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### From Your Principal, Dean Ledford

#### Hello Senators!

With the 22/23 school year up and running, we have made great strides in academics, performing arts and athletics. We are approaching the end of the first semester and we encourage you

to come out and enjoy an athletic event or extra-curricular performance during the next few months. You can check out our school website www.duvalschools.org/fhs for announcements about upcoming events and performances.

The continuous improvement in overall academics was evident in our first round of our progress monitoring assessments. Fletcher students outscored the state in Language Arts 9th and 10th grade. We will continue to challenge our students to show improvement during their second round of progress monitoring assessments, which will begin Nov 28. The PMAs provide a snapshot of students' progress at this point in time. Teachers will review this data, meet with each student, and plan a path to success for the remainder of the school year. This strategy will help ensure students demonstrate mastery in their classes and on state assessments. After the assessment, students should be able to articulate to you how they are doing now, and what they need to do in order to show improvement.

A huge congratulations goes out to Grant Tucker, Patrick Byrd, and Zachary Andrews for being 2023 National Merit Semifinalists.

Not only have we reached outstanding marks in academics, but we have also accomplished great things in athletics. Girls Swimming won the Gateway Conference Championship. Both our Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving Teams had great results at Regionals. Our Volleyball Team competed in the Gateway Championship Game. Fletcher's Football Team also won the District Championship. Our Winter Sports have begun, and we have attached their schedules in this newsletter.

The FHS faculty and administration strongly encourages all of our parents to monitor your child's grades and attendance through FOCUS. We recommend checking this information at least once a week. Frequent progress monitoring and communication with your child's teachers is highly correlated with student success in high school. If you are still in need of a parent log-in, please visit the Duval County Website and follow the link for Parent Portal information.

Again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at our various fall and winter events. Feel free to contact your students' teachers for available times to meet with you to discuss students' progress. We will continue to raise the standard of excellence at Fletcher High School in order to maintain our goal of being recognized as one of the premier high schools in the county. Thank you for all that you do, and as always Go Senators!!

Dean Ledford

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National Merit Semifinalists

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# GUIDANCE

#### **Counselor Assignments**

Last Names:	Counselor:	Phone #	Email
A – Dm	Ms. Greenert	247-5905 ext 1223999927	greenerta@duvalschools.org
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Ro – Z	Ms. Dunkley	247-5905 ext 1223999924	wittmerj@duvalschools.org
			powellj2@duvalschools.org
Guidance Secretary	Ms. Gonzalez	247-5905 ext 1223999925	gonzalezm3@duvalschools.org

#### **Parents**

DCPS Email

Parents/guardians should encourage students to check their DCPS email on a weekly basis. School counselors, teachers, and administration distribute and communicate important information via student, DCPS emails.

#### Update Contact Information

Check your address, phone number and email address in your parent/guardian FOCUS account to confirm its accuracy. Please contact the school at 904-247-5905 to update your contact information, if needed.

#### **All Students**

#### **Online Course Requirement**

All students who entered high school in the year 2011-12 and after are required to take a class online, in order to graduate. Here in Duval County, we use the website www.FLVS. net. Feel free to peruse the courses that Florida Virtual offers students and if you have any questions contact your student's counselor.

#### Underclassmen (9th - 11th)

- School counselors presented in 9th and 10th grade during the month of October and November. The information and PowerPoint utilized during this meeting can be found at the following link: https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/7294 . School counselors will present in 11th grade classrooms at the end of November and beginning of December.
- Schedule changes have been completed for the first semester. You should not be in any classes you have already passed and received credit for in high school.
- Every grade you make in grades 9-11 will be what appears on your initial transcript that colleges see when you are applying for college your senior year! So, keep in mind that **EVERY GRADE MATTERS!**
- Bright Futures Your academic classes, including world language, grades 9-12, are what will • determine your GPA for Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility. This is one of the scholarships for which you don't have to compete against other students - you earn it - you get it!
- Juniors can sign up for college seminars in Guidance when they are announced.







#### <u>Seniors</u>

Planning on college? This is what you should be doing NOW!

