

NEST NOTES

JANUARY 13TH-JANUARY 18TH

MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

Good Afternoon, Eagles!

Thank you to all of our students for their attention in the Reset Meetings led by Dr. Klein on Friday. We encourage you to take to heart the message – “be a good human”.

Please join us in CELEBRATING a 6% increase in graduation rate from the class of 2023 to the class of 2024. Brandon High School had a graduation rate of 94% for the Class of 2024 Seniors. This was the third largest increase in the district and puts Brandon in the top half of high schools in the district for graduation rate. Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen! We have high hopes for our upcoming classes.

This week we will have an opportunity for any student who earned a combination of a D/F or F/D for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 to take their exams. On Monday, students needing to take their 4th period exam will receive passes to report to their testing location immediately. Tuesday–Thursday we will have a special bell schedule, with two extended periods each day. Students who need to take their exam during that period will be reporting to a separate testing location. Students who do not need to take their exam will remain in class to receive instruction. Students are expected to attend school, even if they do not have an exam as there are still four days left of Quarter 2 to raise grades.

Semester 2 begins on Friday, January 17th. Students will use the first period locators to report to their first period class on Friday. All students will receive a new, printed schedule, as some changes may have occurred. Students with double lined courses, courses they have already taken and passed, and students missing periods will report to Student Services in C Hallway. Any elective changes may be requested through scanning the QR code at the Student Services door or in the Nest Notes on the Reminders page. If possible, counselors will discuss changes. However, elective changes may not be possible due to limited space and teacher course assignments.

We hope everyone has a restful Winter Break. 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!



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*This
Week*

EVENT SCHEDULE

Monday, January 13th

Early Release Day

4th Period Exam

Tuesday, January 14th

1st Period & 7th Period Exams

Soccer @ Middleton, 6:00pm

Basketball @ Riverview, 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 15th

2nd & 6th Period Exams

Brandon's Got Talent Rehearsal, 3:45pm

Basketball vs. Middleton, 6:30pm

Thursday, January 16th

3rd & 5th Period Exams

EF Tours Informational Meeting w/ Mr. Browning, 6:00pm

Friday, January 17th

Start of 2nd Semester

Soccer Conference Finals @ Chamberlain, 6:00pm

Basketball @ Robinson, 6:30pm

Saturday, January 18th

ROTC Drill Meet, 5:30am

NEST NOTABLES

Shoutout to our Boy's Wrestling for a first-place finish at Kathleen High School this weekend and to Caly Rodriguez for being one of the top-ranked girl wrestlers in her weight class in the state!

A huge shoutout to the theatre performance on Friday Night!

Congratulations to Allison Mazuchowski for being chosen for, and participating in, the All State Honor Band concert.



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 January 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.

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/>.

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!

WINTER TESTING

DECEMBER 2024-FEBRUARY 2025

December 12th | Senior EOCS (12th)

December 17th | FAST ELA PM2 (9th & 10th) & Reading Retakes (Select 11th & 12th)
Special Bell Schedule

December 18th | Algebra 1 Retakes (Select 11th & 12th)

December 19th | Florida Civics Literacy Exam (Students in Government)

January 13th | 4th Period Exams (D/F or F/D Students)
Normal Early Release Bell Schedule

January 14th | 1st Period & 7th Period Exams (D/F or F/D Students)
Special Bell Schedule

January 15th | 2nd Period & 6th Period Exams (D/F or F/D Students)
Special Bell Schedule

January 16th | 3rd Period & 5th Period Exams (D/F or F/D Students)
Special Bell Schedule

February 20th | CLT (Select 11th & 12th Graders)

January 13th-16th | Semester 1 Exams

Passes will be given for 4th period exams on 1/13. No Special Bells.

