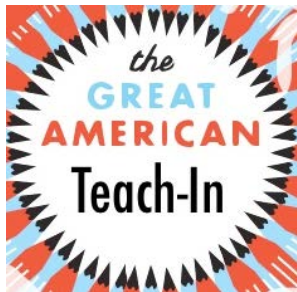


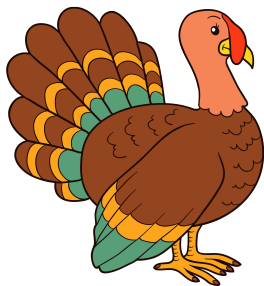
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HOLLINS HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER 15th



THANKSGIVING
BREAK
NOV. 18TH-26TH



WINTER BREAK
DEC. 23RD-JAN. 7TH



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Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and
Community Members of Hollins High School,

It is with a sense of urgency and zeal that we are approaching the 2017-18 school year. As we work hard to reach our lofty, yet attainable, goals, we make no apologies for wanting to be the best public high school in the state of Florida – that is our mission. We are striving to develop and build student leaders equipped to tackle any obstacle in our increasingly complex world. It is our belief that by working together – students, staff, teachers, parents and community— there is no goal too big for us to accomplish. Toward that end:

**OUR THEME FOR THE YEAR IS:
"Right Now – No excuses!"**



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Community Liaison

Caren Guardabascio

First Semester Exam Schedule

	Tues., 12/19	Wed., 12/20	Thurs., 12/21	Fri., 12/22
7:05-8:39	Period 1 review	Period 2 review	Period 1 EXAM	Period 2 EXAM
8:46-10:16	Period 3 review	Period 4 review	Period 3 EXAM	Period 4 EXAM
10:58-12:28	Period 5 EXAM	Period 6 EXAM	Period 5 makeups	Period 6 makeups
12:35-2:05	Period 7 EXAM	Period 8 EXAM	Period 7 makeups	Period 8 makeups

SAT DATES

12/02

03/10

REPORT CARD DATES

2ND QUARTER – January 19th
3RD QUARTER – March 23rd

2017-2018 PCS Calendar

Nov. 18 - Nov. 26, 2017: Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students.

Dec. 22, 2017: End of first semester.

Dec. 23, 2017 - Jan. 7, 2018: Winter holidays - No school for students.

Jan. 8, 2018: Hurricane make-up day

Jan. 9, 2018: Second semester begins.

Jan. 15, 2018: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday - No school for students.

Feb. 19, 2018: No school for students.

Mar. 9, 2018: End of third quarter

Mar. 12, 2018: Hurricane make-up day

Mar. 24 - Apr. 1, 2018: Spring holidays – No school for students.

Apr. 2, 2018: Schools reopen. Classes resume.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale. \$75 @ balfour.com
Don't wait--YOU MUST PREORDER THIS YEAR!

Teachers and club sponsors - If you have not invited yearbook to document your class/department/program, let us know a good time to visit. Please email zemaitist@pcsb.org to let Mrs. Zemaitis when you are having a fun, hands on lesson or a club event .

Stay Connected

Don't miss out on important information!

Be sure all clinic cards have been turned in and your Portal contact info is up-to-date!

To update your information:

1. Visit <https://reservation.pcsb.org> and log in with your parent username (P.xxxxxx) and password. If you do not have a parent ID, you can get one by going to any school and presenting a valid photo ID.
2. Select the option: "Change Phone and Email Address Only"
3. Enter your child's name and date of birth or student ID number, and then update your phone number and email address.

Remember: Updating the emergency contact card at your child's school does not update your contact information in the FOCUS Student Information System used to send automated phone calls and emails.

Please check and update your contact information as soon as possible. If you do not have access to a computer, you can use the computer in the office of your child's school. If you have questions, call the Student Assignment Office at 727-588-6210.

SENIOR Spotlight

GRADUATION is at Tropicana Field on May 18th!

- **The Senior Class is having a party** in January and they are asking for donations of prizes. They are collecting new items that are for apartment or dorm life. You may drop off your donation at the front office labeled "for senior party". Thank you!
- **Online Class Requirement**
Graduation requirements include successful completion of one online class in which high school credit is awarded. Opportunities to complete this requirement are available through Florida Virtual School, Pinellas Virtual School, or a few select courses on campus at Dixie Hollins.
- **Scholarship Information**
Please visit www.pcsb.org for a list of scholarships available. Click on the student tab, then Financial Aid and Scholarships. The scholarships are listed under Monthly Opportunities. Numerous scholarships are listed and may be based on need, merit, community service, and athletics.

ETHICS TEAM *Accepting New Members*



Do you have an opinion about current hot topics?

Do you like discussing the issues that people disagree and debate about?

We have a team at Dixie that competes against other high schools in giving opinions and supporting positions on topics such as:

- Should colleges be allowed to withdraw offers to seniors if they don't like what they post on social media after the acceptance?
- Are driverless cars immoral and dangerous or are they a benefit to society?
- Should cities outlaw certain breeds of dogs, like pitbulls or dobermans?