- Taking/retaking the SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and/or ACT (www.actstudent.org)
- Making final decisions on the colleges to which you want to apply. If you know where you are going to apply, you should go ahead and apply this semester.
- Applying to college
  - Apply online at the college's website (www.flvc.org has all the state schools' website addresses).
  - Pay the application fee.
  - Come to the registrar in Guidance and sign-up to have your transcript sent.
- Visiting college websites. We also have reference books with addresses and phone numbers for all the college and university admissions offices. Don't forget to use www.google.com to do a quick search as well!
- Signing up for college seminars in Guidance with Ms. Gonzalez.
- Making sure your schedule contains all the classes needed for graduation.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

Students MUST send a transcript to every college to which they apply. This does not happen automatically. Students will need to see the Registrar in the Guidance Office to sign the log requesting that transcripts be sent.

#### SENIOR MEETINGS

Counselors met with students, planning to graduate in the Spring of 2023, during the last week of September. Topics discussed during the meeting included the following: graduation requirements, SAT and ACT testing dates and scores, Bright Futures Scholarship requirements, ASVAB testing, financial aid information, community service, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), college selection tips and postsecondary readiness scores. The resources can be found at the following link: https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/7294

School counselors will be meeting with the seniors from November 15th-18th during their English classes, to share Financial Aid information. Presenters from UNF and FSCJ will be here assisting with this information. The counselors will also be helping the students complete their Bright Futures applications during this session.

#### **BRIGHT FUTURES**

- Applying Seniors will be given specific instructions on how to apply for Bright Futures. The application opened on October 1st. Make sure you put down our school code (100-800) when taking the SAT/ACT. If you have taken the SAT/ACT outside of Duval County, you need to contact the appropriate testing service and request that your scores are sent to Fletcher High School.
- Community Service ALL Bright Futures scholarships require community service hours. Forms for documenting the hours are located in the Guidance Office and on the school website (https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/7294). We will accept these until May. See chart below for specific hours.

Type	16 High School Course Credita <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exame by High School Graduation Year (ACT <sup>#</sup> /SAT <sup>#</sup> )	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English plos oscioladi ostraatta ostigi 4 - Mathematice (a or alor de Agrice Flori) 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2021-23 Graduates 29/1330 2022-23 Graduates 29/1330	100 hours
FMS	Den mor here salvämlad kelenarej) 3 - Social Science 2 - World Langesage (cepantial, in som kepseg)	3.00	2021-22 Graduates 25/1210 2022-23 Graduates 25/1210	75 hours

- \*FAS = Florida Academic Scholarship; FMS = Florida Medallion Scholarship
- Complete scholarship details are located on http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ SSFAD/bf/





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# GUIDANCE

#### **AICE Curriculum and Bright Futures**

Students who have demonstrated academic merit through a recognition program may be eligible for Bright Futures without having to meet one or more of the requirements. Please refer to the table below for how to qualify based on one of the merit recognition programs.

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT#/SAT#)		Service Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2021-22	2022-23		
National Merit® Finalists and Scholars			100 hours	FAS
National Ment" Finalists and Schours			75 hours	FMS
National Hispanic Scholars			100 hours	FAS
National ruspanic Scholars			75 hours	FMS
Advanced International Certificate of			100 hours	EAS
Education (AICE) - Diploma			75 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma			100 hours	FAS
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AICE - Curriculum	29/1330	29/1330	100 hours	EAS
	25/1210	25/1210	75 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) -	29/1330	29/1330	100 hours	FAS
Curriculum	25/1210	25/1210	75 hours	FMS

#### **Scholarships**

- Many scholarships are offered directly from the colleges to which you are applying.
- The FAFSA (opened October 1st, 2022) should be filled out by ALL seniors.
- Beware of scholarship scams! You should NEVER have to pay for scholarship information.

#### Financial Aid web resources:

www.fastweb.com www.nationalservice.gov www.va.gov www.studentaid.ed.gov www.students.gov www.scholarships.com



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#### AICE Curriculum

- Complete a minimum of 14 AICE credits\* identified by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International) in the Diploma Core and three academic areas as follows:
- AICE Diploma Core AICE Global Perspectives & Research AS level (Two Credits required)
- o Group 1 Mathematics and Sciences (Two Credits required)
- Group 2 Languages (Two Credits required)
- o Group 3 Arts and Humanities (Two Credits required)
- o Group 4 Interdisciplinary Skills (Optional Four Credits maximum)

Six additional credits required in any combination from the above four groups.
\*Students earn one credit by completing and passing one AICE full credit course and another credit for taking the corresponding AICE examination.

