

Welcome to The Boca Ciega High School!

Student Orientation Assemblies

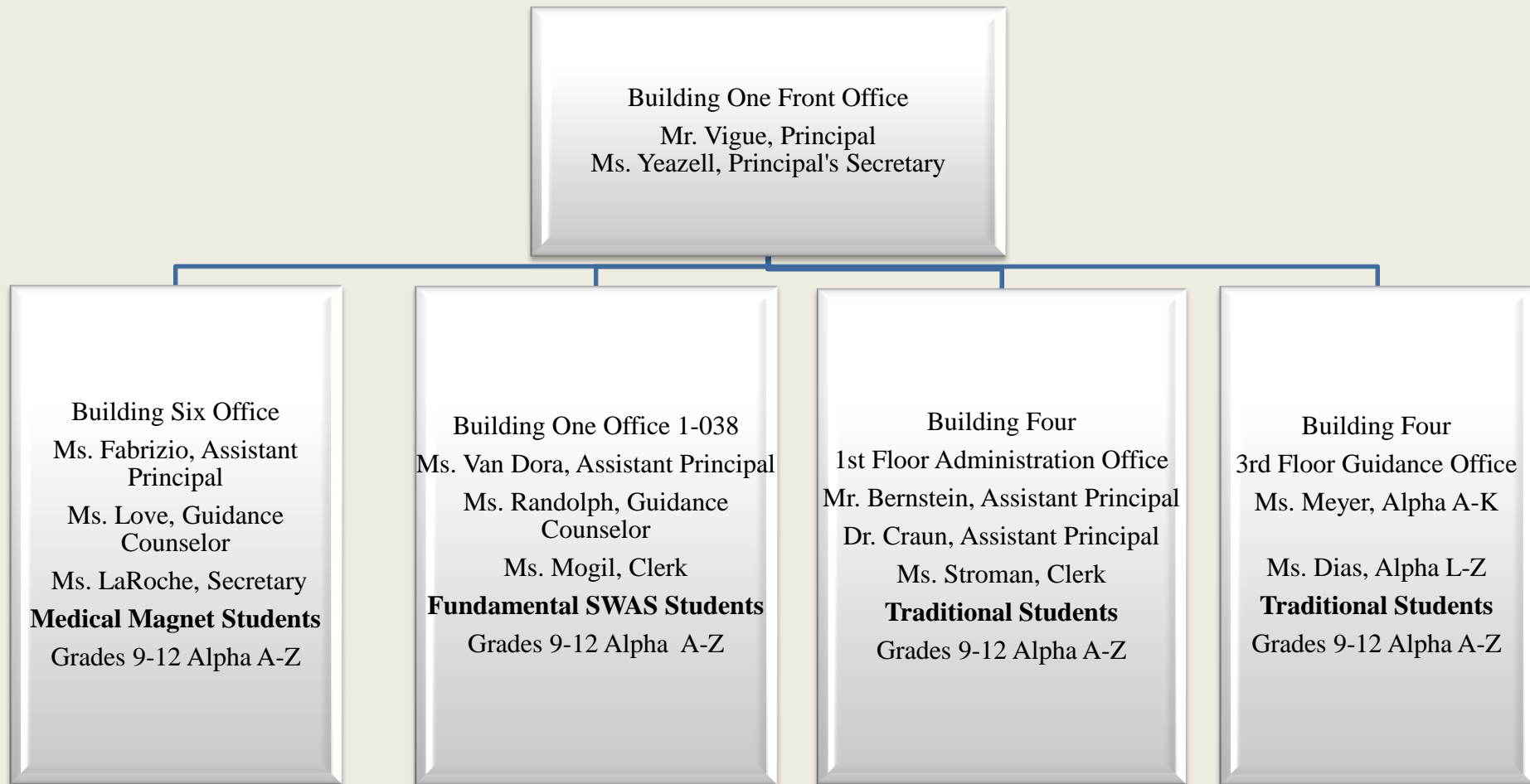
August 26th and 28th, 2015

*The Vision of The Boca Ciega High School is
100% Student Success.*

*Our Mission is to Open Doors to Success for
Our Students!*



The BCHS Administrative, Guidance, and Clerical Support Teams 2015-2016:



Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements and options are different for each grade level and they are available on our website – please take time to review them with your family. In order to graduate, you'll need to earn:

- 24 credits (4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 1 HOPE, 1 Art, and electives)
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average (this is a “C” average of all of your semester and year long courses, not the 9 week GPA)
- Pass the 10th grade FSA and Algebra End of Course Exam (all other EOCs count as 30% of the yearlong final grade)
- Pass one online course
- These are the absolute minimum standards to receive our diploma. If you intend to continue on to college, you'll need to do more:
- Take at least two years of foreign language
- Take honors, dual enrollment, and/or AP courses
- Earn high qualifying scores on the PERT, ACT and/or SAT
- Maintain the highest GPA you can throughout your HS career!

