should utilize our after school tutoring. To participate in tutoring, please go to the following website: [bit.ly/fpctutoring20/](http://bit.ly/fpctutoring20/).

In the Grad-100 Program we have made big gains in our credit recovery classes last fall and are now working hard in the Senior Acceleration Lab to ensure that every senior has an opportunity to graduate!



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## i3 New Tech Academy at Flagler Palm Coast High School

Have you heard about i3 but are not sure what it is? We will be holding virtual information sessions once a month until May! You can sign up to attend at [bit.ly/i3infnights](http://bit.ly/i3infnights). These sessions are Wednesday February 17th, March 10th, April 14th, and May 12th. They will all begin at 5:30pm, and a zoom link will be sent to the email address that you sign up with, on the date of the meeting.

In a nutshell, i3 is a project-based learning program where students are immersed in authentic and relevant learning experiences that are encapsulated in a project-based environment. The i3 Academy embraces three key elements that set us apart from traditional schools. A culture that empowers: Our culture of trust, respect, and responsibility empowers students and facilitators with exceptional ownership of the learning environment. Our students are given a level of responsibility similar to what they might experience in a professional workplace. Teaching that engages: Our instruction is based on Project and Problem Based Learning (PBL & PrBL). Our students learn by doing; completing projects and solving problems that are relevant to their lives or the community. Technology that enables: Smart use of technology supports our innovative approaches to instruction and culture. Each student has access to a MacBook Air that allows them to become self-directed learners who no longer rely primarily on teachers or textbooks for knowledge.

If you are interested in applying for i3, our application is currently open! Please visit [bit.ly/applyi3](http://bit.ly/applyi3) to secure your spot for the 21-22 school year! Once you apply, be on the lookout in your inbox for a response!

Our students and facilitators have been working on a plethora of creative projects while in the midst of a global pandemic. Mr. Medearis' Experimental Science students have been working on and competing with their robot in both FRC and FTC competitions. In addition, his Environmental and Marine Science classes have been diligently working on the six environmental challenges of Flagler County in their Forever Flagler project. This includes building monofilament line collectors for various Flagler County municipalities, monthly beach clean ups, dune restoration, growing artificial coral reef, and creating on campus community gardens to combat the food desert in Flagler County. Mr. Cox's Chemistry classes have been battling it out between heroes and villains of the Periodic City (periodic table) in a virtual reality computer software program called CoSpaces. Mr. Rinyu's US Studies class is currently working on a Tunnel of Love- a virtual reality experience using CoSpaces that will allow students on and off campus to experience firsthand some of the famous pairs in US History. In Mr. Rinyu's "adulthood" class, students have been working on a "Survival Guide to Adulthood" and will be able to provide it to our graduating seniors as they embark on their next adventure!



**A few spots are left!**



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## Programs of Study Information Night

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 ~ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

All current 8th - 11th grade students are invited to attend our Programs of Study Information Night. We will have a drive-thru style event in the parking lot of the 800 gym. Parents and students will enter off Highway 100 on to Transportation Way and proceed to the 800 gym parking lot. Families will stop to get information from any of our Programs of Study which include, but are not limited to, Carpentry, Culinary, Firefighting, Medical Sciences, Veterinarian Assistant, Power and Energy, Video/multimedia Design, International Baccalaureate (IB), and i3. The first 100 participants will be treated to a prepackaged spaghetti dinner prepared by our culinary students. We hope to see you there!



## International Baccalaureate News

The FPC IB Diploma Program wishes to congratulate several seniors for the outstanding national recognition they have received. Seniors **Kylie Bruckert** and **Jack Moffatt** received the College Board's National Merit Scholars based on their superlative performance on the PSAT. **Jack Moffatt** has also qualified for the United States Presidential Scholars award, a highly competitive award honoring the top 200 high school seniors among some 4000 finalists for their achievements in the classroom and on national standardized tests. Winners will be announced in the spring.

Finally, **Christopher Joseph** has earned a QuestBridge scholarship for his undergraduate studies. Chris, who will be joining other FPC IB alumni at the University of Virginia this fall, is another in a growing line of IB candidates from FPC to receive this coveted financial award.

*We wish all of these scholars continued success.*



## National Honor Society

Do you have good grades? Are you involved in your school and in the community? If yes, you should consider applying to the FPC Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS).

The NHS selection process is now open to any 10th or 11th grader with a weighted GPA of 3.75 or higher. Applications and Information can be found at <http://bit.ly/FPCNHS2021>. Stop by room 2227 or email Ms. Perry at [perryrc@flaglerschools.com](mailto:perryrc@flaglerschools.com) if you have any questions.

The application deadline Friday, March 12th at 11:59p.m. Please be aware that the application requires resume information, an essay, and a recommendation letter.

