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Valedictorian: Victoria Hoffman

As a junior Victoria was able to finish all the requirements for her AA from Eastern Florida State College. Since completing her AA, she has diligently continued her academic mission with the same high standards she has exemplified during her tenure here at Cocoa High School. Victoria will be taking her talents to the University of

Florida to pursue her interest in chemical engineering.



Salutatorian: James Mitchell

James will be attending the University of Central Florida pursuing a degree in Psychology upon completing his Associates of Arts degree at Eastern Florida State College.

The following students have earned their Associate of Arts degree from Eastern Florida State College while dual enrolled at Cocoa High School. This is a remarkable accomplishment! Congratulations to: Charles Albright, Zacharia Beagle, Cheyenne Curnutt, Keelan Esquivel, Shania Harris, Victoria Hoffman, Clay James, Alexa Long, Gracie Manning, Dhakiya Mitchell, Joshua Padrick, April Smith, James Taunton, Laurel Tucker, Miranda Underwood, Jade Wright, Alara Wyns, and Seth Woodhead



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Rasheda McKenzie - Class of 2021

Vickie Woods - Classes of 2022 & 2023

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Patty McCormick

Class of 2018

We are in the home stretch and I'm looking forward to seeing the Class of 2018 shine on May 18th! I will be reviewing the records of every senior over the next few weeks and verifying their graduation status. Please continue checking Edline regularly for your student's current attendance and grades. Brevard County's 26 credit graduation requirement leaves no room for error and every course counts toward graduation.

Cocoa High's Annual Awards ceremony will be held on May 3rd at 6 pm. It is a great time to showcase our seniors for their hard work. If your student has won a scholarship or award that we may not know about please call or e-mail me so that he/she can be recognized during this wonderful event.

All seniors should have applied for Florida Bright Futures Initial Application by going to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/bf. We still have a few seniors that have not completed his/her Initial Application. This is required to be completed prior to graduation.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should be completed for every student considering higher education. The application can be found by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Any parent needing help finishing the application can email Mrs. Robin Blank-Pernice at robin.pernice@fldoe.org.

Eastern Florida State College (EFSC): If your student is planning on attending EFSC during summer, registration begins now for students. Each student must see me to obtain a Graduation Pending letter which is required before registering for summer courses. Each student interested in attending EFSC in the fall must have completed an application and all necessary enrollment steps as soon as possible. If you have questions about EFSC and/or registration, please contact EFSC admissions at 321-433-7300.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Class of 2019

The end of the year is fast approaching! I have met with all rising juniors and registered them for senior year courses. Please make sure you talk with your student about his or her choices for next year and if you have any questions, feel free to call and discuss your student's plan. If your student is currently in Integrated Science 3, US History or any year-long course, he or she will be taking end-of-course exams

in May that count for 30% of the overall grade for the year. Please encourage your student to prepare for these exams well in advance.

Juniors took the SAT on March 7 and their scores are now available. Students can access their score reports through the College Board at www.collegeboard.org. All juniors planning on applying to a university next fall should also take the SAT at least once more, as well as take the ACT. There is a wealth of information online to help students prepare for both the SAT and ACT, including practice tests and through websites like Khan Academy.

Parents, please use this semester to continue talking to your student about his or her plans after high school. Senior year goes very quickly and the decisions students make will certainly impact their future. Now is the time to start making college visits, talking to recruiters, etc., in order to help your student make informed decisions about the future.

Every junior should set a goal of entering senior year with no credits to make up. If your student needs to make up credits from this year or from 9th or 10th grade, they must attend summer school! Waiting for next year is not a good option because there just isn't enough time. The dates for summer school will be May 30 – June 28 and we will begin signing students up after the last interims come out on April 25. More details as to the hours and location of summer school will be forthcoming.

I am available any time by phone or email. Please don't hesitate to contact me!

