

**10/01/2020**

### **Report Cards**

In Homeroom tomorrow students will receive Report Cards. These report cards represent the first 4.5 weeks of a 4x4 Block schedule course – akin to a 9 week grading period on the old 7 period schedule. Mr. Rhyne is putting together a video that explains the differences between grading periods on a 4x4 Block Schedule and our former 7 period schedule. That video should be posted on our website by tomorrow. By the way, we will be distributing **special treats to students who have all A's & B's**.

### **Picture Day**

On Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> Dean Stewart Photography will be on campus to take yearbook pictures. This is for eLearners in Grades 7 through 11 and any in-person learners who did not get a picture earlier this month. All pictures will be taken in the PAC (Auditorium). **In order to accommodate eLearners we have created a sign up for specific appointment slots.** Here is the link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044FABAD29ABF94-student>

As always, Senior portraits and individual appointments can be made directly with Dean Stewart Photography at one of their local studios. [www.dsp-photo.com](http://www.dsp-photo.com)

### **Sales Surtax Renewal**

You may be aware that the School District has placed a renewal of the half-cent sales surtax on the November Ballot. The funds that have been generated from the expiring surtax have yielded millions of dollars of renovations to school facilities all over the county. For Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr, the new Air Conditioning unit currently being installed on our campus to service both building 14 & 15, is funded from this surtax. We have had many other upgrades as well. Much more information about the renewal request and the proposed projects can be found at; <https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/17129>

Of note for Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr, **the renewed surtax would yield over 4 million dollars in improvements**, including a renovation to the track surface this coming summer, major roof repairs this coming summer, and a complete stadium renovation in year 5.

### **PSAT**

On Wednesday, **October 14<sup>th</sup>** we will administer the PSAT to all 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students and a handful of other grade level students. Testing will take place here on campus in the morning. Our other classes will function as normal – just without the students who are testing. We will have accommodations for the eLearners. More info on that next week.

### **Out of Field teachers**

We have a handful of teachers who are teaching classes for which they are considered “out of field” based on their current certification. Many times it is because we have asked them to take on an additional course, or they need a slightly different credential. Either way, we are required to notify families if a teacher is out of field. So we will be mailing letters out next week regarding this. It is only a handful of classes, so only a handful of families. Teachers will be adding these certifications during the year.

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