

# dixie express

## HOLLINS HAPPENINGS

**October is  
COLLEGE  
EXTRAVAGANZA  
Month**

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**November is  
FAMILY  
INVOLVEMENT  
Month**

"One Team...One Dream"  
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**December  
1ST SEMESTER  
EXAMS SCHEDULE  
inside**

### Principal's Message



Dear family, friends and community of Dixie Hollins High School,

It has been quite an adventure and task preparing for a new school year with a shortened summer and an expanded to do list! It is hard to believe, but the first nine weeks of the New Year is complete. We have instituted many initiatives and upgraded many areas in an attempt to improve our facilities, our instruction and positively impact student achievement. We are focused on improving, adjusting, adapting and doing what is necessary to build Dixie Hollins High School into the best public high school in the state of Florida. That is our goal, our purpose and what drives us daily. Working toward that end, we have accomplished much in a short period of time with plenty much more to do.

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### Administration

#### Principal

Robert C. Florio

#### Assistant Principals

Luke Kademoff

Lisa Sinatra

Mary J. Taylor

Eric Zebley

### Guidance

Cynthia Burnett

Jennifer Figliozzi

David Singer

Susan Stone

### Community Liaison

Joshua Estremera

## Principal's Message Continued...



- Our Culinary Academy has expanded. We added a brand new restaurant, added a classroom and hired a new Chef. Our Chef Tara Bishop has been an Executive Pastry Chef, with over ten years of experience, working at the Dolphin and Swan Resorts in Disney World and most recently at the Don Cesar on St. Pete Beach. Our expansion will allow us to serve more students within our population and attract others from around the district.

- The Academy of Entertainment Arts is scheduled to have a complete remodel beginning at the end of this school year. The remodeling will completely change the interior space of the building and provide the logistics, classrooms, storage and room for the programs unique art curriculum to flourish and reflect the extraordinary work that is produced by our students.

A mural of sketches were drawn and painted by Academy students at the end of last year around the building– a new sign was installed on the building as well, marking its prominence and location on our campus.

- We have added a new multi-purpose athletic field on our campus that is being utilized by our sports teams, band and PE classes. This gives us more flexibility and allows for preservation of our baseball field.

- We have a new painted mural in our cafeteria called “Dixie City.” It was planned and created by Dixie Hollins Art students under the supervision and direction of Ms. Amy Williams. Students sketched drawings of their artistic vision for Dixie City, and the top three were merged into one drawing. Students sketched the mural and then painted it for all students, staff and visitors to enjoy.

# SPORTS

## Basketball

### Lady Rebels

<b>Nov. 7 &amp; 9</b>	Classic	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Nov. 15</b>	NEHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Nov. 16</b>	SPHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Nov. 17</b>	OHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Nov. 29</b>	CLW HS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Dec. 1</b>	LHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Dec. 6</b>	BCHS	<b>AWAY</b>

### Boys

<b>Nov. 16 &amp; 17</b>	Tip Off Classic (LHS)	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Nov. 29</b>	Northside Christian	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Nov. 30</b>	NEHS	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Dec. 2</b>	OHS	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Dec. 5</b>	PPHS	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	CLW HS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Dec. 9</b>	LHS	<b>AWAY</b>

## Soccer

<b>Nov. 1</b>	Palmetto	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Nov. 2</b>	PPHS	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Indian Rocks	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Nov. 7</b>	SHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Nov. 8 (JV)</b>	BCHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Nov. 9</b>	GHS	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Nov. 10 (JV)</b>	NEHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Nov. 11</b>	OHS	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Nov. 16</b>	PPHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Nov. 17</b>	BCHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Nov. 28</b>	LWHS	<b>HOME</b>

## Wrestling

<b>Dec. 5</b>	ELHS Invitational	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Dec. 7 (JV)</b>	OHS	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Dec. 10</b>	Charlotte Tournament	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Dec. 16-17</b>	BCHS Duals	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>Jan. 4 (JV)</b>	NEHS, BCHS, OHS	<b>HOME</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	ELHS, OHS, SPHS	<b>HOME</b>

## Principal's Message Continued...



- Alumni Park is officially open. It is the area next to our softball field along 46th Ave. The Class of 1965 started the park with a generous donation that enabled us to purchase picnic tables and a volley ball court. A Crepe Myrtle tree and plaque have been planted at the cornerstone of the park recognizing the Class of 1965's contributions, with the hope that other classes will follow suit. The Class of 1964 and 66 are committed to contributing to the park as well. It is our goal to have many classes represented in the park as a reminder of our great student tradition of pride, passion and excellence. The park will be utilized by current students as a place to have lunch, mix, meet and mingle with classmates in a unique and special setting.
- The Dixie Grind mobile coffee cart café opened with the start of the school year and serves hot and iced coffee with "lite bite" treats every morning from 6:30 am to 7:00 am. It is a great way for students to gather before school, socialize and get to class on time. Teachers are given coffee coupons to distribute every quarter to students with good attendance, grades and behavior.
- Our campus is not fully fenced in for the safety and security of our faculty, staff and students. A new store front entrance was also installed to help us track visitors on our campus.

## YEARBOOKS

**Grab your yearbooks from [balfour.com](http://balfour.com)!**  
Senior Ads are still available; don't miss out!  
See Ms. Zemaitis in room 322 for details.

## Greeting from the Rebel Battalion!

The Rebel Battalion has started off the year in a very proficient and successful manner!



