

# Principal Stewart's Weekly Update

Week of October 16 to October 21

## Reminders and Announcements



### HOMECOMING WEEK!

Please be sure to join in the fun for Spirit Themed Days this week!

Monday – Beach Theme

Tuesday – BBQ Dads and Soccer Moms

Wednesday – Celebrity Day

Thursday – Barbie vs Ken

Friday – Generations Day

Friday evening our Homecoming Football Game will be vs. Astronaut High at 7 pm.

Saturday evening the Homecoming Dance will be held in the gym from 7-11 pm.

# End of Quarter 1 and Parent Conferences

Quarter 1 ended on Thursday, October 12th.

Parent Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 17th from 6-8 pm. To schedule a conference time with your child's teacher:

1. Go to <https://www.schoolbookings.net> and enter the event code 3nbds OR
2. Visit <https://www.schoolbookings.net/code/3nbds>

## Track Naming Community Meetings


We are excited to be in the process of recommending the naming of the new Cocoa High track after much beloved and devoted alumni coach James Folston. Please join us at one of our three (3) Community Meetings to learn about Coach Folston's impact on our student athletic programs and to sign the petition to the BPS School Board to approve our request.

Tuesday, October 17th 6 pm in the Auditorium

Thursday, October 19th 6 pm in the Auditorium

Wednesday, October 25th 5:30 pm in the Auditorium

The informational website linked below will also provide additional information and a survey link if you are unable to attend a meeting in person.

 Cocoa High School Proposed  
Track Naming - Meet Coach  
James Folston!

### Cocoa High School Proposed Tr...

sites.google.com

Coach Folston is a 1989 graduate of the Cocoa High Tigers, where he earned All Space Coast Honors during his one year of play at the varsity level. Coach Folston attended Northeast Louisiana University where he became the all time sack leader with 28 sacks. His many decorated awards include:



## Chorus and Orchestra Performance

Congratulations to our Chorus and Orchestra students and teachers for a beautiful concert celebrating Hispanic Heritage! We also welcomed guest McNair students to join our chorus as part of a workshop experience.



## Viva la Fiesta

Thank you to our World Language and ESOL teachers (missing Mr. Ektas and Mr. Ricci) for their hard work planning Viva la Fiesta! Fun was certainly had by all!



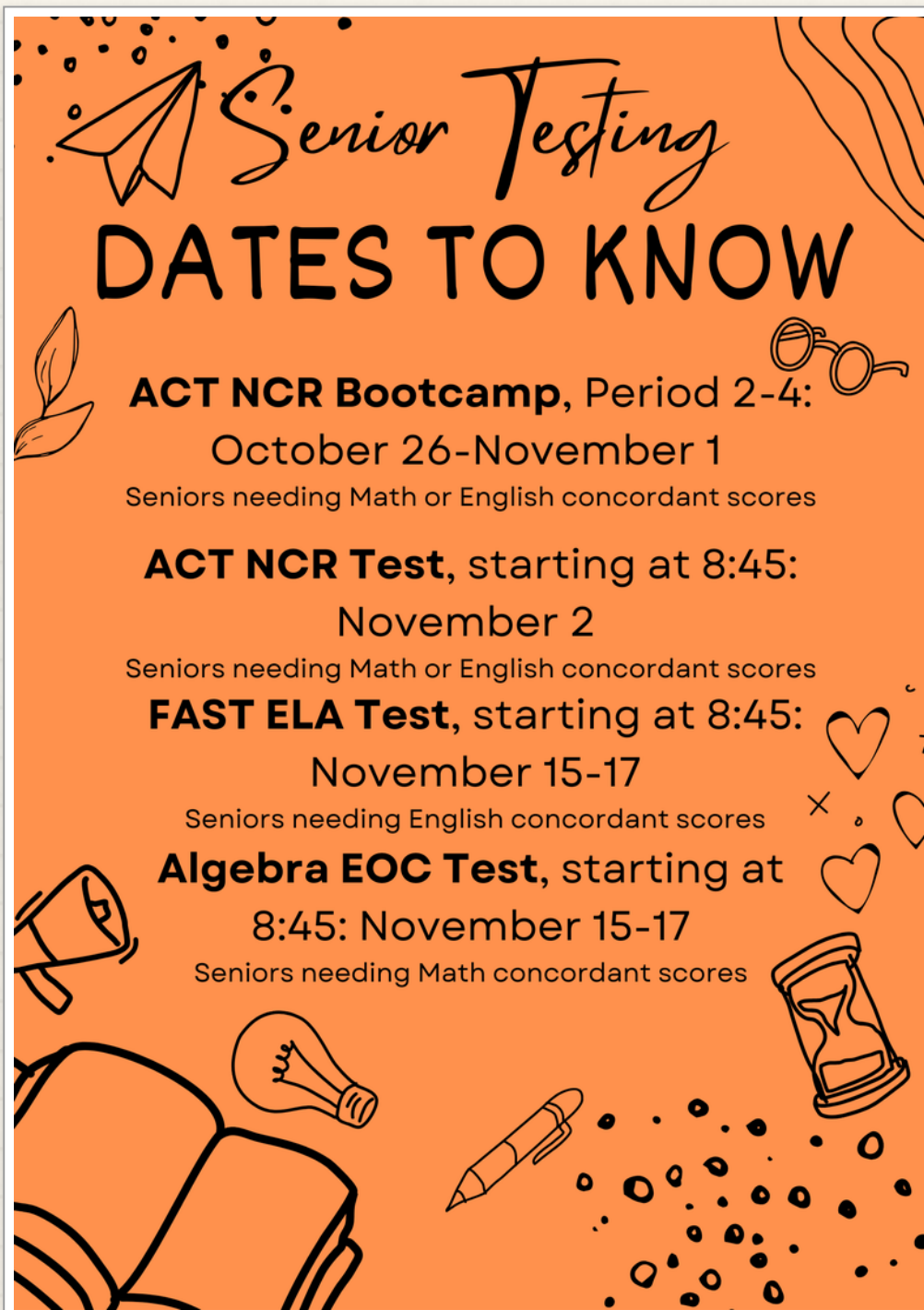
## Celebrating Our Band and Tigerette Students!

