



# PANTHER NEWS

Heritage High School Newsletter

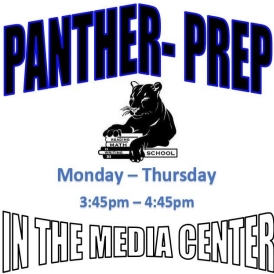
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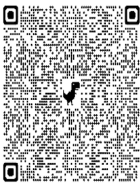
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## Panther Pride

Welcome to March! Our year is moving right along and heading in a positive direction. We started the month with some exciting Heritage news—Solomon Peterson made school history! He took home the 2A 106 State Championship in wrestling. Solomon is a senior who has been knocking on the door for the last few years and was able to finish his high school career as a state champion! We also had a 3rd place, two 5th place, and a 7th place finisher—giving our wrestling team 5th place in the state. Way to go Coach Degginger and our wrestlers!

Our Black History Month activities and celebrations were well-attended. The students had a great time celebrating and learning throughout the month of February. We ended with an amazing fashion show. We are so fortunate to have students and staff that took the time to make this celebration a success.

March kicks off testing with the school-wide SAT. Our juniors will take the SAT during the school day and we know they will do their best. We round out the month with Spring Break!

## Go Big Blue!

*Stephen Link*  
Principal, Heritage High School



### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **March 4th and 5th: MPAs at Heritage**
- **March 5th: SAT for Juniors (Class of 2025)**
- **March 6th: Spanish Spelling Bee**
- **March 15th: No School—Teacher Workday**
- **March 20th: FASFA Workshop in the Media Center– 5PM-7:30PM**
- **March 25th-29th: Spring Break**

### School Advisory Council News:

Check back here for School Advisory Council (SAC) throughout the school year for important updates, meeting dates, and information.



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SCHOOL INFORMATION AND EVENTS:



IMPORTANT COLLEGE/CAREER INFORMATION

Seniors who have not met the reading or math graduation requirement should register now for the April 13th ACT. Regular registration deadline is March 8th, late deadline is March 22nd. See Ms. Jameer for ACT waivers if you are on free and reduced lunch. Those of you taking the March 9th SAT should student daily using Khan Academy’s digital SAT prep so you can earn concordant scores (480 reading, 420 math).

If you are going to college or trade school, there is financial aid available if you fill out the FASFA. Create your student and parent FSA ID accounts: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> After that is accepted, you can access the 2024-2025 FASFA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fasfa> If you have problems or questions, please call 1-800-433-3243. Our next FASFA workshop is on March 20th from 5PM-7:30PM in our media center.

JUNIORS—on March 5th, all juniors will take the school-day SAT. Those who haven't met graduation requirements can earn concordant scores—practice using Khan Academy’s digital SAT prep.

ALL GRADES:

March 5th—Virtual HBCU College Fair. Visit [www.collierschools.com/HBCUCollegeFair](http://www.collierschools.com/HBCUCollegeFair) for more information and virtual access directions.

GenCyber Camp at Florida Tech will provide over 60 hours of cybersecurity instruction, activities, and challenges. They are looking for 20 more females to apply. Register at: <https://event.ftt.edu/gencyber/>

Free and Reduced Lunch Information:

Please [click here](#) for the online application for Free/ Reduced Lunch. This application MUST be filled out every year. Students that participated in the Free or Reduced Lunch Program may eat for the first few days of the school year on the prior year status, but it is important that all eligible students fill out a new application as soon as possible.

**FORTIFYFL**  
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

**QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP**  
By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

**Anonymous or Non-Anonymous**  
You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.

**Convenient**  
Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.

**Include Photos and Video**  
You can also include photos or video with your tip report.

**QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES**  
FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

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The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

**Local Law Enforcement**  
Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tip automatically.

**State-Level Officials**  
State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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Felicitades to the AICE Spanish class for representing our school at the District Cultural Event, Encuentro. They worked hard and did a great job with a play representing the Latinos in the United States and how important it is to stay connected to your roots.



Out of Field Teachers:

Shernette Alamin, ESE  
Kathryn Betcher, Math  
Gregory Gage, School Counselor  
Richelle Lierman, School Counselor  
Jennifer Moton, ESE

ESOL Out of Field Teachers:

Luke Brix  
Natasha Chamber-Collins  
Matthew D'Avis  
Victoria Kain  
Rebecca Morgan  
Ame Peck  
Shonda Peller

CTE News

Congratulations to the following students who have earned their CTE Industry Certification:

AutoDESK AutoCAD Certified User: Ali S. .

