

NEST NOTES

FEBRUARY 10TH- FEBRUARY 15TH

MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

Good Afternoon, Eagles!

Shoutout to all of our students who earned A/B Honor Roll for Quarter 2 and received an Ice Cream Sandwich at lunch on Friday! Thank you for excelling academically. We are excited to continue celebrating our students who are doing the right things. This week, there may be an incentive for being on time to your classes!

This week is a four-day week, with no school on Friday for Fair Day. As a reminder, students no longer receive a ticket for the fair, instead their policy states: "Persons 17 years of age or younger will receive free admission to the Florida State Fair until 6:00 p.m. with an admission paying parent or guardian, 21 years of age or older with a valid ID".

Seniors, there are only a few dozen Grad Bash tickets left to purchase. Please see Mr. Weiss during lunches to purchase. Also, Prom tickets are on sale through Mr. Weiss as well. Any senior who has not yet taken their yearbook cap and gown photo, please see Ms. Woolridge to make sure you are able to take one. Otherwise, you will not be in the yearbook.

Juniors and Seniors needing their benchmark will have the opportunity to take the CLT on February 20th. There are no makeup test dates for this opportunity, so please be on time and ready to test.

Please make sure to view the Nest Notes document in your email or text for more information and this week's upcoming events. 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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SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

2025

10

MON

FLORIDA STATE FAIR, FFA W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT SOUND CHECK, 3PM

11

TUES

RING POWER PRESENTATION
FLORIDA STATE FAIR, FFA W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT, 3:30PM

12

WED

FLORIDA STATE FAIR, FFA W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION STUDENT RUN BRANCH
SENIOR PROM FASHION SHOW

13

THURS

FLORIDA STATE FAIR, FFA W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION STUDENT RUN BRANCH
ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEETING, 6:30PM

14

FRI

NO SCHOOL
COUNTY WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS, FEDERAL DIVISION

15

SAT

FLORIDA STATE FAIR, FFA W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
COUNTY WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEST NOTABLES

Shoutout to our Boy's Wrestling team for taking second place at the Tony Ippolito Memorial Wrestling Tournament and a special shoutout to Noah Scribner for taking most outstanding wrestler.

Congratulations to Caly Rodriguez for being the first Girl's County Wrestling Champion in Brandon High School's History.

Shoutout to Ms. Amari Smith for meeting with 213 students this year in the SCOPE Lab and hosting numerous college and career visits!

Thank you to Erica, Ms. Glas, Ms. Spears, and Coach Watson for helping shop and bring back to school 6,000\$ worth of grant funded resources for our pantries.

Thank you to Mr. McDonald, Ms. Moore, Ms. Wright, Erica, Mr. Nobles, and Mr. Watson for supporting our First Fathers and Families event.

Shoutout to our Black Student Union for sponsoring trivia facts every morning and decorating campus.

Thank you to Ms. Wood for sending students to clean up the campus in preparation for our District and FEA site visit.

Congratulations to our Winter Guard who took 3rd place at Saturday's FFCC competition in Plant City!

Shoutout to everyone who assisted last week in supervising during passing periods and lunch and who helped in the main office! We are a TEAM!

Thank you to Ms. Jimenez for speaking on behalf of faculty at the FEA meeting.

Shoutout to Hannah Owen - recognized as one of the top three Army Cadets in Hillsborough County.

Shoutout to our FEA club members for attending a conference last week and representing Brandon proudly!

Thank you to our Latinos in Action students for helping translate at conference night for a local Elementary school!

Shoutout to Mrs. Wood's students for their awesome floral bouquets in their floral design.

Congratulations to all of our A/B Honor Roll students who received an ice Cream Sandwich. Thank you to Ms. Glas, Ms. Henry, Mr. Browning, Ms. Roxie, and Ms. Glover for assisting with the sandwiches.



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 February 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 \$29 sit fee and this is the picture that will go in the yearbook for seniors. Please go to Cady Studios' website to sign up.

Cap & Gown/Class Rings:

Students may order their caps and gowns and must do so before March 1st (you can order after, but the price goes up). The website to order is herffjonestampabay.com. You'll need to make an account and a student profile to order. If you have any questions, please contact Emelda at 727-545-3288 ext. 3 or emeldam@herffjonestampabay.org.

Grad Bash:

Grad Bash will be on April 25, 2025. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, February 3, 2025. They will be \$175 from 2/3 until 2/28 and go up to \$185 from 3/3 until 3/25. Tickets may be purchased during lunches or before or after school. There are only 100 tickets available. Please see Mr. Weiss with any questions. There are other forms that need to be filled out as well for this trip.

Prom:

Senior Prom is on Saturday, March 8th at the Regent in Riverview. Tickets will be available for sale starting next week before school and after school as well as during both lunches. Tickets will be \$70 and can be purchased with cash or money order payable to Brandon High School. The tickets will be on sale until March 6. Guest forms will also be available and must be turned into the office no later than noon on Monday, 2/24/2025. Paperwork is now available outside Mr. Weiss' room, E335.

