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Dunbar High School "Where Achievement is the Expectation"

Welcome to the 2009-10 school year at Dunbar High School, where "Achievement is the Expectation!" Administrators, along with teams of teachers, have worked diligently during the summer to promote increased student achievement and improved instruction for Dunbar High School. There are significant changes for us this school year.

We have implemented the alternating block schedule, a new lesson plan format, and the exciting new AVID program : Advancement Via Individual Determination. This program compliments and strengthens our continuing commitment to our existing programs, such as, 1st Microsoft Certified High School in the World, Academy for Technology Excellence, Center for Math and Science. In addition Dunbar High is now an East Zone School, a South Zone Magnet School and a new TITLE I school, where we will work on Adequate Yearly Progress. Our plan is to work smarter this year, with a laser-like focus to increase student achievement and improve instruction. Our goal is to complement our hard work ethic with strategies that will yield higher achievement for our students.



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ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION

Sixty-one 10th Grade students are presently enrolled in the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program. AVID is designed to prepare students to continue their education beyond high school and for four-year college eligibility. These are students who are capable of completing a college-prep curriculum but may be falling short of their potential as demonstrated by either their test scores and/or GPA. The core component of the program is the AVID elective, which supports students as they tackle the most rigorous classes such as Honors and Advanced Placement. The content of the program includes academic instruction, tutorial support, and motivational activities.

The AVID program will expand to include 9th grade students in the second quarter. Qualified students are now being identified and will be interviewed shortly. Eligibility is based on FCAT scores, class grades, a student interview, teacher recommendations and any special situation that may exist.

Parents are asked to become involved in the program by encouraging their students to achieve academically, participating in AVID site team and parent meetings, and maintaining regular contact with the AVID teachers and counselor.

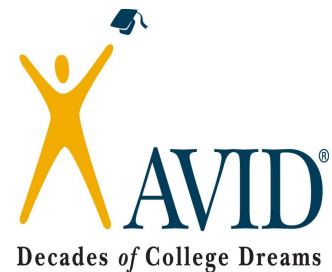
The first AVID parent meeting will be held on Friday, October 23rd from 5:30p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Details will be announced shortly.

AVID contacts are:

10th grade: Mr. Reynolds ericvr@leeschools.net

9th grade: Mrs. Metz: lauriem@leeschools.net

Counselor: Ms. Madigan melodyam@leeschools.net



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Science Fair Project Timeline—Fall 2009

Science Fair Letter –Parent and Student Signature (to Science Teacher) Letter was sent home via student.

September –October – Afterschool Help for Research Paper; Scientific Method; Word - Announced via school news Or by your Science Teacher. TOPIC QUESTIONS were due by September 15th, 2009.

**September 23-24 –Hypothesis and its Explanation, Variables (Independent, Dependent, and Controlled)
Your statement is due by Thursday, September 24th, 2009.**

<p>9th Grade – 4 sources minimum 10th Grade – 5 sources minimum 11th-12th Grade – 7 sources minimum</p> <p>Periodical – 1 minimum source Book – 1 minimum source</p>	<p>Net Source – 1 minimum source OK - .education and .government No Way - Wikipedia Get approval for all .org .com, .net Encyclopedia (9th and 10th ONLY) Either Book or Database Cannot be a primary source</p>
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October 1-2 –Materials List, Procedures, and Method of Data Analysis Due

October 8-9 – Rough Draft Background Information and References Due October 9 – Notes& Organizers DUE!

Final Background Information Report due with Paperwork -Title Page, Background Information Report, References due!

October 22-23 – Science Fair Paperwork Due for approval to Science Teacher. (Teacher to review for errors like signatures, dates, and missing parts on the research plan before submitting to Mrs. Griffin) - Students will have three attempts to fix any errors indicated by SRC/IRB. If it is not fixed by the third attempt, the students' project will not be approved. The student cannot conduct the experiment and thus cannot continue with any science fair assignments due past October 23rd with the exception of the portions of the portfolio that were required before paperwork approval and a portion of the comp book signatures. ***IF YOU ARE DOING A PLANT PROJECT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING YOUR PAPERWORK IN ON TIME TO PROPERLY COMPLETE YOUR PROJECT. "PLANTS NEED TIME TO GROW"**

