

Principal's Message



Tiger Families,

We are entering the final quarter of the 2023-2024 school year, and our Tigers are continuing to work diligently on their coursework to make this an academically successful year. Our AP and IB students are preparing for their exams, seniors are ensuring their graduation criteria is met, and underclassmen are studying for State required exams, as well as, taking advantage of SAT and ACT opportunities. I am truly proud of our students' and staff's efforts for achievement this year!

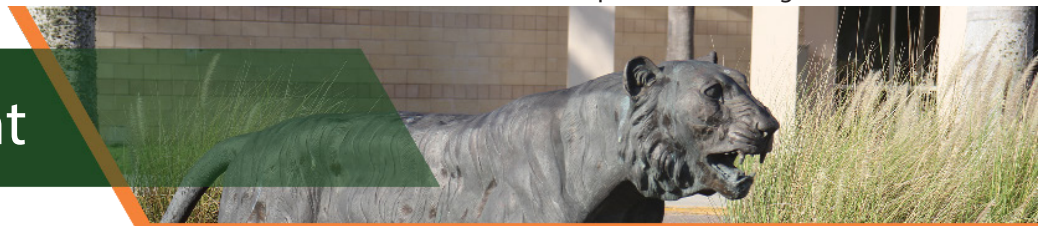
Not only are our Tigers pushing academically, we have also had great success in our extracurricular activities. Our Technology Student Association (TSA) went to the State TSA Competition, and six of our teams qualified for Nationals being held this summer in Orlando! Additionally, Ximena Abella placed second at the Under 20 Art Juried Art Show with her recycled composition, and we had two teams place 2nd at this year's downtown Fort Myers annual Chalk Block Festival!

I am very proud of the work put forth by both students and staff this school year, and I look forward to the future accomplishments of our Tigers here at Dunbar High School "Where 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

Upcoming Testing Dates

April 13, 2024	ACT	June 1, 2024	SAT
May 4, 2024	SAT (digital)	June 8, 2024	ACT
		July 13, 2024	ACT

2024-2025 Elective Course Selection

Starting April 2024, students in grades 9-11 will be able to select elective classes for the 2024-2025 school year. Please check that your student has joined the appropriate School Counseling Google Classroom.

Class of 2025	W37BQ7Z
Class of 2026	A4GUUQT
Class of 2027	NQNZJBZ

Semester 2 Important Dates

March 14	End of Quarter 3
March 15	No School – Professional Duty Day
March 18-22	No School – Spring Break
March 25	Quarter 4 Begins
March 29	No School – Good Friday
April 1	No School – Easter Monday
April 24	Early Dismissal Day
April 29	SAC Meeting at 6:00 in DHS Auditorium
May 19	Graduation 7:00 at FSW
May 27	No School – Memorial Day
May 28-31	Final Exams for Semester 2 (Early dismissal May 30-31)
May 31	Last Day of Semester 2

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. Klausung's SAT Reading tutoring sessions after school

FAFSA

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

General Information



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. https://dhs.leeschools.net/our_school/school_social_worker_and_resources



General Information

Check out the “Senior Important Information” Google Classroom (code: HVAMBG7) for updated scholarship information! Don’t pass up these opportunities to be awarded cash for college!

NACAC Virtual College Fairs

The NACAC Virtual College Fairs are a great opportunity to explore colleges nationwide. During these virtual fairs, students can hold a quick video chat with a college admission counselor, view college presentations, and much more! Be sure to register online. <https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs>

Academy Day

The Office of Congressman Byron Daniels will be hosting Academy Day on March 4th, 2024, at 5:00 PM, at FGCU Cohen Hall #201, 10501 FGCU Blvd S, Fort Myers, FL 33965. The purpose of Academy Day is to showcase the service academies, discuss the nomination process for Congressional District 19, and answer prospective student’s questions. RSVP via email: DonaldsAcademyNominations@mail.house.gov

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools

Online applications open in December 2023 due to the delay in the FAFSA opening. Utilize the link below to access the application when it opens. Seniors will be required to set up a new account, and complete a one-time general application to determine eligibility. <https://leeschoolfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Class of 2024: Graduation Day

Sunday, May 19th, 7:00pm
Suncoast Arena at FSW
13351 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33919
- MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Class of 2025: College Admissions Timeline

Begin planning for Senior year now! Take advantage of this step-by-step planning tool to ensure you are ready for the college admissions process. <https://www.khanacademy.org/college-careers-more/college-admissions/get-started/introduction-ca/a/master-timeline-college-admissions>

Parental Rights

The Florida Department of Education’s parental rights page may be found at: <https://fldoe.org/ParentalRights/>

School Dress Code

In order to avoid missing class, all students must follow the school dress code. Please, review the dress code on our school’s website: [DHS.LeeSchools.net](https://dhs.leeschools.net). If you have any questions about the dress code, contact a Dunbar administrator.

