Principal's Message



Dunbar Families,

It has certainly been an exciting start to the 2023-2024 school year! We have welcomed almost 1,800 students, including 425 freshmen, and expect to have an outstanding school year. Our STRIPES program, encouraging students and staff to continuously strive for expected achievement through Success, Tradition, Respect, Integrity, Positivity, Engagement, and Safety that began last school year, has continued this year after proving to have significant positive effects on our Tigers. Each and every day, our Tigers are reminded to earn and show their STRIPES!

Over the summer, our Dunbar students continued to demonstrate their dedication to their academics and future aspirations by participating in local, state, and national competitions. Four of our STEM students competed in the Certiport Microsoft and Adobe National Championship where Andrew Chuang won 2nd place in Word 2019. Our ever-growing Technology Student Association (TSA) placed 3rd in "On Demand Video" at the TSA Nationals. Competing in the National Chemistry Olympiad regional competition, Isabel Liu ranked number one regionally which qualified her for the National Competition. Moreover, Kurukulasuri (Nishini) Fernando won second place for 9th grade at the U.S. Nationals Invention Convention 2023. Our Tigers repeatedly demonstrate their dedication to achievement and their Tiger Pride!

We have had a promising start to the school year despite Hurricane Idalia's close pass and Hurricane Ian still having some lasting effects on our students and staff. We are the Dunbar Tigers, and we will persevere because Achievement is the Expectation!

Carl C. Burnside, Principal

"Proud Principal of Dunbar High"

Mission Statement

Dunbar High School will cultivate young individuals who will possess a conceptual understanding of local and global situations through inquiry and collaboration. With a focus on developing the holistic individual, Dunbar High School will promote the skills of communication, research, self-management, deep-thinking abilities, cultural awareness, and technological innovation to ignite students' passion for lifelong learning, achievement, and interpersonal relationship-building, preparing its students for success in global competition.



Counseling Corner

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The Dunbar Counseling team is excited to work with you to achieve academic and personal success!

Counselor Caseload			
Last Names A - D	Mr. Gianfranco Mellone	GianfrancoM@LeeSchools.net	
Last Names E - K	Mrs. Kiana Lugo	KianaMLu@LeeSchools.net	
Last Names L - Q	Mrs. Heather Davis	HeatherMDa@LeeSchools.net	
Last Names R - V	Ms. Stefany Cubilette	StefanyC@LeeSchools.net	
Last Names W -Z Pre-IB and IB Students	Mrs. Deedra Rosa	DeedraLR@LeeSchools.net	

Join our Google Classroom

Stay up-to-date with school announcements, events, and exciting opportunities by joining the grade appropriate School Counseling Google Classroom.

Dual Enrollment

Students interested in taking dual enrollment at FMTC, FSW or FGCU must have a qualifying Accuplacer, SAT or ACT score and hold the required GPA by the institution's determined deadline. Check out the websites below or speak to your school counselor for more details.

https://www.fsw.edu/dualenrollment

https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaid/ace/

https://fortmyerstech.edu/future-students/high-school-opportunities/

Upcoming Testing Dates

October: November:

9th - PSAT 1st-9th – ACT Seniors (Non-College Reportable)

11th – ACT (College Reportable)

17th - SAT (Non-College Reportable)

Quarter 2 Important Dates

October 16 No School for Students: Teacher Day October 25 FULL School Day for Hurricane Make-up November 11 Veterans Day (Hurricane Make-Up Day) November 13 **SAC Meeting**

November 20-24 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

Google Classroom Codes				
9th Grade	NQNZJBZ			
10th Grade	A4GUUQT			
11th Grade	W37BQ7Z			
12th Grade	HVAMBG7			

SAT Dates		
October 7, 2023		
November 4, 2023		
December 2, 2023		
March 9, 2024		
May 4, 2024		
June 1, 2024		

ACT Dates		
October 28, 2023		
December 9, 2023		
February 10, 2024		
April 13, 2024		
June 8, 2024		

December 21 FULL School Day for Hurricane Make-up December 22 End of Quarter 2 (Early Dismissal) Dec 23 - Jan 8 Winter Break (No School) January 9 Start of Quarter 3



Tutoring and General Information

Parents and students concerned about Quarter 1 grades can take advantage of the following tutoring opportunities:

Connect with LEE Tutoring: The School District of Lee County is providing virtual after-school support for homework and class assignments on school days beginning August 28th, 2023. High school hours are Monday - Thursday 3:30-7:30 p.m.

- CONNECT to the Connect with LEE student website located on the student Launchpad.
- LOCATE the grade or content specific virtual classroom link on the website.
- CLICK on the link to be placed in a virtual waiting room until your Live Educational Expert is available.

