

# NEST NOTES

NOVEMBER 11TH - NOVEMBER 16TH

## MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

Good Afternoon, Eagles!

Happy Sunday! We hope this weekend has been restful for all. As a reminder, we will see our Eagles on Tuesday, November 12th, since there is no school tomorrow for Veteran's Day. Thank you to all our Eagles who have served our country.

We start the week with students receiving the 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide and Course Request Forms in second period. Students will give their core teachers the Course Request Forms to help students select courses in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies for next school year. We will have an elective fair during lunches on Thursday, November 14th for students to review our programs at Brandon and make informed choices for the courses next school year. The Course Request Forms are due back to 2nd period teachers on Friday, November 15th. Counselors will begin meeting with students the following week to go over their requests for next school year.

Tuesday there is a home soccer game at 6:00pm, Thursday Kona Ice will be available during lunches and after school FBLA is hosting PB&Js for the Homeless. Report Cards will also be available online through Synergy ParentVue accounts. See our website or in the Nest Notes for more information on how to set yours up. Friday, we have a soccer game at East Bay, and Saturday there is ELP Tutoring and the district's FACE Academy.

This Saturday, November 16th, Brandon is the location for the district's Family and Community Engagement Academy from 9:00am - 12:00pm. The first 200 guests to register receive a Walmart or Wawa Giftcard. There will be sessions focused on Student Achievement, Personal Growth, and Financial Literacy AND free childcare for children aged 5-13 years of age. Go to [bit.ly/FACEAcademy](https://bit.ly/FACEAcademy) to register today!

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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# LATEST UPDATES

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### **Monday November 11th**

No School – Veteran's Day

Theatre Work Day w/ Ms. Kyle 10:00am

### **Tuesday November 12th**

Soccer vs. Lennard, 6:00pm

### **Wednesday November 13th**

Report Cards Available

Future Career Academy Visit

Keiser University w/ Mrs. Dauphinee

### **Thursday November 14th**

Latinos in Action Founders Visit

Kona Ice at Brandon

Soccer @ Newsome, 6:00pm

PB&J Sandwiches for Homeless w/ FBLA, 3:35pm

### **Friday November 15th**

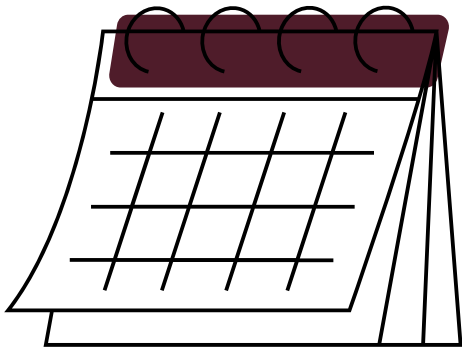
Soccer @ East Bay, 6:00pm

### **Saturday November 16th**

Theater Work Day w/ Ms. Kyle, 8:00am

ELP Tutoring 9am–12pm

FACE Academy, 9am–12pm



## LOOKING AHEAD

11/18 – Club Day/ Club Pictures

11/19 – Senior Pictures

11/21 – Fall Night of Acts

11/25–11/29 – Fall Break

11/25 – Conference Night

12/12 – Senior Pictures

12/23–1/3 – Winter Break

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

Parents and students, school begins at 8:30. Any student arriving to class after 8:30 is considered tardy and must have a pass to enter campus. Students on a late bus will receive an excused tardy pass to get to class.

Cell phones are to be kept up and out of sight during instructional time. The HCPS policy states: "During school hours and while on the bus, cellular based devices, including, but not limited to phones, watches, tablets and other electronic devices are to be used under the supervision of district staff for educational purposes only. Students must comply with the directives of school/district staff regarding when and where electronic devices can be used. The use of electronic devices on school property and school sponsored transportation to record, photograph, transmit, or post images or videos of any student or staff without their permission is strictly prohibited. The use of electronic devices with the ability to record or photograph are prohibited in restrooms and locker rooms. Devices may only be used in approved areas and students must comply with the directives of school/ district staff regarding when and where electronic devices may be used. Cellular device conversations and video recording during the school day are prohibited unless under the supervision of staff/school personnel."

Please speak to your student regarding threats. Any threat made, whether joking, written, verbal, or implied are taken seriously and will be treated as real until proven otherwise. There are steep disciplinary and legal consequences.



# NEST NOTABLES

Congratulations to all of Senior Band, Cheer, Football, and ROTC Eagles! We loved celebrating you Thursday night at the football game. Thank you for your leadership in helping make Brandon great! A special shoutout to Mr. Weiss for running the show, and the following staff members for their help and support: Ms. Wood, Ms. Henry, Ms. Harris, Ms. Kyle, Ms. Ritz, Coach Jackson, Coach Jazz, Ms. Jacob, Coach McCaleb, Coach McKinley, Colonel Gunn, Sgt. Major Kelsen, and Ms. Jefferson.

