

NEST NOTES

DECEMBER 8TH-DECEMBER 14TH

MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

Good Afternoon, Eagles!

Happy Sunday! Thank you to our World History teachers and counselors for their help with programming our 10th grade students for next school year. This week, 9th graders will meet with their counselors through their English course. Any student who has not yet been met with will be called down during an elective class in the coming weeks. A huge shoutout to all of our staff members who helped bring in the supplies and cook the spaghetti for conference night. We appreciate you all!

This week we start with a regular release bell schedule on Monday. Tuesday at 3:45 in the auditorium we will have our Christmas Chorus Concert and at 6:30 Basketball vs. Durant. Any Junior wishing to order a class ring or Senior wishing to order their cap and gown will be able to do so Wednesday and Thursday during lunches. Thursday and Friday anyone wishing to participate in Brandon's Got Talent will have the opportunity to tryout in the auditorium beginning at 3:45. Friday, our Deaf & Hard of Hearing Christmas Program will take place at 10:30AM, and Friday night at 5:30pm outside of the 800 Building we have a Star Gazing Event hosted by Mr. Browning's Travel & Tourism students as well as basketball at home in the gym at 6:30pm. Saturday the 14th we have ELP Tutoring beginning at 9:00am-12:00pm to gear up for FAST ELA PM2, FAST ELA Retakes, Algebra 1 Retakes, and the Florida Civics Literacy Exam the following week.

As we prepare for Winter testing, please remind your students the importance of getting a good night's sleep, eating breakfast, and being on time to help them prepare for testing and do their best.

Thanks for all you do, Eagle Nation! We're excited for a fantastic week. Follow us on Instagram @brandonhseagles to stay updated. Have a relaxing Sunday afternoon and Go Eagles!



BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL

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LATEST UPDATES

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday December 9th

Regular Bell Schedule

Tuesday December 10th

9th Graders – Programming in Media Center

Christmas Chorus Concert in Auditorium, 3:45pm

Soccer @ Riverview, 6:00pm

Basketball vs. Durant, 6:30pm

Wednesday December 11th

9th Graders – Programming in Media Center

Big Brothers & Big Sisters

Herff Jones Ordering in Lunches

Brandon's Got Talent Auditions in Auditorium, 3:45pm

Basketball @ Freedom, 6:30pm

Thursday December 12th

9th Graders – Programming in Media Center

Herff Jones Ordering in Lunches

PB&J Sandwiches for the Homeless in Cafeteria, 3:30pm

Brandon's Got Talent Auditions in Auditorium, 3:45pm

Friday December 13th

DHH Christmas Program in Auditorium, 10:30am

ISMASH Teens in Action Retreat w/ Ms. Leto

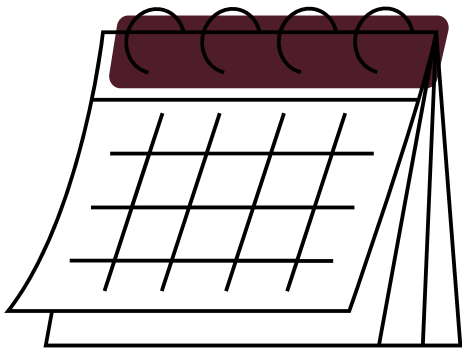
Football Banquet in Auditorium, 5:00pm

Star Gazing w/ Mr. Browning next to 800 Building, 5:30pm

Basketball v. Sumner, 6:30pm

Saturday December 14th

ELP Tutoring 9am–12pm



LOOKING AHEAD

12/17 – FAST ELA PM2 & Retakes

12/18 – BEST Algebra 1 EOC

12/19 – FCLE Exam

12/23–1/3 – Winter Break

1/6 – Early Release Day

1/13 – Early Release Day

1/13–1/16– Semester 1 EXAMS

1/17 – Semester 2 Starts

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Parents and students, school begins at 8:30. Any student arriving to class after 8:30 is considered tardy and must have a pass to enter campus. Students on a late bus will receive an excused tardy pass to get to class.