January 14th

1st Period Exam | 8:30am-10:30am | 2 hours

2nd Period | 10:35am- 10:50am | 15 minutes

3rd Period | 10:55am-11:10am | 15 minutes

4th Period (Lunch A) | 11:15am-11:55am | 40 minutes

4th Period (Class B) | 11:15am-12:05pm | 50 minutes

4th Period (Lunch B) | 12:10pm-12:50pm | 40 minutes

4th Period (Class A) | 12:00pm-12:50pm | 50 minutes

5th Period | 12:55pm-1:10pm | 15 minutes

6th Period | 1:15pm-1:30pm | 15 minutes

7th Period Exam | 1:35pm-3:35pm | 2 hours

January 15th

1st Period | 8:30am-8:45am | 15 minutes

2nd Period Exam | 8:50am-10:50am | 2 hours

3rd Period | 10:55am-11:10am | 15 minutes

4th Period (Lunch A) | 11:15am-11:55am | 40 minutes

4th Period (Class B) | 11:15am-12:05pm | 50 minutes

4th Period (Lunch B) | 12:10pm-12:50pm | 40 minutes

4th Period (Class A) | 12:00pm-12:50pm | 50 minutes

5th Period | 12:55pm-1:10pm | 15 minutes

6th Period Exam | 1:15pm-3:15pm | 2 hours

7th Period | 3:20pm-3:35pm | 15 minutes

January 16th

1st Period | 8:30am-8:45am | 15 minutes

2nd Period | 8:50am-9:05am | 15 minutes

3rd Period Exam | 9:10am-11:10am | 2 hours

4th Period (Lunch A) | 11:15am-11:55am | 40 minutes

4th Period (Class B) | 11:15am-12:05pm | 50 minutes

4th Period (Lunch B) | 12:10pm-12:50pm | 40 minutes

4th Period (Class A) | 12:00pm-12:50pm | 50 minutes

5th Period | 12:55pm-2:55pm | 2 hours

6th Period | 3:00pm-3:15pm | 15 minutes

7th Period | 3:20pm-3:35pm | 15 minutes

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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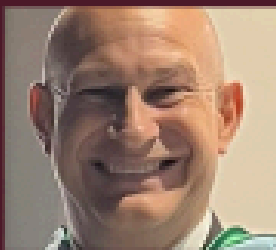
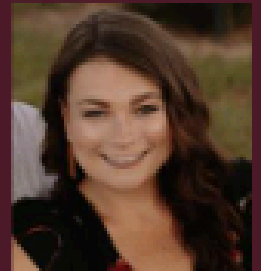
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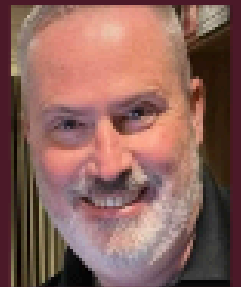
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want to THRIVE?

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



Students, Parents, and Families Webinar
Benefits of Taking Advanced Placement Courses: Tap Into Your AP Potential



Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 6-7 PM EST

Join the Florida College Board team for a webinar on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6 PM EST. This session will take a deep dive into the benefits of participating in Advanced Placement® (AP) courses. We will provide information that will help students and families make informed decisions about which academic pathway supports their college and career goals. During this hour-long webinar, you will learn about:

- Benefits of taking Advanced Placement® courses
- AP Credit Policies
- Using AP Potential to identify suitable AP courses
- Utilizing tools and resources available on BigFuture

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://collegeboard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v8kEqqoxQ-eh9KggZrSIng

(All registrants will receive a link to the recording at the conclusion of the webinar).

OR use this QR code to register:



Subject: SAVE THE DATE- Italy, France, and Spain 2026!

Big news!

Your student has the opportunity to travel to Italy, France, and Spain with me in Summer 2024! This trip will fill up fast, so please join my informational meeting **Thursday, January 16th** to learn more.

Our meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16th at 6:00 PM - there are limited spots available so don't miss your opportunity to reserve your seat. One parent or guardian must be in attendance.

I will be sending follow up information closer to the meeting, but anyone who is ready now can register using this link: <https://bit.ly/4gsp6Cb>

Can't make the meeting but want more information? Register and select "No but send info."

Can't wait to see you there!

Cheers,

Patrick Browning

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.



**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

