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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Fall, Pirate Nation!

With the first nine weeks behind us and as we head into the second nine weeks, here are a few helpful tips that will keep your students on track and prepared when it is time to return to campus.

1. Set (and keep) a schedule.

The closer this is to a 'school schedule,' the easier it will likely be on everyone.

2. Make sure your student has the materials necessary to complete all assignments.

Internet access, textbooks, and workbooks are all critical to your student's success.

3. Provide an environment conducive to learning.

This isn't always easy. If your student is too isolated, it is difficult to check in with them. If they are at the kitchen table, depending on the child or their environment, they may be too distracted.

4. Make sure all work is completed.

Double-check Skyward frequently and help your student follow up with their teachers regarding any missing assignments.

5. Help your student check messages and communicate with school.

Schoology is a great place to start! The morning announcements are posted daily. Our website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts are also great resources. When all else doesn't work, call the front office; we will be happy to assist with any question you may have. Communication is the key!

Let's make it a great second nine weeks and work together for all of our students.



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CALENDAR

2020 – 2021 School Year

Friday, October 23.....	End of First Quarter
Monday, October 26.....	Teacher Work Day
Tuesday, November 3.....	Election Day - No School Day for Teachers or Students
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day Holiday – No School
Wednesday, November 25– Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Break Holiday – No School
<i>(If needed, hurricane make up day: November 25)</i>	
Monday, November 30	School Resumes
Wednesday, December 2	Progress Reports – Second Quarter
Tuesday, December 22 – Friday, January 1.....	Winter Break – No School
Monday, January 4.....	School Resumes
Friday, January 15.....	End of Second Quarter/First Semester
Monday, January 18	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Birthday Holiday – No School
Tuesday, January 19	Teacher Work Day
Monday, February 15.....	Presidents' Day Holiday – No School
Wednesday, February 17	Progress Reports – Third Quarter
Monday, March 15 – Friday.....	March 19 Spring Break – No School
Monday, March 22	School Resumes
Thursday, April 1	End of Third Quarter
Wednesday, May 5	Progress Reports – Fourth Quarter
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day Holiday – No School
Thursday, June 3.....	End of Fourth Quarter/Second Semester Last Day for Students
Friday, June 4	Teacher Workday – No School for Students

PIRATE PICTURE RETAKES

Picture Retakes are on November 20 in the Pirate Theater. Face-to-face students can come at any time during the school day. Remote students can take/retake their pictures from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. according to the schedule below. Remote students should be dropped off at the Pirate Theater then check-in in the lobby.

Remote Retakes:

Last name A - M 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Last name N - Z..... 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

If interested, here is the link to purchase photos: <https://store.cady.com/underclass/>.

SENIOR PICTURES AND YEARBOOK ADS

The last day to have your senior picture taken is December 1. Schedule Cady Studio appointments at <https://home.cady.com/seniors/>. Cady Studios will also be on campus for senior pictures on October 28, November 13, and November 20.

If you have a senior this year and would like to purchase a yearbook ad, you may do so at <https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>.

Yearbook ad prices are as follows:

Full page/Color \$275.00
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After-school tutoring and clubs are every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Visit Schoology or our MHS website for more information. Club sponsors can also provide more information regarding specific clubs.

If you need help in Algebra, Geometry, or Algebra 2, a student math tutor is available after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Mrs. Barton's room, 6-134.

SENIOR NEWS

- Jostens Graduation packets will be available for pickup in Coach Roe's room, Ms. Alred's room, or the front office. Go to rhodesgraduation.com for more information.
- For an informational webinar about graduation products as well as a chance to ask questions, join the Rhodes-Jostens team every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. until November 19. The webinars can be accessed by going to www.Rhodesgraduation.com.
- **Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.** The Flagler Education Foundation is hosting the annual Senior Scholarship Information Night in the Pirate Dining Hall with a Zoom option available. Directions on how to complete the Award Spring application will be presented. You must have a completed application to be eligible for any local scholarship.
- Please make sure you are completing your college applications by the due dates, as well as applying for FAFSA and the Florida Application for Financial Aid. This information is in the Senior Information Packet.

ATTENTION: DUAL-ENROLLED STUDENTS

If you are a DSC student, spring schedules are generally available beginning mid-October. The deadline for enrollment is **NOVEMBER 25**, so please be sure to contact your school counselor with your classes, including the class name, class number, and section number.

If you are interested in dual enrollment, please fill out a meeting request form for your counselor to review and discuss your eligibility. Find Request Forms in the guidance section of the MHS webpage.

To help facilitate book availability for your classes, please follow these guidelines:

- On the last day of class, place your books in a bag labeled with your name, and give it to Mrs. Summerlot in the Upper Spot.
- Email your spring schedule to your counselors. When confirmed by your college, Mrs. Summerlot will be able to order the correct books. Failure to provide this information ahead of time might result in not receiving your books on time.
- Pick up your books on Friday, January 15, from 6:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. in room 5-223. Failure to return spring books before this date could cause a delay in your book distribution. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

GET YOUR YEARBOOK!