Cell phones are to be kept up and out of sight during instructional time. The HCPS policy states: “During school hours and while on the bus, cellular based devices, including, but not limited to phones, watches, tablets and other electronic devices are to be used under the supervision of district staff for educational purposes only. Students must comply with the directives of school/district staff regarding when and where electronic devices can be used. The use of electronic devices on school property and school sponsored transportation to record, photograph, transmit, or post images or videos of any student or staff without their permission is strictly prohibited. The use of electronic devices with the ability to record or photograph are prohibited in restrooms and locker rooms. Devices may only be used in approved areas and students must comply with the directives of school/ district staff regarding when and where electronic devices may be used. Cellular device conversations and video recording during the school day are prohibited unless under the supervision of staff/school personnel.”

Please speak to your student regarding threats. Any threat made, whether joking, written, verbal, or implied are taken seriously and will be treated as real until proven otherwise. There are steep disciplinary and legal consequences.

NEST NOTABLES

Shoutout to Ms. Amari Smith and the Hillsborough Education Foundation for hosting a FAFSA Info session at Conference Night and Ms. Everett for taking the time to discuss NCAA Clearinghouse information with families.

Congratulations to our fall student athletes who made Principal's Honor Roll: Christian Hodges, football; Victoria Berninzon, volleyball; Chloe Vosmak, volleyball; Aidan Fern, swimming; Nick Register, swimming.

Shoutout to Band for their awesome winter performance last week and to our Theatre Troupe for an Overall Excellent Scoring at District One Acts. Best Stage Management was won by Annalei Medina-Gukeisen, and All-Star Cast by Scarlett Feliu.

Congratulations to Caly Rodriguez for taking 1st Place Friday at the Ben Richards Memorial at the 125 pound weight class.

Shoutout to Ms. Leto for hosting the Oasis Pop-Up Event for students to shop.

Thank you to all our students and staff who participated in the Fun Friday Empathy Circles.

A big shoutout to all the staff members who participated in our Ugly Sweater Friday.



REMINDERS

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

We have a food pantry funded through Feeding Tampa Bay in Room 803! The pantry is open for parents, by appointment, 8:00am–4:00pm on Fridays and after school on Fridays for students.

There is a supply pantry located in the Media Center – see Ms. Leto for help.

Please complete this link to help identify needs: <https://forms.office.com/r/sRN2cbaMXG> and email Ms. Leto at Lauren.Leto@hcps.net with any questions you may have.



CANVAS & GRADES

Parents, please remember that CANVAS is where teachers post grades, students and parents can message teachers, Mrs. Leto posts volunteer events, community school news, and job opportunities, and school counselors post important information regarding scholarships, volunteering and more! Join the BHS Eagle's Nest 24–25 page to see what's going on around campus.

Parents must first set up their ParentVue account for Synergy to be able to access Canvas. In your Parentvue account you will be able to see your student's schedule, attendance, teacher notes, and discipline actions. View this link to help: [Parent Apps – Questions and Answers](#)

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/YOouV3V6zXC5pKKN?ref=Link>

Please contact the Main Office with any questions.

COUNSELING CORNER

Scan the QR code below to see your counselor!



The December Scholarship Matrix is on Canvas! Students are encouraged to look through the opportunities and apply.

Any student wishing to enroll, or currently enrolled in a Dual Enrollment course HCC next all must have a 3.0 unweighted GPA and a qualifying test score. HCC offers the PERT test that students may sign up for to qualify. Students should see their counselor with questions.

Mrs. Ritz is starting a coping skill group this semester! In this group, students will engage in discussion and learn how to regulate emotions, handle conflict, navigate relationships, and more. The group will meet weekly, alternating periods, to ensure instructional time is preserved. Please contact Mrs. Ritz with questions at Jennifer.Ritz@hcps.net or 813–744–8120, ext. 238.



