

NEST NOTES

MARCH 3RD-MARCH 8TH

MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

Good Afternoon, Eagles!

As a reminder, there is school tomorrow, March 3rd and we are eager to see our Eagles bright and early. Also, students wishing to eat breakfast in the morning need to be on time to school, as the breakfast lines close at 8:25am.

Tomorrow, we celebrate signing day for our student-athletes committing to college. Monday is also the last day for Seniors to turn in guest forms for Prom, which is taking place this Saturday from 7pm-10pm at the Regent in Riverview. See Mr. Weiss with questions.

This week we have SAT School Day for all Juniors and for Seniors needing their benchmark. All students taking the SAT will be in the 800 building through 5th period. 6th and 7th period students will be able to report to their classes in the building. Teachers that are being relocated will let their students know tomorrow and Tuesday where to go on Wednesday. Students who are testing will be notified Tuesday of their testing location and can ask any of their teachers for assistance, as everyone has access to the rosters. Freshmen and Sophomore will have a regular school day.

Thursday, we will be hosting our second Fathers & Figures meeting in the Media Center. Please contact Ms. Leto if you are interested in attending.

Testing season is upon us, and it is important that you and your student knows when their AP, AICE, and State tests are occurring. Please view the document at the end of the Nest Notes for these dates. As a reminder, missed tests may incur a fee, so please make it a priority for your student to be here on testing dates.

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!



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BRANDON, FLORIDA 33511
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SCHEDULE

MARCH

2025

03

MON

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
SIGNING DAY, MEDIA CENTER, 9:00AM

04

TUES

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
FLAG FOOTBALL @ SPOTO, 6:15PM
SOFTBALL @ BLAKE, 7:00PM
BASEBALL V. EAST BAY, 7:00PM

05

WED

SAT TEST DAY - JUNIORS AND SELECT SENIORS IN 800 BLDG
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY

06

THURS

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
ERWIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE W/ MS. DRAEGER
SUNCOAST STUDENT RUN BRANCH @ LUNCH
SOFTBALL VS. PLANT CITY, 7:00PM

07

FRI

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
BASEBALL @ BLOOMINGDALE, 7:00PM

08

SAT

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL W/ MS. WOOD & MS. PERRY
BIBBIDI BOBBIDI BRANDON
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL @ HOME, 10:00AM
PROM @ THE REGENT, 7:00PM

NEST NOTABLES

Shoutout to our girls' softball team for a hard-fought game against Freedom Friday night!

Congratulations and good luck to all of our Eagle wrestlers heading to the state championship in Kissimmee this weekend: Caly Rodriguez, Jackson Stouffer, Kenny Villon, Noah Scribner, Jaden Weisgal, Alec Rego, Yuriel Reyna Campos, and Luis Jimenez!

Shoutout to everyone that helped Curls for Queens go smoothly this weekend!

Thank you to our Latinos in Action student who proudly repped Brandon LIA at the FACE Academy at TBT Saturday!

Shoutout to SGA for providing donuts for faculty who attended our Professional Learning opportunity created by our Instructional Leadership Team.

Shoutout to EVERYONE involved in putting together, hosting, and performing at the Black Student Union showcase. We are so proud of how it turned out!

Thank you to our Incredibull athletes for doing their best and having fun Friday at the Incredibull Games!

Shoutout to FFA for their Brandon Booth at the Strawberry Festival!



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 March 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!

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 are sold out but you can be put on the wait list. Please see Mr. Weiss with any questions.

Prom:

Senior Prom is on Saturday, March 8th at the Regent in Riverview. The tickets will be on sale until March 6.

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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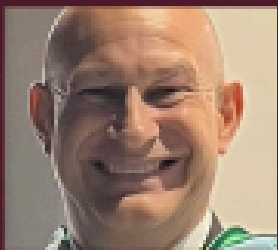
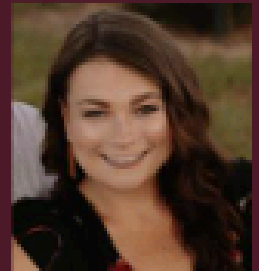
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want to THRIVE?

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				

EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER 2 2024-2025

Saturday	January 25	Reading & Math Test Prep	Enter through "E" Hallway outside door	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	February 8 th and 22 nd	Reading, Math, Biology (not 8 th): Tutoring, Test Prep & Grade Enhancement	Enter through "E" Hallway outside door	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	March 1 st and 8 th	Reading & Math, Biology Tutoring, Test Prep & Grade Enhancement	Enter through "E" Hallway outside door	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	April 5 th , 12 th , and 26 th	Reading, Math, Biology: Tutoring, Test Prep & Grade Enhancement	Enter through "E" Hallway outside door	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	May 3	Reading, Math, Biology: FAST PREP AND EOC		
Social Studies	TEACHER	SUBJECT(S)	LOCATION	DATES & TIMES
	Mr. Moore	U.S. History	D342	Mon-Fri 11:5-11:55 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	C360	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, Pre-Calc	806	Tue/Thu 3:40-4:40
	Mrs. Marzo	Geometry		Tue/Thu 3:40-4:40
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



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



CALLING ALL FATHERS AND MALE CAREGIVERS

HCPS FATHERS AND FAMILIES INITIATIVE



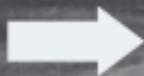
**WHERE FATHERS
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**



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)



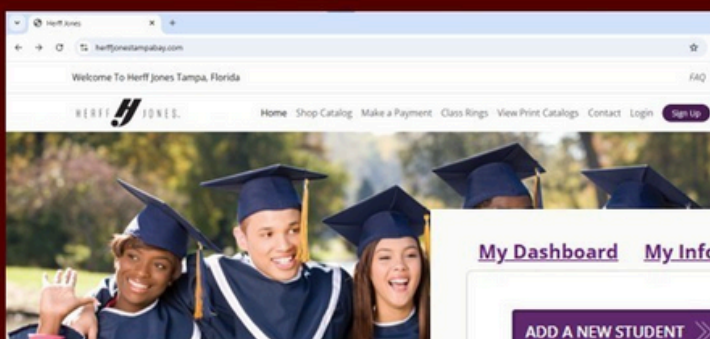
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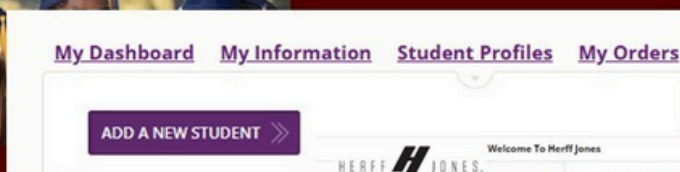
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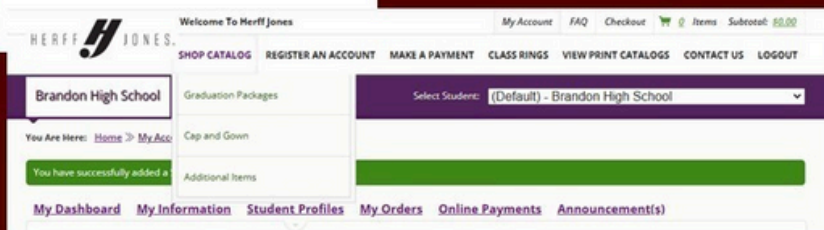
Brandon High School Seniors! Order Your Grad Items Online Now



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