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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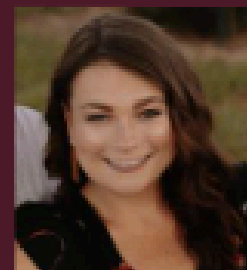
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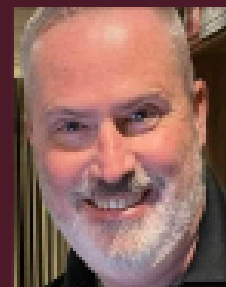
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want to THRIVE?

Join our Coping & Success Skills Group!

*Learn how to conquer barriers and
accomplish your goals*

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



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

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|---|---|
| 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.



SEMESTER 2 TEST DATES

FEBRUARY

2/20 - CLT TESTING: JUNIORS AND SENIORS NEEDING BENCHMARK

MARCH

3/5 - SAT TESTING: ALL JUNIORS (CR), AND SENIORS NEEDING BENCHMARK (NCR)

APRIL

4/2- 9TH GRADE FAST ELA WRITING

4/3 - 10TH GRADE FAST ELA WRITING

4/8-4/10 - ACT TESTING: JUNIORS AND SENIORS NEEDING BENCHMARK(NCR)

4/25 - AICE GENERAL PAPER - AM (PAPERS 1)

4/25 - AICE PSYCHOLOGY - AM (PAPERS 1)

4/25 - AICE MARINE SCIENCE - PM (PAPERS 1)

4/28 - AICE ENGLISH LIT - AM (PAPERS 1)

4/28 - AICE THINKING SKILLS - PM (PAPERS 1)

4/29 - AICE GENERAL PAPER - AM (PAPERS 2)

4/29 - AICE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - PM (PAPERS 1)

4/29 - AICE MARINE SCIENCE -PM(PAPERS 2)

4/30 - AICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE- AM (PAPERS 1)

MAY

5/1 - AICE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES - AM (PAPERS 1)

5/1 - AICE SPANISH LANGUAGE - PM (PAPERS 1)

5/1 - AICE THINKING SKILLS - PM (PAPERS 2)

5/2 - AICE PSYCHOLOGY - AM (PAPERS 1)

5/2 - AICE TRAVEL AND TOURISM - PM (PAPERS 1)

5/5 - AP BIOLOGY - AM

5/5 - AICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (PAPERS 2)

5/5 - AICE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - PM (PAPERS 2)

5/6 - AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY - AM

5/6 - 10TH GRADE FAST ELA PM3 + 12TH GRADE FAST RETAKES

5/7 - 9TH GRADE FAST ELA PM3 + 11TH GRADE FAST RETAKES

5/8 - AP STATS - AM

5/8 - AP WORLD HISTORY - PM

5/9 - AP US HISTORY - AM

5/9 - AICE SPANISH LANGUAGE - PM (PAPERS 2)

5/9 - BIOLOGY EOC

5/9 - AP MACROECONOMICS - PM

5/9 - AICE SPANISH - PM (PAPERS 1)

5/12 - AP CALCULUS AB/BC - AM

5/12 - AICE SPANISH LANGUAGE - PM (PAPERS 3)

5/13 - AP PRECALCULUS - AM

5/13 - AICE ENGLISH LITERATURE (PAPERS 2)

5/13 - GEOMETRY AND ALGEBRA 1 EOC

5/14 - FCLE TESTING

5/14 - US HISTORY EOC

5/15 - AP COMPUTER SCIENCE

5/19 - AICE SPORTS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

5/23-5/29 - SEMESTER EXAMS

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** STUDENTS IN AN AICE &/OR AP COURSE ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE END OF YEAR EXAM BY CAMBRIDGE OR COLLEGEBOARD. AP EXAMS THAT ARE MISSED WILL INCUR A \$40 FEE CHARGED TO A STUDENT'S ACCOUNT. AICE EXAMS HAVE NO MAKEUPS, AND STUDENTS WILL BE CHARGED \$110 FOR MISSING AN AICE EXAM PER HCPS POLICY.

Students will report to first period on testing dates where they will receive a testing pass.

For AP & AICE AM Testing, students will report directly to testing. For AP & AICE PM Testing, students will report to A Lunch and then to testing. For State Testing, students will report to first period and then will be released to testing at the end of first period.

updated 1/19/25



Gowns For Girls is a nonprofit organization which provides prom and homecoming dresses to high school students in the Tampa Bay Area for their school dances. We are a nonprofit that relies heavily on donations and volunteers.

Students qualify if they appear in person with an adult or with a valid high school ID and attest that they are currently having financial difficulties. Students also qualify if school or agency officials have referred them. We operate on the honor system.