Teacher	Subject	Days	Hours
Klausing	11/12 SAT/ ACT	M/T/Th	1:45-3:15
Poland	Geometry	M/T	2:00-4:00
Saunderson	Algebra 1	Th	2:00-4:00
Saunderson	Math Enrich- ment	T/Th	2:00-4:00
Priebe	11th and 12th Grade Grad- uation & all other math	T/Th	2:00-4:00

SAT/ACT Study Tools

Students are strongly encouraged to study for the SAT using the Khan Academy website (www.khanacademy.org) and the ACT Academy for the ACT (http://academy.act.org). Both websites offer real practice exams that create a personalized study plan. Studies have proven that students who dedicate 20 hours of total study time on Khan Academy will raise their scores dramatically.

Seniors are highly encouraged to attend Mrs. Klausing's SAT Reading tutoring sessions after school

Scholarships

Scholarships for current seniors are posted in the Senior Google Classroom. (Code: HVAMBG7) It is recommended that students check weekly for local scholarship opportunities. Students are also invited to search for scholarships on www.collegeboard.org and www.fastweb.com.

FASFA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the federal application for student aid and must be completed annually. The U.S. Department of Education is the largest source of federal student aid. This year, students can submit the FAFSA beginning December 1st. Seniors will be creating their FSA ID's and become introduced to the FAFSA application through classroom presentations with our College and Career Specialist, Mr. Joe Addison. If you have any questions regarding the FAFSA please email Mr. Addison: JoeEAd@leeschools.net

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Bright Futures, Florida's largest merit-based scholarship program, offers four scholarship awards based on high school. academic achievement: Academic Scholars, Medallion Scholars, Gold Seal CAPE Scholar, and Gold Seal Vocational Scholar. Go to www.floridastudentfiancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf to find out how to qualify for a Bright Future Scholarship.

General Information

Community Service

Students who are interested in documenting their community service hours for the Bright Futures Scholarship program must complete a Volunteer Service Agreement form, Volunteer Reflection form, and provide, on agency letterhead, the dates of service and activities completed. Additional information, including volunteer opportunities and online forms can be found at: https://dhs.leeschools.net/our_school/school_counseling/bright_futures



Welcome New Staff

We would like to welcome our new teachers joining the Dunbar High staff!

Nicholas Arndt (Driver's Ed & PE)
Stefany Cubilette (School Counselor)
Shavon Donnell (Social Studies & School Intervention Specialist)
Jeffrey Fowler (Math & Physics)
Elizabeth Howe (Science)
Rebecca McDonald Hubbard (English)
Sherry Kelley (English)
Desiree Salazar (Math)
Laurie Smiley (PLTW Engineering)
Victoria Webber (Art)

Out of Field Teachers

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 teachers on the report below are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take the appropriate steps to comply with statutory regulation, or are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their Florida Educators Certificate.

ESOL Endorsement: Pamela Duff, JeNiece Ervin, Kimberley Freis, Tiarra McCray, Rachael Newman, Patrick Romcoe, Harold Thomas, Chelsea Ward

Subject Area:

All DHS teachers are certified in their area.

Asbestos Disclaimer

Dunbar High School has been inspected and certain asbestos-containing materials or assumed asbestos-containing materials such as: fire doors or roofing materials that are tested prior to repairs or removal as needed, have been located in the school buildings. Please be aware that the School District of Lee County has an active management plan designed to ensure that the building is maintained safely for all occupants. These materials are being controlled in accordance with the Asbestos Management Program for the school and following the limitations and procedures of the policies and requirements of the Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Program of the School District of Lee County.



Dunbar IB Tigers are off to another great start. The Dunbar IB students are working hard to complete first quarter assignments. It is important to focus on the ten profile words and model good examples of communication, inquiry, caring, and the other seven profiles. We should be using these in all classes and in all endeavors both in and out of school. All 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade IB students should have had signed and returned advanced program syllabi and Academic Honesty Policies. It is very important to demonstrate understanding of these documents by sharing them with parents and signing and returning them to their teachers. Since Quarter 1 is complete, any IB student with a GPA under 3.0 will receive a probation letter that also needs to be signed and returned. Students will need to improve their GPA by the end of Quarter 2.

DP and CP Seniors are completing their Extended Essays and Reflective Projects at this time. They are meeting with their supervisors to reflect and share information on their topics. This is just one required component that must be completed by every senior student. They are also working on their CAS and Service Learning. All information should be entered into the ManageBac Software. Seniors are also registering for External Exams in May. These papers must also be signed by both students and parents and returned to Mrs. Baisch. Internal Assessments in each IB class will also be completed in Quarter 2. The Juniors and Seniors are also participating in a virtual fundraiser. The money collected will go to paying for field trips, and buying resources and incentives for the students. Later we will be selling recycle bags to raise money for landscaping at DHS.

The DP and CP Juniors are working on selecting their subjects and topics for their Extended Essays and Reflective Projects. Soon they will be assigned their supervisor. They will also begin their research process.

