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From Your Principal, Dean Ledford

Hello Senators!

With the 24/25 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 progress monitoring assessments. Fletcher students outscored our previous year's performance in Geometry and Biology. We will continue to challenge our students to show improvement during their second round of progress monitoring assessments, which will begin at the end of November. 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 to show improvement.

A huge congratulations goes out to Maxwell Fitzgerald and Justin Sreng for being named Semifinalist for the National Merit Scholarship. We would also like to congratulate Eliana Blank, Mason Fisher, Nolen Khalili and Charlotte O'Donnel for receiving letters of commendation. The Fletcher High School Band



competed throughout the season and has advanced to the State Championships. The National Art Honor Society will have a booth at the North Beach Art Walk on November 21st from 5 to 8 p.m.

Not only have we reached outstanding marks in academics and the arts, but we have also accomplished great things in athletics. Both

Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving won the Gateway Championship as well as the District Championship. Boy's Golf won the Gateway Conference

Championship and District Championship. Our Winter Sports have begun, and we have attached their schedules in this newsletter.

The FHS faculty and administration strongly encourages all 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 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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PTSA Guidance

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

As of August 2023, students are no longer required to complete an online course for graduation. Students can still elect to take free online courses via Florida Virtual School (www.FLVS.net) or Duval Flex (www.duvalflex.org). Students should contact their school counselor if they have any questions.

<u>Seniors</u>

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

- Taking/retaking the SAT (www.collegeboard.org), ACT (www.actstudent.org), and/ or CLT (www.cltexam.com)
- 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.floridashines.org has all the state schools' website addresses).
 - Pay the application fee.
 - Come to the registrar in the Guidance Office and sign-up to have your transcript sent.
- Signing up for college seminars in the Guidance Office 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 2025, during the first two weeks of October. Topics discussed during the meeting included the following: graduation requirements, SAT, CLT, 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/o/dfhs/page/fletcher-high-guidance

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GUIDANCE

BRIGHT FUTURES

School counselors will be meeting with the seniors from December 3rd-6th during their English classes, to share financial aid information. During this time, students will have the opportunity to complete their Bright Futures applications. Please note, Bright Futures evaluates official test scores for the FDOE repository. To ensure your official test scores are received, they must be sent to one of Florida's state universities or Bright Futures.

Community Service/Work Hours – **ALL** Bright Futures scholarships require community service and/or work hours. Forms for documenting the hours are in the Guidance Office and on the school website (https://dcps.duvalschools. org/o/dfhs/page/fletcher-high-guidance). We will accept these until May.

Type	M High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT*/CLT*/SAT*)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English (Here used include unbetaution) erectory) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra Lineo) 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	(two more international Information) 3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language (squartial, or som language)	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1196	75 bours	100 hours	100 hours

*FAS = Florida Academic Scholarship; FMS = Florida Medallion Scholarship
Complete scholarship details are located on https://www. floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN

Merit Recognition Program	by High	rance Exams n School ion Year 2025-26	Volunteer Service*	Paid Work Hours*	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours	Bright Futures Award
National Merit® Finalists and	2024-23	2023-20	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
Scholars			75 hours			FMS
National Hispanic Recognition			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
Program			75 hours			FMS
Advanced International Certificate			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
of Education (AICE) - Diploma			75 hours			FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) -			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
Diploma			75 hours			FMS
AICE - Curriculum	29/96/1340	29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
AIGE - Currenum	25/84/1210	24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) -	29/96/1340	29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
Curriculum	25/84/1210	24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS

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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.

AICE Curriculum

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

Scholarships

Many scholarships are offered directly from the colleges to which you are applying.

The FAFSA (opens December 2024) 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.studentaid.gov

www.myscholly.com www.unigo.com www.va.gov www.scholarships.com

Underclassmen (9th - 11th)

- School counselors presented in 9th and 10th grade classrooms during the months of August and October, respectively. School counselors will present in 11th grade classrooms at the end of November.
- Schedule changes have been completed for the first semester. Students should not be in any classes they have already passed and received credit for in high school.
- Every grade you make in grades 9-11 will appear 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!
- We encourage students from all grade levels to sign up for college seminars in the Guidance Office when they are announced.