AutoDESK Inventor Certified User: Sean G., Zayden M., Auston M., Esdras P., Peter T., Sebastian S.

Unity Certified User: Artist: Will A., Sidney A., Amir A., Hailey B., Ben P.

Unity Certified User: Programmer: Leo C.

.Toon Boom Storyboard Pro Associate: Vincent D., Cayden D., Aiden H., Schneider J., Samantha K., Carlos K., Robert L., Lucas M., Zayden M., Lee M., Fabiana M., Dylan M., William P., Cameron R., Ciara R., Edanelys R., Jeremiah R., Justin S., Michael S., Sebastian S., Kyle S., Anton T., Daniel V.

Way to go PANTHERS!



Heritage High School hosted their second blood drive for the school year, and as always, our wonderful Panther students stepped up! We had a total of 72 students sign up and 44 were able to donate. Thank you again to our wonderful Panther students who answered the call to action to help those in need.

\*The blood drive was supported by our Sports Medicine Academy students.



Chorus News

The Rhapsody and Ambassador Show Choirs competed at the Quarter Finals of the International Competition for High School A Cappella on February 16th. Our beat boxer, Ernst Stecker, was recognized by the judges as Outstanding Vocal Percussionist in the competition and the Ambassadors received an invitation to advance to the semi-finals in March.





# TESTING INFORMATION:

## SAT Test Dates for 2023-2024

U.S. deadlines apply to students testing in the United States and U.S. territories.

U.S. registration materials that are mailed must be postmarked by the U.S. deadlines. The deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, U.S.

[Additional fees](#) apply if you register late, change your test center, change your test date, or switch from taking the SAT to taking a Subject Test after registering. Find out [how to make registration changes](#) and get deadlines.

Your registration options will be limited if you aren't [taking the SAT for one of its main purposes](#).

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
March 9, 2024 (Digital)	February 23, 2024	Check College Board Site
May 4, 2024 (Digital)	April 19, 2024	Check College Board Site
June 1, 2024 (Digital)	May 17, 2024	Check College Board Site

## ACT Test Dates for 2023-2024

Here are the future ACT dates, registration deadlines, and photo upload dates for 2023-2024

All of the test dates are according to ACT, Inc. (though they are subject to change); the deadlines and score release dates are based on PrepScholar projections.

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Photo Upload Dead-line
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024	April 5, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 31, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024	July 5, 2024

### Need SAT Help? Khan Academy is Here!

If you are in need of some SAT prep, please visit Khan Academy. Khan Academy can provide you with practice problems based on the subject areas of SAT. You can link your College Board account with Khan Academy and get targeted help. Visit [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) for all your SAT practice needs!







FLYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



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solving. In module 3, students learn about Lean Canvas by developing a streamlined, one-page, business plan. Participating students can compete in a national virtual competition as well as our local challenge.

**BPS teams have taken 2nd place at the JA USA National Competition twice in the past three years! Open to every team, invited finalists will travel to Washington, DC, to compete in person.**

**THE WHY** Challenge winners, Garth Savage and Vance L. Mcleod Jr. took advantage of the FloridaTech scholarships. They had this to say about their experience. "The Challenge has changed our lives tremendously. Along with giving us the drive to start our own business, we've had with the opportunity to attend FloridaTech with the scholarships we won. In our eyes, it was not only a gift, but an open door we faced and charged through. Your students will learn so many aspects of the business world."

**The JA Social Innovation Challenge actively encourages students to play to their strengths, to work in a team, to better the world, and to create and defend intellectual ideas in a public forum.**

**THE CHALLENGE** Students will compete for FloridaTech scholarships, a Women in STEM Scholarship, a National Estuary Prize for innovation focused on the Indian River Lagoon, cash prizes, billboards from Clear Channel Outdoor, a pro bono patent attorney consultation from Wideman Malek, a marketing consultation from Rock Paper Simple, and the opportunity to work with some of Brevard's premier business and community leaders.

**FIRST ROUND** EFSC, March 7, 2024, 8am-1pm

**FINAL ROUND** FloridaTech, March 13, 2024, 6pm-9pm

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Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:00 — 12:00 pm

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