Go Big Blue!

Dr. Harris

Well we are finally getting a little rain, hooray. Now that I have established my home garden, I am in the process of enhancing the school grounds inside the courtyard. Originally, I thought the courtyard would take just a few short days but I was incorrect. Our campus is big, so I will pace myself and make this a summer project. I have also been volunteering at elementary schools all over the district during the month of April supporting the district initiative in feeding the community. My values always revolve around serving the students in Brevard by helping where ever I can as the district provides free meals for children under 18.

I just wanted to revel in a couple highlights we had or will have. Last Friday, we joined a national celebration for all graduating seniors by holding a “Be the Light” observance on our campus at 8:20PM. In military time 8:20PM is 20:20 hours, as we are currently in the year 2020. Thus, schools across the nation joined by lighting up all their athletic fields on Friday night for 20 minutes at 20:20 hours in the year of 2020 sharing their affection for their seniors. My thoughts about the celebration of “Be the Light” meant in these trying times that it’s our seniors turn to be the change we need to see in the world now more than ever. Next, we are going to pass out senior graduation signs to place in their yards Friday May 1st. A special thanks goes out to one of our wonderful parents and a business partner for making all this happen. This event will be held off campus because schools are still closed. Naturally, we are going to follow CDC guidelines as we try to make the best of the unusual circumstances for our seniors. May 4th is Teacher Appreciation Week, so if you have moment, please thank a teacher for all they have done helping each of us get where we are today. As a school, we have a surprise or two for teachers in store for them so I can’t let the fun out just yet.

Virtual instruction has been a challenge for some and a welcome model for others. As a reminder, the 4th quarter grades are currently in progress and the interim grades have been posted on FOCUS. This last quarter of the year will count towards a student’s final grade for credit, so students/parents/guardians let us stay focused on student progress and the interim grades have been posted on FOCUS.

As you have heard, Governor DeSantis is slowing phasing back in a return to some form of normalcy. I certainly hope this plan restores a little more choice in how we conduct business as a society and here at school. Nevertheless, schools will remain closed through the month of April supporting the district initiative in feeding the community. My values always revolve around serving the students in Brevard by helping where ever I can as the district provides free meals for children under 18.

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May 1st: Volunteer hours due
May 1st: Senior Sign distribution at Tomoka Church, 4-6PM
May 4th until the end of the 2019-2020 School Year: Distance Learning will take place
May 14th: Virtual Senior Awards-Look for a link in Focus
Week of June 22nd: Tentative Graduation Date-option 1
Week of July 20th: Tentative Graduation Date-if we cannot gather for option 1

COVID-19 Updates from BPS:
https://www.brevardschools.org/COVID-19
How to get food during distance learning

You will need to go to a food site, please have your child with you. If you drive, please pop your trunk, and district staff will place the meal(s) in your trunk. If you walk up, please maintain social distancing guidelines and stay six feet away from the person in front and behind you.

Food Sites in Palm Bay: Discovery Elementary, Jupiter Elementary, McAuliffe Elementary, Palm Bay Elementary, Port Malabar Elementary, Riveria Elementary, Sunrise Elementary, Turner Elementary

Space Coast Area Transit has waived fees if you are travelling to a food location.

Senior’s ONLY!

Make sure you fill out your FASFA. The early bird gets the worm—the scholarship pool is larger for those who fill it out early—if you haven’t done this—DO IT NOW!

Scholarship Opportunities: https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/1363. The page has been updated, so please make sure you are checking!

YEARBOOKS

At this time, all yearbooks have been sold out. If you ordered a yearbook, it will be distributed at the end of May. Please keep reviewing your REMIND app, FOCUS messages, and the morning announcements for details regarding the exact date and time. Please direct any yearbook questions to Mrs. Cote at cote.tara@brevardschools.org

CONGRATULATIONS DR. TUREY!

Our very own Dr. Turey has been selected as the FABC Class A Coach of the Year. He has been featured in Florida Today. Today, Coach Turey coaches our Lady Panthers in Basketball. He is also the director of two of our academies: Sports Medicine and Environmental Water and Technology. We can’t wait to celebrate him once we get back on campus!