Our annual Pinning and Certificate Ceremony will be on Monday, Dec. 18th, at 1:45 p.m. in the Media Center. We invite the previous year's alumnae to come and share experiences and receive their IB Certificates. The Seniors receive their IB pins. All IB students and parents are invited to attend. It is a great time for all.

There are IB t-shirts available for purchase. They are designed by former IB students and are \$15.00 each. See Mrs. Baisch to purchase a shirt.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gayle Baisch, IB Coordinator at (239) 461-5322.



Report Cards

Report Cards & Focus Parent Portal

Report cards can be accessed online ONLY using the Focus Parent Portal. There is no need to wait for the mail to receive your child's report card. Parents will have access to report cards and other important student information like grades, attendance, discipline referrals, and progress monitoring results.

Scan the QR code for additional information and instructions on how to access Focus Parent Portal.

Athletics

Physical Information

Any students planning to participate in athletics for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

Mr. Daniels, Athletic Director
(239) 461-5322 ext. 1280
AubreyLD@leeeschools.net
Mrs. Banks, Athletic Secretary
(239) 461-5322 ext. 1101
LaShawnAB@leeeschools.net

- Create an account on AthleticClearance.com
- Select **Florida**, then **Dunbar** for the school
- Download the forms (EL2, EL3, and GA4). A physical should be completed by a physician. The physician will clear you if you are physically able to participate in athletics.
- You must complete each of the following required courses from the website NFHSLearn.com. The courses include: Concussion, Heat, Policy 36, and Cardiac Arrest.
- Upload the following documents on your Athletic Clearance account: the completed forms (EL2, EL3, and GA4), certificate of completion for each of the following required courses from the website NFHSLearn.com listed above, birth certificate, proof of insurance, and driver's license of parent for identification purposes. The free app Genius Scan can be used to upload forms.
- You will be notified via email if you are cleared to participate. *
- After the first semester, all incoming 9th graders will need to have a grade point average of 2.0 to participate in athletics during the second semester.
- All Sophomores and Juniors should have at least a 2.0 overall GPA to participate in Athletics.

Winter Sports

All paperwork must be completed and students cleared to participate before practicing any sport.

WINTER SPORTS	COACHES	EMAIL	START DATE
Boys' Basketball	Sam Brown	SamBr@leeschools.net	10/30/23
Girls' Basketball	Jo Shaw	JoES@leeschools.net	10/30/23
Cheerleading	Keoshia Brown	KeoshiaCB@leeschools.net	8/30/23
Boys' Soccer	Kevin Gonzlez	Kevingenderson4@gmail.com	10/16/23
Girls' Soccer	Caitlin Hatchel	CaitlinHa@leeschools.net	10/16/23
Boys' Wrestling	Andrew Kellum	AndrewJK@leeschools.net	11/6/23
Girls' Wrestling	Andrew Kellum	AndrewJK@leeschools.net	10/30/23
Girls' Weightlifting	Adam Irizzary	AdamI@leeschools.net	10/9/23

Social Worker Corner

Your student's School Social Worker is Ms. Evelyn. As Dunbar's School Social Worker, Ms. Evelyn is here to support our Tiger students and families, including:

- Providing resources to students and families such as food and clothes
- Counseling students in matters of attendance and addressing issues contributing to poor attendance
- Participating in our school-based mental health team

Attendance- It is very important that students attend school regularly and on time. The more that a student is in school, the more likely that they are to be successful in school and graduate on time. For information on Dunbar High School's Attendance Policy, please refer to this link: https://dhs.leeschools.net/our_school/attendance_policy

Tiger Market and Resource Closet- Here at Dunbar High School, we are lucky to have a few resources on campus that can help our students and their families. We have a Tiger Market that students and families can use if they need food and a Resource Closet that has school supplies, hygiene products, and clothes.



Summer and Q1 Accolades

Certiport Microsoft Champion for Word 2019

Congratulations to Dunbar High School student, Andrew Chuang Saladin for winning 2nd Place in the #Certiport US Microsoft Champion for Word 2019. He won \$2000 and a Surface Tablet Go2. Andrew was congratulated by Tony Franklin, executive from Microsoft (pictured here).



TSA Nationals

Dunbar High School TSA team earned 3rd place in On Demand Video at TSA Nationals! congratulations to Erin Rodriguez, Aiden Burbacher, Lucas Mosher, Andrew Chuang-Saladin, and Garry Belcher



National Chemistry Olympiad

Congratulations to FSW dual enrollment student Isabel Liu! Isabel recently participated in the National Chemistry Olympiad at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. She qualified for the national competition after ranking Number 1 in the Regional Chemistry Olympiad! #FSW #Elevate



US Nationals Invention Convention

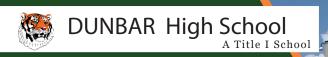
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Bridging The Skills Gap Training

Dunbar High School graduates were able to take advantage of a "Bridging the Skills Gap Training" for Florida's Future Manufacturing Workforce this summer. FloridaMakes.com





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Principal Carl Burnside

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