# A Message from your Principal

ear Buccaneer Family,

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Buccaneers

I would like to take this opportunity to share how excited we are to begin the new 2018-2019 school year!! We have been very busy all summer working to put our facility, academies, activities, and policies into place so that every student will have a rewarding, purposeful and successful year.

Mainland High School is committed to providing a quality education for all students. The school is proud to offer a curriculum that is varied in scope and flexibility in order to meet the needs of all Buccaneers. Faculty and staff work hard every day as they are committed to encourage and teach every student to live up to their potential – to achieve academic success, build admirable character, and possess the essence of citizenship – all of the qualities that make an individual successful. Every student at Mainland High School is a member of their chosen academy. We are proud to boast the success of our wall-to-wall school that encompasses nine separate and unique academies. We believe that Buccaneer students find their learning to be more meaningful and relevant to their goals. In addition, each academy exists as a smaller school within a school and this seems to provide a vehicle for networking and building relationships between and among fellow students, parents and educators who are associated with the academy. In the end, our goal is to prepare each and every student to be ready for their individual goals of college, career, and community.

I believe the most important thing for everyone to remember, is that the focus of Mainland High School - at all times - is *learning*! When learning becomes the focus for everyone - attendance, homework, engagement, connection to the school and achievement become paramount. If academic success for all students is to become a reality, it is essential that the administrators, faculty and staff work collaboratively with the families of our students to ensure that good choices, proactive actions, purposeful effort, and meaningful work become the standard for every day. In order to achieve this partnership – which is so integral to the success we seek, the school wants to be easily and comfortably accessible to our families. You are always welcome at Mainland High School - whether visiting in person or calling on the phone. I would like to encourage everyone to be as involved as you possibly can - in your child's education and in the school. Ask students about their classes and their activities outside the classroom and their friends. In addition, we have many ways that you can get involved with Mainland High School. There are specific organizations that you may join and several volunteer opportunities.

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## A Message from your Principal... continued

We would love for you to be a member of Mainland's School Advisory Council that meets on the fourth Tuesday of most months (see below). If you are interested in joining or doing any of these things, please feel free to contact me at 258-4665 x54222. I hope you will feel free to contact me at any time and for any reason! We are here for you and your students!

Finally, I would like to share this year's date for our Open House - mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. On the first day of school, *Monday, August 13*, students can begin picking up their final schedules at 7:00 AM in the Vince Carter Athletic Center. School starts at 7:35 AM.

It's going to be a great Buccaneer year!! In Buc Pride,

Cheryl A. Salerno, Principal

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## **I.D. Policy**

All students will be required to wear their ID so that it is visible. This rule is in place for the safety and organization of our campus.

## **Dress Code Policy**

All students are required to follow the district uniform policy. Mainland High School has designated white, royal/navy blue and gold/ yellow as the colors for student polo shirts. See the full dress code ON OUR WEBSITE.



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## **School Tardy Policy**

### The tardy policy, explained below, will continue to be enforced this year.

- All students must be on time to class
- A one minute warning bell will ring-as soon as the bell rings, all teachers will lock their doors and teach
- Any student tardy will go to the BUC STOP for the period-it is not punishment-it is policy
- Students in BUC STOP will sit quietly the entire period
- Students who arrive to school with a legitimate excuse will report to Attendance
- Students who are not in their designated classrooms will not be allowed to hang out
- Students who attend DSC, BCU, or have OJT are not permitted to wait outside the BUC STOP for their next class or leave for work

- All students are required to have appropriate ID's
- Halls must be clear of students during class time
- Students out of area must have an appropriate pass in hand at all times
- No passes will be issued the first or last 10 minutes of class
- If a student has an early dismissal, it will be brought to the class by an identified aide
- Early dismissal passes will not be processed after 2:00pm
- Students using the restrooms must use their hallway restroom
- NO CLASS WILL EVER BE DISMISSED BEFORE THE **BELL RINGS TO END THE PERIOD**

## **Lunch Policy**

The lunch policy at Mainland High School allows juniors and seniors only to leave campus for lunch with parental permission, no outstanding financial obligations, and a \$10.00 fee. Any student leaving for lunch must have the proper ID in their possession before leaving campus. Both the school and the parent have the right to revoke a student's lunch privilege at any time.

## **Free/Reduced Meals**

You can apply NOW for Free and Reduced meals by going to www.myvolusiaschools.org click school way café/meal application. This procedure is faster and more accurate than the paper application and it is secure.

You can also apply for Free/Reduced meals on a paper application.

- Please note: Applications MUST be printed on legal size paper.
- ALL applications printed on letter size paper will be discarded. •
- Return the completed application to your school.

Once you have submitted an application and it is processed,

you will receive an Eligibility Notification letter with your child's meal status.

The letter will be sent home with your child. Please keep this eligibility letter with your important papers. Please note: If you have submitted a paper application, DO NOT complete an on-line application. THIS WILL DELAY YOUR APPROVAL PROCESS.



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## **Campus Safety and Security**

The safety of our students is very important to us. With that in mind, we will be implementing security procedures for our school by practicing a variety of security drills. If you should come to the campus during one of our drills, please follow the directions of the Security Team, who will be identified by hand-held radios. You can help us keep your student safe by supporting Mainland High School as we implement these safety measures. Mainland High has created a Security Manual which has detailed procedures in event of an emergency. A copy of this manual is located in the main office and the media center.

#### **ALL VISITORS**

- Report to the office.
- Sign In.
- Wear a Visitor Pass.
- Sign Out.