Academy of Environmental Water and Technology/CTE Testing News

Dr. Turey spoke to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and they assured us that once the State opens back up again, our Seniors in the Environmental Water and Technology Academy will have the opportunity to test for the Class C Drinking Water and the Wastewater exams in an online platform. Once we certify each student’s graduation completion, the DEP will send letters to the students to set up a testing date at the testing location. Please be on the lookout for more information about this testing. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Turey at turey.colin@brevardschools.org

Volleyball News

As we quickly approach summer, I (like most of you) are anxious to get started with conditioning and open gyms to prepare for our upcoming Fall Sports. As soon as coaches are allowed to resume activity, rest assured that we will! Please continue to check my website www.hhsladypanthervball.weebly.com for updates. In the meantime, do what you can to keep in shape! Run, jump, squat, lunge, do block jumps, sit-ups, push-ups and most of all … keep getting touches on that Volleyball! Please contact Coach Amanda Disney with any questions or concerns about Lady Panther Volleyball at Amanda.james77@yahoo.com

Wrestling News

The wrestling team’s captain Francois B. and co-captain Jacob B. were named to both the Cape Coast Conference and All Area Teams! Francois ended his career with the team career wins record at 150 wins. He was 2x District Champ, CCC Champ, a 2x State Qualifier placing 4th at this year’s State Championship. Jake leaves us as District Runner Up, CCC Champ and A State Qualifier.
State Testing Information

• All State Mandated Testing has been CANCELLED for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you have questions about state testing requirements and upcoming tests, please contact our testing coordinator, Dan Wall DeSousa. He can be reached through email at wall-desousa.daniel@brevardschools.org.

A MEMO FROM COLLEGE BOARD CONCERNING SAT TEST ADMINISTRATIONS

We hope you’re doing well during this challenging time. As the College Board continues to respond to the impact of the coronavirus, our thoughts are with you.

In the face of school closures, we’re adapting to give students opportunities to show their strengths and continue on the path to college. Our top priorities are the health and safety of students and educators.

Right now, public health officials have made it clear it’s not safe to gather students in one place. Many U.S. states have closed schools for the rest of the academic year, and globally there are widespread school closures across 192 countries. As such, we won’t be able to administer the SAT® and SAT Subject Tests™ as planned on June 6, 2020.

We’re working hard to make the SAT available in school and out of school as soon as the public health situation allows. Students will have opportunities to take the SAT to make up for this spring’s lost administrations.

If it’s safe from a public health standpoint, we’ll provide weekend SAT administrations every month through the end of the calendar year, beginning in August. This includes a new administration in September and the previously scheduled tests on August 29, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

Students will be able to register for these administrations beginning in May. We’ll communicate directly with students when the exact date is available. Eligible students will be able to take the exam with a fee waiver. Students who were registered for June and those in the high school class of 2021 who don’t have SAT scores will have early access to registration for the August, September, and October administrations.

For each administration, we’re preparing to significantly expand our capacity for students to take the SAT when schools reopen. We’re calling on our member schools and colleges, as well as local communities, to open their doors and provide additional test center capacity so every student who wants to can take the SAT.

In addition, almost all of our state and many of our district partners have expressed their interest in providing SAT School Day administrations in September or October. Specific information about state and district testing will be shared in the coming weeks.

In the unlikely event that schools don’t reopen this fall, the College Board will provide a digital SAT for home use, much as we’re delivering digital exams for three million Advanced Placement® students this spring. As we’re doing with at-home AP® Exams, we would ensure that at-home SAT testing is simple; secure and fair; accessible to all; and valid for use in college admissions. We’re committed to giving students as many chances as we can to show their strengths to admissions officers. As we navigate this evolving situation, we’ll continue to rely on your partnership to ensure students have what they need as they apply to college during the 2020-21 school year.

We’ll regularly update our webpage with information. Thank you for your partnership during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

College Board
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Florida Statute 1003.42(2)(n) requires instruction in Human Sexuality Education. The School Board of Brevard County, Florida, has authorized teaching Health Education, of which Human Sexuality is a component, to meet legislative mandates. The Human Sexuality Curriculum has been carefully written by a team of teachers, parents, administrators and community members.

The major purpose of the Human Sexuality Curriculum at the high school level is to help students improve their personal and social relationships for a better understanding of themselves and others.

The benchmarks specifically addressed include:

- **HE.912.B.4.2** Assess refusal, negotiation, and collaboration skills to enhance health and avoid or reduce health risks.
- **HE.912.B.4.3** Demonstrate strategies to prevent, manage, or resolve interpersonal conflicts without harming self or others.
- **HE.912.B.5.4** Assess whether individual or collaborative decision making is needed to make a healthy decision.
- **HE.912.C.1.2** Interpret the significance of interrelationships in mental/ emotional, physical, and social health.
- **HE.912.C.1.5** Analyze strategies for prevention, detection, and treatment of communicable and chronic diseases.
- **HE.912.C.1.8** Assess the degree of susceptibility to injury, illness, or death if engaging in unhealthy/risky behaviors.
- **HE.912.C.2.7** Analyze how culture supports and challenges health beliefs, practices, and behaviors.
- **HE.912.C.2.9** Evaluate the influence of personal values, attitudes, and beliefs about individual health practices and behaviors.
- **HE.912.P.7.1** Analyze the role of individual responsibility in enhancing health.
- **HE.912.P.8.1** Demonstrate how to influence and support others in making positive health choices.