How Credits are Earned

- Credits are earned each semester – in January and in June
- A semester is 2 quarters and the exam combined (or half of the year)
- A few samples of how we average you semester grades:

1st Quarter (37.5%):	2nd Quarter (37.5%):	Semester Exam (25%):	Grade:	GPA:
A	A	B	A	4
B	B	F	C	2
F	C	B	C or D	2 or 1
D	D	F	D	1
A	A	F	B	3
C	F	F	D or F	1 or 0
F	F	A	D or F	1 or 0

Courses That Help You Get Into College

- Honors level courses in all core subjects and many electives
- Dual Enrollment courses are available for 11th + 12th grade students who qualify with a 3.0 or high GPA and a high PERT, ACT, or SAT score
 - Passing a dual enrollment course with a final grade of “C” or better earns HS credit and 3 College Credits at the same time
- Advanced Placement courses are available to everyone, but require a lot of extra work, reading, studying, and good attendance/effort
 - AP exams are graded by the College Board on a scale of 1 to 5
 - A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam earns college credit
- Students who take honors, dual enrollment, and advanced placement courses will face a more challenging curriculum and will be better prepared for college (regardless of the score on an AP exam)

What We Will Offer You to Help

- Our extended learning program (ELP) for credit recovery, course tutoring, and FCAT, ACT, SAT, PERT, PSAT, ASVAB, and EOC assessment prep, and classroom extra help begins next week and will continue all year long every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:15 to 3:15 in room 4-101
- AP, EOC, FCAT, FSA, PSAT, ACT, and SAT tutoring on Saturdays
- Summer 2016 credit recovery during June
- Qualifying 10th graders can take the Post Education Readiness Test (PERT) for free during the school day this spring on our campus
- PSAT for all 9th and 10th graders on October 14th (11th graders can also register to take the PSAT by seeing their guidance counselor)
- ACT and SAT assessments on Saturdays throughout the year
- PERT, ACT, and SAT scores can qualify you to take Dual Enrollment classes on our campus this spring or next year
- Start thinking ahead now to plan for and accomplish your goals!

Pinellas County School Board Policy for Absences and Tardies:

- Absent
 - More than half of the period (unless coming with an excused pass)
 - Absent from three or four block classes in a school day
- Unexcused absences are from OSS, vacations, no timely parent notification (call or note)
- Excused tardy will be used when you receive a pass (blue or other) signed by an adult
- Unexcused tardy will be used for all other tardies
- Three unexcused tardies equals one absence

Pinellas County School Board Policy for Makeup Work:

- Work from an excused absence, ISS, and ABS receives full credit
- Work from an unexcused absence or OSS must be dropped a full letter grade
- Number of days to make up work will equal the number of days absent
- Work not turned in on time can be reviewed, but must be given a grade of zero

Pinellas County School Board Policy for Final Exam Exemption Requirement:

- A or B in both quarters to exempt with a limit of three per semester (except second semester seniors)
- Students cannot exempt both exams for a yearlong class (except seniors)
- Student must be enrolled in PCS for the entire semester to be eligible to exempt an exam
- Five or more absences in a class require the student to take all semester exams (tardies are added in)
- Students cannot exempt End of Course (EOC), AP, and Dual Enrollment exams

Pinellas County School Board Policy for Final Semester Grades – Teacher Discretion Models:

- Student who fails either quarter and the semester exam can receive a semester grade of “F”
- Student who fails both quarters but passes the semester exam can receive a semester grade of “F”



The Boca Ciega High School: opening doors to success!
PIRATEs follow the Code by being/demonstrating:

- ***Prepared*** for high school and life
- ***Inclusive***, working together as The BCHS community
- ***Respectful*** of self, others, and the learning community
- ***Attitude***, fostering positive relationships
- ***Tenacious***, never give up
- ***Empowered***, being responsible for our learning

As a member of The BCHS, our community, staff, and students will demonstrate positive behaviors by following the PCS and BCHS policies and procedures to promote 100% student success!

A Few Last Minute Reminders

- Get involved in our activities, clubs and sports
- You must maintain a 2.0 overall GPA to participate in athletics/clubs
- Student parking is in the new parking lot north of 7th avenue. Student decals will be required and can be purchased from the Bookkeeping office in building one
- Electronic devices can be responsibly used before school, between classes, during lunch, and after school – not during class time without the permission of your teacher
- Take care of your textbook and return all missing textbooks – you will not participate in major school events (including homecoming, prom, and graduation) if you have not returned all materials or if you have outstanding financial obligations
- Don't turn a small thing into a big problem; only you are in control of your actions and the way you respond to redirection. Serious issues and repeated misconduct will be addressed swiftly and fairly
- Take care of your school by cleaning up after yourself at lunch, etc.
- Do the right thing, all the time.

In Closure...

Be proud of yourself, your family, your school, and your
community!