A PTSA Publication for the Fletcher High School Community

The Pride of the Beaches



From Your Principal, Dean Ledford

Hello Senators!

With the 23/24 school year up and running, we have made great strides in academics, performing arts and athletics. We are approaching the end of the first semester and 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 for announcements about upcoming events and performances.

The continuous improvement in overall academics was evident in our first round of progress monitoring assessments. Fletcher students outscored our previous year's performance in 9th and 10th grade Language Arts, Biology and US History. We will continue to challenge our students to show improvement during their second round of progress monitoring assessments, which will begin December 4. The PMAs provide a snapshot of students' progress at this point in time. Teachers will review this data, meet with each student, 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. After the assessment, students should be able to articulate to you how they are doing now, and what they need to do to show improvement.

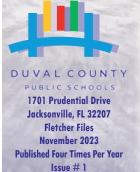
A huge congratulations goes out to Emily Machinski and Isaac George for receiving Letters of commendation for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Not only have we reached outstanding marks in academics, but we have also accomplished great things in athletics. Both Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving won the Gateway Championship. Boy's Golf won the Gateway Conference Championship and our Volleyball Team competed in the Gateway Championship Game. Our Winter Sports have begun, and we have attached their schedules in this newsletter.

The FHS faculty and administration strongly encourages all of our parents to monitor your child's grades and attendance through FOCUS. We recommend checking this information at least once a week. Frequent progress monitoring and communication with your child's teachers is highly correlated with student success in high school. If you are still in need of a parent log-in, please visit the Duval County Website and follow the link for Parent Portal information.

Again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at our various fall and winter events. Feel free to contact your students' teachers for available times to meet with you to discuss students' progress. We will continue to raise the standard of excellence at Fletcher High School in order to maintain our goal of being recognized as one of the premier high schools in the county. The after-school tutoring schedule is attached in the newsletter. Thank you for all that you do, and as always Go Senators!!







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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

Online Course Requirement

As of August 2023, students are no longer required to complete an online course for graduation. Students can still elect to take free online courses via Florida Virtual School (www.FLVS.net). Students should contact their school counselor if they have any questions.

Seniors

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

- Taking/retaking the SAT (www. collegeboard.org), ACT (www. actstudent.org), and/or CLT (www.cltexam.com)
- 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 Guidance 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 Guidance 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 Guidance Office to sign the log requesting that transcripts be sent.

SENIOR MEETINGS

Counselors met with students, planning to graduate in the Spring of 2024, during the last week of September. Topics discussed during the meeting included the following: graduation requirements, SAT, CLT, and ACT testing dates and scores, Bright Futures Scholarship requirements, ASVAB testing, financial aid information, community service, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), college selection tips and postsecondary readiness scores. The resources can be found at the following link:

https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/7294

BRIGHT FUTURES

- Applying Seniors were emailed specific instructions on how to apply for Bright Futures. The application opened on October 1st. Make sure you put down our school code (100-800) when taking the SAT/ACT. If you have taken the SAT/ACT/CLT outside of Duval County, you need to contact the appropriate testing service and request that your scores are sent to Fletcher High School.
- Community Service/Work Hours ALL Bright Futures scholarships require community service and/or work hours. Forms for documenting the hours are in the Guidance Office and on the school website (https://dcps. duvalschools.org/domain/7294). We will accept these until May. See chart below for specific hours.

Туре	16 High School College- Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT*/CLT*/SAT*)	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	(two must have substantial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours

*FAS = Florida Academic Scholarship; FMS = Florida Medallion Scholarship

 Complete scholarship details are located on http://www. floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/

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AICE Curriculum and Bright Futures

Students who have demonstrated academic merit through a recognition program may be eligible for Bright Futures without having to meet one or more of the requirements. Please refer to the table below for how to qualify based on one of the merit recognition programs.