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College Admissions Testing

Fletcher recommends that students take the SAT, ACT, and/or the CLT 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, ACT, and/or the CLT. Students may take these tests as many times as they deem necessary. Students must register via the respective testing website. Below is the remaining testing schedule for the 2024-2025 school year:

	ACT - \$60						
		: www.act.org					
Hig	h School Code:	100800					
Fletcher's	s ACT Test Cente	er #: 195570					
Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Fee Required					
Oct. 26, 2024	Sept. 20, 2024	Oct. 07, 2024					
Dec. 14, 2024	Nov. 08, 2024	Nov. 22, 2024					
Feb. 08, 2025	Jan. 03, 2025	Jan. 20, 2025					
Apr. 05, 2025	Feb. 28, 2025	Mar. 16, 2025					
	May 09, 2025						
July 12, 2025	June 07, 2025	June 20, 2025					

CLT - \$69					
-	To register for the (
	www.cltexam	1.com			
Test Date	Reg. Deadline				
Oct. 16, 2024	Oct. 10, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*			
Nov. 07, 2024	Oct. 31, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*			
Dec. 07, 2024	Nov. 28, 2024	*Remotely Proctored*			
Jan. 25, 2025	Jan. 16, 2025	*Remotely Proctored*			
Feb. 20, 2025	Feb. 13, 2025	*Remotely Proctored*			
Mar. 15, 2025	Mar. 06, 2025	*Remotely Proctored*			
April 10, 2025	April 03, 2025	*Remotely Proctored*			
May 10, 2025	May 01, 2025	*Remotely Proctored*			
June 18, 2025	June 12, 2025	*Remotely Proctored*			

SAT - \$68						
To re	To register for the SAT go to:					
W	ww.collegeboa	rd.org				
Hig	h School Code:	100800				
Fletch	er's Test Center	#: 10-335				
Test Date	Late Fee Required					
Oct. 05, 2024	Sept. 20, 2024	Sept. 24, 2024				
Nov. 02, 2024	Oct. 18, 2024	Oct. 22, 2024				
Dec. 07, 2024	Nov. 22, 2024	Nov. 26, 2024				
Mar. 09, 2025 Feb. 21, 2025		Feb. 25, 2025				
May 03, 2025	April 22, 2025					
June 07, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025				

What is the CLT?

The Classic Learning Test (CLT) is a college entrance exam for 11th and 12th graders. In the state of Florida, the CLT can be used to satisfy Bright Futures requirements, graduation requirements, and apply to select colleges/universities. We encourage students to view the college/university's website to see if the CLT is accepted for admissions purposes.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch can pick up fee waivers for the SAT and ACT in the Guidance Office.

Counselor Assignments

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Last Names:	Counselor:	Phone #	Email
A – Do	Ms. Greenert	247-5905 ext 1223999927	greenerta@duvalschools.org
Dr – Le	Ms. Brown	247-5905 ext 1223999923	brownm13@duvalschools.org
Li – Rn	Ms. Sasan	247-5905 ext 1223999922	sasanc@duvalschools.org
Ro – Z	Ms. Dunkley	247-5905 ext 1223999924	wittmerj@duvalschools.org
AICE (10th-12th)	Ms. Powell	247-5905 ext 1223999921	powellj2@duvalschools.org
Guidance Secretary	Ms. Gonzalez	247-5905 ext 1223999925	gonzalezm3@duvalschools.org

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@fhscounselors

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FLETCHER ATHLETICS

Girl's Weightlifting

Meet #3	Thurs, November 14, 2024		
	Fletcher	Jackson	
	Thurs, November 21, 2024		
Fletcher	Atlantic Coast Wolfson		
Meet #5	Thurs, December 5, 2024		
Fletcher	First Coast Westside		
Meet #6	Mon, Decemb	er 9, 2024	
	Fletcher Riverside		
Meet #7	Wednesday, January 8, 202		
Englewood	Fletcher	Paxon	

