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## From Your Principal, Dean Ledford

Hello Senators!

We have been working hard throughout this school year in academics, athletics, and through our performing arts programs. We are currently progressing towards our 2nd round of PMAs (Progress Monitoring Assessment) and are looking to show improvements in all academic areas. We encourage you to come out and enjoy an athletic event or

extra-curricular performance during the next few months. You can check out our school website [www.duvalschools.org/fhs](http://www.duvalschools.org/fhs) for announcements about upcoming events and performances.

Through our increase in overall competition we like to challenge our students to show improvement during their 2nd round of PMAs. For every PMA that we outperform the previous year's assessment, we will add 10 minutes to a specific lunch day. Those days will be announced. The 2nd round of PMAs will provide a snapshot of students' progress at the midyear point. The PMAs will be given January 7 through January 11. Teachers will review this data and plan a path to success for the remainder of the school year. This strategy will help ensure students demonstrate mastery in their classes and on state assessments. They should be able to articulate to you how they are doing now, and what they need to do in order to show improvement.

January marks the beginning of our second semester. Each year, during the second semester all schools experience an increase in absences and late arrivals, and a gradual decline in academic performance. So prevalent is this trend, it has been referred to as the "Second Semester Slide". We are determined to improve this trend and you the parents can play a major role. Absences and tardiness are two of the reasons that grades decline. Please be vigilant in making sure your student attends school every day and arrives on time. Your attention to this issue will have a positive effect on your student, reinforcing the importance you place on attendance.

To assure continued academic success and not fall victim to "Second Semester Slide", re-establish your student's homework and study routine. Help him/her to reclaim the space and time meant for this important purpose. Determine if any supplies or devices are needed. They make great holiday gifts. Also, monitor your student's grades, attendance, and classwork by accessing Parent Portal. Use the Duval County Public School website to create an account if needed. Learn about our tutoring times and schedule that is posted in this publication. Again, your attention to your student's school work will have a tremendous positive effect. When students are prepared for class each day, they will attend each day, arrive on time, and perform with confidence.

These efforts; staying informed about your student's progress, re-establishing a solid home-study routine, and making certain that your student attends every day and arrives on time will have an enormous positive result and help us all overcome "Second Semester Slide".

Again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at our various winter events and programs. Feel free to contact your student's teachers for available times to meet with you to discuss your student's progress. We will continue to raise the standard of excellence at Fletcher High School in order to achieve our goal of being recognized as one of the premier high schools in the county. Thank you for all that you do, and as always Go Senators!!!

Thank you,  
Dean Ledford



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# GUIDANCE



## COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

Last Names	Counselor
A – Dm	Ms. Greenert
Dn – K	Ms. Brown
L – Rn	Ms. Sasan
Ro – Z	Ms. Dunkley
AICE	Ms. Powell

## SENIOR MEETINGS

In October, counselors met with all seniors and potential graduates. Students were given a copy of their Academic History and their senior schedule. They took the opportunity to review these for accuracy and to make sure they had all of the requirements needed for graduation. Seniors also received a copy of the NEXT magazine and a Senior Booklet which contains information about Bright Futures, financial aid information, community service, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), college selection tips and postsecondary readiness scores, scholarships, the State University System Matrix, SAT and ACT dates, and more.

## COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

### FSCJ

- Apply at [www.fscj.edu](http://www.fscj.edu)
- Scholarships offered through FSCJ can be accessed at their website. Check out <http://www.fscj.edu/scholarships> for more details!
- Students request transcripts from our registrar, Ms. Colson, in Guidance.

### UNF

- Apply at [www.unf.edu](http://www.unf.edu)
- UNF also has scholarships listed on their website at [www.unf.edu/scholarships/](http://www.unf.edu/scholarships/)

## COLLEGE VISITS

Many college representatives have already visited Fletcher. There will be others throughout the year. Juniors and Seniors interested in attending can sign up for the college seminars in Guidance.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

This year the scholarship newsletter will be available online and will be updated frequently. If a paper version of the scholarship application is available, it will be indicated on the newsletter and students/parents will be able to pick it up in the Guidance Office.

The scholarship newsletter is available at the following website: <http://bit.ly/FHSScholarship>.

Many scholarships are offered directly from the colleges to which you are applying. Also, the FAFSA (opened October 1st, 2019) should be filled out by ALL seniors.

### Financial Aid web resources:

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)
- [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)
- [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)



## 'BEACON' WORKSHOPS FOR SENIORS

On November 20th, 21st, and 22nd, all Seniors were seen during the school day through our 'Beacon Training' sessions. Seniors were scheduled to go to the media center to meet with trained 'Beacon' volunteers to review their post-secondary plans for next year and explain financial aid options to students. Students also had the opportunity to complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA).

## FLVS.NET

All students must complete a full course online for graduation. Please take a look at the courses offered on [flvs.net](http://flvs.net) and have your student select the course he/she would like to complete. These courses are absolutely free and once your student completes the course, his/her counselor will receive the grade and have it placed on your student's transcript. For this graduation class, successfully completing standard or honors government at Fletcher High School will satisfy the online graduation requirement.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS! (Mark Your Calendar)

### SAT AND ACT

All Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and/or the ACT in the spring of their Junior year. You can register now at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org), respectively. Be sure to use our school code when registering, 100-800.