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year		Volunteer Service*	Paid Work	Combination of Volunteer/	Bright Futures
	2023-24	2024-25		Hours*	Paid Hours	Award
National Merit® Finalists and			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
Scholars			75 hours	The state of the state of		FMS
National Hispanic Recognition			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
Program	ď.		75 hours	Service .		FMS
Advanced International Certificate	8		100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
of Education (AICE) - Diploma	3		75 hours			FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) -	9		100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
Diploma			75 hours			FMS
AICE - Curriculum	29/96/1340	29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
AICE - Cornculum	25/84/1210	25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) -	29/96/1340	29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
Curriculum	25/84/1210	25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS

*Student must earn the required volunteer service, paid work hours, or a combination of both equal to 100 total hours.

AICE Curriculum

- Complete a minimum of 14 AICE credits* identified by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International) in the Diploma Core and three academi areas as follows:
 - AICE Diploma Core–AICE Global Perspectives & Research AS level (Two Credits required)
 - Group 1-Mathmatics and Sciences (Two Credits required)
 - Group 2-Languages (Two Credits required)
 - Group 3-Arts and Humanities (Two Credits required)
 - Group 4-Interdisciplinary Skills (Optional-Four Credits maximum)
 - Six additional credits reguired in any combination from the above four groups.

*Students earn one credit by completing and passing one AICE full credit course and another credit for taking the corresponding AICE examination.

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Scholarships

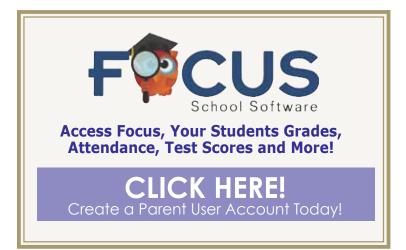
- Many scholarships are offered directly from the colleges to which you are applying.
- The FAFSA (opens in December 2023) should be filled out by ALL seniors.
- Beware of scholarship scams! You should NEVER have to pay for scholarship information.

Financial Aid web resources:

www.fastweb.com www.scholarships.com www.myscholly.com www.unigo.com www.studentaid.gov www.va.gov

<u>Underclassmen (9th - 11th)</u>

- School counselors will present in 9th and 10th grade during the month of November. School counselors will present in 11th grade classrooms at the beginning of December.
- 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.



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

Fletcher recommends that students take the SAT, ACT, and/or the CLT 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, ACT, and/or the CLT. 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					
To register	for the ACT go	to: www.act.org				
H	igh School Code	e: 100800				
Fletche	r's ACT Test Cer	nter #: 195570				
Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Fee Required				
Dec. 9, 2023 Nov. 3, 2023 Nov. 17, 2023						
Feb. 10, 2024	Jan. 5, 2024	Jan. 19, 2024				
Apr. 13, 2024	Mar. 8, 2024	Mar. 22, 2024				
June 8, 2024	June 8, 2024 May 3, 2024 May 17, 2024					
July 13, 2024 June 7, 2024 June 21, 2024						
SAT - \$60						
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
	Nov. 3, 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

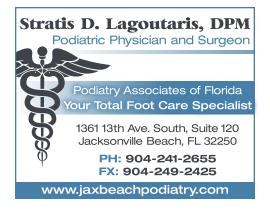
CLT - \$59

To register for	r the CLT go to:	www.cltexam.com
Test Date	Reg. Deadline	
Nov. 2, 2023	Oct. 26, 2023	*Remotely Proctored*
Dec. 2, 2023	Nov. 27, 2023	*Remotely Proctored*
Jan. 27, 2024	Jan. 22, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*
Feb. 15, 2024	Feb. 8, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*
Mar. 16, 2024	Mar. 11, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*
April 11, 2024	April 4, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*
April 24, 2024	April 10, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*
May 11, 2024	May 6, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*
June 20, 2024	June 13, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*

What is the CLT?

The Classic Learning Test (CLT) is a college entrance exam for 11th and 12th graders. In the state of Florida, the CLT can be used to satisfy Bright Futures requirements, graduation requirements, and apply

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to select colleges/universities. We encourage students to view the college/university's website to see if the CLT is accepted for admissions purposes.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch can pick up fee waivers for the SAT and ACT in the Guidance office.

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

Follow Guidance on Social Media

Please follow the FHS School Counselor Twitter and Instagram pages!



