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#### From Your Principal, Dean Ledford Hello Senators!!!

We are very excited for the 2023-2024 school year. Fletcher HS was able to increase proficiency rates in Mathematics as well as Science. Fletcher HS was also able to increase our overall pass rates on the very

rigorous AP Exams. Congratulations to all students, teachers, parents, and community members. Thank you for all of your support. We will continue to work hard in order to make the 2023/2024 school year Fletcher's greatest year ever.

Our orientation/walkthrough will begin July 31st and will continue through August 4th. Please see the schedule below. This is a time when students can access their schedule, IDs, parking passes (Juniors and Seniors only), and laptops. This is also a great time to become familiar with the Fletcher High School campus. Students and parents of 10th through 12th grade students can arrive any time between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. We ask that our Freshmen students and parents arrive at 8:00 a.m. and report to the gymnasium.

We are determined to improve student performance by providing educational excellence in every classroom, for every student, every day. This goal cannot happen without your help. Our communication this year will be through parent emails, parent phone links, and through our school's website. Please go online and register for our parent portal. You can find registration information on the Duval County Website. You are our frontline in your student's education.

Our Fletcher High School PTSA will be at our student walkthrough/ orientation the week of July 31st through August 4th. Our PTSA not only assists with our student orientation but will also assist with preplanning and opening of school. These volunteers are wonderful assets for our school. We will always welcome volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Assistant Principal Ms. Lori Westberry.

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# **From Your Principal**

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Also, attention Fletcher Athletes, all students interested in participating in athletics must be cleared through the following link www.athleticclearance.com.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email or phone. Again, we want to thank each of you for your support, and we look forward to making the 2023- 2024 school year our best yet. Please feel free to contact the school at any time. You can reach me at ledfordj@duvalschools.org. Thanks for all that you do...and as always....Go Senators!

Dean Ledford, Principal

#### Walkthrough/Orientation Dates – August 1st through August 4th

- July 31st 12th Grade 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- August 1st 11th Grade 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- August 2nd 10th Grade 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- August 3rd 9th Grade 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- August 4th Make up day 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (all Students)



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# **PTSA and GUIDANCE**

#### **Parents**

#### DCPS Email

Parents/guardians should encourage students to check their DCPS email on a weekly basis. School counselors, teachers, and administration distribute and communicate important information via student, DCPS emails.

#### Update Contact Information

Check your address, phone number and email address in your parent/guardian FOCUS account to confirm its accuracy. Please contact the school at 904-247-5905 to update your contact information, if needed.



#### **ALL STUDENTS**

#### **Online Course Requirement**

All students who entered high school in the year 2011-12 and after are required to take a class online, in order to graduate. Here in Duval County, we use the website www.FLVS.net. Feel free to peruse the courses that Florida Virtual offers students and if you have any questions contact your student's counselor. Summer Reading and Assignments

Summer reading and applicable assignments can be retrieved here: https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/7665. This listing will also be mailed home to the address we have on file.



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^If the district must close schools for a day or more due to hazardous weather, the school district will utilize weather day/s to provide for any lost instructional days. Given the placement of weather days on June 3,4, and 5, there is a possibility that the school year could extend past May 31st. Should there be no need to use the Weather Days on June 3, 4, and 5, teacher post-planning days would be moved up to begin on the first available non-instructional day during that week.

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### Seniors

Planning on college? This is what you should be doing NOW!

- Taking/retaking the SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and/or ACT (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 has all of the state schools' website addresses).
  - Pay the application fee.
  - Come to the registrar in Guidance and sign-up to have your transcript sent.
- Visiting college websites. We also have reference books with addresses and phone numbers for all of the college and university admissions offices. Don't forget to use www.google. com to do a quick search as well!
- Signing up for college seminars in Guidance with Ms. Gonzalez.
- Making sure your schedule contains all of the classes needed for graduation.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

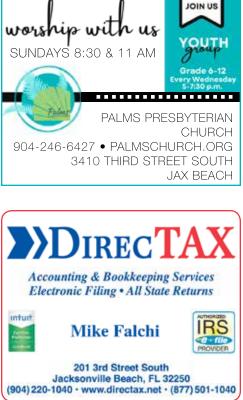
Students MUST send a transcript to every college to which they apply. This does not happen automatically. Students will need to see the Registrar in the Guidance Office to sign the log requesting that transcripts be sent. Students can also email Ms. Hunter Nowak, hunter-nowakk@duvalschools.org, to request their transcript be sent.