Here's a shout out to our Cocoa Tiger Marching Band and Tigerettes! Thank you for bringing the School Spirit to our football games and other school events!

## JROTC Canned Food Drive

JROTC is conducting Operation Feed the Need October 4th through the 31st. Please bring in canned foods to support the Brevard Sharing Center in Cocoa. These items assist in feeding local individuals and families in need.

Canned goods can be delivered to the front office.



## Impact Survey Forms DUE October 18th

Parents, **IMPACT AID SURVEY** can now be easily completed online via the Focus app. The data from this survey helps with funding for our school. It takes 2-5 minutes to complete. You should see directions appear as soon as you log in.

If you have not already created a **FOCUS** account, please do so now:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xpC4J7fqpsHtCwypcrpw0WyKlp1ztdvLA2Z3H9GaCUo/edit#bookmark=id.9qr6aoasne19>

## AVID Applications for SY2025 Now



# Available

If you are interested in having your student join our AVID program next school year, we are now accepting applications. AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a school day program that provides students extra support with coursework, organizational skills, and preparing for College and Career. This is a perfect program for the student who may need a little extra support in the classroom to reach their full academic and post-secondary potential. Through tutoring, mentoring, college visits, and community volunteer work, our AVID students have a proven track record of not only graduating high school, but also getting accepted into colleges and universities with scholarships and grants to pay the way.

Please email Cassi Browning for more information: [browning.cassandra@brevardschools.org](mailto:browning.cassandra@brevardschools.org)

## AVID Student Criteria



**OPEN TO STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 7 THROUGH 10.  
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 11 AND 12 MUST HAVE TWO  
YEARS OF AVID ELECTIVE EXPERIENCE.**



## An AVID student...

- Has GRIT and determination to succeed
- Has potential to take AP/honors courses
- Is a first generation graduate
- Has few behavioral issues
- Earns average grades
- Has at least a 2.0 GPA
- Demonstrates **PRIDE** inside and outside the classroom

**PLEASE CONTACT MRS. BROWNING WITH ANY QUESTIONS!**

**AVID ELECTIVE APPLICATIONS ARE  
AVAILABLE FROM COUNSELORS OR IN 34-113**



# Tiger PRIDE Tickets

As part of our PBIS efforts, teachers and staff reward students for exhibiting TIGER PRIDE (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, and Empathy) throughout the school day. These tickets can be turned in for various treats and special events.

Our Athletic Director Mark Carstens is allowing students to use some of their tickets for entry to some of our student athletic events.

This week, students can attend the following games for **10 TIGER PRIDE TICKETS**:

**Varsity Football HOMECOMING GAME 10/20 7 pm**

**MS Basketball vs Jackson 10/19 5:30 pm at the CHS Gym**



## Thank you, SGA!

Thank you to our amazing SGA who has been attending our student sporting events as a group to help show school spirit and PRIDE for their peers! They even attended Senior Night for our Girls Golf team!

