

Welcome to The Boca Ciega High School!
Student Orientation Assemblies
August 12th and 16th, 2016

*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 Support Teams:

Our telephone number is 727-893-2780, extensions are listed below

Traditional Support Team (4-126):	Medical Support Team (6-001):	Fundamental Support Team (1-038):	Student Achievement Support Team (4-326):
Cathy Stroman Clerk ext. 2107	Yolanda Simmons Clerk ext. 2124	Debbie Mogil Clerk ext. 2117	Caley Forbes College and Career Counselor ext. 2188 (in room 1-070)
Alison Meyer Counselor ext. 2121	Joni Love Counselor ext. 2126	Nancy Randolph Counselor ext. 2154	Mary Dias Student Achievement Specialist ext. 2111
Brad Bernstein AP ext. 2108	Deb Fabrizio AP ext. 2127	Kathy Van Dora ext. 2153	Tequena Akintonde Student Achievement Specialist ext. 2299
Derrick Craun AP ext. 2223			Hillary Van Dyke MTSS Specialist ext. 1317

Main Office Support Team:
Dianne Vanderveen Reception Clerk ext. 2100
Bonnie Davis Enrollment/Records ext. 2123
Irma Daniels Assistant DMT ext. 2137
Kelly Parker DMT ext. 2120
Diane Yeazell Secretary ext. 2109
Michael Vigue Principal ext. 2109

2016-2017 Bell Schedule for The BCHS:

Our school has a block schedule with BLUE and GOLD days.

BLUE days are periods 1, 3, 5, and 7

GOLD days are periods 2, 4, 6, and 8

Period:	Time:
1st or 2nd	7:05 to 8:36
3rd or 4th	8:43 to 10:14
Lunch	10:19 to 10:49
5th or 6th	10:56 to 12:27
7th or 8th	12:34 to 2:05

What Do You Need to Do to Graduate?

Graduation requirements 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 Do You Earn Credits?

- Credits are earned each semester – in December and June
- A semester is two quarters and the exam combined (half of the year)
- Student who fails either quarter and the semester exam can receive a semester grade of “F” (teacher discretion model)
- Student who fails both quarters but passes the semester exam can receive a semester grade of “F” (teacher discretion model)
- 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

How Can We Help You Get Into College?

- Take AVID as an elective (we have over 425 kids who do already!)
- 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
- Take AP Capstone Seminar in 11th grade and Research in 12th grade
- 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)

How Can We Support Your Academic Needs?

- A common organizational binder system for all classes...counts for at least 15% of the total grade for each quarter
- Peer to peer mentoring program starts this year (100 total spots are available for 9th and 10th graders)
- Extended Learning Program (ELP) after school every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in 4-101 from 2:15 to 3:15pm
- Saturday test prep sessions in April for FSA, EOCs, and AP
- Summer 2017 credit recovery
- Post Education Readiness Test (PERT) for selected students/courses at the end of each quarter
- PSAT for all 9th and 10th graders on October 19th (11th graders can also register to take the PSAT by seeing Ms. Forbes before 9/2/16)
- ACT and SAT assessments on Saturdays throughout the year
- ACT during the school day on 9/27 for all 11th/12th reading students
- ACT during the school day on 2/28 for all 12th reading students
- SAT during the school day on 4/5 for all 11th graders

How Can You Exempt Some of Your Exams?

- 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 and count as 1/3 of an absence)
- Students cannot exempt End of Course (EOC), AP, and Dual Enrollment exams

What Else Do You Need to Know?

- 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
- 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
- **Textbooks are checked out through media center – you need a student ID to check out textbooks**

What Else Do You Need to Know?

- Do you need a BCHS student ID? If so, visit the Fundamental Office 1-038 or Medical Office 6-001 with a pass
- Do you need a locker? If so, visit the Fundamental Office 1-038 with \$4 and a pass
- Did you purchase your school binder and related supplies for \$10? If not, visit the school store during lunch
- Electronic devices can be responsibly used before school, between classes, during lunch, and after school – not during class time
- Stay in dress code (our Modified Dress Code is on the website)
- Be present and on time to all of your classes, everyday
- Don't turn a small thing into a big problem - only you are in control of your actions and we are here to help you be accountable for your actions
- Take care of your school and respectful of others
- Do the right thing, all the time.



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!