#### **College Admissions Testing**

Fletcher recommends that students take the SAT and/or the ACT by the spring of their Junior year. Seniors who are seeking to improve their scores for college entry, or Bright Futures qualifications, should register for one of the fall administrations of the SAT and/or the ACT. Students may take these tests as many times as they deem necessary. Students should register via the internet. See the Testing Schedule below:

<u>ACT - \$60</u>						
	To register for the ACT go to: www.act.org					
High School Code: 1	High School Code: 100800 Fletcher's ACT Test Center #: 195570					
Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Fee Required				
Dec. 10, 2022	Nov. 4, 2022	Nov. 11, 2022				
Feb. 11, 2023	Jan. 6, 2023	Jan. 20, 2023				
Apr. 15, 2023	Mar. 10, 2023	Mar. 24, 2023				
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023				
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023				

#### <u>SAT - \$55</u>

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SCHEDULES

<u>Boys Varsity Wrestling</u>			
Event	Date	Location	Time
Season Opener	12/1	Episcopal High School	6:00 pm
Southern Paint Scuffle Duals	12/3	Matanzas High School	9:30 am
Capital City Classic (IBT)	12/9-10	Chiles High School	2:00 am
Dual Meet <i>Vs Fernandina Beach</i>	12/14	Fletcher High School	5:00 pm
Senator Slam (DT)	12/16	Fletcher High School	5:00 pm
Hammer Invitational	12/22	Oakleaf High School	9:30 am
Team District Duals	TBD	TBD	TBD
AWAY DUAL	1/10	TBD	TBD
Team Regional Duals	1/12	TBD	TBD
Beachside Brawl (DT)	1/14	Fletcher High School	9:00 am
Dual	1/18	Fletcher High School	6:00 pm
Gateway Conference Tournament (IBT)	1/22-23	Sandalwood High School	3:00 pm/ 10:00 am
Flagler Rotary Tournament	1/27-28	Flagler Palm Coast	2:00 pm/ 9:30 am
Clay Rotary Tournament	2/3-4	Clay High School	2:00 pm/ 9:30 am
District Tournament	2/18	TBD	TBD
Regionals	2/24-25	TBD	10:00 am/ 10:00 am
State	3/2-4	Silver Spurs Arena, Kissimmee FL	9:00 am all days

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*IBT*= *Individually Bracketed Tournament DT*= *Dual tournament* 

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#### **Basketball**

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME		
11/15	PRESEASON @ HARVEST	TBA		
11/18	PRESEASON @ HARVEST	TBA		
11/22	NEASE	5:30/7		
11/29	ST. JOE'S	7:00		
12/1	EPISCOPAL	5:30/7		
12/6	PONTE VEDRA	6/7:30		
12/7	OAKLEAF	6/7:30		
12/9	ATLANTIC COAST	5:30/7		
12/13	PALATKA	5:30/7		
12/14	MANDARIN	5:30/7		
12/16	RIBAULT	5:30/7		
12/28	JARVIS WILLIAMS	TBA		
12/29	HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT	TBA		
12/30	AT PALATKA	TBA		
1/6	ST. AUGUSTINE	5:30/7		
1/7	MLK @ JACKSON	TBA		
1/12	TOCOI CREEK	6/7:30		
1/13	WOLFSON	5:30/7		
1/17	PAXON	5:30/7		
1/19	MATANZAS	5:30/7		
1/20	SANDALWOOD	5:30/7		
1/21	JV INVITATIONAL @ RIBAULT	TBA		
1/23-1/27	GATEWAY CONFERENCE	TBA		
1/31	TERRY PARKER	5:30/7		
2/1	ENGLEWOOD	5:30/7		
2/2	FIRST COAST	5:30/7		
BOLD = HOME GAMET				