@FHSGuidance

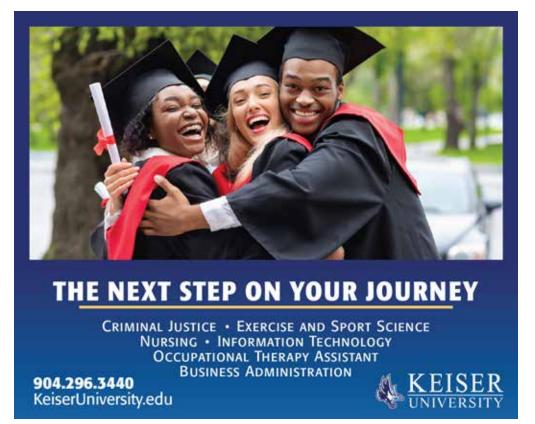


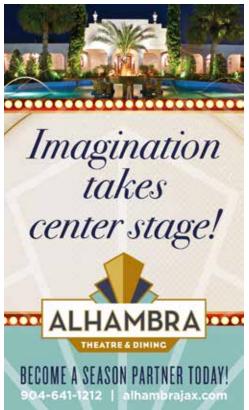
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After School Tutoring/College Assistance Schedule 2023-2024 – October 23 - May 17

Subject	Teacher	Days	Time	Location
College Application, Scholarship and	Powell, Gilbert	Tuesday	2:00 - 4:00	P1
Financial Aid Help Sessions				
US History	Hollingsworth	Tues., Thurs.	2:30 - 4:00	118
US History	Conover	Tues., Thurs.	2:30 - 4:00	120
English 3	Reed	Tues., Thurs.	2:30 - 4:00	P19E
World History	Laubach	Tues, Thurs, Fri	2:30 - 4:00	131B
US History, AP US History	Vanlue	Tues., Wed.	2:30 - 4:00	119
Social Studies, English	Christensen	Tues, Thurs	2:30 - 4:00	167
All Sciences	Van Pelt	Tues.	2:30 - 4:00	107
Biology, Anatomy and Physiology	Searl	Tues. Fri	2:30 - 4:00	109
Writing All Grade Levels	Poole	Wed.	2:30 - 4:00	122
English, SAT, ACT, PERT	Carlay	Thursdays	2:30 - 4:00	181
English 1	Batten	Tues, Thurs.	2:30 - 4:00	108
US History, African American	Daniels	Tuesdays	2:00 - 3:30	135
Studies, Vietnam				
All Subjects	National Honor Society	Mon. through Thurs.	2:00 - 3:00	Media Center
Biology, Algebra 1, English 1	C. Jones	Tues., Wed.	2:30 - 4:00	Guidance Office
AP/AICE Writing	Bernstein	Tuesday	2:30 - 4:00	104
Social Studies	Salls	Mon., Wed.	2:30 - 4:00	P15
AICE Global Perspectives	Kranjec	Wed, Thurs.	2:30 - 4:00	P18
Spanish 1 and 2	Haupt	Tuesdays	2:30 - 4:00	156
PERT Testing	Kennedy, S.	11/2, 11/16, 12/14	2:30 - 4:00	Media Center

Duval County Public Schools 2023-2024

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Board Approved 01/10/2022 Rev 01.09.23