General Information



FORTIFYFL
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

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SAC Information

What is the Purpose of the School Advisory Council (SAC)?

The SAC is a team of people representing various segments of the community—parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/ industry people, and other interested community members. Each school in the State of Florida must have a SAC. The purpose of the SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation (developing and evaluating) of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget. Additionally, SAC receives funds “to be used at the discretion of the School Advisory Committee [whereas] a portion of the money should be used for implementing the school improvement plan.” Furthermore, “the improvement plan shall include performance indicators which are measurable.”

Meetings are held at Dunbar High, and announcements will be sent via School Messenger the week prior to SAC. Meetings are held on Mondays at 6:00 PM. Our next meeting will be held in the DHS auditorium on April 29th. Hope to see you there!

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: Nicholas Arndt, Pamela Duff, JeNiece Ervin, Kimberley Freis, Reginald Hicks, Rachael Newman, Patrick Romcoe, Harold Thomas, Chelsea Ward, Tyler Shepard, Laurie Smiley

Subject Area:
Desiree Salazar - Math

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.



IB seniors have completed their CORE requirements for each program. The final part they need to complete is their CAS and their Service Learning in ManageBac. They are also completing their Internal Assessments in each class. Those are also graded outside our school. Our IB Juniors are beginning the process of researching and writing about their topics for their Extended Essays and their Reflective Projects. They all have been given supervisors. Congratulations to Maria Plascides-Lopes for receiving the Red Sox Scholarship. Also, a big congratulations to Sarah Luu - Grade 10 2nd Place in the science fair, and Nishini Fernando – Grade 10 2nd Place, Kiwanis Humanitarian Award, and nomination to 2025 Imagine Solutions Conference, and an invitation to Edison Awards (Adult Invention program). We are proud of their hard work and accomplishments.

Our freshman and sophomores should be focusing on coming to school and completing and turning in work on time. They will be meeting with their counselor soon to plan their classes for next year. Our rising 9th graders and new 8th graders will meet in the Media Center on February 26th at 6:30 to plan for their classes next year. This will be a great time to get advice from other students and adults and learn about our programs.

Our evaluation of the Dunbar IB Program went well. The team was very impressed with the students and teachers who participate in the programs. The students and other people interviewed really helped our visitors to see the commitment of our participants to make this the best program. We will be sharing knowledge and working collaboratively to help the entire staff in providing all students great educational opportunities next year. Teachers at Dunbar will be training in Approaches to Teaching and Learning which will include using inquiry as a tool for learning. Next year we will focus on communication, research, self-management, social skills for the students.

Congratulations to Mrs. Wright's Biology students who are working hard to cultivate the wonderful produce from the DHS Garden. They have done a great job this year.

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



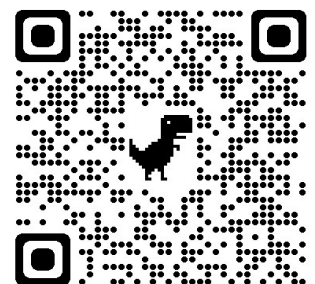
Report Cards / Parent Survey

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.

High Reliability Schools Parent Survey

Parents and guardians are being asked to complete this survey as part of an effort to help school leaders understand how members of your school community (students, parents, and the adults who work at the school) feel about your child's school. Please, take a few minutes of time to complete this important survey. Using your cellular phone, you can access the survey by hovering your camera app over the QR Code below, or go to the following website: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lee_County_Cohort_8_HRS_Level_1_Parent_Survey



Athletics



Physical Information

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

- 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.

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

Mr. Daniels, Athletic Director

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Mrs. Banks, Athletic Secretary

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Winter Sports

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

SPRING SPORTS	COACHES	EMAIL	START DATE
Baseball	Nick Arndt	NicholasRa@Leeschools.net	1/24/24
Softball	Kenny Benjamin	KennethLBen@Leeschools.net	1/24/24
Boys' & Girls' Tennis	Barbara Parker	BarbaraPa@Leeschools.net	1/24/24
Boys' & Girls' Track&Field	Joe Addison	JoeEAd@Leeschools.net	1/24/24
Boys' Weightlifting	Adam Irizarry	AdamI@Leeschools.net	1/24/24
Girls' Flag Football	Sammy Brown	SamBr@Leeschools.net	1/24/24
Spring Football	Smmy Brown	SamBr@Leeschools.net	1/24/24
JROTC Raiders	Pierre Berube	PierreJB@Leeschools.net	1/24/24