Lady Senators Basketball

Pre-Season at Bishop Snyder 11/13					
11/19	Creekside	Home	5:30/7:00		
11/21	Yulee	Away	6:00/7:30		
11/25	Insider Exposure	TBA			
11/26	Atlantic Coast		5:30/7:00		
12/2	First Coast	Home	5:30/7:00		
12/5	Mandarin	Home	5:30/7:00		
12/6	PV	Away	6:00/7:30		
12/10	Eagles View	Home	6:30		
12/11	Stanton	Away	5:30/7:00		
12/13	Episcopal	Away	5:30/7:00		
12/16	St. Augustine	Home	6:00/7:30		
12/17	Jackson	Away	5:30/7:00		
12/20	Paxon	Home	5:30/7:00		
12/27-28	Christmas Tourna	ament (@FLETCHER		
1/7	Nease	Away	6:30		
1/8	Clay	Home	6:30		
1/13-17	Gateway Tourna	ment			
1/17	Westside	Away	6:30		
1/22	Bartram Trail	Home	6:30		
1/24	Fernandina Beach	Away	6:30		
1/28	Fleming Island	Home	6:30		
1/30	Riverside	Away	5:30		
1/31	*Sandalwood	Home	5:30		
Home games are hold					

Boys Basketball

D ATE		LOCITION	
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
ТВА	Preseason TBA	Harvest	TBA
ТВА	Preseason TBA	Harvest	TBA
19-Nov	Yulee	Yulee	6/7:30pm
21-Nov	Ribault	Fletcher	6/7:30pm
22-Nov	Palatka	Fletcher	6/7:30pm
26-Nov	Nease		5:30/7pm
3-Dec	Flagler Palm Coast	Fletcher	6/7:30pm
5-Dec	Creekside	Creekside	6/7:30pm
10-Dec	Mandarin	Mandarin	5:30/7pm
12-Dec	Episcopal	Fletcher	5:30/7pm
13-Dec	Wolfson	Fletcher	5:30/7pm
17-Dec	Stanton	Fletcher	5:30/7pm
19-Dec	Global Outreach	GOCA	5:30/7pm
20-Dec	First Coast	First Coast	5:30/7pm
27-Dec	Holiday Hoops @ The Beach vs Fernandina	TBA	
28-Dec	Holiday Hoops @ The Beach vs TBA	TBA	
4-Jan	Raiderdome Classic vs TBA	Orange Park	TBA
7-Jan	Ed White	Fletcher	5:30/7pm
9-Jan	Clay	Clay	6/7:30pm
10-Jan	Ponte Vedra	PV	5:30/7
16-Jan	Paxon	Paxon	5:30/7pm
17-Jan	Atlantic Coast	AC	5:30/7pm
11/20-11/24	Gateway Conference Tournament	TBA	
28-Jan	St. Augustine	Fletcher	7:30pm
30-Jan	Riverside	Riverside	7:30pm
31-Jan	Sandalwood — SENIOR NIGHT	Fletcher	7:30pm
2/3-2/7	FHSAA District Tournament	TBA	TBA

Home games are bold Senior night *

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Girls Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	
6-Nov	Wolfson	Wolfson	5:30/7:20	
7-Nov	Englewood	Englewood	5:30	V Only G/B
14-Nov	Bishop Kenny	Bishop Kenny	5:30/7:20	
19-Nov	Bartram Trail	Fletcher	5:30/7:20	
21-Nov	Tocoi Creek	Fletcher	5:30/7:20	
26-Nov	Flagler Palm Coast	Fletcher	5:30/7:20	
3-Dec	Oakleaf	Oakleaf	5:30/7:20	
5-Dec	St Johns Country Day	SJCD	6:00	V Only
11-Dec	Stanton	Fletcher	5:30/7:20	
12-Dec	Bolles	Bolles	5:30/7:20	
16-Dec	Sandalwood	Fletcher	5:30/7:20	Senior Night
17-Dec	Atlantic Coast	Fletcher	5:30/7:20	
6-10-Jan	Gateway Conference	TBA	ТВА	
14-Jan	Ponte Vedra	Fletcher	5:30/7:20	