October 23 – November 16 - Conduct experiment, collect and record data. Student must have paperwork approval from teacher and SRC/IRB before conducting the experiment. ***All observations and data collection must be logged in the comp book as data is being collected.***

December 1-2:	All of the Project Due - Backboards; Notebook & Research Portfolio Final Draft Due
December 1-4:	Classroom Presentations
December 7- 8:	DHS Science Backboard Fair (setup (7) peer judging (8))
December 9-10:	DHS Science and Inventor's Fair: (setup (9-10), judging (11))

[Message from Mike Scott, Office of the Sheriff](#)

Dear Citizens of Lee County, In 2007, the Florida Legislature amended the Florida Sex Offender Statutes. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) now maintains a public, automatic email notification service regarding sexual predators and offenders. The Lee County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, is pleased to announce the Florida Sexual Offender/Predator Email Community Notification Services is now available and information may be requested in two different ways.

1. Select an address of interest
2. Select an offender of interest

We encourage you to sign up for this free service by visiting the Lee County Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.sheriffleefl.org>
For inquiries or assistance contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) at 1-877-335-3767 or for all other sex offender related questions, contact Sergeant Tracey Booth of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Sexual Offender/Predator Unit at 239-477-1081.

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Science Fair Project Timeline—Fall 2009 - continued

Manage your time and resources.
Be honest and ethical.
Think creatively and critically.
Do your best work!

Science Fair – Reminders

The timeline above and the guidelines and expectations for this semester-long project has been approved by the DHS Administration and affected Faculty. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the following, please contact your science teacher.

The local SRC/IRB and possibly a Regional approval council must approve all projects before conducting any experiments. *(Any experiments not approved will not be acknowledged as being done by the teacher even if the student may continue the project at their own risk)*

All Florida and International Science and Engineering Fair rules will be followed.

Go to <http://www.sciserv.org/isef/> for all rules and information. All students are expected to conduct original research in an ethical and honest manner.

Parent assistance should be limited to such activities as driving students to the library, assisting with any acquisition of materials, and giving plenty of encouragement. Parents are NOT to conduct any part of the project or create any part of the display. Maintain ALL original notes, data, observations, etc. in your comp book for evidence. Be a resource manager. Plan your project carefully and follow the timeline above.

Science Olympiad is accepting members for the new 2009-2010 Team. If you are interested in building, lab work and competing in science, please join us at the meetings on Wednesday and Thursdays. Look at the scrolling news for mandatory meeting dates." - Please contact Ms. Catherine Griffin for more information.

"ACHIEVEMENT IS THE EXPECTATION AT DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL"

Disney's Dreamers Academy with Steve Harvey Begins Looking for 2010 Class

Disney's Dreamers Academy with Steve Harvey, an event created to inspire and enrich high school students, has started accepting nominations for the Class of 2010. From now until October 2, 2009, parents, teachers, family and friends can nominate the high school students for the highly successful event, which will return to Walt Disney World Resort February 11-14, 2010. Students can even nominate themselves.

One hundred teens from across the country with big dreams and aspirations will be selected to pack their bags – and their dreams – and head to Walt Disney World Resort, where they will learn about careers in everything from culinary arts to animation, set design and show production to the business of sports and more. The Disney's Dreamers Academy class of 2010 will be made up of teens nominated through October 2, 2009. Young dreamers – who must be enrolled in high school for the 2009-10 term – can be nominated by anyone, including parents, guardians, teachers, church members, social organizations – even themselves. Although a high GPA is not required, students must exhibit a desire to learn, perhaps needing only additional motivational support to excel. Nomination forms can be found at <http://www.SteveHarvey.com/disneysdreamersacademy> A select panel of judges including national radio personality Steve Harvey, community leaders and Disney representatives will choose the 100 finalists.

The Disney's Dreamers Academy class of 2010 will be announced in November 2009. During Disney's Dreamers Academy in 2010, the students will participate in workshops with Disney cast members and executives, hear inspirational stories from entertainment celebrities and professional athletes, and enjoy the Disney theme parks – where they can see, first-hand, the results of people who turned their dreams into careers as "Disney dreamers."

