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## News

*Congratulations to our  
Seniors...*

*May you ALL reach your goals  
and live your life to the fullest.  
We will miss you and we wish  
you the best in your future  
endeavors.*



*Happy Summer Vacation to Everyone!!!*

**PTO Positions for 2017-18 School Year**

Congratulations to our PTO Board for next year:

**Board Positions:**

President - Débora McCarty  
Vice President - Nery DiDeo  
Treasurer - Melissa Muley  
Secretary - Elizabeth Loeser  
Parliamentarian - Clair Jordan

#### **Chairperson Positions:**

*Membership Chairperson - Lillie Nay*

*Teacher Appreciation Chairperson (Back-to-School/Teacher App.) - Position Available*

*Holiday Teacher Appreciation Only - Lynda Follenweider*

*Business Partner Chairperson - Leslie Mackie*

#### **Bookroom Volunteers**

We are in need of volunteers who can help check in student's textbooks. If you are available for any of these time slots please click on this link:

#### **Bookroom Volunteers Needed**

#### **Senior Debt Day Volunteers**

If you are available on May 15 or 16, please click on this link: **Senior Debt Day**

#### **Dance Recital TONIGHT**

Dance Recital, May 12th at 6:00pm and May 13th at 5:00 pm. Doors open 45 minutes prior to show. Tickets will be sold at the door only for \$10 each. Exact change please.

Thank you,

**Nery DiDeo**

BTHS Newsletter Editor

BTHS Volunteer Coordinator

BTHS Academy Newsletter Editor

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## **Student Check Out Procedures**

### **STUDENT CHECK OUT PROCEDURES**

**During Exams** Students should not be checked out during an exam. Once an exam begins, students are required to stay for the duration of that exam. If early dismissal is necessary, it should be planned for between exams and the student should plan to take the missed exam during a make-up time. The mid-term exam schedule can be found on the BTHS Homepage at [www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us) or below in this newsletter in and after the calendar.


**Signing Out Early** Students need to take a parent/guardian note to the attendance office for 10th, 11th, 12th grades and to the 9th grade front desk for freshmen. This note should include student name, grade, date of birth, reason for early dismissal, who will be picking up the student, and the time student needs to be in the front office for pickup. The attendance office/9th grade front desk will issue a pass for the student. The student shows his/her teacher the pass and should leave the classroom at the designated time to meet his/her parent/guardian in the front office for pickup. Notes can be turned in before school or during lunch. Parents/Guardians will meet their child in the front office, with their driver's license and sign them out.

**Early Check Out Times** Early check outs need to be done no later than 3:00pm each day, except Wednesday it is 2:00pm.

**Signing Out Due To Illness** Students need to go to the clinic when they are ill and would like to go home. Students are required to call a parent/guardian from the clinic to arrange pickup. They should not call or text parent/guardian directly for pickup without going to the clinic. If they do, they will be directed to the clinic prior to leaving.

Attendance Office      547-8339

## May 14 - May 27

| Sunday | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|---|---|--|----------|
| 14     | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19<br>9:15 - 10:45<br><b>Period 1 Exam</b><br>10:45 - 10:55<br>Break<br>10:55 - 12:25<br><b>Period 2 Exam</b><br>12:30 - 1:00<br>Lunch<br>Buses depart at 1:00pm | 20       |
| 21     | 22<br>9:15 - 10:45<br><b>Period 3 Exam</b><br>10:45 - 10:55<br>Break<br>10:55 - 12:25<br><b>Period 4 Exam</b><br>12:30 - 1:00<br>Lunch<br>Buses depart at 1:00pm | 23<br>9:15 - 10:45<br><b>Period 5 Exam</b><br>10:45 - 10:55<br>Break<br>10:55 - 12:25<br><b>Period 6 Exam</b><br>12:30 - 1:00<br>Lunch<br>Buses depart at 1:00pm | 24<br>9:15 - 10:45<br><b>Period 7 Exam</b><br>10:50 - 11:20<br>Lunch<br>Buses depart at 11:25pm | 25<br><br><b>Happy Summer Vacation!!!</b> | 26   | 27       |

For specific information about clubs, sports or events, please go to the: [BTHS Website](#) and click on "Daily Announcements" under "Important Links".

