November/December 2021 Men of Distinction



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Principal's Message

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Greeting parents, students and teachers,

Hoping this edition of our newsletter finds all good and well with our BPA family members. With the holiday season quickly approaching, we know this will be a very hectic time in everyone's lives, especially with our boys! I am strongly encouraging you to stay in touch with their teachers, and check Canvas regularly for deadlines, grades and any missing work. We are also using our BPA planners on a regular basis to communicate what is going on at school. With the change in schedule due to the holidays, our boys tend to get discombobulated and more disorganized than usual. Please help them (and us) by paying close attention to the communication methods we've set up here to help the boys be successful, including parent links and Peach Jar announcements.

On Friday, October 29th, we celebrated the Honor Roll students during their lunches. BPA boys who have all grades at or above a "B" in every class received an invitation to attend the ceremony to recognize them in front of their peers for their distinguished achievement. We are very proud of the high number of boys who are achieving distinguished academic success, as reflected by the Honor Roll recipient list. Remember, all student report cards are retrieved through an online portal and we sent the access code home with your son (along with a parent link reminder) yesterday once the district had grades uploaded.

Finally, I want to send a special thank you to all of our veterans, especially our BPA Veterans. We are so grateful to each of you for your honorable and distinguished service on behalf of our country. We also entered our humble gratitude to our BPA family members of Veteran's who have sacrificed so much as their loved ones served. Happy Veteran's Day!! Since this will be the last newsletter prior to the end of the calendar year, may each of you have an enjoyable holiday season and if traveling, please have a safe and restful trip. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers during this most wonderful time of the year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Haley

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Upcoming Events

November 1st: Volleyball game vs. Orange Grove @ BPA 5:30 pm

November 3rd: Volleyball game vs. Memorial @ Memorial 7:00 pm

November 8th: Volleyball game vs. Stewart @ BPA 5:30 pm

November 9th: Conference Night

November 11th: Veteran's Day (non student day)

November 18th: Great American Teach In

November 22nd– 26th: Fall Break

December 1st: Track meet @ Hillsborough 6:00 pm

December 8th: Track County Championship @ Leto 6:00 pm

December 13th-17th: Exam Week

December 16th: Winter Concert @ BPA 6:00 pm

December 17th: End of Q2

December 20th-December 31st: Winter Break

At this time, we want to send a HUGE thank you to the following men and women for HONORING ALL WHO SERVED their service! We are the land of the free because of the brave. It is your sacrifice and **ETERANS DAY**

bravery that has protected our freedoms. While thank you does not seem sufficient enough, we here at BPA want you to know how appreciated you are.

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Last Name	First Name	Branch	Rank	vice	Status	Student's Name
Almonte	Cindy		SGT		Active	Student S Name
		Army	PFC 82nd Airborne	6+ years		locoph Area
Marrero	Omar	Army		1 yr. 4 months	Active	Joseph Arce
Perrin	Haven	Navy	Supply SGT	4 years	Retired	Mrs. Scribner
Sales, Jr.	Louis	Army	Sgt	22 years	Retired	Ms. Ragins
Perry	Travis	Guard	Lt Colonel	7 years	Active	Luke Oliver
Hall	Peter	Marines	Sgt Major	20+ years	Retired	Ms. Ragins
Higgins, Sr.	Donald	Marines	Cook	4 years	Retired	Mrs. Scribner
Bush	David	Navy	E5	22 years	Retired	Ms. Ragins
Haley, Jr.	John	Navy	Lt. Commander	4 years	Retired	Mr. Haley
Higgins, Jr.	Donald	Navy	3rd Class	4 years	Retired	Mrs. Scribner
Bowser	Ту	USAF	Technical SGT	20 years	Retired	Camden Bowser
Brown	Samuel	USAF	Sgt	8 years	Retired	BPA Faculty
Escalante	Vicente	USAF	TSgt	20 years	Retired	, Evan Escalante
Hitzler	Ryan	USAF	Major	20 years	Retired	Luke Oliver
Hitzler	Lauralee	USAF	Lieutenant	4 years	Active	Luke Oliver
Hudson	Beverly	USAF	Major	20 years	Retired	Luke Oliver
Oliver	Nicole	USAF	Lt Colonel	20 years	Retired	Luke Oliver
Oliver	Nathan	USAF	Lt Colonel	20 years	Retired	Luke Oliver
Oliver	Roger	USAF	Colonel	30 years	Retired	Luke Oliver
Perry	Robert	USAF	Colonel	30 years	Retired	Luke Oliver
Perry	Bud	USAF	LTC	20 years	Retired	Luke Oliver
Perry	Jack	USAF	Colonel	30 years	Retired	Luke Oliver
Perry	Robert	USAF	Colonel	26 years	Active	Luke Oliver
Victor	Pierre	Army	SGT 1st Class	12 years	Reserve	Matthew & Jeremiah Victor
Duhig	John Lee	Army	SGT	2 years	Retired	Aidin Duhig
Dunig	John Lee	Army &	501		Retired	Alun Dung
Preston, Jr.	Nathaniel	Coast Guard	CPO, E7	13 years	Deceased	Luke Washington
Frierson	Deja'Nique	USAF	E5 Staff Sgt	5 years	Retired	Patrick Titus
Fisher	Duane	Army	E8 1st SGT	37 Years	Deceased	Mason Finley
Riffe	Emmett	USAF	E4	2 years	Deceased	Mason Finley
Riffe, Jr.	Emmett	Navy	E5	11 years	Retired	Mason Finley
Fisher	Marshall	Navy	OSC (SW), CPO (E7)	9 years	Retired	Mason Finley
Fisher	Duane	Navy	E4	4 years	Retired	Mason Finley
Branham	Curtiss	Army	Captain	10+ years	Retired	Mason Finley
Branham	Camille	Army	Major	15+ Years	Active	Mason Finley
Conto	Leigh Ann	USAF	Staff SGT	5 years	Retired	Mason Finley
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What's happening in art?







