



An Update from the Principal's Office
WEST BOCA RATON
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
Home of the Bulls



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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Good Morning,

Thank you staff for making the first quarter amazing! NOT easy... but a HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to the ACADEMY TEACHERS for making this the most successful Academy Showcase in our school's history! Congrats to Mr. Breslow and the Bowling team for winning the County Championship and Ms. Green and the Volleyball team for defeating Dwyer High for the District championship on Thursday evening. Also, don't forget to wish Coach Nygren "good luck" at Regionals with the Swimming team!



A huge "shout-out" goes to Ms. Stiepleman and HOSA (as well as Vanguard Brass) for participating (and raising more than \$3,000) in the Making Strides Against Cancer walk this past Saturday. It was one of the most amazing events I've ever participated in!



"Shout out as well to Ms. Lombardi and her Chick Fil A Leader Academy Club... packing meals for the food bank.



Finally, kudos to Ms. Firestone and all test proctors for enabling the PSAT testing to run so smoothly on Wednesday.

Parents don't forget to encourage your children to use Khan Academy on a weekly basis!

Week at a Glance (October 24th)

Mon Oct 24	All day	☑ Begin 2nd Nine Weeks
	All day	☑ Bowling - District Championship - Strikes At Boca, 21046 Commercial Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33486, USA
	10:00am – 11:00am	☑ Blood Brothers Rehearsal - Theater ☒
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	☑ AP Capstone Fundraiser (Tentative) - Courtyard 📍
	3:00pm – 5:00pm	☑ Step Team Practice - Courtyard and Bldg 6
Tue Oct 25	All day	☑ Blood Brothers Rehearsal - Theater ☒
	All day	☑ AP Capstone Fundraiser (Tentative) - Courtyard 📍
	9:00am – 10:00am	☑ College Visit SCAD - Media Center 📍
	3:00pm – 5:00pm	☑ Yoga class - Dance Room ☑
	6:00pm – 9:00pm	☑ JVFB H vs Boca - West Boca Raton Community High School, 12811 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33498, USA
	7:00pm – 9:00pm	☑ Drama Parent Meeting - Media Center 📍
Wed Oct 26	All day	☑ Blood Brothers Rehearsal - Theater ☒
	All day	☑ AP Capstone Fundraiser (Tentative) - Courtyard 📍
	9:00am – 10:00am	☑ College Visit FAU - Theater 📍
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	☑ Presidential Debate (Government Honors) Tentative - Courtyard
	6:00pm – 7:00pm	☑ All -District Jazz Band Auditions - Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Thu Oct 27	All day	☑ Blood Brothers Rehearsal - Theater ☒
	All day	☑ AP Capstone Fundraiser (Tentative) - Courtyard 📍
	10:00am – 11:00am	☑ Cap and Gown Fitting ☑
	3:00pm – 4:30pm	☑ Dance Team Practice - Dance Room ☑
	3:00pm – 5:00pm	☑ Step Team Practice - Courtyard and Bldg 6
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	☑ Project Graduation Meeting - Media Center 📍
Fri Oct 28	All day	☑ Blood Brothers Rehearsal - Theater ☒
	»1:00pm	☑ AP Capstone Fundraiser (Tentative) - Courtyard 📍
	7:30am – 11:00am	☑ Student Led Presidential Debate - Theater 📍
	10:00am – 11:00am	☑ Cap and Gown Fitting ☑
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	☑ V FB @ Royal Palm Beach - Royal Palm Beach Community High School, 10600 Okeechobee Blvd, Royal Palm Beach,
	☛ 7:00pm – 11:00pm	☑ Spanglish Homecoming - Cafeteria 📍

Have a GREAT week! GO BULLS!



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Mr. Blank and WBHS Performing Arts Drama Troupe 6760 for inducting 33 new theatre honor students into the International Thespian Society.



GENERAL INFORMATION



Want to celebrate your child's birthday at school? Here is your opportunity to do so. For only \$25 your child's name will be placed on the school marquee for their actual birthday date. (Weekend birthdays can be on the Friday or Monday before or after the actual birthday.) Go to Edline to download and fill out the Birthday Form. Hand in form with a \$25 check (made out to WBRHS) or cash to the front office. You may also purchase this item on <https://palmbeach.schoolcashonline.com/>. Please hand in form and money at least 2 weeks in advance. If you have any questions please feel free to email Mrs. Steel (amy.steel@palmbeachschools.org).

Fun lunch on Wednesday Nov. 2nd.

Due to the fact that we needed to inform parents /guardians concerning the Hurricane and other school issues; We realized we have over 300 incorrect phone numbers and emails.

