



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connections

## October 2016 Newsletter

Hello 9<sup>th</sup> grade families!

September 23<sup>rd</sup> was our Freshmen Link Crew Tailgate Party before our football game against St. Augustine High School. It was great to see so many of our freshmen participate in this fun event. There will be other fun events sponsored by Link Crew throughout the school year. October is already upon us and we are wrapping up the first nine weeks. Students should now be more familiar with BTHS and high school life. Please encourage your 9<sup>th</sup> Grader to get involved with on-campus events and to show their BTHS Spirit during Homecoming Week.

### New to our district and/or state?

- Character Counts! is a national character educational program and is a major tenet of each school in the St. Johns County School District. The Six Pillars of Character are Trustworthiness, Fairness, Citizenship, Caring, Responsibility and Respect. For October, the pillar of emphasis is responsibility. We thank you in your efforts for installing and reinforcing these traits in your children, we are proud of the high character our students demonstrate on a daily basis!
- Be sure to read the SJCS D's "Parent Resource Guide", which has helpful information regarding assessments, academic advancement opportunities, programs of choice, career academies, virtual education options and more! The guide can be accessed via the main SJCS D website here: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/families/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2015/02/2016-2017-Parent-Resource-Guide.pdf>
- Need information about Florida course descriptions and standards? Visit: [www.CPALMS.org](http://www.CPALMS.org)
- State graduation requirements for the class of 2020 can be found by visiting: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/freshmanflyer.pdf>

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Reminders:

- If you are visiting the 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy and/or need to drop off something to your child in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade building, you must check in at the front office first to get a visitor's badge. Also, if you are checking your child out early from school, this will need to be done at the front office as well.
- If your child has a FLVS/SJVS virtual school account from middle school, please make sure they update their account to reflect Bartram as their new school and 9<sup>th</sup> as their grade level.

***Please plan to attend our  
Coffee with Counselors Parent  
Information Session on  
October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.  
We will discuss the following:***

- Promotion requirements
- Graduation requirements
- Credit calculations
- GPA
- Freshmen year overview- school profile, resources available, newsletter
- Registration process- recommendations for 10<sup>th</sup> grade/honors/AP criteria

### **October Happenings:**

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> - Homecoming Week!
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - Pep Rally
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - Homecoming Game
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - Last Day to pay for PSAT Scoring Fee: Visit Website Below

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/PSAT-Fee/1d6ex>

- October 8<sup>th</sup> - Homecoming Dance
- October 14<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends
- October 17<sup>th</sup> - Hurricane Make-up Day
- October 19<sup>th</sup> - PSAT
- October 24<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards

- 2016 Homecoming Week:  
(See Below for details)

***Be sure to encourage your child to dress up each day (must still be in dress code) and show their school spirit!!!***

## **Homecoming Week!** **10/3-10/7**

**Monday** ~> 'Merica   
**Tuesday** ~> Decades   
**Wednesday** ~> Character Day   
**Thursday** ~> Celebrity/Rockstar Day   
**Friday** ~> Class Color & Bear Day 

- \* Freshman: Silver/Gray
- \* Sophomores: White
- \* Juniors: Blue
- \* Seniors: Black

Enjoy...

- \*fun games in the courtyard during lunches!
- \*Lip Sync Battles!
- \*Posing for photos of you decked out in spirit wear!

- ★ **Wednesday Night (10/5) Dream This Volleyball Game!**
- ★ **Thursday Night (10/6) Powder Puff Football Game! - Junior&Senior girls**
- ★ **Friday Night (10/7) Football Game!**
- ★ **Saturday Night (10/8) Homecoming Dance! - Carnival Theme**