SENIOR INFORMATION



Future Career Academy:

"FUTURE CAREER ACADEMY BUSINESS PARTNERS: Go to this link [Hiring_Partners](#) for information about job postings from companies that work with the Future Career Academy and how to get started on envisioning your "E" – Enroll, Enlist, Employ. Reach out to your English teacher with any questions about the Future Career Academy."

Graduation:

Graduation for our Class of 2025 Eagles will be Saturday, May 24th at 3:00pm. More information to come regarding rehearsal expectations and tickets for guests.

Senior Shirts:

Mr. Weiss has Senior Shirts for sale for \$20 in room E335. Please see him before or after school to purchase!

Senior Pictures:

Make sure you have signed up for your senior picture! There is a \$35 sit fee and this is the picture that will go in the yearbook for seniors. Please go to Cady Studios' website to sign up. November 18th is the next on campus date.

Cap & Gown/Class Rings:

Caps and Gowns are not yet available on Herff Jones' website. We will put more information out about this as we receive it! For now, you can browse their catalog for merchandise and class rings! <https://www.herffjones.com/catalogs/graduationcatalog/>. There will be a meeting about Caps & Gowns in December and we will have two days to order during lunch.

Senior Events

Seniors, we want to celebrate YOU! Click the link here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-f2oEP_CDU6cGR_iwYgWSmeepp9NV-JLkhVeHjSfdONUQ1g5MVVNRRFFWWEVHMFhGUFAzMURVMUIOMC4 to express your wishes and ideas for your senior year. Let's make it great!

Grad Bash:

Grad Bash at Universal Studios will be April 25th, 2025. Save the date!

Prom:

Prom will be on Saturday, March 8th at the Regent in Riverview. Please note this is a change from what was previously announced. More information to come about the pricing!

BHS BELL SCHEDULES 24-25

REGULAR

1 st Period		8:30-9:20	50
2 nd Period		9:25-10:15	50
3 rd Period		10:20-11:10	50
4 th Period	Lunch A	11:15-11:55	40
	Class B	11:15-12:05	50
	Lunch B	12:10-12:50	40
	Class A	12:00-12:50	50
5 th Period		12:55-1:45	50
6 th Period		1:50-2:40	50
7 th Period		2:45-3:35	50

EARLY RELEASE

1 st Period		8:30-9:10	40
2 nd Period		9:15-9:55	40
3 rd Period		10:00-10:40	40
4 th Period	Lunch A	10:45-11:25	40
	Class B	10:45-11:35	50
	Lunch B	11:40-12:20	40
	Class A	11:30-12:20	50
5 th Period		12:25-1:05	40
6 th Period		1:10-1:50	40
7 th Period		1:55-2:35	40



BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION



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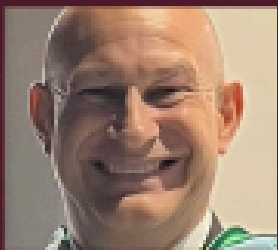
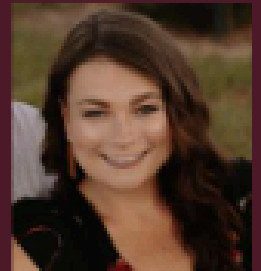
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Igniting Conversations with Your Kids

- The importance of forming connections through conversation
- How emotional intelligence fosters these meaningful conversations
- Practical tips for parents

**December 9th to December
18th - see link on our BHS
website**

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DEAF/HARD OF HEARING CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2024



WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
10:30AM-12:30PM

WHERE: BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

1101 VICTORIA ST,
BRANDON, FL 33510

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING
OF HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY
HOLIDAYS TO ALL!





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ORDER DAYS

During lunch:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th

ORDER NIGHT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th

4-6PM





IS COMING!