Other major concepts covered include:
- Review of the structures and functions of the reproductive systems
- Examining pregnancy
- Healthy Relationships, Decisions Making, Refusal & Negotiation Skills
- Sexually transmitted infections (including HIV/AIDS)

**Contraception**

As a result of the school closures related to COVID-19, our typical curriculum has been modified to be appropriate for remote instruction/distance learning. If you have questions about the content or lessons, please contact your student’s teacher to discuss information.

According to Florida Statute 1003.42, section (3):

"Any student whose parent makes written request to the school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment. A student so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that exemption. Course descriptions for comprehensive health education shall not interfere with the local determination of appropriate curriculum which reflects local values and concerns."

If you wish to opt your student out of these lessons, please email the school principal AND your student’s teacher. Students who opt out will receive an alternate assignment.

We appreciate your interest and cooperation in the implementation of the Human Sexuality Education Unit.
Brevard Public Schools to Expand Feeding Distribution Sites Beginning March 30th

Viera, FL: Brevard Public Schools (BPS) is pleased to announce that the following schools opened as food distribution centers on Monday, March 23rd. That day, BPS served over 3,800 students. On Tuesday, BPS served over 8,000 students. Meals are distributed weekdays from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM to any child age 18 years and younger. To ensure social distancing, BPS requests that parents drive into the bus loop and release their trunk. A BPS employee places a meal package which consists of ONE breakfast and ONE lunch for each child in the trunk of the vehicle. The cafeteria and other school buildings are not opened to parents and students for meals.

PLEASE NOTE: Children are served even if they are not accompanied by a parent/guardian, however, per USDA regulations, all parents/guardians MUST have the child(ren) present in order for them to receive their meals. Those who arrive on foot or bicycle are also served while adhering to social distancing practices.

- Atlanta Elementary (Cocoa)
- Cape View Elementary (Cape Canaveral)
- Coquina Elementary (Titusville)
- Minna Elementary (Minna)
- Gabrielle Elementary (Cocoa)
- Golfview Elementary (Rockledge)
- Milla Elementary (Merritt Island)
- Central Middle (West Melbourne)
- Jupiter Elementary (Palm Bay)
- Sherwood Elementary (Melbourne)
- Sunrise Elementary (Palm Bay)
- Turner Elementary (Palm Bay)
- University Park Elementary (Melbourne)

On Monday, March 30th, BPS has approval from the State FDA to open 36 additional sites. These distribution sites will be located at the following Brevard Public Schools:

- Pinewood Elementary (Minna)
- Oak Park Elementary (Titusville)
- Saturn Elementary (Cocoa)
- Endeavour Elementary (Cocoa)
- Fargan Elementary (Cocoa)
- Audubon Elementary (Merritt Island)
- Cleet Elementary (Melbourne)
- Sabal Elementary (Melbourne)
- Harbor City Elementary (Melbourne)
- Discovery Elementary (Palm Bay)
- Palm Bay Elementary (Palm Bay)
- McAluffs Elementary (Palm Bay)
- Riviera Elementary (Palm Bay)
- Port Malabar Elementary (Palm Bay)

In addition to the 27 site above, BPS is also exploring mobile feeding opportunities as resources and approval permit.

BPS Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
Here’s how you can help celebrate our teachers and difference makers in a really special way...

**SHOUT OUTS**
Share your love for a teacher (or teachers), or someone who has made a difference in your education. Email us a typed “shout out” in 48 words or less. Your message will be showcased in a special way. Be sure to include your name, grade and school.

**PHOTO/VIDEO MESSAGES**
- Draw a picture, create a sign with a special message and send us a photo of you holding it, pointing to it - however you’d like - OR record a short video of appreciation and send it our way!
- **SAVE THE DATE!**
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- **Send your SHOUT OUTS and PHOTOS/VIDEO MESSAGES to**
  - GotHeart@brevardschools.org by 11:59 PM, SUNDAY, MAY 3rd.

We will be sending a calendar of all the week’s themes and activities soon. Thank you for your participation and support!