ACT - \$46 or \$63 with Writing*		
To register for the ACT go to: <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>		
High School Code: 100800 Fletcher's ACT Test Center #: 195570		
Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Fee Required
Dec. 14, 2019	Nov. 8, 2019	Nov. 22, 2019
Feb. 8, 2020	Jan. 10, 2020	Jan. 17, 2020
Apr. 4, 2020	Feb. 28, 2020	Mar. 13, 2020
June 13, 2018	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020

SAT - \$47.50 or \$64.50 with Writing		
To register for the SAT go to: <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>		
High School Code: 100800 Fletcher's Test Center #: 10-335		
Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Fee Required
Mar. 14, 2020	Feb. 14, 2020	Mar. 3, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020



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## FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

Students that are eligible for free or reduced lunch can pick up fee waivers for the SAT and ACT in the Guidance office. You don't know if you are eligible unless you fill out the form which can be done online at <https://free-reduced-lunch.duvalschools.org/lfserver/eform>.

## PLANNING ON COLLEGE? THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING NOW!

- Take/retake the SAT ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)) and/or ACT ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))
- Making final decisions on the colleges to which you want to apply. If you know where you are going to apply, you should go ahead and apply this semester.
- Applying to college
  - Apply online at the college's website ([www.flvc.org](http://www.flvc.org) has all of the state schools' website addresses).
  - Mail in your check for their application fee.
  - Come to the registrar in Guidance and sign-up to have your transcript sent.
- Visiting college websites.
- Signing up for college seminars in Guidance with Ms. Gonzalez.
- Making sure your schedule contains all of the classes needed for graduation.

## WHAT ARE COUNSELORS DOING?

### Classroom Lessons

Counselors will be going into all of the 10th grade English classes during the month of December. Counselors will discuss graduation requirements, community service hours, scholarships, resources for planning for college and careers, dual enrollment, and promotion requirements.

### Senior Warning Letters

Warning letters were mailed home to the parents of Seniors who made a "D" and/or "F" on their first quarter report card. Warning letters were also mailed out to any senior who has not passed the FSA Reading, Algebra 1 EOC, has below a 2.0 unweighted GPA, or is taking a course that is required for graduation online. During the month of November, counselors called these students in to sign the warning letters and develop a plan of action.

## FREE MATH/READING WEB RESOURCES

If you are looking for some free ways to improve your student's math and/or reading skills, check out the following websites: [www.SoarAtHome.org](http://www.SoarAtHome.org), [www.March2Success.com](http://www.March2Success.com), [www.khanacademy.com](http://www.khanacademy.com).



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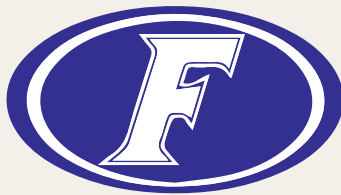
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Subject	Teacher	Days	Time	Location
PERT	Conover	Thursday	2:30 - 4:00	A16
English	Carlay	Thursday	2:30 - 4:00	D16
English/AICE/SAT/ACT/FSA	Bernstein	Tues/Thurs	2:30 - 4:00	E2
English/FSA	Taber	Wed/Thurs	2:30 - 4:00	A18
Social Studies	Daniels	Tuesday	2:30 - 4:00	D14
Govt./ACT/SAT/FSA	Christensen	Mon/Thur	2:30 - 4:00	D15
Algebra 1/PERT	King	Tuesday	2:30 - 4:00	C13
Science	Van Pelt	Tues/Thur	2:30 - 4:00	A1
Social Studies	Hollingsworth	Tues/Thur	2:30 - 4:00	A14
ELA	King	Tuesday	2:30 - 4:00	A2
AICE/AP - ELA	Gilbert			P13
AP Human Geo.	Chalker	Every other Saturday	10 - 12	P10
Social Studies	Vanlue	Mon/Thur	2:30 - 4:00	A15

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# FLETCHER SPORT SCHEDULES

## Boys Soccer

Date	Day	Boys Varsity	Boys JV
12/12	Thursday	Away @ Mandarin 7:20	Away @ Mandarin 5:30
12/17	Tuesday	Away @ Stanton 7:20	Away @ Stanton 5:30
12/19	Thursday	Home vs. Wolfson 7:20	Home vs. Wolfson 5:30
12/20	Friday	XMAS BREAK 12/20-1/3	XMAS BREAK 12/20-1/3
1/3	Friday	XMAS BREAK 12/20-1/3	XMAS BREAK 12/20-1/3
1/6	Monday	Home vs. Ribault 7:20	
1/14	Tuesday	Conference Tournament - QF	
1/15	Wednesday	Conference Tournament - SF	
1/17	Friday*	Conference Tournament Finals	
1/20	Monday	MLK DAY	MLK DAY
1/23	Thursday	Home vs. Episcopal 7:20	Home vs. Episcopal 5:30
1/28	Tuesday	Home vs Yulee 7:20	
1/31	Friday	District Tournament @ FIHS 4v5 6:00 PM	
2/3	Monday	DT RAIN OUT DATE	
2/4	Tuesday	District Tournament @ FIHS 2v3 5:30	
2/4	Tuesday	DT @ FIHS 1 v 4/5 @7:20	
2/7	Friday	District Finals @FIHS 7PM	
2/12	Wednesday	Regional Quarterfinals	
2/17	Monday	Regional Semifinals	
2/19	Wednesday	Regional Finals	
2/22	Saturday	State Semifinals	
2/26-2/29	Wed - Sat	State Championships TBD	