H1N1 (SWINE) FLU GUIDELINES / PROCEDURES

In preparation for the coming school year and the annual flu season, Lee County Public Schools is following its established procedures for students and staff, listed below:

- School staff will increase vigilance to identify students exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
- Custodians/building supervisors will increase focus and frequency of cleaning commonly touched areas (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, handrails, etc.).
- Symptomatic students will be sent to the school's clinic for evaluation by a Clinic Assistant and/or School Nurse.
- Clinic Assistant and/or School Nurse will determine if a child should be isolated due to symptoms.
- Schools will identify an area where students can be isolated from general student body.
- Parent/guardians of isolated students will be contacted and requested to pick up their child(ren) as soon as possible.
- Students with influenza-like illness **must remain at home for at least 24 hours** after their fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol).
- A fever is a temperature which is elevated above 100 degrees.
- If symptoms do not subside, parents should seek medical care from their doctor or health provider.
- Students will be allowed to use hand sanitizers at school **under the supervision of adults**.
- School District officials will continue to work closely with Lee County Health Department officials to monitor and evaluate the situation and determine if any additional steps/action is warranted.

HOW YOU CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF INFLUENZA / FLU

- If you are sick, **please stay home** for at least 24 hours.
- If symptoms continue after 24 hours, see a health care provider.
- Cover Your Cough:** you should cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend in your elbow to avoid contaminating your hands.
- Wash Your Hands:** Vigorous hand washing with soap and water is recommended; however, if soap and water are not available, use an approved hand sanitizer.

This notice is available in Spanish and Creole languages. Contact our front office for either version.

PARENTS of SENIORS—MEMORIES ARE FOREVER

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$55. The yearbooks will be all in **COLOR** this year!
Buy yours before they run out! See Mrs. Merritt in room 427 to purchase yours.

Attention Seniors: Senior Ads are on sale now. They are on sale until October 31st.

Buy an ad to celebrate that special SENIOR!

Full Page: \$275 (**color**) \$150 (black & white)

Half Page: \$165 (**color**) \$90 (black & white)

Quarter Page: \$100 (**color**) \$60 (black & white)

If you have any questions, Kim Merritt @ Dunbar High School

DUNBAR GUIDEDANCE COUNSELORS

Need assistance with SAT's , ACT's, FCAT's, or AVID planning ?

Please contact one of our three Guidance Counseling Team Members.

Names A—L : see Mr. Albritton. Names M—Z :see Ms. Henderson.

AVID program: Contact Mrs. Madigan our AVID Counselor. All can be reached at 461-5322

ACCESSING PARENTLINK FOR STUDENT GRADES

Go to the district website. www.leeschools.net

Locate Parentlink under "For Parents". It is in the "School Information" section. Log on by doing the following:

The User Name is the Student ID of the eldest child enrolled in the school district, plus the student's first and last initial. Example – 12345678JD for John Doe whose school ID is 12345678. The Password is your eldest child's birth date in MMDDYY format. Example – 010192 if John Doe was born on January 1, 1992.

Please change the password to something unique, that you can remember after logging on for the first time.

If your child has already accessed Parentlink and set up a password that you do not know, or if you have forgotten your password, please contact either Ms. Amber Sage or your child's mentor to have the password reset.

GRADES AND ATTENDANCE

Grades should be updated once a week on Wednesday, and are reflective of the previous week's grades.

If you have a question about your child's grades or attendance, or are concerned about a specific grade or assignment, please contact your child's school directly for the most up-to-date information. At the moment, there is a district-wide problem with viewing specific assignments. The district office is working with the vendor (Pinnacle/Parentlink) to rectify the situation. They hope to have that part of Parentlink up and running soon.