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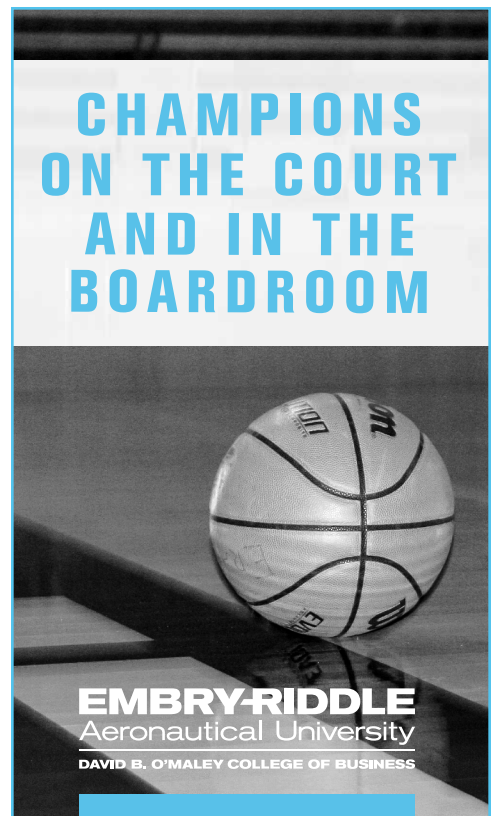
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### Senior Activities

The FPC Senior Prom will be on April 30th at the Halifax Plantation. Seniors are invited to attend a semi-formal sit down dinner with an entertainment piece. The class of 2021 will have the opportunity to take photos and celebrate their time together in Flagler County Schools. Seniors purchasing tickets will be allowed to invite one guest. If this guest is not an FPC student there is paperwork that must be completed before tickets can be purchased. This paperwork will be available in the Activities Office before tickets go on sale. Tickets will be limited and will go on sale in April. Please visit our school website for updates.

### Graduation Information


**Cap and Gown** orders for the Class of 2021 graduation ceremony were due in December. You may still place an order with Josten's, but the longer students wait the chance of them not having something is highly likely. PLEASE place your orders at <https://www.jostens.com/> or call Josten's directly at 321-242-2055.



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## Counselors Corner

All current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders at FPC: It's almost that time to choose your classes for next school year. Course selection sheets will go out the week before spring break with instructions on how to complete the form. We will collect them through your classes on the day before spring break. After break, each student will meet with a school counselor to go over their choices. Important reminder, we no longer accept schedule change requests, and only make schedule corrections if there is an error. Please choose your classes wisely!

New to the junior and senior course selection sheets you will find IB certificate course offerings. Upperclassman will now have the opportunity to enroll in IB classes so that they can earn college credit based on their IB assessment scores. Under the IB certificate program, students are not required to be full IB diploma program candidates, but, instead, may select IB courses from their course selection sheets for 2021-2022. IB certificate courses are available in the sciences, mathematics, performing and visual arts, and in Spanish.

Dual Enrollment for summer (returning students only) and fall will begin the first week of April. DSC will have information nights regarding dual enrollment. They will be sending informational postcards in the mail. In order to qualify, students must have a 3.0 unweighted gpa and qualifying PERT/SAT/ ACT scores.

Juniors will take a free SAT on March 3rd. Take the time to study on Khan Academy and get the highest score possible. This can lead to scholarships and college admission.

Seniors needing a concordant score for graduation will take a non-reportable SAT the same day. This can't be used for college admission, but it can be used to satisfy the state testing requirements for graduation.

## Upcoming Testing Dates

FPC Testing Schedule Spring 2021		
Date	Test	Cohort
3/22 - 4/30	FSA	Access Points
3/24	Infrastructure Trial	ALL 9AM
4/6	FSA ELA Writing & ACT Online	9th, 10th & 11th
4/8	ASVAB	Student Specific
5/5 - 5/6	FSA ELA Reading	9th & 10th
5/10 - 5/11	EOC Algebra & Geometry	Course Specific
5/13	EOC US History & Biology	Course Specific

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## Mental Health Lessons

Beginning for the 2019-20 school year the State of Florida mandated that students in grades K-12 receive instruction on human trafficking and substance abuse. In addition, students in grades 6-12 must annually receive 5 hours of instruction on Mental Health that covers 10 specific topics and is tied to a course for delivery.

Students across Florida will be receiving lessons and instruction in several areas that the State Board of Education has identified as required topics. For students in grades K-12 this includes child trafficking/stranger danger and substance abuse. Students in grades 6-12 are also required to receive five hours of mental health instruction that covers ten different topics.

These lessons will be delivered through Schoology in classroom settings appropriate to each grade level. If your child is in grades 6-12 you will see on your child's schedule in Skyward an extra period appear labeled with your child's school. This has no impact on your child's grades, credits, or actual schedule. This period is simply the location for the schoology lessons to be housed, where students will access them throughout the spring in the classes identified within the school day by each school.

We encourage parents to look through these lessons with your child so that you may be a part of this important conversation. You can access the lessons with your son or daughter through their Schoology account.