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Class of 2020

We have finalized all course requests for next school year. We will be printing finalized course request cards for students to take home in late April. Please make sure you review your student's requests. If you have issues with your student's plan you can call guidance and make adjustments. All sophomores should have taken the English Language Arts Florida Standards Assessment (ELA FSA) in April. This is one of the two tests that must be passed in order to earn a high school diploma in the state of Florida (the other exam is the Algebra 1 end of course exam). Anyone who does not score at grade level or does not take the ELA FSA this year will be required to take an intensive language arts class junior year.

Any student that failed a core course this year or last year must retake the course in summer school in order to be promoted to 11th grade. Summer school for students 16 years and older will be held at Clearlake due to construc-

tion going on at Cocoa High. Summer school will run from the end of May through June. We will contact students and parents as soon as we have the details on dates and times.

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Class of 2021

On the week of May 7th course request cards for the 2018-2019 School Year will be distributed to students. During that week students will have the opportunity to make changes to their course requests. Have a fun and relaxing summer.

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Collegiate High, Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment:

Registration for summer and fall classes is well underway. All current dual enrolled students must complete the registration process and return a copy of their EFSC schedule to Cocoa High before the last day of school. Students should return their textbooks to our media center as soon as they are done with their current classes. Students taking summer classes must pick up their textbooks from our media center by the last day of school. All you have to do is bring a copy of your schedule to the Media Center and they will issue you your books.

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Classes of 2022 & 2023

The end of the school year brings excitement and stress for students. With the summer approaching everyone is understandably ready for a break, but there are still several weeks of learning, tests and events left on the schedule. To help reduce stress it's important to think and plan ahead for upcoming day or week, not procrastinating to complete responsibilities.

- Consistently do all assignments
- Make up missing assignments
- Prepare to take tests and exams
- Attending school regularly

Registration for the upcoming school year is now

complete. Students have met with a counselor to select courses. They are encouraged to make choices which are challenging and prepare them for future goals in high school and beyond. A copy of the student's course request will be distributed in May for parents and students to review. Parents if you have questions regarding your child's course selections for 2018-2019 school year, please contact your child's counselor.

TESTING:

- *FSA 8th Math EOC- May 7 – 9, 2018
- *FSA 7th Math EOC- May 2 – 4, 2018
- *NGSSS Science 8th Grade- May 1, 2018

The goal is for students to score at or above grade level in reading, math and science, which is level 3 or higher. Students who score a level 1 or 2 on the FSA ELA will be enrolled in a remedial course, Intensive Language Arts.

Parents you can help your child by:

- Encourage a positive attitude
- Talk with your children about upcoming tests to help relieve test anxiety
- Help them build self-confidence by making sure they understand that you just want them to make their best efforts
- Students should have a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast
- Make sure your children arrive at school on time.

These are good tips for all tests and exams students take during the school year.

It has been a pleasure working with the middle school students this year.

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ESOL Program

The end of the school year is approaching and the ESOL Department of Cocoa High School will be offering a Summer Enrichment Program for ESOL students.

The program will be titled: “English through Photography” and the goal will be to continue developing the learning of the English language, further enhance students’ English skills and the opportunity to learn photography. Also students who are behind in credits will have the opportunity to improve the grades in the classes they are behind.

The days that the summer program will be offered for ESOL students will be from May 30th through June 18th, from Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Saturn Elementary School. For more information please call Cocoa High at (321)632-5300.

Programa de ESOL

El fin del año escolar se aproxima y departamento de ESOL de Cocoa High School ofrecerá un Programa de Enriquecimiento de Verano para estudiantes de ESOL.

El programa llevara como titulo: “Inglés a través de la Fotografía” con el fin de mantener el aprendizaje del idioma Inglés, desarrollar sus destrezas y la oportunidad de aprender fotografía. También los estudiantes que se encuentren atrasados en materias tendrán la oportunidad de mejorar la nota de la clase.

Los días que se estarán ofreciendo el programa de verano para los estudiantes de ESOL será del 30 de Mayo al 18 de Junio en los horarios de Lunes a Jueves de 8:30am-2:30pm en la escuela Saturn Elementary. Para más información se puede comunicar al teléfono de la escuela (321) 632-5300.