## Fortify Florida

SneakOut 800 423 TIPS



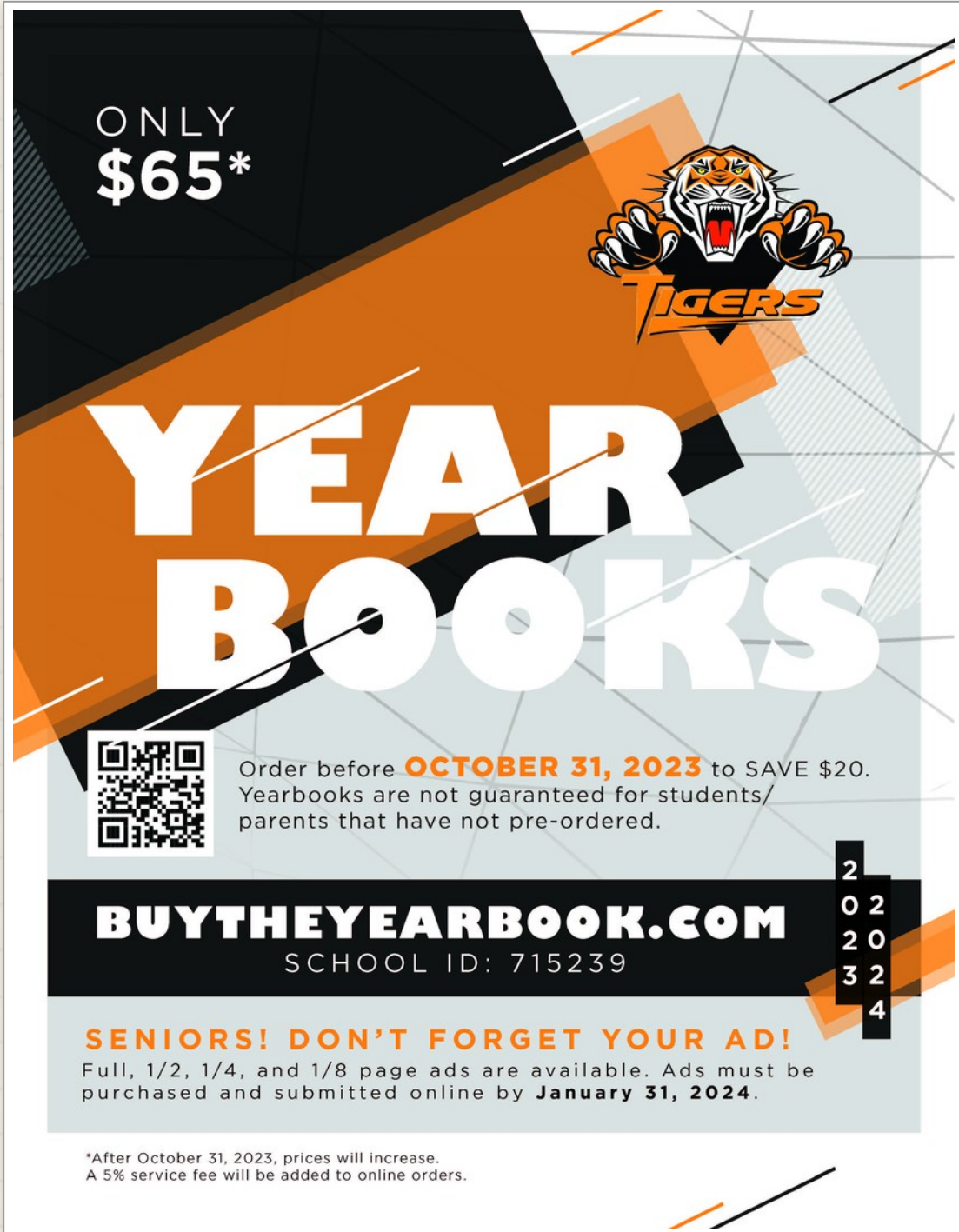
SpeakOut Hotline is designed to help you anonymously report any threatening behavior or situation that endangers you, your friends, family, community, or your school campus.

Reporting isn't "snitching," reporting is when you need to keep yourself or someone you know safe from threats, harmful behaviors, or dangerous situations.


By guaranteeing a caller's anonymity, SpeakOut allows the caller to give information without the fear of retribution.

#### **FortifyFL (App)**


FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and schools' officials.



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**SENIORS! DON'T FORGET YOUR AD!**  
Full, 1/2, 1/4, and 1/8 page ads are available. Ads must be  
purchased and submitted online by **January 31, 2024**.