**We will set up our boutique for this prom season
at King High School, 6815 N 56th Street, Tampa, 33610**

| | |
|---------|--------------------|
| 2/8/25 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| 2/15/25 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| 2/22/25 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| 3/8/25 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm |

If you need additional information, contact us at gownsforgirls.info@gmail.com or visit our website gownsforgirls.org



**UP TO 250 YOUTH
THAT ATTEND WILL
RECEIVE:**

- 20 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR ATTENDING
- FREE VOUCHER TO EAT AT FOOD TRUCKS



The 509 Committee presents: The Youth Opportunity Expo



DATE:

Saturday, February 15, 2025

TIME:

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LOCATION:

The Skills Center
5107 N. 22nd St., Tampa

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Connect with companies across different industries.
- Immediate Interviews: On-the-spot interviews with potential employers.
- Resume Workshops: Elevate your resume with guidance and suggestions from expert career advisors.
- Career Information Sessions: Sessions focusing on strategies for job searching, mastering

Contact: alexandria.andrade@edcoftampa.org





CALLING ALL FATHERS AND MALE CAREGIVERS

HCPS FATHERS AND FAMILIES INITIATIVE



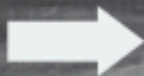
**WHERE FATHERS
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**



Benefits of Fathers Presence in Schools

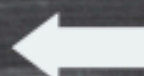
Mentorship and Support:

Males can provide mentorship and guidance for students lacking positive male figures.



Enrichment and Engagement

Males can bring their professional skills and hobbies to share with students, offering unique learning experiences and sparking new interest.



Community Building and Support

Males can lend a helping hand with school events community service projects, fostering a sense of collaboration and contributing to the overall well-being of the school.

Fatherhood Engagement Matters!

Opportunities will include on-site workshops, guest presenters, focus groups and topics of interest of **OUR** fathers and male caregivers.

PLEASE REGISTER TODAY

We need ***ALL*** Fathers and Male Caregivers!

Scan the QR code to complete the registration form

HCPS Fathers and Families
Initiative (Brandon HS)



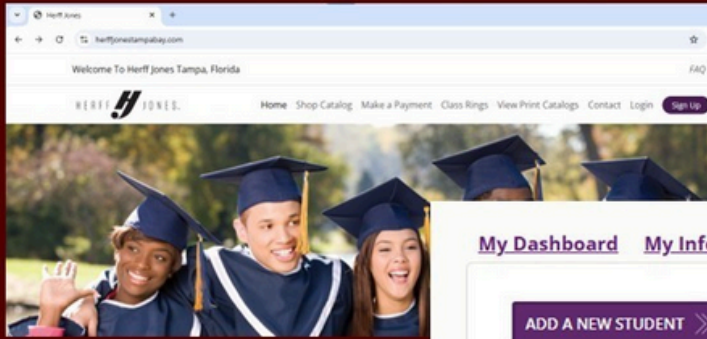
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contact: Lauren Leto**

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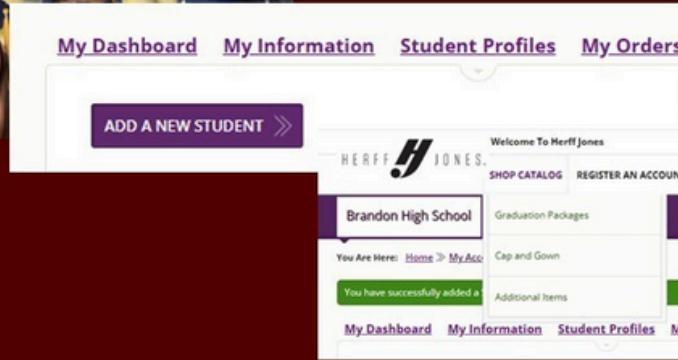
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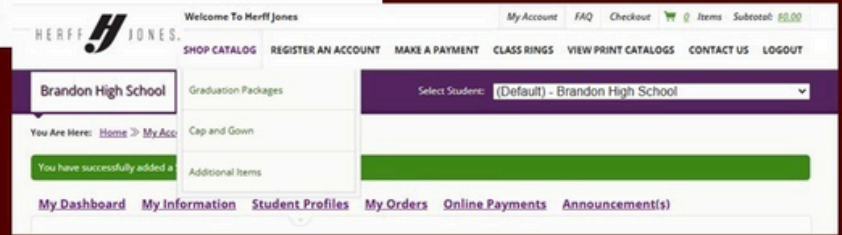
Brandon High School Seniors! Order Your Grad Items Online Now



Step 1) Visit Herffjonestampabay.com and click "Sign Up"



Step 2) Login and create your Student Profile



Step 3) Click "Shop Catalog" and Start Shopping!

Herff Jones Tampa
15371 Roosevelt Blvd., Suite 103
Clearwater, FL 33760
(727)545-3288
Herffjonestampabay.com

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-Flag Football
Monday, February 10

15% of all pre-tax sales will be donated to your school.
Chick-fil-A E. Brandon-Valrico
1504 E. Brandon Boulevard, Hwy. 60



1504 E. Brandon Blvd., Phone: 813-661-2300





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.



**BHS Athletic Boosters
Donations
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