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

It’s been a great year at CHS! The Annual FCA MVP Banquet was held April 19th at Church at Viera for all sponsors throughout Brevard Public Schools. Felipe Rodriguez was nominated as our Student of the Year, for his faithful service to our group. Randy Moore, our Volunteer of the Year, was nominated for his generous support to our students. We are thankful for all our FCA students & pray they are blessed & encouraged as our school year ends at Cocoa High!!

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Tiger Clean-Up Club

There is a brand new club on campus dedicated to making our campus look better while giving students a chance to earn Bright Futures volunteer hours. One Saturday a month students are invited to come work on our campus on various beautification projects. All tools and training are provided. Students of all grade levels are encouraged to attend and help out. Listen to the Tiger Times Network News for information on our next meeting date.



Final Exam Schedule

Below are the scheduled days for final exams for grades 7-11:

- May 18 - 7th period (8:45-10:40)
- May 21 - 5th period (8:45-10:33) & 2nd period (12:28-2:15)
- May 22 - 6th period (8:45-10:33) & 3rd period (12:28-2:15)
- May 23 - 1st period (8:45-10:33) & 4th period (12:28-2:15)

All students will be released early May 21-23. Students can not be checked out during an exam period.

Senior Exams are as follows (regular class schedule):

- May 14 - 2nd, 4th, & 7th period
- May 15: 3rd & 6th period
- May 16: 1st & 5th period

Summer School

Summer school will begin on May 30 and run through June 28. Classes will be held Monday through Friday May 30 through June 1 and then Monday through Thursday June 4 through June 28. Counselors will notify students who will be attending summer school in the next few weeks. Students in middle school and high school (grades 9 & 10) will attend on the Cocoa High Campus and students 16 years of age and older will attend at the Clearlake Campus. Please see your guidance counselor if you have any questions regarding summer school and credit recovery.

Important Testing Information

On our website, in the News section, you will find links to FSA practice tests and slides to help your student(s) prepare for the FSA. To find additional information about all of the Spring 2018 FSA assessments, please visit www.FSAssessments.org, and click on the Students and Families icon.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- Electronic Devices—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- Calculators—For Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, approved calculators may be used during Sessions 2 and 3 only. For EOC assessments, approved calculators may be used during Session 2 only. If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated.
- Testing Rules Acknowledgment—All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student’s test and answer book that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement in their test and answer book.
- Discussing Test Content after Testing—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: “Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test items or passages after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing or posting to blogs or social media websites, etc. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.
- Working Independently—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- Leaving Campus—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- Testing Accommodations—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL), please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this Spring’s test administration, you may contact Ericka Gaudy at gaudy.ericka@brevardschools.org or 321-632-5300 ext.22123. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.



Cocoa High Tiger Battalion



The Tiger Battalion has been very busy over the past few weeks; so much has happened in a short period of time. First, the Tiger Battalion's Drill Team made their first ever appearance at state! The female exhibition platoons, female exhibition squads, and male color guard earned the opportunity to compete against 63 other academies and high schools in the State Drill Competition held at George Jenkins high school in Lakeland, Florida. Just being able to attend the State Drill Meet is an excellent accomplishment!

Next, the Tiger Battalion participated in the annual Keep Brevard Beautiful Trash Bash! In this event, 75 Cadets came together and assisted the KBB Organization in picking up trash all over Cocoa Village. As a Battalion, we picked up more than 1000 pounds of trash. We were highly recognized by the KBB Organization!

Last but not least, the Battalion had the annual JROTC Inspection, which determines whether or not we keep our Honor Unit with Distinction. The Battalion was graded on the knowledge and performance of the companies, platoon drill, color guard, and two briefings: Continuous Improvement and Service Learning. The companies gave an excellent impression, the drill platoon gave an excellence performance, the color guard earned a perfect score, and both of the briefings were outstanding. The Battalion earned a score of 98 out of 100, which allows us to keep our Honor Unit with Distinction and Unit Accreditation.

In all, the Tiger Battalion had a very busy quarter consisting of inspection, drill meets, and community service events. However, the Battalion still has plenty to do. Many events are coming up soon such as the 6th Grade Olympiad, Change of Command, JROTC Awards Day, Postal Canned-Food Drive, and we will end the year with the annual Summer Leadership Camp.