Please take the time to call into student services to insure that we have your correct contact information. 672-2942 or 672-2029

Homecoming is on November 5th from 8pm-11pm in the gymnasium. If you have any questions please come by Mrs. Steel's room or email Mrs. Steel at Amy.steel@palmbeachschools.org. HOMECOMING TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR \$35.00 IN THE GYM LOBBY. IN ORDER TO BE ON THE ACTUAL HOMECOMING BALLOT YOU WILL HAVE TO BE ONE OF THE TOP 5 NOMINATED STUDENTS IN YOUR CLASS. NOMINATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN IN THE GYM LOBBY WHERE TICKETS ARE BEING SOLD!

Homecoming tickets will be on sale on the following dates in the gym lobby:

10/26,10/28,10/31,11/1,11/2,11/3,11/4,11/5

Below are the dates that Progress Reports will be handed out during 1st period.

Friday, Nov. 18th

Friday, Feb. 10th

Friday, April 21st



VOTING



Remember to vote Nov. 8th! Early voting starts Monday, October 24th through Sunday November 6th. Voting times are 7am-7pm during all voting days.

Palm Beach Voting Locations are listed below.

- [Supervisor of Elections Office](#)
- [Acreage Branch Library](#)
- [Belle Glade Branch Library](#)
- [Boca Raton Downtown Library](#)
- [Ezell Hester Community Center](#)
- [Gardens Branch Library](#)
- [Hagen Ranch Road Branch Library](#)
- [Jupiter Community Center](#)
- [Lantana Branch Library](#)
- [South County Civic Center](#)
- [South Florida Fairgrounds](#)
- [Wellington Branch Library](#)
- [Wells Recreation and Community Center](#)
- [West Boca Branch Library](#)
- [City of West Palm Beach Police Community Room](#)

If approved by voters on November the 8th, the School District will receive 50% of the penny sales tax to repair and restore our many schools and facilities. Specifically, West Boca High School will receive over \$1.7 million in repairs and upgrades to our bleachers, air conditioning system, fire alarms and so much more. For a complete list of projects for the proposed sales tax, visit onecountyonepenny.org. Election day is November 8th. You will find the Countywide Question about the penny sales tax at the end of your ballot on Election Day.



TESTING



ASVAB Testing will be taking place on Tuesday, November 15 @ 7:30am in the Cafeteria. This is an IMPORTANT test to take if you want to find out what Careers may match your interests. Come one, Come ALL to Guidance & sign up. Limited seats available. Any questions, please see Mr. Questo.

FSA (Florida State Assessment) Practice Tests

Content-specific practice tests are available for students at

<http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>. These Practice Tests are intended to familiarize students with the types of items that will make up the tests and with the tools that will be

available to them.

The Testing and Education Reference Center recently updated their site to include practice tests for the new SAT. In addition, there are practice tests and study guides for the ACT, FSA, PSAT, various AP classes and more. There's also scholarship and college searches as well as help in creating resumes. To access the database go to:

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/boca72467?db=TERC>. The on site (at school) password is "westboca" and the remote (home) password is "bulls". All you need to do is create a free account. For more information, please stop by the media center.

ACT Test Dates Online Registration: www.actstudent.org

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	*Late Registration
December 10	November 4	November 18
February 11	January 13	January 20
April 8	March 3	March 17
June 10	May 5	May 19

SAT Test Dates Online Registration: www.collegeboard.org

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	*Late Registration
November 5	October 7	October 25
December 3	November 3	November 22
January 21	December 21	January 10
March 11	February 10	February 28
May 6	April 7	April 25
June 3	May 9	May 24



CLUBS



If interested in joining Pap Corps please come to room 3201 during lunch this Thursday October 27th. Please bring membership dues and cans or clothing to donate to Haiti to room 3201.

The next Culinary Club meeting is Tuesday Oct. 25th, 3:00 pm in the culinary kitchen. Chef Dominick Laudia will be presenting how to filet and cook fish! It will be a fun and informative presentation.

Candy Grams for Halloween! Send a treat to a friend. On sale Tuesday through Friday during lunch.

Calling out to all bulls buddies! Our first party will be this Friday at lunch in Ms. Lombardi's room 6204, Food and snacks will be provided! Come join our Halloween celebration! See you there!

Hello Samaritans Club members-

We are having our next **meeting Thursday, October 27** during the lunch period in room 12-107 (Ms. Comas' old room). Pizza will be generously provided by the founder of the Samaritans organization, Laura Reiss. Feel free to bring your own lunch if you don't want pizza and please bring your own drinks.

Animal Aid is coming to share their important work with us and bring puppies!! We are asking all members to help contribute to the drive by donating the following:

Laundry Soap, Paper Towels, Trash Bags, Pee Pads and Wet Cat or Dog Food

You can leave donated items in Mr. Celi's room 12-116 or bring them to the meeting.