# Underclassmen (9th – 11th)

**REMEMBER:** 

- Schedule changes have been completed for the first semester. You should not be in any classes you have already passed and received credit for in high school.
- Every grade you make in grades 9-11 will be what appears on your initial transcript that colleges see when you are applying for college your senior year! So, keep in mind that EVERY GRADE MATTERS!
- Bright Futures Your academic classes, including world language, grades 9-12, are what will determine your GPA for Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility. This is one of the scholarships for which you don't have to compete against other students – you earn it – you get it!
- Juniors can sign up for college seminars in Guidance when they are announced.







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### **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING**

Fletcher recommends that students take the SAT and/or the ACT by the spring of their Junior year. Seniors who are seeking to improve their scores for college entry, or Bright Futures qualifications, should register for one of the fall administrations of the SAT and/or the ACT. Students may take these tests as many times as they deem necessary. Students should register via the internet. See the Testing Schedule below:

ACT - \$63 (late fee +\$36) To register for the ACT go to: www.act.org High School Code: 100800 Fletcher's ACT Test Center #: 195570						
Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Fee Required				
Sept. 9, 2023	Aug. 4, 2023	Aug. 18, 2023				
Oct. 28, 2023	Sept. 22, 2023	Oct. 6, 2023				
Dec. 9, 2023	Nov. 3, 2023	Nov. 17, 202				
Feb. 10, 2024	Jan. 5, 2024	Jan. 19, 2024				
Apr. 13, 2024	Mar. 8, 2024	Mar. 22, 2024				
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024				
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024				
SAT - \$60 (late fee +\$30)						

SAT - \$60 (late fee +\$30) To register for the SAT go to: www.collegeboard.org High School Code: 100800 Fletcher's Test Center #: 10-335

Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Fee Required
Aug. 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	Aug. 15, 2023
Oct. 7, 2023	Sept. 8, 2023	Sept. 26, 2023
Nov. 4, 2023	Oct. 6, 2023	Oct. 24, 2023
Dec. 2, 2023	Nov. 3, 2023	Nov. 21, 2023
Mar. 9, 2024	Feb. 23, 2024	Feb. 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023 AS YOU GRADUATE!** 





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### **Counselor Assignments**

Last Names:	Counselor:	Phone #	Email
A – Dm	Ms. Greenert	247-5905 ext 1223999927	greenerta@duvalschools.org
Dn – K	Ms. Brown	247-5905 ext 1223999923	brownm13@duvalschools.org
L – Rn	Ms. Sasan	247-5905 ext 1223999922	sasanc@duvalschools.org
Ro – Z	Ms. Dunkley	247-5905 ext 1223999924	wittmerj@duvalschools.org
AICE	Ms. Powell	247-5905 ext 1223999921	powellj2@duvalschools.org
Guidance Secretary	Ms. Gonzalez	247-5905 ext 1223999925	gonzalezm3@duvalschools.org





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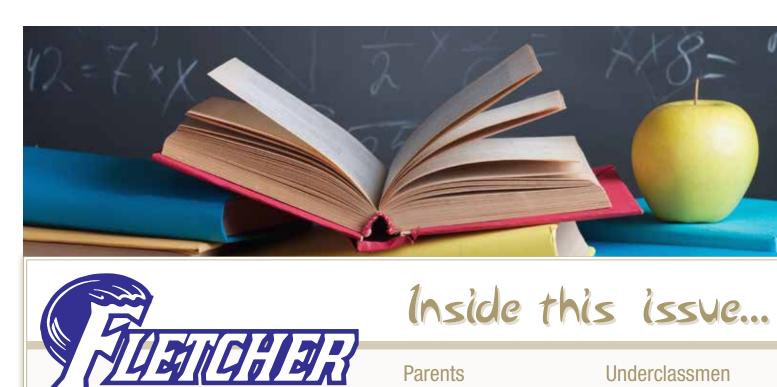
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