If you are interested in learning more, come to our meetings on Thursdays at lunch in Room 131 or see Ms. Caventer.

Principal's Message Continued...



We have our sights set on 89 points as our target to reach our school grade goal of a B!

- Our school-wide staff commitment is for every student at Hollins High school to make a learning gain, grow socially and emotionally, and become a leader ready to take on any and all challenges.
- We raised our graduation point 7 points in 2017 to 84%--the highest it has ever been. Our goal this year is to climb the ladder to 90% and live forevermore in that percentile.
- We have instituted extended learning time during the day – we call the 32 minutes provided daily 32 for U. This is a time where students can and do receive tutoring, homework assistance, visit classes they are struggling in, utilize SAT Practice. org, plan and set goals for the week, quarter and year.
- Wednesdays during 32 for U is designated as “Literacy Wednesday” where students work on various tasks, readings and engage in conversations around stories, topical events, fables and political cartoons to enhance their reading comprehension and proficiency.
 - *We have many seniors who have qualified to graduate in every other aspect, but do not have a passing FSA Reading/Writing score or commensurate concordant score on the ACT/ SAT. It is a mission critical area of need for our students and school. For those who have passed, it is a critical area to work on to improve ACT/ SAT scores to qualify for scholarships and earn extra points to gain entry into their college university of choice.
- As a Title 1 school, we have acquired an amazing array of talent to support our students in academics, social and emotional well-being, attendance and behavior. Our MTSS team of Scott Mason, Anne Caparaso and Don Ware work tirelessly to support students to achieve academic and social success. We also have a full-time Literacy (Adella Landstrom) and Math (Valerie Pinzon) Coach that support our students and teachers in those areas – during their classes, in pull outs and during 32 for U.
 - *Our school's database – “Rebels Rising” helps us track the progress and success of students, support them when needed and provides a lesson plan template for students and parents to access and acquire work and assignments.

Greetings from Rebel Battalion!



Greetings from the Rebel Battalion! Drill season has arrived! We are very proud of our 2016-17 season, and are excited for the 2017-18 school year. The Drill team took on Boca Ciega and Gibbs High School at the Dixie drill meet on October 21st and came in second in the County Rifle Match. We are excited about the upcoming Sarasota Military Academy drill meet on Saturday, January 13th 2018 at Booker High School.

The Honor Guard and Color Guard teams have been at every home game presenting the colors and saber arch. The Color Guard was recently involved in the Adult Ed. graduation, presenting the colors for their special day. The Saber Guard presented the saber arch at coronation, as well as the Homecoming game for the court.

We are looking forward to the rest of our drill and rifle season. We plan to bring home many more trophies and continue to try our best no matter the circumstances. We also look forward to our noncompetitive events such as the leadership luncheon, special team's picnic and honor flight.

Veterans Day, November 11th, 2017, is an extremely meaningful holiday for the Rebel Battalion. In addition to our own school ceremony, we will be sending a 5 person color guard to Bay Pines and a 4 person color guard to American legion Post 104 on Veteran's Day.

Principal's Message Continued...



- We are on the precipice of two grand openings. Our Academy of Entertainment Arts building has been completely remodeled to reflect the quality work our students are producing and to provide our students and faculty with a state-of-the-art facility. Culinary Arts will open their brand new restaurant simultaneously with the grand opening of Arts and Entertainment. Our restaurant will enhance the real world industry experiences our kids will face in the restaurant business and allow us to provide lunches, dinners and host community events at our facility.
- On the horizon, is a student center in the former location of Adult Education. Adult Education has been relocated to the back of our campus – where their students have access without coming onto our campus during the day. This is an increased safety measure and will enable us to be the first school in our district with a student center as the focal point of our campus. The center will be a hub of information, gathering and activities. We look forward to a grand opening at the beginning of next school year.
 - *A group of students from all grades are on a special committee gathering information and ideas to assist in the development and fruition of our student center.
- We appreciate your commitment to our school, our students and our community. Our school family is our strength and our strength is our school family. I am personally committed to doing everything I can to enrich our school for the betterment of our students and staff. It is an honor and privilege to be its principal.

See you at the top!

ROBERT FLORIO
Principal

DHHS Magnet & Academy News

Parent Meetings will be held once a month at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria.

December 14h

February 8th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As always, we are in need of mentors and volunteers. There are many ways to get involved in our DHHS Community!

DID YOU KNOW we have 50 seniors who need mentoring to graduate?!

It's only 30 minutes every 2 weeks. Contact Caren Guardabascio (info below) to help!

We are also still on the lookout for Great American Teach-In Speakers!

Alumni & members of the community are encouraged to come visit our campus to interact with students firsthand.

Come for an hour, a few class periods or the entire day to share information with Rebels about your career or hobby, or to organize an activity.

As always, please don't forget to log your volunteer hours.

If you're having problems activating your account or you don't know your User ID or Password please call 727-547-7876 ext.2032.

Look forward to seeing you on campus.

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