Shoutout to all the CLT Proctors and test takers for their patience Thursday during testing. We hope everyone gets the results they want this week!

Shoutout to Latinos in Action for their trip to the courthouse this past week. We are proud to have you on campus.

Shoutout to Ms. Smith and the Hillsborough Education Foundation for hosting Men on the Move for our students and thank you to Ms. Blair for allowing your classroom to be utilized!

Shoutout to ROTC for their Veteran's Day activities last week and this weekend. Thank you for representing BHS proudly.



# 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](mailto: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 November 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](mailto:Jennifer.Ritz@hcps.net) or 813-744-8120, ext. 238.





# SENIOR INFORMATION



## **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. November 18th is the next on campus date.

## **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/>. There will be a meeting about Caps & Gowns in December and we will have two days to order during lunch.

## **Senior Events**

Seniors, we want to celebrate YOU! Click the link here: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-f2oEP\\_CDU6cGR\\_iwYgWSmeepp9NV-JLkhVeHjSfdONUQ1g5MVVNRRFFWWEVHMFhGUFAzMURVMUIOMC4](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-f2oEP_CDU6cGR_iwYgWSmeepp9NV-JLkhVeHjSfdONUQ1g5MVVNRRFFWWEVHMFhGUFAzMURVMUIOMC4) to express your wishes and ideas for your senior year. Let's make it great!

## **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!

# BHS BELL SCHEDULES 24-25

## REGULAR

1 <sup>st</sup> 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

1 <sup>st</sup> 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



# BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION



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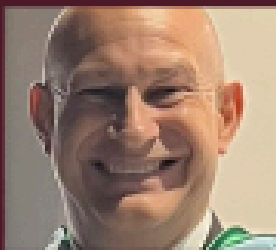
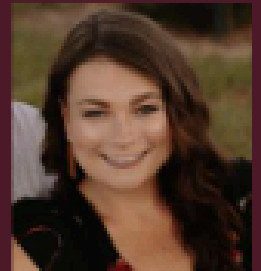
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# want to THRIVE?

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





# JOIN US FOR THE INAUGURAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY



**Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 9 a.m. to Noon | Brandon High School**

Gain the tools, resources, and connections to **support your child's academic success** and **family well-being**.

#### **Sessions focus on...**

- Student Achievement
- Parent Advocacy & Leadership
- Personal Growth & Well-Being
- Financial Literacy & Resources

Childcare for ages **5 to 13** will be **provided by the HOST Program**.

**Register by:** Friday, November 8



OR

**[bit.ly/FACEAcademy2024](https://bit.ly/FACEAcademy2024)**

#### **SPECIAL BONUS!**

The first 200 registered parents will receive a Walmart or Wawa gift card!



**Hillsborough County**  
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Preparing Students for Life



# SHARE NIGHT

**Support the class of  
2025 by attending  
the BHS Culver's  
share night.**

**November 18th  
5-7 pm**

ALL OF THE MONEY RAISED  
WILL GO TOWARDS SENIOR  
ACTIVITIES.

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# EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

## BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER 1 2024-2025

Saturday	September 7 and 21	Reading & Math Test Prep	Meet in Cafeteria	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	October 5 and 19	Reading, Math & Biology Test Prep & Grade Enhancement	Meet in Cafeteria	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	November 2 and 16	Reading & Math Test Prep & Grade Enhancement	Meet in Cafeteria	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	December 7 and 14	<u>Reading, Math</u> & Biology Test Prep & Grade Enhancement	Meet in Cafeteria	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	TEACHER	SUBJECT(S)	LOCATION	DATES & TIMES
Social Studies	Ms. Davis	US History, Philosophy, <u>Sociology</u> , <u>Women's</u> Studies, African American History	Room D336	Mon 2:45-3:45 Wed/Thu 3:45-4:45 Tue 11:20-11:55
	Mr. Moore	World History, Economics	D342	Mon-Fri 11:55-11:55 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	C380	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, <u>Pre-Calc</u>	806	Tue/Thu 3:40-4:40
	Mrs. Marzo	Geometry		Tue/Thu 3:40-4:40
	Ms. Bowden	MCLA, Prob & Stats	811	Mon 2:35-5:00 Tue 3:35-5:00 Wed 4:00-5:00
Literacy	Ms. Seay	Reading	F323	Tue, <del>Wed, Thu</del> 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	<del>Tue, Wed, Thu</del> 3:45-4:45
	Ms. Ponce Guerra	Spanish/ESOL	816	Thu/Fri 3:45-4:45



**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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <b>for West County Schools only</b>	Friday, February 14, 2025
Presidents' Day/Student Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Strawberry Festival /Non-Student Day <b>for East County Schools only</b>	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 4 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