Brandon High School
KONA DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th
LUNCHTIME

1

STEP 1: Choose Your Size

\$4.00 Klassic, \$5.00 King, \$6.00 Kowabunga, \$7.00 Color Changing with \$4 Refills

2

STEP 2: Choose Your Flavor

Tiger's Blood, Blue Raspberry, Groovy Grape, Island Rush, Monster Mango, Lucky Lime, Watermelon Wave, Strawberry'd Treasure, Ninja Cherry, Piña Colada



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WHEN: Thursdays; alternating periods

WHERE: M606

HOW: Passes provided. See Ms. Ritz in
counseling office 208 for permission forms!

WHO: Group is led by Ms. Ritz



SPIRIT DAY

Stop by **Chick-fil-A** of E. Brandon-Valrico located on Hwy. 60, present this form or mention you are with the school to receive credit! **Save time, order through the CFA One App!**

Welcome Brandon High School-Supporting Senior Class '25
Thursday, December 12

15% of all pre-tax sales will be donated to your school.

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EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER 1 2024-2025

Saturday	September 7 and 21	Reading & Math Test Prep	Meet in Cafeteria	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	October 5 and 19	Reading, Math & Biology Test Prep & Grade Enhancement	Meet in Cafeteria	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	November 2 and 16	Reading & Math Test Prep & Grade Enhancement	Meet in Cafeteria	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	December 7 and 14	<u>Reading, Math</u> & Biology Test Prep & Grade Enhancement	Meet in Cafeteria	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	TEACHER	SUBJECT(S)	LOCATION	DATES & TIMES
Social Studies	Ms. Davis	US History, Philosophy, <u>Sociology</u> , <u>Women's</u> Studies, African American History	Room D336	Mon 2:45-3:45 Wed/Thu 3:45-4:45 Tue 11:20-11:55
	Mr. Moore	World History, Economics	D342	Mon-Fri 11:55-11:55 After school by appt.
	Mr. Salvog	U.S. History	D343	Mon 2:45-3:45 Wed 3:45-4:45
	Mr. Cross	U.S. Gov, Holocaust/Law Studies	C350	Tue 3:40-4:15
	Mr. Caggia	U.S. History, Economics	D334	Wed/Thu 3:45-4:45
	Mr. Vickers	AP Human Geo	D351	Mon 10:55-11:25 Thu-Fri 11:20-11:55
	Mr. Rogowski	World History, Economics	C380	Mon 10:55-11:25 Tue-Fri 11:20-11:55 Mon & Wed 3:45-4:45
	Mr. Browning	World, AICE Travel, Economics Honors	C352	Mon 10:55-11:25 Tue-Fri 11:20-11:55 Tue/Thu 3:45-4:45
Math	Ms. Hutchinson	Algebra 1	814	Tue/Thu 3:40-4:40
	Mr. Marzo	Geometry, <u>Pre-Calc</u>	806	Tue/Thu 3:40-4:40
	Mrs. Marzo	Geometry		Tue/Thu 3:40-4:40
	Ms. Bowden	MCLA, Prob & Stats	811	Mon 2:35-5:00 Tue 3:35-5:00 Wed 4:00-5:00
Literacy	Ms. Seay	Reading	F323	Tue, Wed, Thu 3:45-4:45
	Ms. Spears	Reading & Writing	Cafeteria	Tue/Thu: both lunches
CTE/FACS	Ms. Ortiz	Early Childhood Ed	A127	B Lunch Mon, Wed-Fri 7:45-8:30 Mon/Tue/Wed 3:45-4:45
	Ms. Wood	Industry Cert/Ag/Leadership	R710B	Mon-Fri 8:00-8:30 Thu 3:35-4:45
Spanish and ELL	Ms. Vega Cadenas	Spanish/ESOL	818	Tue, Wed, Thu 3:45-4:45
	Ms. Ponce Guerra	Spanish/ESOL	816	Thu/Fri 3:45-4:45

2024-2025 Student Academic Calendar
School Board Approved 9/19/23
Revised 10/23/24