#### **EARLY RELEASE OF STUDENTS**

- The approved adult which is recorded on the student's information must report to the attendance office in person and show their I.D. in order to sign out the student. At no time is it appropriate to text your student and tell them to walk outside without notifying the school. The student WILL be stopped and will not be allowed to walk out of the school without the appropriate early dismissal from the attendance in hand.
- If you are calling in an Early Dismissal for your student who has a vehicle on campus you must follow the direction of the Attendance Official. The student will then be given an early dismissal pass. Again, any student who is leaving school during school hours for any reason must have an official pass from the attendance office or the appropriate ID issued from the school.

#### FIRE/ EXPLOSION/ETC.

- Students will evacuate the building.
- Students will remain with teacher until released to parent/ guardian,placedonbus,orreceivewrittenorverbalpermissionto take own private transportation.

#### WEAPON USE/HOSTAGE SITUATION

- Teachers move students from crisis area.
- Students remain in the classroom with doors locked .
- Students are evacuated, if necessary.

#### **EVACUATION OF CAMPUS**

- If it is necessary to evacuate the campus, our students will be escorted to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Students will evacuate the building.
- Students will remain with teacher until released to parent/ guardian, placed on bus, or receive written or verbal permission

to take own private transportation.

You can also help us to keep the campus safe by discussing with your student the **Code of Student Conduct and Discipline**. You will receive this book the first week of school or as you register. The book is written to ensure that students will understand what behavior is expected from them, as well as the consequences of misbehavior. Some offenses are so serious that they may require a recommendation be made for expulsion of the student from school. Some of those offenses include: distribution of alcohol or drugs, committing assault or battery on a school board employee, making a bomb threat, bringing explosives, firearms, or weapons on campus.

Listed below are <u>some</u> of the items which students are prohibited from bringing to school. Possession of these items could result in suspension, expulsion, and/or criminal charges being filed. They include: alcohol, BB or pellet guns, bows and arrows, box cutters, bullets, chains or pipes, chemicals, firearms, fireworks, flammables, knives (any type/size), laser lights, brass knuckles, narcotics, non-prescription medication, pepper spray, prescription medication, drug paraphernalia, stun guns, tobacco products, toy guns, weapons, and razor blades. Discuss the serious consequences of bringing these items to school with your student.

Crime Stoppers is mentioned on the back inside cover of the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline. The program is designed to help students be safe at school by allowing them to anonymously report knowledge of crimes. If your son/daughter knows a student has a weapon on campus, they should immediately let their teacher and/or principal know. If for some reason they feel they could not report it, they could call it in to Crime Stoppers. 1-888-227-TIP

• Thank you for your support as we work together to keep your student safe at school. Please let us know of your suggestions or concerns by calling (386) 258-4665



## **School Advisory Council (SAC)**

By law, every school in Florida must have a School Advisory Council (SAC). This council consists of teachers, support personnel, parents, and community members.

Members of the School Advisory Council:

- Work with parents, staff, administrators and other community representatives to assist in development of a School Improvement Plan to improve the performance of ALL students.
- Participate regularly in School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings.
- Participate in activities and training related to learning about the school improvement process.
- Serve as a communication link between the SAC, the community, and the school.
- Participate in efforts to encourage support for the goals of the school.

The public is always welcomed to attend any meetings. For more information, please call 258-4665 x 54208

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) (4th Tuesday each month: 5:00 p.m. in the MPR)				
September 25	February 26			
October 23	March 26			
November 27	April 23			
January 22	May 28 (optional)			









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• Limitations: Does not cover parking, away games, FHSAA district and state events, and pre-season activities

## **Daily Announcements**

If you would like to receive an email containing the daily announcements, please contact the Activities Director, Mrs.Rogers at <u>jprogers@volusia.k12.fl.us</u>. This service is especially helpful if your student is at DSC in the morning and therefore misses important information.

## **Medication On Campus**

Students needing prescription medication must have:

- "Authorization to Administer Prescription Medication" form must be on file.
- Medicine must be in the original bottle .
- Medication must be brought to school by an adult.
- The <u>Medication Drop Off Log</u> must be completed each time medicine is delivered or picked up.





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#### 2018-19 School Calendar

Make-up days for inclement weather include November 19 and November 20.

August 7 (Tuesday) August 13 (Monday) September 3 (Monday) September 17 (Monday)	First Day of School for Students Labor Day Holiday				
October 15 (Monday)					
November 12 (Monday)					
November 19 (Monday)					
November 26 (Monday)	Classes Resume				
December 20 (Thursday)	Teacher Duty Day/Student Holiday				
December 21 (Friday)	Winter Holiday Begins				
January 7 (Monday)	Classes Resume				
January 21 (Monday)	Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday				
February 18 (Monday)	Presidents' Day Holiday				
March 15 (Friday)	Teacher Duty Day/Student Holiday				
March 18 (Monday)	Spring Holiday Begins				
March 25 (Monday)	Classes Resume				
May 27 (Monday)	Memorial Day Holiday				
May 31 (Friday)	Last Day of School for Students				
June 4 (Tuesday)	Last Day of School for Teachers				

#### **Early Release Days**

All students will be released approximately one hour early on the 34 Wednesdays listed below.

August 15 August 22 August 29	September 5 September 12 September 19 September 26	October 3 October 10 October 17 October 24 October 31	November 7 November 14 November 28	December 5 December 12 December 19
January 9 January 16 January 23 January 30	February 6 February 13 February 20 February 27	March 6 March 13 March 27	April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	May 29



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