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#### Date: Opponent: Time: 11/14 Fletcher @ Paxon 5:30/7 PM 11/15 Fletcher @ Englewood 5:30/7PM 11/17 Flemming @ Fletcher 6:00 PM (Varsity Only) 11/18 Atlantic Coast @ Fletcher 5:30/7 PM 11/21 St. Augustine @ Fletcher 6:00/7:30 PM 11/22 Fletcher @ KIPP 6:00 (JV Only) 11/28 University Christian @ Fletcher 5:30/ 7PM 6:00/7:30 PM 11/29 Fletcher @ Tocoi 12/2 Fernandina @ Fletcher 6:00 (Varisty Only) 12/5 Beachside @ Fletcher 6:00 PM (JV Only) 12/6 Flether @ First Coast 5:30/7 PM 5:30/ 7 PM 12/8 Englewood @ Fletcher 12/9 KIPP @ Fletcher 5:30 PM ( JV Only) Westside@ Fletcher 7:00PM (Varsity) 12/9 12/12 First Coast @ Fletcher 5:30/7PM 12/15 Fletcher @ Atlantic Coast 5:30/7 Pm 12/16 Fletcher @ Westside 5:30/7 PM 12/17 Fletcher @ Flemming 6:00 PM(Varsity Only) 1/5 Tocoi @ Fletcher (Senior Night) 6:/7:30 PM

Girls' Basketball (2nd Revision)

#### Fletcher @ St Johns Country Day 6:00 PM 1/7 1/9-12 Gateway Tournament TBA 1/13 Fletcher @ Beachside 6:00 PM(JV Only) 1/16 Fletcher @ Episcopal 5:30/7 PM Fletcher @ Fernandina 6:00 PM(Varsity Only) 1/18 1/20 Fletcher @ St. Augustine 6/7:30 PM **Fletcher @ Ridgeview** 6:00/7:30 pm 1/24

#### Boys Soccer

Date	Day	Boys Varsity	Boys JV
11/15	Tue	Stanton 7:20	Stanton 5:30
,	Fri		
11/18		Away @ Wolfson 7:20	Away @ Wolfson 5:30
11/22	Tue	Batram Trail 7:20	Bartram Trail 5:30
11/23	Wed	Thanksgiving Break	
11/24	Thu	Thanksgiving Break	
11/25	Fri	Thanksgiving Break	
11/29	Tue	Atlantic Coast 7:20	Atlantic Coast 5:30
12/2	Fri	Away @ Fleming Island 7:20	@ FIHS 5:30
12/7	Wed	Away @ Bolles 7:20	@ Bolles 5:30
12/14	Wed	Sandalwood 7:20	Sandalwood 5:30
12/15	Thu	Menendez 7:20	Menendez 5:30
12/19	Mon	Christmas Break	
1/2	Mon	Christmas Break	
1/5	Thu	Andrew Jackson 7:20	Andrew Jackson 5:30
1/6	Fri	Away @ Nease 7:20	@ Nease 5:30
1/10	Tue	Gateway Conference Tourname	ent
1/11	Wed	Gateway Conference Tourname	ent
1/13	Fri	Gateway Conference Tournament	
1/16	Mon	MLK Day	
1/18	Wed	Creekside 7:20	Creekside 5:30
1/20	Fri	PV 7:20	PV 5:30

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<u>Girls Soc</u>	cer		
Date	Day	Girls Varsity	Girls JV
11/15	Tue	Away @ AC 7:20	Away @ AC 5:30
11/17	Thu	Tocoi Creek 7:20	Tocoi Creek 5:30
11/21	Mon	PV 7:20	PV 5:30
11/23	Wed	Thanksgiving Break	
11/24	Thu	Thanksgiving Break	
11/25	Fri	Thanksgiving Break	
11/28	Mon	Mandarin 7:20	Mandarin 5:30
11/30	Wed	Stanton 7:20	Stanton 5:30
12/7	Wed	Sandalwood 7:20	Sandalwood 5:30
12/9	Fri	Fletcher vs Bishop Moore 4:00 PM	WIST @ Montverde
12/10	Sat	Fletcher vs Doral Academy 11:00 AM	WIST @ Montverde
12/13	Tue	Away @ SJCDS 6:00 PM	
12/15	Thu	Away @ Wolfson 7:20	Away @ Wolfson 5:30
12/19	Mon	Christmas Break	
1/2	Mon	Christmas Break	
1/6	Fri	Bishop Kenny 7:20	BK 5:30
1/10	Tue	Gateway Conference Tournament	
1/11	Wed	Gateway Conference Tournament	
1/13	Fri	Gateway Conference Tournament	
1/16	Mon	MLK Day	
1/17	Tue	Fernandina Beach 6:00	
1/19	Thu	Away @ Fleming 7:20	Away @Fleming 5:30





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Vs Nease		(Senior night)	
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			9:30 am
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