

# SMOKE SIGNALS

For The Parents, Staff, Students & Community Of Boone High School

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## Principal's Message

Dear Braves,

I trust that you and your loved ones are in good health and high spirits. Summer break is coming to a close and we are just weeks away from the start of the 2024-25 school year. I want to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents, and staffully members. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, I am thrilled to have you as part of our Boone family.

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time filled with anticipation and the promise of new opportunities. Our team has been working diligently over the summer to plan engaging lessons for our students as they continue their academic journey towards their high school diploma. I also encourage all students to participate in the many extracurricular activities and sports teams available in the upcoming year.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize two phenomenal individuals selected as the best of the best at Boone High School by our staffully: Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Hilley, and Support Person of the Year, Jamie Longmire. Both truly embody what it means to be a Boone Brave, and we are fortunate to have them as part of our school. Additionally, our achievements would not be possible without the unwavering support of the Boone PTSO, the Boone High School Athletic Association, and the Boone Foundation. These organizations do so much for our students, and we are deeply grateful for their continued support.

As we prepare for the 2024-25 school year, I know all our Braves are ready to step up to the next grade level. I am looking forward to welcoming our new freshmen to the start of their high school journey. Our rising sophomores had a great first year, and I know they will continue to achieve success. Our rising juniors are halfway through high school and will soon be making important decisions regarding college and their future. Finally, our rising seniors are about to embark on their final year of high school—I cannot wait to celebrate the Class of 2025 in May! I am also excited to welcome back our amazing staffully. I know that all our Braves will have an incredible year!

Enjoy the rest of your summer—I will see you at Braves are Back on August 8, and on the first day of school on August 12!

Forever Brave,  
Hector Maestre, Ed.D.



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## Our Mission Statement

The mission of William R. Boone High School is to promote a safe learning environment with intense focus on student achievement. With the support and involvement of faculty and family, the school community strives to prepare all students to think critically, act responsibly, and perform successfully in a technological and multicultural society.

## Vision

By working together, we will strive to inspire life-long learning and curiosity within and beyond the classroom.

## Beliefs

We believe all students should have a respectful, safe, and nurturing environment.

- We believe in setting high expectations for all students to reach their greatest potential.
- We believe all students should experience a meaningful, rigorous curriculum delivered through strategic instruction.
- We believe students should be challenged and prepared for a changing global society and equipped with 21st century skills.
- We believe that as a staff we should foster a positive, supportive, and collegial working environment.

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## PTSO

Hello Brave Families!

I hope this finds each of you relaxed, refreshed and enjoying the last few lazy days of summer. Preparations are under way for the start of the 2024-2025 school year and what a year it will be! I am excited to be leading PTSO and I look forward to serving our Boone family. If you are new to Boone High School, welcome! Welcome to the Boone family! My best piece of advice for you is PLUG-IN! If you see a volunteer sign-up for an event, sign-up; if you see information for a PTSO or SAC or other parent meeting, attend! Not only will you get the opportunity to meet other parents, but you will learn so much about this campus and all its amazing people – teachers, staff & students alike. If you are returning to Boone, welcome back and my advice to you is the same, PLUG-IN! My husband, Joe, and I have been plugged in for years, with three Boone alumni, Josh (2016), Liv (2018) and Caleb (2021) and a current sophomore, Noah. We have had the opportunity to participate in so many events & activities and we are grateful for each one. We love our Boone family and I know you will too!

Boone PTSO partners with our administration, faculty & staff to help each Brave have the tools needed to be successful at Boone and beyond. We also partner with YOU, our Boone families. Our families supply the oil, monetary donations, and the elbow grease, volunteering, needed for PTSO to provide teacher & staff luncheons, Polyester Paradise – our welcome dance, Braves Bounty - our food pantry, Boone Outfitters - our clothing closet, scholarships for seniors, Homecoming dinners - the list goes on and on. So, make the decision to partner with Boone PTSO your 1st plug-in of the school year, go to [booneptso.com](http://booneptso.com) and become a PTSO Partner today! Your time, energy and monetary donations will give our Brave family a huge return on your investment.

There are several events & activities you don't want to miss. Here are a few to get you started.

**Parent Mixers** - a great time for parents to gather and meet new friends and reconnect with long-time friends! Additional details will be posted on the class Facebook pages.

**Polyester Paradise** - it's a groovy good time! Affectionately known as "Poly," this 70's themed dance is a welcome back tradition at Boone!

