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## **From Your Principal, Dean Ledford**

Hello Senators!!!

We are very excited for the 2024-2025 school year. Fletcher HS was able to increase proficiency rates in Language Arts as well as US History. Fletcher HS scored an all-time high in overall Language Arts Gains as well as Lowest Quartile Gains.

Success did not stop at state assessments, as Fletcher HS was able to increase their overall pass rates on the very rigorous Advanced Placement Exams while increasing the total AP Exams taken. Congratulations to all students, teachers, parents, and community members. Thank you for all your support. We will continue to work hard to make the 2024/2025 school year Fletcher's greatest year ever.

Our orientation/walkthrough will begin July 29th and will continue through August 2nd. Please see the schedule below. This is a time when students can access their schedule, IDs, parking passes (Juniors and Seniors only), and laptops for our Freshmen and new Senators. 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 29th through August 2nd. 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.

Also, attention Fletcher Athletes, all students interested in participating in athletics must be cleared through the following link [www.athleticclearance.com](http://www.athleticclearance.com).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email or phone.



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# From Your Principal

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Again, we want to thank each of you for your support, and we look forward to making the 2024- 2025 school year our best yet. Please feel free to contact the school at any time. You can reach me at [ledfordj@duvalschools.org](mailto:ledfordj@duvalschools.org). Thanks for all that you do...and as always.... Go Senators!

Dean Ledford, Principal

## Walkthrough/Orientation Dates – July 29th through August 2nd

July 29th - 12th Grade - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

July 30th - 11th Grade - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

July 31st - 10th Grade - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

August 1st - 9th Grade - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

August 2nd - Make up day 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (all Students)



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## Parents

### DCPS Email

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### 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

The first day of school is Monday, August 12th, 2024. The last day of school is Thursday, May 29th, 2025.

### 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.

### Follow Guidance on Social Media

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## Rising Seniors

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

- Taking/retaking the SAT, ACT, or CLT
- 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.
- Be knowledgeable of the deadlines and admission requirements of the colleges you are pursuing.
- Applying to college
  - Apply online at the college's website (www.flvc.org has all the state schools' website addresses).
  - Pay the application fee.
  - Come to the registrar in the School Counseling Office (#471) and sign up to have your transcript sent.
- Visiting college websites. We also have reference books with addresses and phone numbers for all 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 the School Counseling Office with Ms. Gonzalez.
- Making sure your schedule contains all the classes needed for graduation.

### Senior Pictures

- Senior pictures are going to be a little different this year. In order for seniors to be in the

yearbook, **they must have their portrait taken with CADY Studios.** This is a very busy year so you will want to **book your CADY session now.** If you miss out, you will not be in the yearbook. Contact Ms. Murrell with questions murrells@duvalschools.org. Seniors need to use this link to schedule - <https://cady.com/schedule>

### TRANSCRIPTS

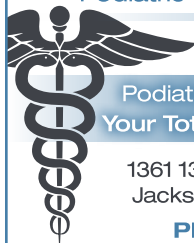
Students **MUST** send a transcript to every college to which they apply. This does not happen automatically. Students will need to see the Registrar in the School Counseling Office to sign the log requesting that transcripts be sent. Students can also email Ms. Hunter Nowak, hunter-nowakk@duvalschools.org,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

### Bright Futures Scholarship

Bright Futures is a great scholarship opportunity in the state of Florida. The following is a link to the requirements for this scholarship: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/FAS-FMS.pdf>. School counselors assist students with completing the application, when it opens for them, during their senior year. Students should start turning in their community service hours and/or work hours. The logs for documenting community service or work hours can be picked up in the School Counseling Office.

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## UNF Summer Events

UNF will hold FREE SAT/ACT test prep on June 11 and July 9. They will be hosting "Apply in July." This is where students take their transcripts to UNF, apply, and immediately find out if they're admitted to UNF. For more information about these opportunities, visit <https://www.unf.edu/visit/apply-in-july.html>

## Counselor Assignments

Last Names:	Counselor:	Phone #	Email
A – Do	Ms. Greenert	247-5905 ext 1223999927	greenerta@duvalschools.org
Dr – Le	Ms. Brown	247-5905 ext 1223999923	brownm13@duvalschools.org
Li – 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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^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 May 30, June 2 and 3, there is a possibility that the school year could extend past May 29th. Should there be no need to use the Weather Days on May 30, June 2 and 3, teacher post-planning days would be moved up to begin on the first available non-instructional day during that week.