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

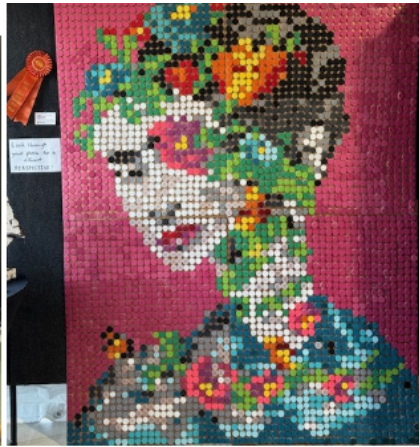
For more information on our School Social Worker, including how to contact her, please visit this link: https://dhs.leeschools.net/our_school/school_social_worker_and_resources

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

Q3 Accolades

Under 20 Art Juried Art Show

Congratulations to Ximena Abella for her success at the Under 20 Art Juried Art Show! She took 2nd place in the Fewster Family Award and won \$300 for her submission in the Recycled Materials category. Her Tiger pride shines through her hard work and creativity!



2024 Florida Technology Student Association (TSA) Conference

Our TSA Tigers had a fantastic showing at this year's Florida State TSA Conference in Orlando! Our Tigers placed in the top 12 in the State in 22 events with six of those teams qualifying for the National TSA Competition this summer. Of those six qualifying, four placed first in **Future Technology Teacher** - Isabella Fowler; **Manufacturing Prototype** - Esteban Aguinaga, Neil Chuang-Saladin, John Courtney, & Shourigna Madishetty; **On Demand Video** - Riley Alexander, Garry Belcher, Aiden Burbacker, Neil Chuang-Saladin, Lucas Mosher, & Aydan Rodriguez; **Children's Story** - Jazmyn Abbott, Nathaniel Caves, Michelle Chau, Isabella Fowler, David Godinez, Dylan Melilo-Pendery. Two teams placed third in **Flight Endurance** - Andrew Chuang-Saladin and **Music Production** - Bryan Baten-Rivas, Nathaniel Caves, John Courtney, Ryan Mader, & Aiden Persaud. Congratulations to everyone who participated and best of luck to those going on to Nationals!!

Chalk Block Festival

We had two teams representing DHS at the downtown Fort Myers annual Chalk Block Festival, and they did an amazing job representing our school! The judges were creating their own artwork near our block and visibly enjoyed their performance art stating, "This event is a performing art form and no one has ever done this before!" Our students are now avant-garde in their own right, placing 2nd out of 41 teams across private and public schools in Lee County beating out - yet again - many teams from the "art schools." Congratulations, Tigers!



Aydan Rodriguez, Andie Olding and Izac Bunton received praise for their brilliantly creative "performing art" idea for the theme Joy Is In the Journey.



Daneisha Maycock and Taylor Shorey created a beautiful journey representing birth within a stained glass effect that reflected light beautifully!

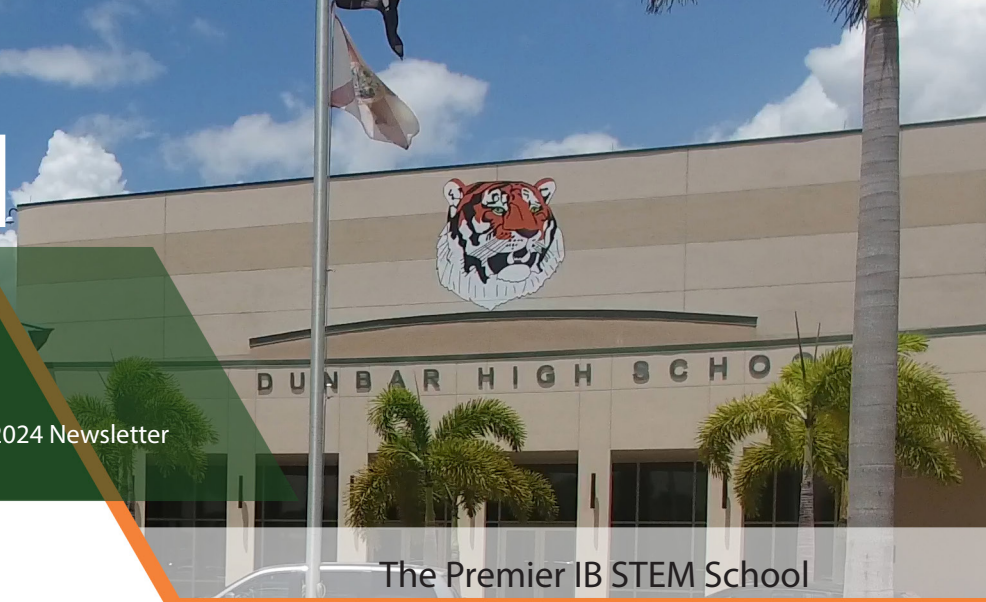




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