**Braves Are Back** - students can pick up their schedules, walk the campus, meet their teachers and check out their digital devices; students & parents can become PTSO Partners, purchase tickets to polyester paradise, yard signs, class magnets, and more!

More information on each of these & other events can be found in this newsletter and on our Boone Braves PTSO Facebook page. We also have a FB page for each class – '25, '26, '27 & '28, as well as an Instagram page – booneptso. Be sure to join your Braves' class page, as well as our main FB & IG pages to stay up to date on all things PTSO.

I know this is a lot of information and it can be a tad overwhelming, especially if you are new to Boone, but all of this information (and more) can also be found online. You can also reach out to me via our email, [boonehighschoolbraves@gmail.com](mailto:boonehighschoolbraves@gmail.com), with any questions you may have.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to seeing all of you at Braves Are Back and throughout the school year.

Forever Brave,  
Tracy Losch



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**Student & Family Services**  
 Boone Outfitters Clothes Closet clothing/shoes/hygiene needs for more than 100 students/families

50+ students were given formal attire for homecoming, prom, Military Ball and Best Buddies Ball.

Braves Bounty Food Pantry hundreds of meal bags sent home with students and healthy snack options available on campus

Holly Jolly Holiday provided gifts, hygiene bags, treats and lunch for 100+ students.

50+ graduation cap & gown ensembles

Free family Saturday shopping days

Backpacks & supplies

Three \$500 scholarships awarded to graduating PTSSO members.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Homecoming Dance  
 Senior Sunrise & Breakfast  
 Honors Breakfast  
 Senior Olympics  
 Blood Drives  
 Senior SnowBall

**Social & Celebrations**

Polyester Paradise  
 Teacher Appreciation Meals  
 Sweetheart Lunch  
 Appreciation Days for Admin, Counselors, Resource Officers, Nurses & Admin Support Staff and others  
 Parent Mixers  
 Homecoming Dinners  
 Schoolwide Spirit Shirts  
 Senior Drive Through  
 Senior Check Out  
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**Building Community & Connections**

PTSSO seeks to keep families up to date by managing 5 Facebook pages and compiling  
 Smoke Signals quarterly newsletter that is mailed to homes.

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**Individual Partnership**

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**Family Packages Available!**  
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**Sophomores - Wednesday, August 21st**  
**Juniors - Wednesday, August 14th**  
**Seniors - Tuesday, August 20th**

Times and locations TBD.  
 Join your class Facebook page for details.



**WE ARE BOONE**

Boone PTSSO invites you to get connected for a successful year!

>> **Social Media:** Join/Like us on Facebook: Boone Braves PTSSO, Seniors: Boone Braves 2025, Juniors: Boone Braves 2026, Sophomores: Boone Braves 2027, Freshman: Boone Braves 2028. Follow Us on Instagram at booneptsso, ocps\_boonehs, boonesga, boonehs25, boonehs26, boonehs27, and boonehs28.

>> **Website:** Check out Boone High School's website at boonehs.ocps.net.

>> **PTSSO:** Parents and students can become PTSSO Partners, purchase class magnets, "We are Boone" and senior/graduate yard signs at booneptsso.com. Tickets to PTSSO sponsored events such as Polyester Paradise and Homecoming Dinners are also sold here, as well as sponsorships for various events and projects.

>> **Boone HS News:** Sign up for Dr. Maestre's weekly electronic newsletter, Totem Talk on Boone's website. Click on the icon "Join Our Mailing List" to add your email address.

>> **Smoke Signals:** This is the BHS quarterly newsletter that will be received in the mail. This will provide important dates and information on upcoming events. Addresses are maintained by the Boone registrar.

>> **Brave Athletics:** For schedules and sports information visit the Boone Athletics' website at booneathletics.com. Follow the Boone Braves Athletics page (BHSAA) on Facebook and boonebravesathletics on Instagram! Sports Passes can be purchased on the Go Fan app by searching for Boone High School Athletic Association.

>> **Boone Trading Post:** Visit BHSTRADINGPOST.COM to order from the official Boone spirit wear store and proceeds will directly benefit Boone Athletics.

>> **Volunteer with us:** Register to volunteer at Boone through OCPS Additions. Complete your application or renewal by going to ocps.net, click on "Volunteer" icon with the heart, then ADDitions and choose Boone High School.