\*After October 31, 2023, prices will increase.  
A 5% service fee will be added to online orders.

## **ReaXium for Bus Riders and Their Families**

MyReaXiumApp for Parents & Guardians is almost here!

The ReaXium mobile application, MyReaXiumApp, is launching this school year over the next few weeks. Here is what your school needs to know:

- It is available for iOS & Android devices
- It is designed for parents and legal guardians of school bus riders.
- The app allows them to:
  - Access Bus Route Information:
    - View bus route details for each student.
    - See a map displaying the bus route with labeled bus stops.
    - View the assigned pickup and drop-off stops for the student
  - Check Bus Availability:
    - Receive notifications when a student's bus is actively running for their school.
  - Receive Student Status Updates:
    - Get real-time updates whenever a student boards or exits a bus.

Video Guides for MyReaXiumApp:

<https://go.reaxium.com/VideosParentTraining>

- WebPage for MyReaXiumApp: <https://reaxium.com/solutions/k12-education/school-transportation/school-bus-tracking-app-for-parents/>

How do Parents/Guardians of Bus Riders get access?

1. **Invitation Email:** Sent to their custodial contact email on file for their children.
2. **Rolling Basis:** Invitations sent in stages, beginning with ESE and elementary.
3. **Expected Timeline:** Invite sending ongoing until the end of September.
4. **Initial Campaign:** ReaXium & district manage the first invitation email initiative.
5. **School Invites:** Schools may issue post-launch invites on a case-by-case basis.
6. **Verify Information:** Ensure accurate email addresses in their children's records.
7. **Multiple Children:** Match email addresses to avoid separate invites for each child.

Remember all this information and more is available at the **BPS Transportation Website**.

## NEW TUTORING SCHEDULE



## Cocoa High School Tutoring

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MATH	PREALGEBRA	Mr. Hubble 3:45 – 4:45 Rm. 7-713		Ms. James 3:45 – 4:45 Rm. 7-711	
	ALGEBRA		Ms. Celesti 3:45 – 4:45 Rm. 7-714		
	GEOMETRY			Mr. Mako 3:45 – 4:45 Rm. 9-903	
	ALGEBRA 2			Ms. Hendricks-Johnson 3:45 – 5:00 Rm. 34-112	
	MATH FOR COLLEGE ALGEBRA, LIBERAL ARTS AND AP CSP			Ms. Gibson 3:45 – 4:45 Rm. 9-906	
READING	INTENSIVE READING				Ms. Cain-Von Eschen 3:30 – 4:45 Rm. 34-115
	READING			Ms. Ng'saye 3:45 – 4:45 Rm. 10-102	Ms. Ng'saye 3:45 – 4:45 Rm. 10-102
SCIENCE	7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCIENCE		Ms. Lawhon 3:45 – 5:00 Rm. 10-112		Ms. Lawhon 3:45 – 5:00 Rm. 10-112
	BIOLOGY	Ms. Defrege 3:45 – 5:00 Rm. 8-805		Ms. Defrege 3:45 – 5:00 Rm. 8-805	
	SCIENCE (BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS)		Mr. Williams 3:30 – 4:00 Rm. 10-110		Mr. Williams 3:30 – 4:00 Rm. 10-110
SOCIAL STUDIES	SOCIAL STUDIES	Ms. Mincey 3:45 – 5:15 Rm. 6-619	Ms. Mincey 3:45 – 5:15 Rm. 6-619		Ms. Mincey 3:45 – 5:15 Rm. 6-619
	CIVICS			Mr. Bonaiuto 3:45 – 4:45 Rm. 7-703	
LANGUAGE	ENGLISH THROUGH ESOL	Ms. Rivera TBA	Ms. Rivera TBA	Ms. Rivera TBA	Ms. Rivera TBA
	SPANISH		Ms. Lopez 3:45 – 4:45 Rm. 9-901		

Tutoring Begins Monday, 8/28 and requires a parent permission form be turned in to the tutor by the first session.

## After School Tutoring

Please visit the [school website for more information](#). Please be advised that students must have a Parent Permission form on file in order to participate. A copy of the permission form is on our school website, and can also be obtained from any teacher or the front office. For questions, email our Title I contact, Mrs. Sandra Celesti  
<mailto:celesti.sandra@brevardschools.org>

## We're Hiring!

We are looking to hire the following instructional positions:

- HS Geometry
- Exceptional Student Ed (ESE)
- MS Reading
- Instructional Assistants (Title I and ESE)

If you, or someone you know, are interested in teaching at CHS, please email the school secretary Stephanie Tucker for more information on how to apply:

<mailto:tucker.stephanie@brevardschools.org>

## Football Fridays Themes -- This Week HOMECOMING is USA Themed

Our Cocoa Tiger Cheerleaders are organizing Theme Days for all of our home football games.