- ♠ 7" & 6" Seamless Gutters
- Gutter guards
- ♦ Vinyl Fascia & Soffit







SPORTS SCHEDULES

Boys Basketball

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
11/14	PRESEASON @ HARVEST	TBA
11/16	PRESEASON @ HARVEST	TBA
11/21	NEASE	5:30/7
11/28	TOCOI CREEK	6/7:30
11/30	FERNANDINA BEACH	7:30
12/5	WESTSIDE	6/7:30
12/7	WOLFSON	5:30/7
12/8	ED WHITE	5:30/7
12/12	EPISCOPAL	5:30/7
12/15	ATLANTIC COAST	5:30/7
12/19	FIRST COAST	5:30/7
12/20	BISHOP SNYDER	4:30/7:30
12/21	BARTRAM TRAIL	6/7:30
12/27-12/29	JARVIS WILLIAMS TOURNEY	TBA
1/6	MLK @ JACKSON	TBA
1/11	HARVEST	5:30/7
1/12	PONTE VEDRA	5:30/7
1/16	ST. AUGUSTINE	5:30/7
1/17	MANDARIN	5:30/7
1/19	CREEKSIDE	5:30/7
1/22-1/26	GATEWAY CONFERENCE	TBA
1/25	ENGLEWOOD	5:30/7
1/30	RAINES	5:30/7
2/1	SANDALWOOD	5:30/7
2/2	PAXON	5:30/7
2/5	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	TBA

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ITALICIZE = TOURNAMENT NORMAL = AWAY GAME HEAD COACH: BRIAN GILBERT ASSISTANTS: RICH BANKS



Girls Basketball

Preseason at Bishop Snyder

November

- 11/14 @Bishop Snyder
- 11/16 @Bishop Snyder
- 11/20 Fletcher vs Baker County 6/7:30
- 11/21 Fletcher vs Impact 6/7:30
- 11/29 Fletcher @ First Coast (V only) 6
- 11/30 Fletcher vs Fernadina Beach (V only) 6

December

- 12/1 Fletcher @Trinity Christian (V only) 6:30
- 12/5 Fletcher vs Atlantic Coast 6/7:30
- 12/7 Fletcher @ University Christian (V only) 6:30
- 12/11 Fletcher @ Beachside 6/7:30
- 12/12 Fletcher vs Episcopal 6/7:30
- 12/14 Fletcher @Creekside 6/7:30
- 12/19 Fletcher @ Englewood 6/7:30
- 12/20 Fletcher @ Bishop Snyder (V only) 6:30
- 12/21 Fletcher @ Paxon 6/7:30

January

- 1/10 Fletcher vs Stanton 6/7:30
- 1/11 Fletcher vs Wolfson 6/7:30
- 1/18 Fletcher vs Westside 6/7:30
- 1/23 Fletcher @ Sandalwood 6/7:30
- 1/26 Fletcher vs Trinity Christian (V only) 6:30
- 1/30 Fletcher vs Baldwin (Senior Night) 5:30/7

<u>February</u>

- 2/1 Fletcher @ Bartram Trail 6/7:30
- 2/2 Fletcher @ Ed White (V only) 6









SCHEDULES

Boys Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
11/7	FLEMING ISLAND	5:30/7:20
11/9	BEACHSIDE	5:30/7:20
11/14	SANDALWOOD	5:30/7:20
11/20	ENGLEWOOD	7:20
11/28	NEASE	5:30/7:20
11/30	Providence	7:00
12/4	ATLANTIC COAST	5:30/7:20
12/5	Mandarin	5:30/7:20
12/6	FIRST COAST	7:20
12/15	Creekside	5:30/7:20
12/18	STANTON	5:30/7:20
12/20	WOLFSON	5:30/7:20
12/8-12/12	GATEWAY CONFERENCE	TBA
1/17	EPISCOPAL	7:20
1/19	PONTE VEDRA	5:30/7:20
TBD	Paxon	

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Girls Soccer

DATE	Location	OPPONENT
11/6	Home	BOLLES
11/8	Home	BARTRAM TRAIL
11/14	Away	MANDARIN
11/16	Away	STANTON
11/18	Home	CHILES
11/20	Home	ENGLEWOOD
11/21	Away	ATLANTIC COAST
11/27	Away	FLAGLER PALM COAST
12/5	Away	PONTE VEDRA
12/8	Home	BEACHSIDE
12/11	Home	WOLFSON
12/14	Home	FLEMING ISLAND
12/18	Away	TOCOI CREEK
12/20	Away	SANDALWOOD
12/21	Home	NEASE - SENIORS
1/5	Away	BISHOP KENNY
1/8-1/12	TBA	GATEWAY CONFERENCE
1/15	Away	PROVIDENCE - MLK DAY
1/17	Away	EPISCOPAL

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ASSISTANTS: Sydney Joshua, Beth Billiard