On August 10, 2016, we started a new year and a new Rebel Battalion Staff. They are: first semester Battalion Commander Shannon Silk, second semester Battalion Commander Brittany Sekot, Command Sergeant Major Kaitlin Hempstead, Battalion XO Dalton Busch, S-1 William Dallam, S-2 Richard Leska and Nicolas Garcia, S-3 Hunter Becker and Taylor Stubbs, S-4 Maxwell Price and Chandler Bodimer, S-5 Sheyenne Boerker, De'Anthony Watson and Deja Souvannasy and S-6 Alex Ferreria. Congratulations staff, and let's continue to have a successful year!



## Principal's Message Continued...



- Our Administration & Guidance team has been realigned to better serve your needs.

Ms. Sinatra is the new Assistant Principal over all Academy programs including Culinary, Entertainment Arts and Cambridge. Ms. Figliozzi is the designated Guidance Counselor. Both work exclusively with this student population.

Mr. Zebley is a traditional student AP working with 9th -11th grade students alpha A through L with Guidance Counselor Ms. Cynthia Burnett.

Mr. Kademoff is a traditional student AP working with 9th -11th grade students alpha M through Z with Guidance Counselor Mr. David Singer.

Dr. Mary Taylor is our AP over Curriculum and Scheduling for all students and works with Guidance Counselor Ms. Sue Stone with our senior class.

- Our primary focus goals for the 2016-17 school year are improving our daily attendance rate and increasing our graduation rate. We appreciate your help in encouraging your child to come to school daily, even when they don't feel like it, and stressing the importance of a high school diploma, not as the last stop but as a building block to a future with many options.

It is truly a thrill and treasure to be Principal of such a great school with unique diversity and talent. Collectively working together within our existing and improving framework, we can accomplish all of our goals and aspirations. Thank you for all you do for our school.

See you at the top!

**Robert C. Florio**

## DHHS Magnet & Academy News

Parent Meetings will be held once a month from 6-7 pm in the cafeteria.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

### SCHOOL TOURS

School tours will be held on Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:30 through the month of January.

Please contact Mary Citek at 547-7876 or [citekm@pcsb.org](mailto:citek@pcsb.org) for an appointment.

### SHADOWING

**October 17-21**  
**November 7-11**  
**December 5-9**  
**January 9-13**

\*A school tour must be completed prior to shadowing.

Contact Mary Citek for [entrance criteria](#).

## First Semester Exam Schedule

	<b>Tues., 12/13</b>	<b>Wed., 12/14</b>	<b>Thurs., 12/15</b>	<b>Fri., 12/16</b>
<b>7:05-8:39</b>	Period 1 review	Period 2 review	Period 1 <b>EXAM</b>	Period 2 <b>EXAM</b>
<b>8:46-10:16</b>	Period 3 review	Period 4 review	Period 3 <b>EXAM</b>	Period 4 <b>EXAM</b>
<b>10:58-12:28</b>	<b>Period 5 EXAM</b>	Period 6 <b>EXAM</b>	Period 5 makeups	Period 6 makeups
<b>12:35-2:05</b>	<b>Period 7 EXAM</b>	Period 8 <b>EXAM</b>	Period 7 makeups	Period 8 makeups

### SAT DATES

**11/05**  
**12/03**  
**01/21**  
**03/11**  
**05/06**

### REPORT CARD DATES

**1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER – October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER – January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER – March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER – June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## 2016-2017 PCS Calendar

Tuesday, October 11  
 Wednesday, October 12  
**Monday, November 21-25**  
 Friday, December 16  
**Monday, December 19-30**  
 Monday, January 2  
 Tuesday, January 3  
**Monday, January 16**  
 Monday, February 20  
 Friday, March 10  
**Monday, March 13-17**  
 Monday, March 20  
 Tuesday, March 21  
 Friday, April 14  
 Thursday, May 25

End of first quarter  
 Non-student day (Professional Development)  
**Thanksgiving Holidays (schools closed)**  
 End of first semester  
**Winter Holidays (schools closed)**  
 Non-student day (Professional Development)  
 Second semester begins.  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (schools closed)**  
 Non-student day (Professional Development)  
 End of third quarter  
**Spring Break Holidays (schools closed)**  
 Non-student day (Professional Development)  
 Schools reopen. Classes resume.  
 Non-student day (Professional Development)  
 Last day for all students



## SPORTS continued...

### Football

**Congratulations to our football team for their victory at the Homecoming Game, defeating Osceola 34-7!**

10/14	CLW HS	AWAY
10/21	NEHS	HOME
10/28	BCHS	HOME
11/04	PPHS	AWAY

### Cross Country

10/13	CRESCENT LAKE PARK
10/20	EAGLE LAKE PARK

### Swimming

10/17-10/22	DISTRICTS	TBA
10/24-10/29	REGIONALS	TBA
11/04-11/05	STATE	STEWART

## ELP ACADEMIC HELP

**Our Extended Learning Program offers FREE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING for all subjects Monday-Thursday in the Media Center**

## SENIOR *Spotlight*

**Graduation will be at 5:30 pm on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at [Tropicana Field](#).**

## COLLEGE TOURS

### USF & UT

Day Trip \$25 – Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 7-3 pm

### ST. LEO UNIVERSITY

Day Trip \$25 – Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 7-3 pm

### FSU, UF & VALDOSTA

Overnight Trip \$125  
Wed. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thurs. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 am-11 pm

**\*See Ms. Benjamin in room 208 for details**

**THANK YOU CLASS OF 1965 for your generous donation to ALUMNI PARK!**

