



9th Grade Connections

April/May 2017 Newsletter

Hello 9th grade families and Happy Spring!

We hope everyone had a nice and restful Spring Break and that students are off to a great start for the 4th Quarter! Since there are only 7 weeks of school left and this quarter will be very busy with testing and graduation, this will be our last newsletter for the year. We hope that you have found the information in the "9th Grade Connections" newsletters helpful during your son/daughter's transition to high school.

Last quarter, the guidance team successfully met with and registered over 2400 students for next year! As a reminder, students will have until April 13th to make any changes to their course requests. Course request forms are available at our 9th grade receptionist's desk, the main guidance office, as well as the front office. Students' final course schedules will be made available online during the week of July 25th through the Home Access Center. For assistance with scheduling concerns over the summer, please call the guidance desk at 547-8342.

During this last quarter, teachers are busy preparing their students to get them ready to take their end of the year district and state tests. With all of the upcoming testing, students will be missing some of their classes periodically depending on when they are scheduled to test. Teachers are aware of this and will be flexible when possible, but it is ultimately up to the student to stay organized and keep up with their work so they can have a strong finish to their freshman year.

A few important notes/reminders about testing:

- For students enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Biology and/or U.S. History courses, they will be taking state-administered End of Course (EOC)/Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) tests. In an EOC/FSA course, these assessment results count for 30% of a student's overall final course grade.
- The Algebra 1 EOC is an exam that students are required to pass in order to graduate with a standard high school diploma (along with the 10th grade FSA English Language Arts (ELA) assessment).
- Please see page two of this newsletter for the testing date windows. Students have already been notified through their classes of the days they are scheduled to test. If they are unsure or have forgotten, please have them check with their teacher(s) of the appropriate subject area(s).
- Good attendance is critical during testing. Unless your child is ill or there is an emergency, please make sure your child is at school and attends the test session(s) he or she is scheduled for.
- Final exams will be given from May 19th-24th. Per school district policy, exams cannot be given early or in advance. If a student must miss a final exam, make-up exams will be offered throughout this time period or over the summer. Please have your child notify his/her teacher(s) immediately if they have to miss their exam.

Upcoming Testing Dates:

Subject Area Exam	Testing Window Dates
Grade 9/10 FSA Reading	April 10 th - April 19 th (2-day testing sessions)
Algebra 2 FSA EOC	April 20 th - April -21 st (2-day testing sessions)
Geometry FSA EOC	April 24 th - April 28 th (2-day testing sessions)
Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	May 1 st - May 12 th (AM and PM test sessions)
Algebra 1 FSA EOC	April 28 th – May 2 nd (2-day testing sessions)
Biology EOC	May 1 st – May 4 th (1-day testing session)
Final Exams	May 19 th - May 24 th (By class period)
Final Exam Make-Ups	Afternoons after regular exams in the 9 th media center May 19 th – May 24 th

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If you use Facebook or Twitter, please look us up for announcements and updates.

Academy Parents

Academy parents and/or students- another way to get Academy News is to join our Facebook group called: BTHS Academy Supporters

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Important school-wide information, dates/deadlines and announcements can always be accessed via the main Bartram Trail webpage: <http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

April/May 9th Grade Happenings

-April 10th – May 24th- Testing Window (see schedule on left)
-April 24th- 4th quarter interims (available to view on HAC)
-May 24th- Last Day for Students
-May 25th - Class of 2016 Graduation Ceremony at 3:00 pm at UNF Arena
- 4th quarter report cards will be available in HAC once test scores are available and final grades are calculated.

Remind students to finish their freshman year strong!
GO BEARS!!!!

Stay in touch!