## Girls Soccer

Date	Day	Girls Varsity	Girls JV
12/12	Thursday	Away @Sandalwood 7:20	Away @Sandalwood 5:30
12/16	Monday	Home vs. Mandarin 7:20	Home vs. Mandarin 5:30
12/17	Tuesday	Home vs. Nease 7:20	Home vs. Nease 5:30
12/20		XMAS BREAK 12/20-1/3	XMAS BREAK 12/20-1/3
1/3		XMAS BREAK 12/20-1/3	XMAS BREAK 12/20-1/3
1/6	Monday	Home vs. Ribault 5:30	
1/7	Tuesday	Away @ Bolles 7:20	Away @ Bolles 5:30
1/10	Friday	Home vs. Middleburg 7:20	Home vs. Middleburg 5:30
1/14	Tuesday	Conference Tournament - QF	
1/15	Wednesday	Conference Tournament - SF	
1/17	Friday*	Conference Tournament Finals	
1/20		MLK DAY	MLK DAY
1/21	Tuesday	Away @ Bartram Trail 7:20	Away @BT 5:30
1/23	Thursday	Away @ Ponte Vedra 7:20	Away @ PV 5:30
1/28	Tuesday	Home vs. Yulee 5:30 (Senior Night)	
1/30	Thursday	District Tournament 4v5 @Creekside 6PM	
1/31	Friday		
2/3	Monday	DT RAIN OUT DATE	
2/4	Tuesday	District Tournament @ Creekside 2v3 5:30	
2/4		DT @ CHS 1 v 4/5 @7:20	
2/7	Friday	District Finals @FIHS 7PM	
2/11	Tuesday	Regional Quarterfinals	
2/14	Friday	Regional Semifinals	
2/18	Tuesday	Regional Finals	
2/21	Friday	State Semifinals	
2/26-2/29		State Championships TBD	



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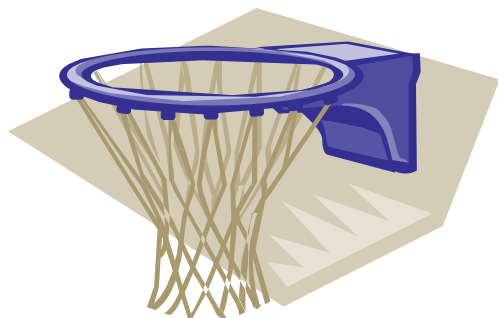
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## Girls Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
12/10	@ Raines	5:30/7pm
12/12	Atlantic Coast @ FHS	5:30/7pm
12/16	Fleming Island @ FHS	5:30/7pm
12/20	Clay Tournament	TBA
12/21	Clay Tournament	TBA
12/23	Clay Tournament	TBA
1/7	Nease @ FHS	5:30/7pm
1/9	Englewood @ FHS	5:30/7pm
1/11	Mendez @ FHS	7:00/5:30pm
13-16	Gateway Tournament	TBA
1/23	@ Episcopal School of Jacksonville	5:30/7pm
1/24	@ White	6pm
1/29	White @ FHS	6pm
1/30	@ Nease	6pm
1/31	@ Ponte Vedra	6pm

Head Coach: Craig Beal  
 Assistant: Alyssa Greenert  
 Head JV: Wanda Ware  
 AD: Joe Reynolds  
 Principal: James D. Ledford

## Boys Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
12/10	Orange Park	5:30/7
12/12	HS 9:12 Fortega Invitational	Tba
12/13	HS 9:12 Fortega Invitational	Tba
12/14	HS 9:12 Fortega Invitational	Tba
12/17	First Coast*	5:30/7
12/20	Providence Holiday Classic	TBA
12/21	Providence Holiday Classic	TBA
1/7	Orange Park	5:30/7
1/9	Englewood*	5:30/7
1/10	Ridgeview	5:30/7
1/14	Sandalwood	5:30/7
1/15	Baldwin	5:30/7
1/16	Atlantic Coast*	5:30/7
1/21	Episcopal	5:30/7
1/24	Terry Parker	5:30/7
1/27-1/31	Gateway Conference Tournament	TBA
1/30	Creekside*	5:30/7
2/4	Ponte Vedra	5:30/7
2/7	Sandalwood	5:30/7
2/11	Districts @ FC	TBA
2/12	Districts @ FC	TBA
2/14	Districts @ FC	TBA

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\*= District Game

*Italicize= Tournament*

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