Any PTSSO questions may be directed to BooneHighSchoolBraves@gmail.com

*Teacher Appreciation Sponsorships*



If your business or family would like to sponsor a teacher & staff breakfast, teacher lunch or "grab & go" treat, sponsorships are available for \$500, \$250 and \$100. Each level comes with recognition for your business or family. You can go to booneptsso.com to purchase your sponsorship now. If you would like to know more, please contact boonehighschoolbraves@gmail.com.

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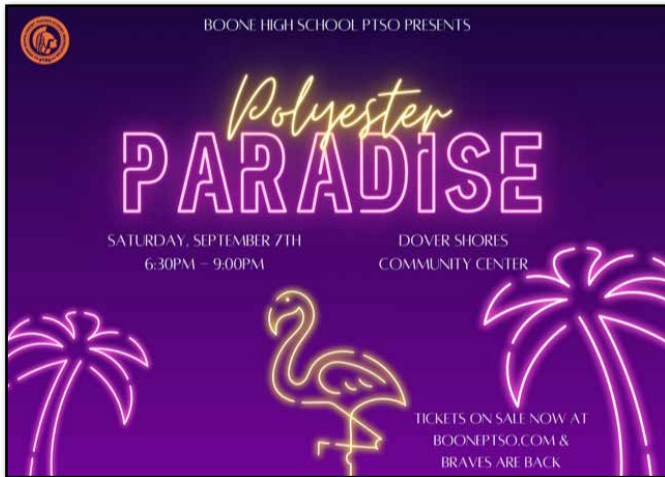
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## Boone Outfitters

Boone Outfitters is a clothing, hygiene and school supply closet which serves ALL students at BHS. It is located in the front office area and is a free resource as a perk of being a Boone student!

Boone Outfitters is incredibly grateful to the Boone community who helped support our Braves last year. We were able to offer monthly Saturday shopping events, formal attire for special dances/events, pop up shops during lunch time and daily hygiene/clothing resources for all Braves. We are thankful that our community rose to the occasion to support over 100 students to provide some extra holiday cheer. Also, thanks to previous student donations, we were able to provide over 60 caps/gowns to some of our seniors!

We'd appreciate your help to stock our shelves for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

ALL ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FRONT DESK!!!

Here's how to help:

- While out shopping for back to school clothing, please consider purchasing an extra outfit or two to donate to the closet. It's great to be able to also offer new clothing to our students! In addition, we offer an Amazon link for an easy way to purchase much needed items and have them sent directly to the school. <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1GOFXBV2IP9GY/guest-view>
- NEW black, gray or navy backpacks are in great need especially at the beginning of the school year.
- Boone Outfitters always accepts washed, gently used, stain free, student appropriate clothing. This includes shoes AND formal attire!
- Monetary donations are always welcome and fill specific needs that may arise throughout the year. You may donate directly to Boone Outfitters on [schoolpay.com](https://www.schoolpay.com) or by mailing/dropping off a check at the BHS front office.
- Brave alumni- please consider donating your cap, gown and stole (keep your tassel) so that future graduates will have the ensemble needed to walk in their graduation ceremony.

Be on the lookout for our first free shopping event during Braves are Back on August 8th! All students are welcome to shop regardless of circumstances. Thank you again for supporting Boone Outfitters!

Take care,

Melissa Graham  
Boone Outfitters Chair

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The Braves Bounty supplies year round resources to our families who are experiencing food insecurity. One in 6 families in Central Florida experience food insecurity. With the Bounty, we want to ensure all of our students have the necessary equipment to learn. It is nearly impossible to concentrate on an empty stomach.



Please let your students know that we provide year round resources of SNACKS, discreetly packaged GROCERIES (that can be picked up daily at the main office), TOILETRIES (including feminine hygiene products), and lastly SCHOOL SUPPLIES (through guidance). Our goal is to provide the tools for success.

The Bounty always accepts monetary donations via school pay or a check made out to Boone High School with the Bounty in the memo line.

We are also happy to always accept direct donations of food. Some suggestions are:

- Pop Top Canned Pasta
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Rices
- Beans
- Pasta and Sauce
- Granola bars or Breakfast bars
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Fruit Cups
- Crackers
- Cereal

If you or a club are interested in running a food drive, please contact Elly Kennedy at [BooneBravesBounty@gmail.com](mailto:BooneBravesBounty@gmail.com).

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## Sports

The Spring/Final standings have been released for the 2023-24 FHSAA Academic Team Champions awards. Each team must have a combined GPA average of 3.0 or better in order to qualify for the awards.