Yearbooks are on sale now until November 27 for just \$65. Please bring cash or a check made payable to MHS Yearbook to Mrs. Graifer's room 1-202. Yearbooks are also available for purchase online at <https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>. Yearbooks have sold out the past two years. Once they are gone, they are gone, so please pre-order one.

If you have any questions, please email Shanna Graifer at graifers@flaglerschools.com.

VISION STATEMENT

Through the collective partnership with our families, students, staff, and community, Matanzas will become a premier high school in the nation by inspiring independence and confidence in all learners as they prepare for college, career, and life.

MISSION STATEMENT

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VyStar Interns educate peers on financial literacy topics

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Our VyStar interns, including remote-learning students, have been able to speak to over 100 students regarding Financial Literacy. Interns presented both face-to-face and via Zoom. Topics included Acing an Interview, Budgeting Basics, and Building a Budget.



CULINARY IS COOKING UP YUMMINESS!

MHS Faculty enjoys being able to order culinary delights and even get complimentary delivery!



Breakfast With Santa

Hosted by Key Club

Come enjoy Breakfast with Santa December 19th at 8 am! As well as serving breakfast in the Matanzas High School Dining Hall, we will have activities such as:

- Face painting
- Decorating cookies
- Fun games
- Pictures with santa
- Lots of crafts
- And more!

Suggested Donation of \$5 per person is appreciated at the door. All funds raised will benefit Flagler Relay for Life.



STREAM just partnered with Nirvana Wellness to work on Community-Based Instruction skills. STREAM students are providing weekly laundry services for Nirvana.

STREAM continues to provide much-needed and much-appreciated services around campus, which includes recycling, shredding, laundry, copying, deliveries, and mail sorting. Highlighted this month is Marc Rigoli for his assistance with both the laundry and recycling programs.



Stellar Assistant Marc Rigoli

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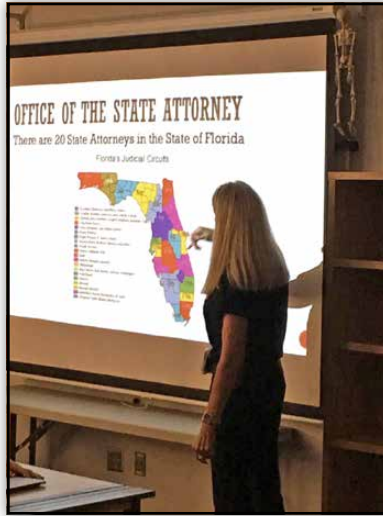
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LAW AND JUSTICE FLAGSHIP ENJOYS GUEST SPEAKER

A special thanks to Assistant Chief Investigator Reith from the Office of the State Attorney, who took time to share with our Law and Justice students. It was a helpful and informative glimpse into that world.



JROTC OFF TO A GREAT START

The year is off to a great start for the MHS JROTC Pirate Battalion. We are pleased to announce our cadet chain of command for this year. Brianna Bell is our Battalion Commander, David Goncalves De Souza is our Battalion Executive Officer, and Salim Aliyev is our Command Sergeant Major.

Despite the challenges that are presented by COVID protocol, our cadets are still taking part in competitions. Because of their ability to adapt, improvise, and overcome, our cadets are still able to compete in most events including drill, color guard, raiders, and the rifle team.

Our Raider Team already competed in a virtual event and placed first in the Baldwin High School Raider Competition. Each team videoed their event then uploaded the videos and score sheets, which included their times for each event. After the verification of videos and score sheets, MHS came out on top!

The MHS JROTC Color Guard has posted the colors for two football games and the band exhibition. Our Rifle Team has started practice and will participate in its first rifle match in November. We look forward to another great MHS JROTC school year!



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On September 19, The Key Club participated in the National Beach Clean-up, collecting a little more than 60 pounds of garbage at Flagler Beach. Participants enjoyed being a part of the successful cleanup.

During meetings, Key Club members have been hard at work in various service projects. Members have been busy creating thank you cards for our hard-working Sheriff's Department and making dog toys to donate to the Flagler County Humane Society. Upcoming events include the following:

- Refurbishing the Matanzas Garden and Greenhouse
- Serving at Grace Community Food Bank
- Raising money for seeds and soil for the garden with a car wash
- Breakfast with Santa on December 19 at 8 a.m. in the Dining Hall

As you can see, together with our weekend activities and our weekly 90 minute meetings, being a Key Club member makes it easy to earn lots of community service hours. Come to the Plank on a Thursday afternoon and give us a try. We are a welcoming group of students focused on bettering our community, nation, and world, one service project at a time.

NHS SERVES OUR COMMUNITY

National Honor Society is collecting hand sanitizer and masks for the homeless in our county. It is also time for our annual Thanksgiving food drive for disabled and needy veterans and their families. Food donations may be dropped off at the front office or students and staff can deliver donations to room 6-142. Last year, we collected over a thousand pounds of food and were able to help many Flagler County veterans and their families.