The required topics included in the Emotional and Mental Wellness lessons are listed below.

- Recognition of signs and symptoms of mental health disorders
- Prevention of mental health disorders
- Mental health awareness and assistance
- How to reduce the stigma around mental health disorders
- Awareness of resources, including local school and community resources
- The process for accessing treatment
- Strategies to develop healthy coping techniques
- Strategies to support a peer, friend, or family member with a mental health disorder
- Prevention of suicide
- Prevention of the abuse of and addiction to alcohol, nicotine, and drugs

On February 9th, FPCHS began conducting these lessons every Tuesday, and will continue until they are all completed. We will be presenting these lessons during a different period each Tuesday.



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## IB EXAMS

WEEK 1			
Date	Time	Subject	# Students
3 May (M)	12:00 P.M.	Physics HL P1, P2 (3 hr 15 m)	7
		Physics SL P1, P2 (2 hr)	2
		<i>(Time) = Exam times only</i>	
4 May (T)	8:00 A.M.	SEHS HL P1, P2 (3 hr 15 m)	8
		SEHS SL P1, P2 (2 hr)	6
		12:00 P.M.	History HL P1, P2 (2 hr)
5 May (W)	8:00 A.M.	History HL P3 (1 hr 45 m)	29
	12:00 P.M.	No exam	
6 May (Th)	8:00 A.M.	No exam	
	12:00 P.M.	Math Analysis HL P1 (2 hr)	7
		Math Applications SL P1 (1 hr 30 m)	13
7 May (F)	8:00 A.M.	Math Analysis HL P2 (2 hr)	7
		Math Applications SL P2 (1 hr 30 m)	13
		End Week 1 Exams	

WEEK 2				
Date	Time	Subject	# Students	
10 May (M)	8:00 A.M.	No exam		
	12:00 P.M.	English A: Lit HL P1 (2 hr 15 m)	35	
11 May (T)	8:00 A.M.	Math Analysis HL P3 (1 hr)	13	
	12:00 P.M.	No exam		
12 May (W)	8:00 A.M.	No exam		
	12:00 P.M.	No exam		
13 May (Th)	8:00 A.M.	No exam		
	12:00 P.M.	Spanish B SL P1, P2 (2 hr 15 m)	52	
14 May (F)	8:00 A.M.	Chemistry HL P1, P2 (3 hr 15 m)	16	
		Chemistry SL P1, P2 (2 hr)	8	
		End Week 2 Exams		
		IB Week 3		
17 May (M)		No exam		
18 May (T)		No exam		
19 May (W)	8:00 A.M.	Biology HL P1, P2 (3 hr 15 m)	10	
		Bio SL P1, P2 (2 hr)	5	
		12:00 P.M.	Psychology HL P1 (2 hr)	15
		20 May (Th)	8:00 A.M.	Psychology HL P2 (1 hr)

## IB Exam Schedule Update

The IB has authorized FPC to administer IB exams in the traditional paper and pen format for the May 2021 exam session. There are no digital or online IB exams planned.

The IB exam schedule in its most recent updated form is listed above. Information regarding venues will be forthcoming.





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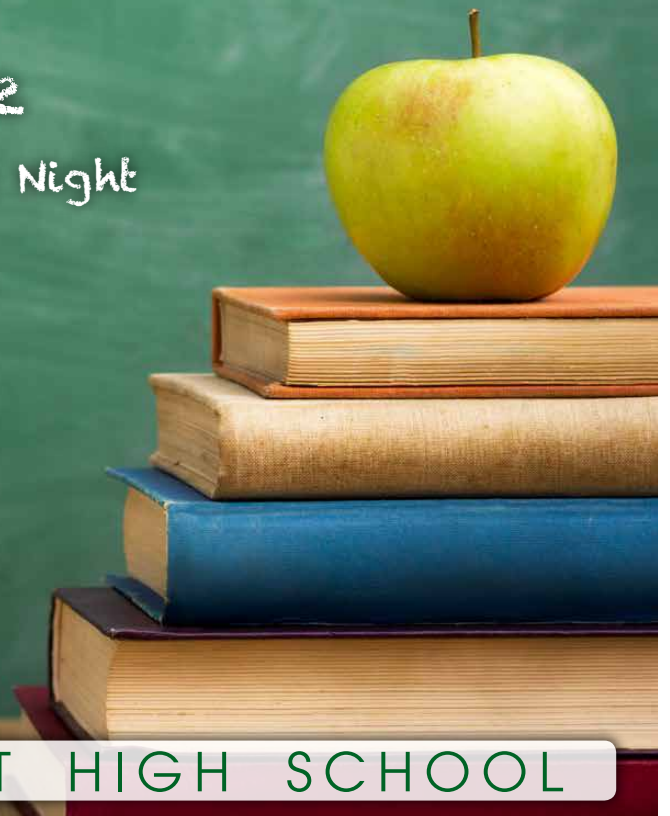
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