This year the St. Baldrick's club is involved with the St. Baldrick's Foundation, the crazy head shaving organization that funds much needed childhood cancer research worldwide. The Students and I will be shaving our heads on February 2nd, 2017 in the gym. While the events are a whole lot of fun, the real goal is to raise money for research that will help save lives. Our shavers stand in solidarity with kids who typically lose their hair while undergoing treatment for cancer. I believe in this cause. I've set a fundraising goal of \$15,000, and we need your support to get there. With your donation, St. Baldrick's can fund grants that train the next generation of researchers, support innovative research, and help institutions treat more children in clinical trials. Will you make a donation to St. Baldrick's? Click here to donate: <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/WestBoca2017>

Thank you for your support. Together, we can *Conquer Childhood Cancer!*

Interested to play ice hockey in the Florida Scholastic Hockey League (FSHL)? West Boca has a successful hockey team combined with Spanish River high school. This year there is also a new second West Boca hockey team, combined with Cardinal Gibbons and St. Andrews high schools. There is still room on this new second combined team for West Boca students interested. The first league game is Oct. 31st. For information about registration and fees call [561/445-3715](tel:5614453715) or email writingsports@gmail.com.

Do you want to be part of something BIGGER? Come join the Pay It Forward Club. We meet every Wednesday and Thursday in room 6211 during lunch. If you have the passion to make a difference on any issue—we'll help you get it done.

PTSA and SGA are sponsoring a family game night on Nov.1 (a Tuesday night) at 6:30 in the cafeteria. For \$1.00 you get three bingo game cards.

Spanish club is organizing Spanish homecoming dance on Friday, October 28th in the cafeteria.

The National English Honors Society is once again challenging you to scare WBHS students and faculty to death - - - in 100 words or less. This mini-fiction writing contest will run through October 25th with the winner reading his or her winning entry for us on Halloween. Submit your super scary entry in room 4212. See the Halloween orange flier posted in your English class for complete details.

Key Club Members!

- **Please continue to bring in your school supplies for community service hours! Bring them to Mrs. Carryl (room 6-107) in a bag with your name and student number attached.**
- **OCTOBER EVENTS:**
 - **Canned food drive: October 7-November 3rd**
 - **• Devil Dog 5k: Sunday, October 16th @ 6 AM**
 - **• Breast Cancer Walk: Saturday, October 22nd @ 8 AM (bring \$10 donation for additional service hour)**

Chess Club

When: Mondays 3 to 4:30 p.m

Where: Room 12-202

Beginners, Experts, and Master Players are welcome!!!



SPORTS



Congratulations to the girls varsity volleyball team. They beat Dwyer in the district finals last Thursday and became back-to-back District champions. They take on Fort Lauderdale High School here tomorrow at 7 in the regional quarterfinals. Don't miss out!

Congratulations to Coach Breslow and his Boys Bowling Team for winning the County Championship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOYS AND GIRLS SWIM TEAMS . . .
2016 DISTRICT RUNNER-UP

We had 2 DOUBLE WINNERS . . .

Tiffany Korb in the 200 IM and the 100 Breaststroke

David Sturm in the 50 and 100 freestyle

Also, our Boys 200 and 400 free relay WON - congrats to David, Jose, Alejandro and Luis and our Girls 400 free relay WON - congrats Tiffany, Taylor, Gaby and Ashley

GOOD LUCK at REGIONALS!!!!!!!



YEARBOOK



Baby picture pages are full for the yearbook and no longer will any pictures be accepted.

Yearbooks are \$90 and may be purchased on cashless schools or in room 6204.

The Panoramic and 2017 senior picture will be taken in the gym and on the football field Thursday, October 27th at 7:45.

Senior ad pages are filling up quickly and there are a limited number of pages. Please see Ms. Lombardi in 6204 for any questions.



EXAMS



The schedule listed below will cover the December exam period. Do not administer early exams. All classes should administer an exam.

Make-up exams for students who miss an exam will be given after school on the designated make-up Wednesdays in January.

DECEMBER EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday December 19th

Exam 1

7:30 – 9:30

Exam 2

****9:45 – 11:55**

Tuesday December 20th

Exam 3

7:30 – 9:30

Exam 4

****9:45 – 11:55**

Wednesday December 21st

Exam 5
Exam 6

7:30 – 9:30
**9:45 – 11:55

Thursday December 22nd
Exam 7

7:30 – 9:30

Friday December 23rd
Teacher Plan Day

* includes 10 minutes of passing time.

Exam Make-up Days (In the cafeteria)
January 11, 18, 25

3:00 – 5:00 pm



MEDIA CENTER



Students, do you love to read? If so, grab some friends and enter this year's Battle of the Books. Together your group will read this year's Florida Teens Read books and then compete with other high schools for a chance to go to the Grand Battle! For more information, stop by the media center.

The first media center contest of the year is here! Stop by for more details. The prize will be a \$15 Dunkin' Donuts gift card and the drawing will take place on October 31st.