Suggested Thanksgiving Food Donations:

- Canned vegetables including yams
- Canned pumpkin
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned gravy
- Boxed stuffing
- Cookies or any canned/boxed Thanksgiving goodies

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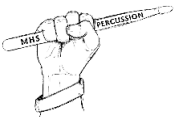


**Sunday Worship Services
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MHS PERCUSSION!



Check out the exciting events Matanzas Percussion Program planned for this school year!

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m. - Second

Annual Pirate Percussion 5K Night Run

All participants in this untimed run/walk will receive a medal, T-shirt, number bib, and goodie bag! Register at runsignup.com/mhsdrums.

Thursday, December 8, 7 p.m. - Holiday Extravaganza Concert

Flagler Auditorium on the FPC Campus - Featuring Blue Steel and the Percussion Ensemble

Tuesday, February 2, 7 p.m. - Solo Bistro

MHS Cafeteria - Featuring the Percussion ensembles and solos preparing for District Solo and Ensemble Assessment

Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m. - Caribbean Café

MHS Courtyard - Featuring Blue Steel performing with Mr. Victor Provost, the steelpan professor at George Mason University! Purchase tickets at pirates32137.booktix.com.

Tuesday, April 27, 7 p.m. - Percussion Palooza

MHS Pirate Theater - Closing out the year with our countywide percussion concert features percussion from the different music programs in Flagler schools.

Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m. - A Night of Percussion

MHS Pirate Theater - This show features the percussion ensembles, steelbands, drumline. Enjoy the outstanding accomplishments of this year's Percussion Program. It is a fast-paced, non-stop, interactive show you will not want to miss!

All shows, excluding the Caribbean Café, are a suggested donation of \$5.00. We can't wait to see you at our next show!

PIRATE PLAYERS PERFORM SOON!

It is a well-known fact that most of the characters in William Shakespeare's plays meet their untimely demise in one way or another. Matanzas High School Pirate Players plan to combat this in their upcoming production of *How to Survive Being in a Shakespeare Play* by Don Zolidis. Directed by teacher Noël Bethea, and students Joshua Jeffers, Matthew Eaton, and Emily Colley, the play allows the Shakespearean characters to live through witty commentary and well-timed humor. Directing as well as starring in the show, Joshua, Matthew, and Emily will also be helping with blocking the scenes and giving directions to the actors onstage. The play takes the audience through multiple Shakespeare plays and teaches the audience how to 'survive' if they were to find themselves in one of these tragedies. Advice given by the all-knowing narrators is taken to heart by the characters.



The director of Matanzas High School Troupe 7108, Noël Bethea, is known for directing *The Yellow Boat* by David Saar and, more recently, *Our Place* by Terry Gabbard. Both were presented at the Regionals competition as will be *How to Survive Being in a Shakespeare Play*.

How to Survive Being in a Shakespeare Play will be presented in the Matanzas High School Pirate Theatre on **October 29, at 7 p.m.** for family and friends only and also will be live-streamed. Admission is free.

AWESOME JOB, GIRLS GOLF!

Matanzas Girls Golf has already had an exceptional season! They are undefeated in their matches and earlier this month placed 1st at the All Area 18 Hole Team Championship. Alexandra Gazzoli eagled the 18th hole resulting in three under par. Katherine Bentley shot a 77, Emma Markese shot an 84, and Cadence Lasher shot an 87. Betsy Baker and McKelvy Dietz have contributed to our wins throughout the season as well. Our girls have been working hard this season!

Good luck in Districts! Hopefully, their hard work will see our girls move on to Regionals and State.



ATHLETIC EVENT TICKETING INFO

2020 has resulted in new and heightened safety precautions for large events. Matanzas High School is doing its part to bring people together yet keep everyone safe. In an effort to limit person-to-person contact and shorten wait times, a digital-only ticketing solution is being used for all home athletic events. A limited number of tickets can be purchased ahead of time at <https://gofan.co/> and will be available the week of the event. All major credit cards are accepted, including Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and Apple Pay. Due to limited capacity, your consideration is requested in limiting your purchase to two tickets per family. Every individual, regardless of age, must have a ticket. Digital tickets are sent to your email electronically after purchases or can be accessed through the GoFan mobile app.

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CROSS COUNTRY

It was a muddy season start for Cross Country at the Bail 'n Trail Race. JS Green ran in the top spot for the girls' team, and Hunter Smith ran in the top spot for the boys' team. The following weekend in Ocala ALL of the runners improved their times. JS Green was 6th in the girls' varsity race. Ethan Drost, Christian Norfolk, and Fionn Daly placed in the boys' JV race. The team is working hard in preparation and training for the October 30 districts.



JOIN SPEECH & DEBATE CLUB!

Interested in Speech and Debate?

Here's your opportunity to be a part of MHS's newest club. Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Mr. DeCeglie's room, 6-218. Proposed activities include introductions, big question debate, island survivor, and more.

If you are interested in an officer position, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer duties are available. Due to time constraints, we will not be able to hold elections this year. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, email Taylor Westly at taylorwes1451@flaglercps.org with a short response on why you want the position and why you think you are the best fit.

Please invite your friends to the meetings and/or post our meeting flyer to your social media! Thank you for your support!

If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to email Taylor Westly.

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