Upcoming Events:
Summer Camp - 24 May



SAI: Lieutenant Colonel Scott Beach
AI: Sergeant First Class Freddy Moreno
AI: Sergeant First Class David Mercer

BC: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Charles Albright
XO: Cadet Major Christine Ferreira
S5: Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Matthew Larracas

Athletics

Spring was a busy time for athletics as we brought in a new Athletic Director, Head Football Coach, and Head Boys Basketball Coach.

Coach TJ Gaudy was promoted to our Athletic Director. Coach Gaudy has been with Cocoa High as a Special Education Teacher and baseball coach for several years and has a long family history in athletics in Brevard County. We are excited to see him step into this new role.

Coach Ryan Schneider was hired to be our new Head Football Coach. Coach Schneider was a quarterback with the UCF Knights and has held various coaching positions within the county. He issued the following statement, "I am excited and honored to be a part of such a great school and community. I am looking forward to building on the strong traditions and values Coach Wilkinson established. I cannot wait to start building a relationship with our student athletes, faculty, alumni, parents, and student body. We will strive to help our players reach their goals athletically, academically, and socially."

Coach Ed Jones joined us as our new head boys basketball coach. Coach Jones is well known in the Cocoa and Rockledge area and is a graduate of Cocoa High School. Coach Jones stated, "I am excited to be back home. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and establishing strong relationships."

We are excited to welcome these talented individuals to their new positions within the Tiger Family.

Softball - Girls Softball had a great season making it all the way to the district final game becoming the district runner-up. This is the first time since 2006 that our Lady Tigers have advanced this far in the district championship series and we are very proud of their hard work and dedication.

Girls Basketball - The girls basketball team made it to the Region Final this year, something only done four times in the history of girls basketball at Cocoa High. They finished their season with a record of 20-6 as District Champions.

Middle School Track - The boys and girls middle school track team had a great season winning several meets at home and away and had a great showing at the district middle school championship. These young athletes show great promise.

High School Track - The boys and girls track team are having a phenomenal season with ten athletes who competed at the Regional Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale and all ten placed in their events and Jatana Folston won the 400m race at the State Championship meet in Jacksonville, while our girls 4x400 relay team placed fourth. Overall the girls track team finished fifth at the State Championship meet.

Facilities Update

The Facility Renewal Project for Cocoa High School starts this summer.

This is just a brief summary of the scope of work. The project will include an update to the HVAC system, replacing an old chiller, and a few air handlers that are completely worn out along with the replacement of the communication piece that controls the HVAC system.

There will be some renovation to the clinic: reconfiguring for two cot rooms; one for girls and one for boys, in addition to some upgrades to the nurse's office.

Beginning in late Fall of 2018, we hope to see the ground breaking for our new 11 classroom and CTE Lab and following, the renovation of Building 18 with the focus on upgrading the Auto body lab, JROTC and the addition of new student and teacher restrooms.

This summer there will be limited access to the campus. Summer School accommodations will be as follows:

- i. Students under age 16 will do credit retrieval in the auditorium on laptops (100 cap)
- ii. Students 16 and up will do credit retrieval at Clearlake Adult Center accompanied by some of our teachers.
- iii. ESY will be at Viera- accompanied by some of our teachers and support staff.
- iv. Front office staff will work under challenging conditions on a generator and temporary AC system.
- v. May 29th- June 11th. There will be absolutely no access to the gym.
- vi. July 4th week there will be absolutely no power campus-wide

As we move through this renewal initiative, Mrs. Stockton will continue to provide updates to keep the parents and community informed.



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To keep up with everything going on at Cocoa High, please check out the calendar on our website at www.edline.net/pages/Cocoa_High_School

- May 14-18 SGA Campaign Week
- May 14 - SAC Meeting, 4pm, 14-141
- May 14 - TFO Meeting, 5pm, 14-141
- May 18 - Graduation, 7pm, Tiger Stadium
- May 21 - 23, Early Release Exam Days
- May 23 - Last Day of School
- May 30 - First day of Summer School

Important Dates

