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From Your Principal, Dean Ledford Hello Senators!!

We are finishing the 2023-2024 school year at Fletcher High School. The Class of 2024 is currently working through their final exams including teacher, district, state, national and international assessments. This has been a great year

for the Senators, and I am proud of our students, faculty, and staff for all their hard work and dedication. I would like to congratulate our Senior Class of 2024 on a great year.

This year our students excelled in academics, athletics, and scholarships. Our students have achieved many accolades such as athletics winning Gateway, Districts and advancing to Regionals and State in several sports. Flag Football won the District Championship and moved through 3 rounds of regional competition. Girls Lacrosse won the District Championship. Boys and Girls Track has numerous regional qualifiers along with Boys and Girls Tennis with regional and state qualifiers. James Armstrong received a \$100,000 scholarship to the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. Alfred is considered the premier school for ceramics. Also, Congratulations to Ms. Murrell and her staff, Fletcher's 22/23 Yearbook was included in Varsity's top 10% nationwide.

The Fletcher High School Drama Department completed another successful year on the Fletcher High School stage. The 2023/2024 season was the most challenging yet with the productions of 4 mainstage plays! The cast and crew began the year with the always popular *12 Angry Jurors* followed up with the winter production Neil Simon's hysterical comedy *Rumors*. But the theatre department did not stop there. They completed the season with 2 more tony award-winning Broadway shows: The charming, delightful, light comedy *Barefoot in the Park* and the dark comedy *The House of Blue Leaves*. "It was a long and challenging year for us" Tom Ming the director of the shows, stated. "I am proud of the cast and crew for taking on such a demanding rehearsal schedule. We learned so much this year and the cast and crew were completely invested in the entire process of producing live theatre for the Beach community."

The city of Neptune Beach Renovated their water tower with "Neptune Beach This Is Fletcher Country" painted across the tower. Thank you to Mayor Elaine Brown and City Manager Richard Pike for making this happen.

As we begin the 2024-2025 school year, we will use the mail and phone system to advise parents of upcoming activities and important information. If you are not receiving periodic automated phone and email messages, please come by



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From Your Principal

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the school and check the phone numbers and email addresses we have on file. It is critical we have your most current information. Our automated messaging system is the best form of communication if we need to contact you immediately in case of an emergency or for general announcements. See below for the 2024-2025 walkthrough/orientation schedule.

Walkthrough/Orientation Dates - July 29 through August 2

- July 29 12th Grade 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 8-9 A-G, 9-10 H-M, 10-11 N-S, 11-12 T-Z
- July 30 11th Grade 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 8-9 A-G, 9-10 H-M, 10-11 N-S, 11-12 T-Z
- July 31 10th Grade 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 8-9 A-G, 9-10 H-M, 10-11 N-S, 11-12 T-Z
- August 1- 3 9th Grade 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. More information to come.
- August 2 Make up day 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (all Students)

We will also host our Soaring Senators this summer. This is for all incoming 9th grade students from July 30 through August 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

If you have any questions, our school summer hours will be – Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Also, see our website for any summer assignments based on specific courses or grade level. https://dcps.duvalschools.org/fhs

This is an exciting time for our seniors, and we look forward to celebrating their graduation on June 3rd at 5:00 p.m. in the VyStar Veterans Arena and looking forward to their transition to the next phase of their lives. I know that our Senators will continue to impress us, and look forward to having them share their post-secondary success. I would like to wish everyone a great summer vacation.

Thank you for all you do...and as always...Go Senators!!! Dean Ledford - Principal



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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

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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RISING SENIORS

Planning on attending 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 the state schools' website addresses).
 - Pay the application fee.
 - Come to the registrar in the School Counseling Office 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.

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

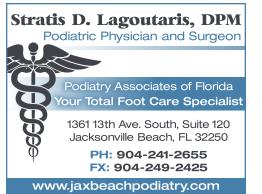
Bright Futures is a great scholarship opportunity in the state of Florida. The following is a link to the requirements for this scholarship: https://www. floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/FAS-FMS.pdf. School counselors assist students with completing the application, when it opens for them, during 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.

UNF SUMMER EVENTS

UNF will hold FREE SAT/ACT test prep on June 11 and July 9. They will also 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://events.unf.edu/



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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		
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024		
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024		
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		
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024		

COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

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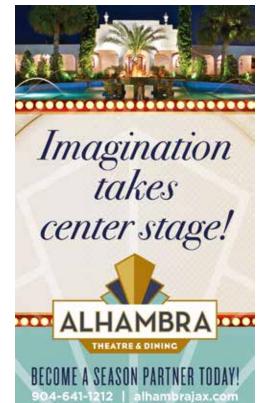


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Day One :

- · 7:30-8:15: Welcome-FHS Courtyard
- . 8:20-900: Session 1
- . 9:05-9:45: Session II
- . 9:50-10:30: Session III
- . 10:35-11:15: Session IV
- . 11:20-12:00 Session V

<u>Day Two:</u>

- . 7:30-7:45: Welcome-FHS Courtyard
- . 7:50-8:30: Session 1
- . 8:35-9:15: Session II
- . 9:20-10:00: Session III
- . 10:05-10:50 Session IV
- . 10:55-12:00 Closing -Courtyard

Please ENTER through the COURTYARD

Please note the wings on the East and West ends of the main building may be under construction

> Main Office Classrooms Library

Day Three:

- 8:00-11:00: Ongoing Freshmen Registration and walk-through
- 8:00-11:00: Ongoing Club Fair in courtyard

Art/Music Gym Auditorium Cafe



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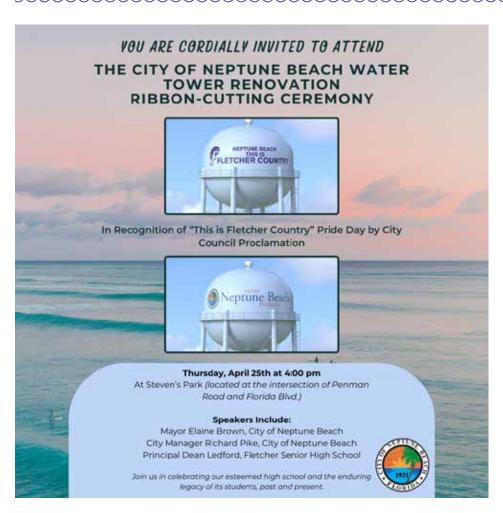
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