PROJECT GRADUATION

You have made it! This is your SENIOR year of high school. Be proud of your accomplishments thus far as you focus on the reward at the end of this year, GRADUATION. Everything will take on a new meaning to you as you travel through this last year of high school, so cherish it. Your senior year will be the most exciting and the most memorable time of your high school life. As your class sponsor, one of my main goals is that I



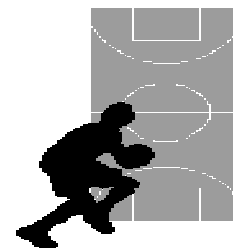
want to make sure that every senior and their parents/guardians are prepared for all the requirements, expenses, and activities during this senior year. I must stress to you the importance of listening **INTENTLY to ALL** announcements this year. Information will be coming at you through ParentLink, our newsletter, and WTGR News. At Senior Meetings, you will be given important deadlines you **MUST** meet and expenses you must take care of. Missing a deadline may cause yourself and others major disappointment this year. If you have any questions, contact me at school. If you

can't see me during the day, e-mail me at ByronLL@Leeschools.net. I'm here to help you and your parents through your final year.

We will be collecting the first payment for Grad Bash towards the end of the month of September. We can only take 100 students and it's on a first come first pay basis. Homecoming is October 12th-16th with the dance on the 17th and the senior class is in need of 5 convertibles to parade our senior homecoming court during halftime of the football game on the 16th. If you have a convertible and would like to volunteer in Homecoming, please call me at the school, 461-5322 x513 or e-mail me that you would be able to participate in our Homecoming festivities. We are also looking for a small flatbed trailer to decorate and use as the senior class float for our Wednesday night pep rally. If u have a trailer that the senior class can use for a couple of days to decorate, again please give me a call or e-mail that we will be able to use it for the night.

Winter Sports Season Rapidly Approaching

All students interested in participating in one of the winter sports need to have athletic paperwork completed. The winter sports season is comprised of the following: Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer and Wrestling. Athletic paperwork can be obtained in the front office.



RENAISSANCE CLUB NEWS

Students have a great opportunity to earn rewards for keeping good grades, attendance, and behavior. Each quarter, Renaissance will be giving Renaissance cards each quarter to students who earn at **least a 2.5 GPA**, have a maximum of 5 absences, and absolutely no referrals.

The cards will give students rewards like homework passes, early dismissal to lunch, and free admission to athletic events. In addition, there is one special cardholder event each quarter. Cards are handed out approximately 3 weeks after the quarter ends.

Renaissance will be selling drawstring bags for \$5. The bags meet dress code and all profits stay at Dunbar High School to reward teachers, staff, and students for attitude, behavior, and attendance. Look for them soon at lunch and football games.

Snack Shack is open every day after school until 2:05 p.m. We sell snacks and drinks from \$0.25 from to \$1.00. All proceeds stay at Dunbar High School to reward teachers, staff, and students for attitude, behavior, and attendance.

On behalf of Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner of Education

The School District of Lee County has been identified as a district in need of corrective action based on the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This means that the district did not meet all state student achievement criteria, or Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), in reading, mathematics, and/or writing for four or more consecutive years. The district has met 72% of the AYP criteria. AYP measures the performance of all students and specific student groups based on race/ethnicity, free and reduced price lunch status, disability, and English proficiency.

To make AYP, a certain percentage of students in each group must score at grade level, or be proficient, on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) in reading, writing, and mathematics. If one student group is not proficient, the entire district does not make the AYP requirements. This does not mean that Lee County Schools are failing; it means that certain areas need improvement. The table below shows the percentage of proficient students in Lee County compared to other students in the state.

As a result, the district has developed a plan to improve the achievement of its schools. This District Improvement, Assistance, and Intervention Plan can be accessed on the DOE's (Department of Education) website:

http://www.flbsi.org/0910_SIP/Login.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1. In addition, the district must move some of the funds to the schools to support activities that improve student achievement.

Parents play an important role in their child's education and are invited to become involved in their child's school. There are many ways of participating, such as:

Attending parent conferences with teachers

Participating in activities at the school

Becoming a member of the SAC (School Advisory Council)

Volunteering at the school

For additional information, visit DOE's Bureau of Student Assistance website: <http://www.fldoe.org/bsa>.

If you have questions regarding the academic progress of your child's school, Lee County Schools, or how to become more involved, contact your school principal.

DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL—PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY—2002-2010—TITLE I SCHOOL

We value the help and involvement of parents. It is our goal to reach out to, be in contact with, and work with parents as equal partners as we build ties between our parents and Dunbar High School. Watch for information in the October newsletter as we start planning to improve our school with your input. We have many activities planned during the year including: School Advisory Council, District and School Parent Surveys. Please contact our Parent Involvement Specialist, Mr. Liddle, if you would like to be a participant in these valued activities.

NEW @ DUNBAR HIGH

One of our newest resources at Dunbar High School. Ms. Ward, one of our valued tenured teachers, is now our Learning Resource Teacher which will allow our school to keep on track with all of our academic programs.

Title I Learning Resource Teacher Job Description

PURPOSE = Student Achievement Through Support For the Classroom Teachers
FOCUS = Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

- Assist with Title I requirements
- Analyze data regarding AYP subgroups
- Participate in the A+ Data Team
- Model and coach Response to Intervention (RtI) strategies (Florida Rule 6A-6.0331)
- Facilitate interventions for low-performing AYP subgroups
- Ensure that the RtI process requirements are implemented with integrity.

Kim Ward
Dunbar High School
Title I Learning Resource Teacher
239-461-5322



Wendy's High School Heisman Award

Eligibility requirements:

Seniors
B Average
Participation in at least one sport

How to Apply:

Go to www.wendysheisman.com,

click on Students/Parents

Click on "Apply Now" Register and fill out your online application by October 1, 2009.

You must ask a counselor or teacher to review your application. List Ms. Madigan (Room 1007) as your Applicant Reviewer. Please email:

melodyam@leeschools.net

After October 22nd follow your application progress online.

Any questions: email wendys@act.org
or call 800-205-6367

\$1,000 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Dear Mr. Burnside,

I would like to call your attention to a wonderful opportunity for your students right now through Walsworth Publishing's Student Scholarship Sweepstakes. Walsworth is giving all students everywhere a chance to enter drawings to win one of three \$1,000 scholarship prizes.

There are three Sweepstakes drawings this fall – Oct. 7, Nov. 9 and Dec. 9. Students and parents can enter simply by visiting yearbookforever.com/ win and filling out the brief online entry form.

We believe the Student Scholarship Sweepstakes is an outstanding way to drive awareness of yearbook sales and the importance of the yearbook, which is why schools participating in Walsworth's Online Sales Program receive posters, fliers, emails and all kinds of exciting marketing materials.

If you have any questions about the Sweepstakes, or would just like to learn more about how Walsworth's Online Sales Program can help I increase yearbook sales, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Donna Hutcherson
Walsworth Yearbook Sales Representative
239.566.9630
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Pride and Patriotism



It is time again for schools, families and community members to come together and celebrate the talents of our students in the areas of music, writing and art. To get your official entry form for the 7th Annual "Pride and Patriotism" – Youth Celebrating the Arts and Honoring Our Veterans Event, contact or see Mr. Liddle at the high school in room 1802.

The event will be held at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Wednesday, November 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra's concert..

Three winners will be chosen at each level for both art and writing. They and their works will be honored at the ceremony. This ceremony is to honor veterans, so writers and artists should keep this audience in mind in their writings or poems.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

SAT TESTS

PSAT

FCAT

HOMECOMING

Saturday - October 10th
Wednesday - October 14th
Oct. 19th to 23rd **RETAKES**
11th & 12th Grades

Friday - **October 16th**
vs. Riverdale
Saturday - **October 17th**
DANCE

NOVEMBER

Friday - Nov. 17th—**SENIOR NIGHT**



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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VISION: TO BE A WORLD CLASS SCHOOL SYSTEM

**Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium
introduces the NEW Insectarium Exhibit
Opening September 26, 2009**

The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium is a private, not-for-profit environmental education center which offers fun for people of all ages! The Center is located at 3450 Ortiz Avenue at the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and Six Mile Cypress in Fort Myers, one minute from I-75 at Exit 136. Additional information is available by calling 275-3435 or at www.CalusaNature.org

Out-Of-Field Notification

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers are certified teachers but are in the process of meeting in-field requirements:

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add ESOL to their certificates: Barbara Raymond, Crin Greenblatt, Nina Hart-Barnes, Rebecca Jamme, Jill Klausung, Angela Merritt, Kim Merritt, and Petra Wilkes.

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