Cocoa high 2023 Home football themes		
9/1	VENICE	Blackout
9/22	EAU GALLIE	Hawaiian
9/29	TREASURE COAST	Neon
10/6	SEMINOLE	Pink out
10/20	ASTRONAUT	USA
10/27	PALM BAY	Senior citizen

## MONDAY 10/16

No School for Students

District Volleyball Quarterfinal vs Atlantic @ Astronaut High 5:30 pm

## TUESDAY 10/17

Bowling Conference Tournament @ Shore Lanes ALL DAY

MS Basketball @ Kennedy MS 5:30 pm

Parent Conferences 6 pm (Sign-up via SchoolBookings)

Community Meeting for Track Naming 6 pm in Auditorium

## WEDNESDAY 10/18

Girls Golf Tournament @ Duran 9am till 4 pm

## THURSDAY 10/19

Embry Riddle Field Trip for Juniors and Seniors (Mrs. Molina)

Boys Golf CCC Tournament @ Viera East 9 am till 4 pm

MS Basketball vs Jefferson 5:30 pm **TIGER PRIDE TICKET NIGHT**

Community Meeting for Track Naming 6 pm in Auditorium

JV Football @ Rockledge 6:30 pm

## FRIDAY 10/20 Early Release Friday

Varsity Football vs Astronaut High School 7 pm HOMECOMING

## SATURDAY 10/21

Homecoming Dance 7 pm to 11 pm in GYM

## School Counselor Contact Information

If you need to contact your student's school counselor, please refer to the information below:

Seniors Class of 2024 – Cathryn Fournet <mailto:fournet.cathryn@brevardschools.org>

Juniors Class of 2025 – Dr. Homer Brown <mailto:brown.homer@brevardschools.org>

Sophomores Class of 2026 – Tracey Asby <mailto:asby.tracey@brevardschools.org>

Freshmen Class of 2027 – Dr. Mark Mullins <mailto:mullins.mark@brevardschools.org>

8th Grade Counselor – Holli Couch <mailto:couch.holli@brevardschools.org>

7th Grade Counselor – Vickie Woods <mailto:woods.vickie@brevardschools.org>

ESE Counselor 7-12 – Paul Grant <mailto:grant.paul@brevardschools.org>

To reach any counselor by phone, please call the main office at 321.632.5300 and press 0

## Athletics and Activities Director

Our Athletics and Activities Director Mark Carstens is always available to answer questions about students who are interested in playing a sport or participating in any other type of extra curricular activity. You can reach him by email at <mailto:carstens.mark@brevardschools.org> or at extension 22027 (dial the main school number 321.632.5300 then enter the extension number).



# Meet Your Admin Team

The Cocoa High School Admin team is excited to welcome students and teachers back to school! From left to right below:

Mrs. Lauren Feronti Williams, AP of Curriculum <mailto:feronti.lauren@brevardschools.org>

Mrs. Stephanie Booth, AP of 7th Grade <mailto:booth.stephanie@brevardschools.org>

Mr. Wayne Lawrence, AP of 8th Grade <mailto:lawrence.wayne@brevardschools.org>

Ms. Denise Stewart, Principal <mailto:stewart.catherine@brevardschools.org>

Mr. Ivor Mitchell, AP of Operations, 11th & 12th Grades

<mailto:mitchell.ivor@brevardschools.org>

Dr. Rose Harrison, AP of 9th & 10th Grades <mailto:harrison.roseanne@brevardschools.org>



**Brevard Public Schools**

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

For HD live streams and videos, visit our website:

<https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/2305>

## BPS YouTube Channel Link

If you would like to keep up with the BPS informational videos and watch school board meetings live or recorded, visit <https://www.youtube.com/@BrevardSchools/featured>



## TIGER PRIDE!

 Facebook

Principal C. Denise Stewart

 2000 Tiger Trail, Cocoa, FL, USA

 [stewart.catherine@brevardsch...](mailto:stewart.catherine@brevardsch...)

 321.632.5300 22007

 [brevardschools.org/CocoaJRSR](http://brevardschools.org/CocoaJRSR)

# Senior Portraits

CLASS OF 2024

Dean Stewart Photography is your school's official photographer. To be featured in your yearbook, schedule a portrait session today. The deadline to be photographed will approach quickly.

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