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Legend:

#*	Early Dismissal
#~	End of Grading Period

#	First & Last Day of School
#	Employee Planning/Inservice
#	Weather Closure

#	Schools Closed	Weather
#	Schools/Admin Offices Closed	
#w	Former Weather Day	

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## College Admissions Testing

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**ACT** - Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) **FHS Test Center #195-570**

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 25, 2024	September 6
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024	October 18
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024	December 6
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025	January 31
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025	June 6
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	July 4

**SAT** - Register at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) **FHS Test Center #10-335**

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Format
August 24, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 13, 2024	Digital
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024	Digital
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024	Digital
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024	Digital
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025	Digital
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	Digital
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025	Digital

**CLT**- Register at [www.cltexam.com](http://www.cltexam.com)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Format
August 15, 2024	August 8, 2024	Online
September 21, 2024	September 16, 2024	Online
October 16, 2024	October 10, 2024	Online
November 7, 2024	October 31, 2024	Online
December 7, 2024	December 2, 2024	Online



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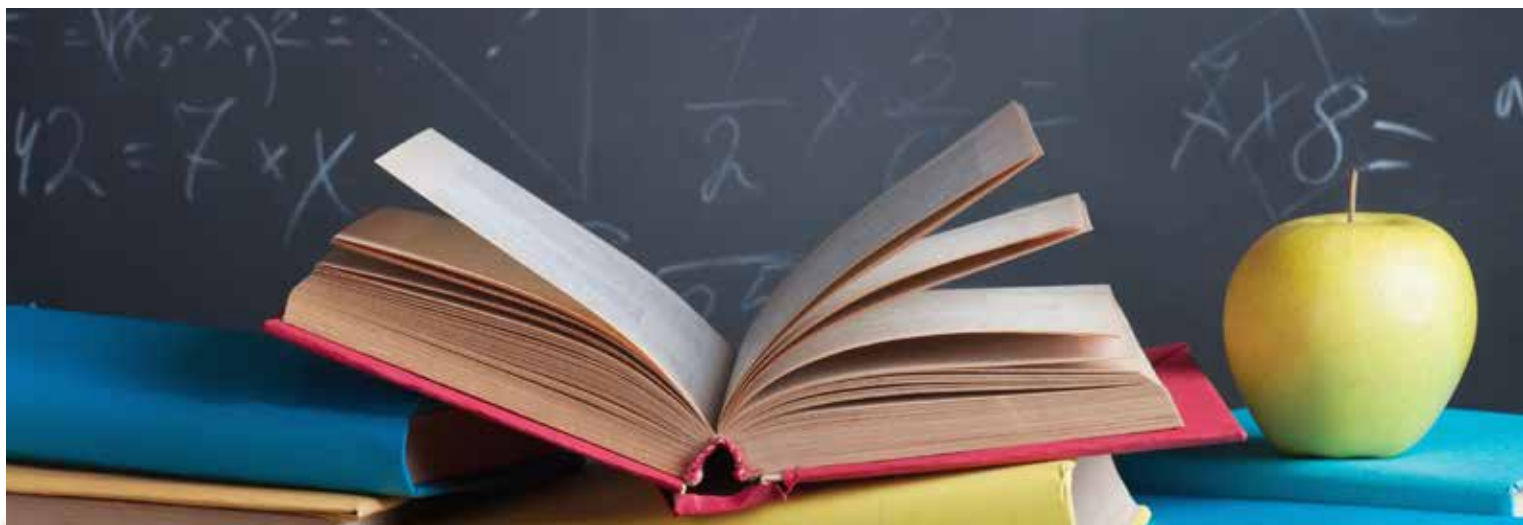
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