Students in art created 2 projects that focused on line and geometric shape. Additionally, an emphasis on craftsmanship cutting, gluing, and ruler skills was necessary to create precise and neatly arranged compositions.

First Priority



First Priority is a student-led Christian group that meets every other week during lunches. The meetings are an opportunity for students to gather together for support, encouragement, and inspiration. The group is open to all students and voluntary to attend; passes are required.



Congratulations to:

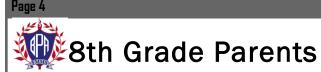
Teacher of the Year- Mr. Stepp

Ida S. Baker Winner- Mr. Wishnow

Support Person of the Year- Ms. Ragins

These three fantastic faculty members truly make a difference in our school on a daily basis. We are so proud and so happy that we can recognize them for all of their hard work!









Franklin Boys Preparatory

8th Grade Parents:

The magnet application window for high schools is now open!

Our district has many different magnet options available for our boys. Below are the different magnet schools as well as their area(s) of focus:

Armwood offers the Collegiate Academy which allows students to graduate from high school with an Associates of Arts degree.

Blake offers numerous areas of focus including: Visual Arts, Communication Arts, Performance Arts, and Urban Teaching Academy.

Jefferson offers numerous areas of focus including: Business & Finance Leadership Academy , Culinary Arts, Law & Criminal Justice Leadership Academy , and Maritime & Marine Environmental Science Leadership Academy .

Lennard offers the Collegiate Academy which allows students to graduate from high school with an Associates of Arts degree.

Leto offers the Collegiate Academy which allows students to graduate from high school with an Associates of Arts degree.

Middleton offers numerous areas of focus including: Academy of Computer Game Design & Computer Systems Engineering / Information Technology , Academy of Engineering, and Biomedical-Biotechnology / Scientific Research.

Spoto offers the Collegiate Academy which allows students to graduate from high school with an Associates of Arts degree.

Tampa Bay Tech offers numerous areas of focus, including: Architectural and Environmental Design, Academy of Health Professions, and Academy of Veterinary Science.

Additional resources can be found on the school district web page. Go to sdhc.k12.fl.usselect families and then select magnet or choice. <u>The first application window opened</u> <u>10/29/2021 and will end on 12/11/2021</u>. If your application has been chosen, you will be notified by mid February.

8th Grade Gradventure

On Friday, May 6, 2022, the eighth grade students at Franklin Middle School will be taking a field trip to Gradventure (Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios) in Orlando, Florida. Gradventure is a fun night in the park reserved for eighth graders. There are dance zones, street entertainment, and special activities all night long; plus the boys have access to all the great rides in both parks. This will celebrate their transition to high school. Packets with further information were sent home in the beginning of October. For more

information, please contact Mrs. Bird.