Students' First Day of School	Monday, August 12, 2024
Labor Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
End of 1 st Grading Period	Friday, October 25, 2024
Veterans Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Fall Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29, 2024
Students Return to School	Monday, December 2, 2024
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, December 23, 2024 - Friday, January 3, 2025
Students Return to School/Early Release Day	Monday, January 6, 2025
Early Release Day	Monday, January 13, 2025
End of 2 nd Grading Period/1 st Semester	Thursday, January 16, 2025
Martin Luther King, Jr./Non-Student Day	Monday, January 20, 2025
Florida State Fair/Non-Student Day for West County Schools only	Friday, February 14, 2025
Presidents' Day/Student Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Strawberry Festival /Non-Student Day for East County Schools only	Monday, March 3, 2025
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 21, 2025
Students Return to School	Monday, March 24, 2025
End of 3 rd Grading Period	Friday, March 28, 2025
Non-Student Day	Friday, April 18, 2025
Memorial Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, May 26, 2025
Last Day of School/2.5 Hour Early Dismissal End of 4 th Grading Period/2nd Semester	Friday, May 30, 2025

- Early Release Mondays scheduled October 21, 2024 - December 16, 2024, and January 27, 2025 - May 19, 2025 were converted to full school days after Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton school closures.
- East County schools are listed in the chart below. Only students attending these schools are scheduled for a non-student day on March 3, 2025. All schools not listed below are considered West County Schools.

Elementary			Middle	High	Non-Traditional
Bailey	Jackson	Springhead	Marshall	Durant	Simmons Career Acceleration Academy
Bryan PC	Knights	Trapnell	Mulrennan	Plant City	Simmons ESC
Buckhorn	Lincoln Magnet	Valrico	Tomlin	Strawberry Crest	Willis Peters ESC
Burney	Nelson	Walden Lake	Turkey Creek		
Cork	Pinecrest	Wilson PC			
Dover	Robinson				



SCOPE

Student Center of Postsecondary Exploration

University Chats

SCOPE is excited to host representatives from multiple Florida universities to share information and discuss college options with students!

Upcoming Visits:

- Florida A&M University
- University of Central Florida
- St. Leo University
- University of Tampa
- University of South Florida
- Florida Atlantic University
- more to come...

Community colleges and technical schools will be invited to campus in the spring semester!

To sign up and view date/time, visit the SCOPE website:



Space is limited to juniors and seniors.

For more information, visit Ms. Smith in
SCOPE (K-582) or email
asmith@educationfoundation.com.





Brandon High School Athletics

Athletic Sponsorship: The Brandon High School Athletic Booster Club would appreciate your involvement and support for the 2024-2025 school year. Our purpose is to provide additional financial and moral support for all athletic programs at Brandon High School. Your sponsorship benefits all Brandon athletes, but also benefits your business.

\$750 Eagles Nest Sponsors – Includes 2 banners up to 4' X 6' provided by the sponsor-one to be displayed in the football stadium and one in the gym. The banners will be displayed for the entire school year. Also, BHS includes social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) recognition and sponsorships mentioned during all home games.

\$500 Gold Sponsors – Includes 2 banners up to 4' X 6' provided by the sponsor-one to be displayed in the football stadium and one in the gym. The banners will be displayed for the entire school year.

\$250 Maroon Sponsors – Includes 1 banner up to 4' X 6' provided by the sponsor. The banner will be displayed on the football field or gym for the entire school year.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact email: _____

Sponsorship Level _____ \$750 _____ \$500 _____ \$250

Donations: _____ \$100 _____ \$75 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ \$10

Please complete this form. Make checks payable to Brandon High School Athletic Booster Club and mail to 1101 Victoria St. Brandon, FL 33510 Attn: BHS Athletics Boosters.



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Sponsorship

Thank You in advance for your support of Brandon Athletics.



SAT, ACT, CLT



TEST DATES

SAT Dates

August 24th
October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th
March 8th
May 3rd
June 7th

ACT Dates

September 14th
October 26th
December 14th
February 8th
April 5th
June 14th
July 12th

CLT Dates

September 21st
October 16th
November 7th
December 7th
January 25th
February 20th
March 15th
April 10th
May 10th
June 18th

SIGN UP BELOW

