

NEST NOTES

JANUARY 27TH-FEBRUARY 1ST

MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

Good Afternoon, Eagles!

We start this week with Club Day on Monday. Students need to have their club cards and report to their assigned location at the start of their club period. Any student without their club card will not be permitted to attend a club that period. Please see club sponsors with questions.

Good luck to all of our sport teams participating in post-season games this week. We wish you the best of luck and hope to see you advance! Additionally, we are entering the Spring Sport Season. If you are a student athlete looking to join Baseball, Softball, Flag Football, or Track & Field, please get with the coaches. Many sports have been conditioning, and some may have had tryouts begin. If you have questions about being cleared to participate, see Mr. Olewski during lunch.

Parents and Guardians, if your student has a Florida Virtual Placeholder period, they must leave campus for that period. If they are caught on campus in the cafeteria or walking around, they will lose the privilege of having an FLVS Placeholder. Please reach out to your student's counselor with any questions.

As a reminder, Senior Exam Exemption criteria began Tuesday, January 21st. The Hillsborough County School Progression Plan determines that seniors must meet the following criteria in order to exempt their Senior exams in May: Students must earn a minimum of three quality points in the course, have a passing grade for each quarter, accumulate no more than five absences (both excused and unexcused), and have satisfactory conduct records (no ISS or OSS).

Please remember to check out the full version of the Nest Notes that is posted on our Instagram, was sent to your email or sent to you via text message link. There is important information about upcoming events, shoutouts to our fantastic students & faculty, information about senior activities, and Semester 2 testing dates.

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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BRANDON, FLORIDA 33511
813-744-8120



SCHEDULE

JAN & FEB

2025

27

MON

CLUB DAY

GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICTS V. LAKE REGION, 7PM

28

TUES

BLACK HISTORY BRAIN BOWL

BOYS BASKETBALL V. HILLSBOROUGH @ DURANT, 7PM

GIRLS BASKETBALL V. FREEDOM, 8PM

29

WED

FBLA AWARDS @ THE REGENT W/ MS. STAFFORD

POETRY JAM W/ MS. LETO

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS @ JP MORGAN CHASE

BRANDON'S GOT TALENT SHOWCASE IN AUDI, 4:00PM

30

THURS

GIRLS BASKETBALL @ LETO V. GAITHER, 6:30PM

BOYS BASKETBALL @ CREST V. MIDDLETON, 8PM

ALL COUNTY BAND REHEARSALS IN AUDI, 6PM

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ALL COUNTY BAND REHEARSAL

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FFEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE W/ MS. ORTIZ

WRESTLING ALUMNI & SENIOR NIGHT @ HOME, 4PM

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ALL COUNTY BAND, 9:30AM

NEST NOTABLES

Shoutout to our Boy's Wrestling for a second-place finish at the 6th Annual Massung Scramble. Special shoutout to Jaden Weisgal and Alecsander Rego for taking first place in their respective weight classes and to all of the wrestlers who took 2nd place in theirs!

Thank you to everyone who came out to make PB&Js for the Homeless!

Shoutout to Latinos in Action for their work to learn more about mentoring!

Thank you to Bloom Girls for representing Brandon so well at the Excellence in Education Awards and congratulations again to Ms. Leto, Ms. Wood, and Josh for being recognized for all you do to help BHS students and staff!

Shoutout to everyone who went and participate in Feeding Tampa Bay's event last Monday!

Congratulations to Mr. Simpson for winning the Secret Spirit Day Friday dressed as a pirate and thank you to Ms. Leto for coordinating the effort and to all the staff that participated!

A huge shoutout to our seniors who showed up for CLT Testing Saturday and proctors – Ms. Vega, Ms. Wylie, Ms. Dossin, Mr. Watson, and Ms. Harris and to Ms. Spears & Ms. Olson for helping coordinate and tutor ELP & Saturday School.

Shoutout to our Boy's Basketball team for their exciting Senior Night win Friday night!

Thank you to SGA for starting Good Deed Friday by cleaning up campus and reading to our Little Eagles in the preschool!



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 \$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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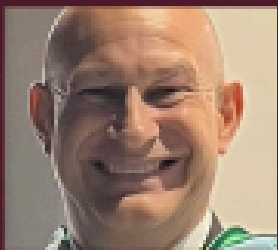
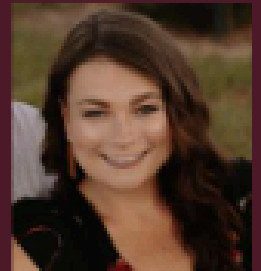
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want to THRIVE?

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

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

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:

1. Gain **KNOWLEDGE** that helps them implement their art forms in all aspects of their lives.
2. Develop an artistic **PRACTICE** that they can hone individually and in community.
3. Build **CONFIDENCE** in themselves, their artistic practice and their leadership skills
4. 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





CALLING ALL FATHERS AND MALE CAREGIVERS

HCPS FATHERS AND FAMILIES INITIATIVE



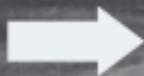
**WHERE FATHERS
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**



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)



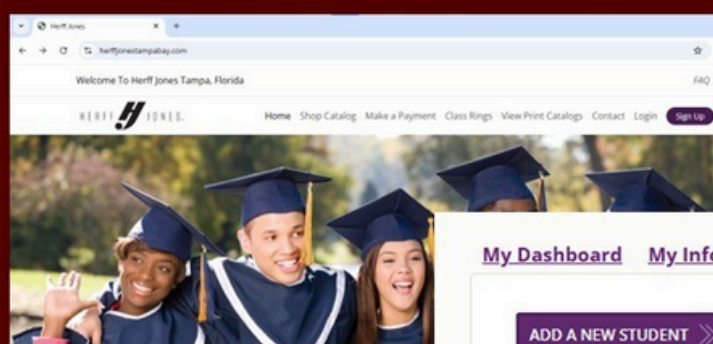
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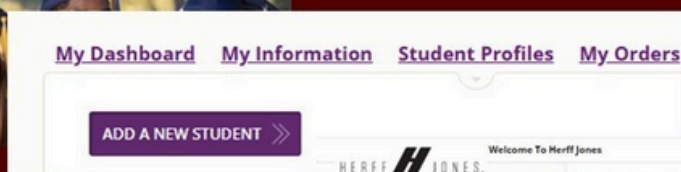
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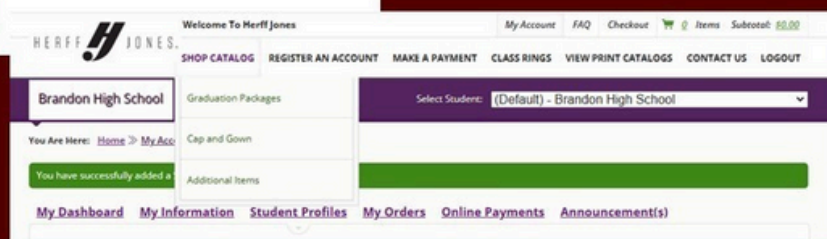
Brandon High School Seniors! Order Your Grad Items Online Now



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!

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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

