

Hello Cocoa Beach Families,

Here is your update for April 15, 2021

### **State Testing Changes**

The State Department of Education recently issued some changes to the impact some of the state's standardized tests will have on a student's grades and their eligibility for graduation. However, all of the state tests will still be administered and we strongly encourage every student who is scheduled to take a test to take the test. Again, the change is in how much impact the tests will have. Here are some examples:

- Current Seniors who may not have yet passed one of state required tests will have that testing requirement waived. That only applies to current Seniors.
- For students in other grade levels who are taking a test that counts as an exam grade, such as the Algebra 1 EOC, the EOC score may be dropped as an exam, if it harms their overall grade.

It is a little complicated. There are also some changes to Bright Futures Scholarship requirements. To help everyone better understand that changes, **I will be hosting a Zoom meeting next Tuesday evening** to explain the changes and take questions. We will record the meeting and post it on the website. If you would like to join us here is the info:

- What: State Testing Changes
- When: Tuesday, April 20; 6:00 PM
- Where: Zoom  
<https://brevardschools-org.zoom.us/j/89647069471?from=addon>

### **Classes of the Quarter**

Friday in Homeroom we will be announcing the "Class of the Quarter" winners for each grade level. This has become a very interesting competition between classes that includes grades, attendance, and good behavior. Winning classes get to "carry" a special flag and receive some food treats.

### **Summer Enrichment**

The Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) is offering STEM classes for high school students this summer. The classes are offered online, and it is a great opportunity to be exposed to FIT, which is right here in Melbourne. I have attached a brochure and here is a link for more information.

<https://www.fit.edu/engineering-and-science/academics-and-learning/mathematical-sciences/news/>

Thank you for your trust in us as we educate your child. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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