During the Spring season, all of our 14 varsity athletic teams qualified in their classification category. Here are the highlights:

Boys track – 3.24 – 15th overall in the state/1st in OCPS

Baseball – 3.51 – 3rd overall in the state

Flag football – 3.42 – 1st in OCPS

Boys lacrosse – 3.54 – 3rd overall in the state and 1st in OCPS

Girls water polo – 3.632- 9th overall in the state

And a special congratulations to the **boys tennis** team for finishing **1st overall** in the 4A classification with an incredible **3.93**. **This is the 2nd year in a row winning the championship.** The team will receive a plaque from FHSAA in honor of this achievement and for all of the hard work that the boys have put into their academics.

In final standings for the year, Boone finished in 12th place overall in the 7A classification.

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We are so proud of our students and cannot wait for the Spring Season...Your seat is waiting!



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If you missed the action, check out the Regatta video



William R. Boone High School

**2024 Varsity Football Schedule**

Date	Day	Opponent	Place	Time
8/16	Fri	Dr. Phillips (Pre-Season)	Home	7:00
8/23	Fri	Mars H.S. (PA.)	Home	7:00
8/30	Fri	Hagerty	Home	7:00
<b>9/6</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Olympia</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>9/13</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>West Orange</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>7:00</b>
9/20	Fri	Ocoee	Home	7:00
9/27	Fri	Timber Creek#	Home	7:00
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<b>10/10</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Winter Park</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>7:00</b>
10/18	Fri	Colonial*	Home	7:00
<b>10/24</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Freedom</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>11/1</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Edgewater</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>7:00</b>

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## Back to School

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## Student Services

Welcome back Braves! A special welcome goes out to the Class of 2028, as well as all students and families new to William R. Boone High School. We have an exciting new school year ahead of us! To maximize the success it can bring, begin the year prepared and possessing a positive focus. The Student Services Department is committed to helping all students maximize their potential and work toward their college and career goals. The world beyond high school, whether it is college, work, technical school, military, or any other endeavor is extremely competitive. As we begin a new school year, we offer the following tips to assist each student and family as they strive for success:

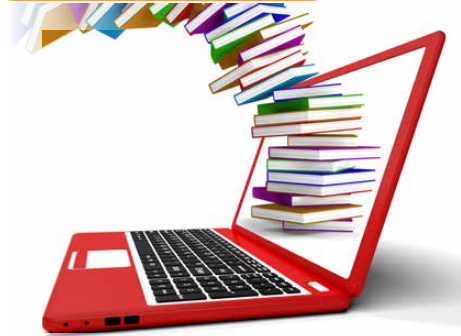
- Attend school daily – be punctual and prepared
- Develop a study time and place each evening where you will not be interrupted
- Use a daily planner
- Monitor grades in each class using Skyward and Canvas
- Reach out to teachers directly with questions about grades. They are here to help you find success, so keep the dialogue open with teachers as it relates to grading practices and ideas for improvement.

**As we begin another school year, please be sure to check the school website under “Student Services”, as counselor caseloads will be adjusting again.**

<https://boonehs.ocps.net/student-services>



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DELAY**



## Device Distribution

Due to a delay in data migration, our Device Distribution event will be postponed to July 29th through August 2nd. Freshmen and students new to Boone will pick up devices on August 1st. Students who were originally scheduled for the 29th and 30th will keep their same pick up times and not receive a new email. Students who cannot make it to their appointment are welcome to join us on August 2nd starting at 8:00 AM. Appointment times for students impacted by this adjustment will again be sent to OCPS student email accounts.

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- Check out Boone High School's website: <https://boonehs.ocps.net/>
- Sign up for Dr. Maestre's weekly electronic newsletter, 'Totem Talk' on Boone's website: Click on the icon "Join Our Mailing List"
- 'Like' BHS on Facebook at Boone High School (@BooneHighOCPS) and Boone High School Español (@BHSEspanol). Follow BHS on Instagram at Boone HS Braves (@ocps\_boonehs).
- Check out Boone Athletics's website: <https://booneathletics.com>
- 'Join' Boone Braves Athletics (BHSAA) on Facebook and Instagram
- 'Like' the BHS Foundation on Facebook at William R. Boone High School Foundation (@BooneFoundation)
- Don't forget to register to volunteer at [https://www.ocps.net/departments/community\\_resources/\\_a\\_d\\_itions\\_school\\_volunteers](https://www.ocps.net/departments/community_resources/_a_d_itions_school_volunteers).
- Please check with coaches and/or club sponsors to access their respective social media pages.

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