Boys Soccer

OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Wolfson	Wolfson	5:30/7:20
Englewood	Englewood	7:20
Fleming Island	Fleming Island	5:30/7:20
Tocoi Creek	Tocoi Creek	5:30/7:20
Beachside	Beachside	5:30/7:20
Atlantic Coast	Fletcher	5:30/7:20
Bishop Kenny	Bishop Kenny	5:30/7:20
Creekside	Fletcher	5:30/7:20
Chiles	Fletcher	5:00/7:00
Mandarin	Fletcher	5:30/7:20
Stanton	Fletcher	5:30/7:20
First Coast	Fletcher	
Conference Tournament	TBD	
St. Johns Country Day School	Fletcher	6:00
Ponte Vedra	Fletcher	5:30/7:20
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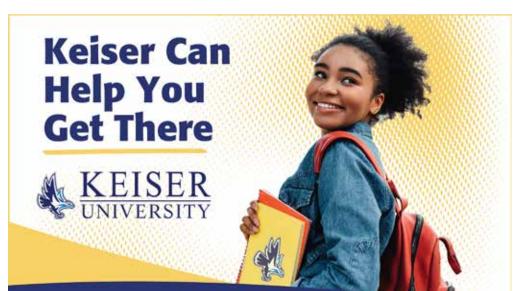
Girls Wrestling

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
4-Dec	Tri Meet vs Mandarin/Ed White	Fletcher HS	05:00 PM
7-Dec	Let Freedom Ring	Orlando Freedom HS	9:30 AM
13-Dec	Yulee Girls IBT	Yulee HS	12:00 PM
14-Dec	Own the Ocean	Ponte Vedra HS	9:30 AM
3-Jan	Call out the Dragon	Yulee HS	12:00 PM
4-Jan	Clay Girls IBT	Clay HS	9:30 AM
8-Jan	Dual @ Bishop Kenny HS	Bishop Kenny HS	06:30 PM
11-Jan	District Duals	Fletcher HS	10:00 AM
14-Jan	Senior Night vs Fernandina Beach	Fletcher HS	06:00 PM
16-Jan	Regional Duals	TBD	06:00 PM
18-Jan	Brawl at the Beach	Fletcher HS	10:00 AM
24-25- Jan	Conference Tourney	Sandalwood HS	2:00 p/9:30 a
1-Feb	Lady Trojan Classic	Lincoln HS	10:00 AM
10-15- Feb	District IBT	TBD	TBD
22-Feb	Regional IBT	TBD	TBD
6-8 Mar	State IBT	Silver Spurs Arena	10:00 am each day

Boys Wrestling

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
4-Dec	Mandarin/Ed White	Fletcher HS	05:00 PM
6-7-Dec	Danny Byron Invit.	Osceola HS	2:00 p/9:30 a
13-14-Dec	Yulee Duals	Yulee HS	2:00 p/8:00 a
20-21-Dec	Bill Scott Memorial	Lyman HS	2:00 p/9:30 a
3-4-Jan	Clay Rotary	Clay High School	12:00 p/9:30 a
8-Jan	Dual @ Bishop Kenny	Bishop Kenny HS	06:30 PM
11-Jan	District Duals	Fletcher HS	9:30 AM
14-Jan	Senior Night vs Fernandina Beach	Fletcher HS	06:00 PM
16-Jan	Regional Duals	TBD	06:00 PM
24-25-Jan	Conference tourney	Sandalwood HS	2:00 p/9:30 a
31-Jan/1-Feb	Flagler Rotary	Flagler Palm Coast	2:00 p/9:30 a
17-22-Feb	District IBT	TBD	TBD
28-Feb/1-Mar	Regional IBT	TBD	TBD
6-8-Mar	State IBT	Silver Spurs Arena	10:00 am each day

Head Coach: Joe Stetzer; Principal: Dean Ledford; Assistants: Mark Smilek/John O'brien Athletic Director: Brian Gilbert; ATC: Mike Holcombe



Programs Include:

- Sports Management Legal Studies Nursing
 - Information Technology
- Business Administration Psychology
- Applied Engineering



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