

#### **MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK**

Good Afternoon, Eagles!

As we move into the month of February, we want to remind all students about the importance of staying engaged and present in their classes. It's essential that everyone attends their scheduled classes and remains there for the full duration. We want to create a focused, respectful learning environment, and that means everyone needs to be where they are supposed to be. Students caught skipping class or wandering the halls without a pass will be subject to disciplinary actions. Let's work together to make sure all of us are in class and focused on success!

This week is also School Counseling Week, and we'd like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to our amazing school counselors. Their unwavering support, guidance, and care help our students navigate academic challenges, personal growth, and everything in between. Thank you for all you do to make our school a better place.

Finally, we want to recognize that February is Black History Month. It's a time to reflect on the contributions, achievements, and rich cultural history of Black Americans. We will have special events and activities later this month to celebrate and honor Black history, so stay tuned for more information.

Report cards will be available later this week on ParentVue and we will have an honor roll celebration to reward our students who achieved all As and Bs this last semester!

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

03

MON

BLITZ DAY - CREDIT RECOVERY
BOYS DISTRICT BASKETBALL VS. KING, 7:00PM

04

**TUES** 

WIDA TESTING 'GIRLS DISTRICT BASKETBALL @ ROBINSON, 7:00PM

05

**WED** 

WIDA TESTING
FLORIDA STATE FAIR, FFA W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
ASVAB TESTING

06

**THURS** 

FLORIDA STATE FAIR, FFA W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY GIRL'S COUNTY WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1:00PM

07

FLORIDA STATE FAIR, FFA W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION @ LUNCH RYAN NECE X AVID TONY IPPOLITO MEMORIAL WRESTLING, 3:30PM

08

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ELP & SEMESTER 1 EXAM MAKEUPS, 9AM-12PM FLORIDA STATE FAIR, FFA W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY TONY IPPOLITO MEMORIAL WRESTLING, 9:00AM

# **NEST NOTABLES**

Shoutout to our Boy's Wrestling for hosting their Annual Alumni night with over 30 former Brandon Wrestlers coming out to support at the Senior Night Dual vs. Robinson. Congratulations to the team for winning the dual.

Congratulations to Caly Rodriguez for winning the Boca Ciega HS Invitational at 125 pounds.

Shoutout to our students who participated in the Black History Brain Bowl!

Congratulations to Garrett Grasman for participating in All County Orchestra and Allison Mazuchowski, Gavin Gambrell, and Lexi Rodriguez for participating in All County Band!

Shoutout to our Boy's Basketball team for their state playoff series wins. They play again Monday night!

Congratulations to our FLBA members that are eligible to move States in March after the district competition: Nayliah Trotman, Thomas Michelon, Sarah Menendez, Quillen Shields, Zach Bosworth, Jaylan Ball, Mareli Carrillo, Haylie Nunez, Aaliyah Robinson, Delaney Bartholomew, Jeiddy Cruz Abreu, Yaneli Carillo.

Thank you to all of our students who read to the Elementary school students at Limona Elementary on Friday!

Shoutout to all of our clubs and club sponsors for another successful club day!

Congratulations to I'mani Green for representing Brandon in the Poetry Jam with week.

Shoutout to our Instructional Leadership Team for putting together and facilitating Tuesday's professional learning opportunity for teachers!









# REMINDERS

#### **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

We have a food pantry funded through Feeding Tampa Bay in Room803! 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: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/sRN2cbaMXG">https://forms.office.com/r/sRN2cbaMXG</a> 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 school events, community news. and job school opportunities, and counselors 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: <u>Parent Apps</u> – Questions and Answers

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 <u>Hiring Partners</u> 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

1st Period		8:30-9:20	50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period		9:25-10:15	50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period		10:20-11:10	50
4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Period		12:55-1:45	50
6 <sup>th</sup> Period		1:50-2:40	50
7 <sup>th</sup> Period		2:45-3:35	50

### **EARLY RELEASE**

1st Period		8:30-9:10	40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period		9:15-9:55	40
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period		10:00-10:40	40
4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Period		12:25-1:05	40
6 <sup>th</sup> Period		1:10-1:50	40
7 <sup>th</sup> Period		1:55-2:35	40



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# want to?

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

Students' First Day of School	Monday, August 12, 2024
Labor Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
End of 1st 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 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period/1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 4th 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, 3025. 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				



# **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 LANGUAUGE- 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 CAMBRDIGE OR COLLEGEBOARD. AP EXAMS THAT ARE MISSED WILL INCUR A \$40 FEE CHARGED TO A STDENT'S ACCOUNT. AICE EXAMS HAVE NO MAKEUPS, AND STUDENTS WILL BE CHARGED \$110 FOR MISSING AN AICE EXAM PER HCPS POLICY.



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 56<sup>th</sup> 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

# Words to Lead By Weekend 2025

The Words to Lead By program uses poetry and art to help young humans build leadership, conflict resolution, teamwork, and communication skills.

Words to Lead By is built on

4 key goals:

- Gain KNOWLEDGE that helps them implement their art forms in all aspects of their lives.
  - Develop an artistic PRACTICE that they can hone individually and in community.
- Build CONFIDENCE in themselves, their artistic practice and their leadership skills
- Cultivate a culture of ADVOCACY and a sense of responsibility for the world around them through the arts

Date:

Saturday, Feb. 8/

Sunday, Feb. 9

Time:

10AM to 4PM

Location:

Tampa

(exact location shared upon acceptance)

APPLY HERE

or





# 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



















# 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!

Oppotunities will include on-site workshops, guest presenters, focus groups and topics of interest of <u>OUR</u> fathers and male caregivers.

#### PLEASE REGISTER TODAY

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

Scan the QR code to complete the registration form

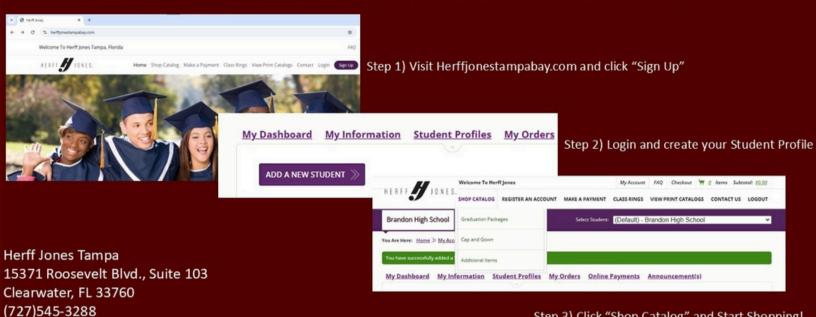


For more information contact: Lauren Leto





# Brandon High School Seniors! Order Your Grad Items Online Now



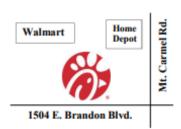
Step 3) Click "Shop Catalog" and Start Shopping!

# 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



Herffjonestampabay.com



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 omail:						
Sponsorship Level	\$750		\$500		\$250	
Donations:	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25_	\$10	
Please complete this for	rm. Make check	ks payable t	to Brandon	High Scho	ol Athletic Boos	ter Clu
and mail to 1101 Victor	ia St. Brandon, F	L 33510 At	tn: BHS Atl	nletics Boo	osters.	



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
Match 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