Student IDs can be purchased in the media center. They are \$5 for the first ID, which is good all four years you are at West Boca, and \$2.50 for replacements. Any new or returning students that need IDs can stop by at any time.



KHAN ACADEMY



Are you interested in *FREE* SAT or PSAT preparation? Khan Academy has partnered up with College Board to provide a free personalized study tool for you! For students who have already taken the new PSAT (October 2015), attached are directions how to link your Kahn Academy to your College Board account. Do not delay on this opportunity to help you achieve your highest potential SAT score.

*Follow this link for PSAT or SAT preparation: <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

*Please use your *school email address* (sID#@stu.palmbeachschools.org) when creating an account.



SENIOR DATES



For your planning purposes these are the dates that Joe Griffin from Herff Jones will be at school for rings, caps and gowns, announcements, etc.

Thursday	Oct 27	cap gown fitting	lunch	Cafe
Friday	Oct 28	cap gown fitting	lunch	Cafe
Saturday	Oct 29	cap gown fitting	9am - noon	Main Office
Thursday	Nov 10	Service Day	lunch	Cafe
Friday	Dec 2	Service Day	lunch	Cafe
Friday	Dec 2	Ring Ceremony	2:00 pm	Cafe

Wednesday	Jan 18	Service Day	lunch	Cafe
Thursday	Feb 9	Service Day	lunch	Cafe
Wednesday	Mar 8	Service Day	lunch	Cafe
Wednesday	April 12	Deliver announcements	lunch	Cafe



GUIDANCE



Seniors:

Please get your Pathfinder applications in this week. The deadline is quickly approaching on October 31. There will be a collection bin at the guidance secretary's desk for you to drop it off.

Seniors,

The guidance counselors are offering to meet with seniors after school from 3-5 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays to assist in the college admissions process. Students should bring their laptops, essays and resumes to each session. We intend to actually apply to colleges during these sessions, so being prepared with all the information is a critical part of the process.

Other information which will be needed for State University applications:

1. Credit card to pay application fees
2. Copy of parent's drivers license, car registration, and voter registration (need at least 2)
3. The date your parents began establishing residency in the state of Florida (day/month/year)

We welcome any senior who is in need of assistance.

Please sign up in guidance prior to the meeting time you wish to attend, so we have an idea of how many students will be in attendance.

We look forward to helping you reach your college admissions goals.

Dear Parents and Students: Please come join us for our Financial Aid Night on November 30th at 6 pm in the Media Center. A representative from the Florida Department of Education and Florida Atlantic University's Assistant Director of Financial Aid will present information on how to apply for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), state grants and scholarships (Bright Futures) and private scholarships. We hope to see you there!!

Please go to the following webpage for more Guidance information, including scholarships.

<http://westbocahighschool.net/departments/guidance/>



COLLEGE VISITS



Savannah College of Art and Design(SCAD) October 25 @ 9am
 Florida Atlantic University (FAU) October 26 @ 9am Theater
 American University October 27 @ 8am Career Center
 Ringling College of Art and Design October 27 @ 9am Career Center
 Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY) October 27 @ 10:30am Career Center
 Aardvark Israel Gap Year and Study Abroad program November 1 @ 8am Career C.
 George Snow Scholarship Foundation November 9 @ 8:30am Media Center



COLLEGE INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS



SDPBC College and Career Fair
 South Florida Fairgrounds – Expo Center East
 October 24, 2016 6pm-8pm

Oberlin College and Conservatory (Multicultural Visit Program)

All expenses paid trip to the campus

Dates: October 27-29, November 17-19, December 1-3

<http://new.oberlin.edu/arts-and-sciences/admissions/mvp/>



PTSA



The next meeting for Project Graduation will be on Thursday, October 27 at 7pm in the media center. All Senior students and parent/guardians of Seniors are encouraged to attend!

The West Boca PTSA announces that their new website is up and running! You can now purchase PTSA items and memberships online. Meeting minutes and other PTSA information will be posted here as well! Check it out! www.westbocapta.my-ptsa.org

PTSA and SGA are sponsoring a family game night on Nov.1 (a Tuesday night) at 6:30 in the cafeteria. For \$1.00 you get three bingo game cards.



SAC MEETING DATES



Media Center 6pm on the following dates:

November 15th

January 17th

February 21st

March 28th

April 18th



TUTORING



Algebra 1 Tutoring Tuesday during lunch in room 3202.

Geometry Tutoring Thursdays during lunch in room 3213.

Algebra 2 Tutoring Thursdays during lunch in room 3201.

Upper Level Math Tutoring Thursdays during lunch in room 3202.

Math Tutoring will be in the Media center every Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:30.

The Spanish National Honor Society will be tutoring Spanish students in levels 1 thru 3 every Monday at lunch in room 12101. Bring your book and materials needed.