To print a downloadable calendar click on this link: [May 14 - May 27](#)

## Final Exam Schedule

# Bartram Trail High School

## 2016-2017 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

### Friday, May 19th – two exams

9:15 – 10:45 EXAM Period 1

10:45 – 10:55 Break

10:55 – 12:25 EXAM Period 2

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

Buses depart at 1:00

### Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – two exams

9:15 – 10:45 EXAM Period 3

10:45 – 10:55 Break

10:55 – 12:25 EXAM Period 4

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

Buses depart at 1:00

### Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – two exams

9:15 – 10:45 EXAM Period 5

10:45 – 10:55 Break

10:55 – 12:25 EXAM Period 6

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

Buses depart at 1:00

### Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – one exam

9:15 – 10:45 EXAM Period 7

10:50 – 11:20 Lunch

Buses depart at 11:25

*Make – up exam times are available following the second exam each day*

*Make up exams will be held in the 9<sup>th</sup> Media Center.*

## FSA / Testing Information

This is a reminder that we will begin the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) ELA Reading assessments on Monday, April 10. These exams serve as the starting point of the testing process that is completed in the spring of every school year.

To view ALL upcoming assessment information, please [CLICK HERE>>](#) to access the Bartram Trail High School Testing website. The information on said website encompasses testing for ALL of our student population for the remainder of the school year. Please take an opportunity to review the site to help your son/daughter map out their testing for the next two months.

For your reference, here is a list of the upcoming testing that will occur in the next two months:

- Underclassmen Final Exams: May 19 – May 24

# Testing Coordinator Update

Testing Calendar at a glance: <http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/testing-calendar/>

Virtual school students in an EOC course:

<http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/virtual/>

## Upcoming Important Seniors Dates!

MON, MAY 15 at 6:00pm:

**SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT** (Auditorium)

*Invitations have been mailed.*

MON, MAY 15 & TUES, MAY 16 from Noon-3pm:

**SENIOR DEBT DAY** (Auditorium)

*SENIORS MUST PARK in the BUS LOOP.*

*ALL VEHICLES MUST BE MOVED BY 3:15PM FOR BUSES.*



WED, MAY 17 AT 9:00AM:

**GRADUATION REHEARSAL** (UNF Arena)

Park in Lot 18 ONLY. Students should plan for a lot of traffic in the morning!

THURS, MAY 25:

**GRADUATION CEREMONY** (UNF Arena)

Arrive: BEFORE 2:15pm

**CEREMONY:** 3:00pm

Park in Lot 18 or Garage 38

### Final Transcript Requests

Final Transcript requests can be made now by selecting the "HOLD FOR GRADES" option in Parchment. Final transcripts are sent only at the students' request. Class of 2017 will be considered alumni on 8/1/17 and will then be assessed a fee for any transcript requests.

### Senior Dues

Senior dues are \$40 & can be paid by clicking this link: [SchoolPay Class of 2017 Dues](#).

All Seniors must pay dues.

### Scholarships

Attention Seniors!!! Now is the time to apply for scholarships for college! It takes only a small amount of time and can provide you with much needed money for college and expenses! Check out the Scholarship link on the Bartram webpage and you will find many links to scholarships with deadlines listed for each month, and there are links to scholarship search engines as well! Please take advantage of this valuable resource! If you receive a scholarship, please let your school counselor know so you can be recognized at the Senior Awards Night.

See senior class page for more information & details:

<http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>

## Club News

Click on this link for the list of Clubs at Bartram: [BT 2016-17 Clubs](#). If you are interested in one of these clubs, please contact the Club Sponsor so you can attend a meeting and get involved. These could be friends that you make and keep forever :)

## Congratulations and Shout Outs!!!

The Multi-Cultural Club met on Cinco de Mayo to make Welcome Baskets for students, originating from another country, entering Bartram Trail High School in the fall.

Great idea!!

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### Congratulations to our New BT Outdoor Guard Team



*Tryouts were last week and following students made it onto the team.*

Sam Speiser • Julie DiDeo • Katie Kilpatrick • Maggie Jeffries  
Ariel Gibson • Taylor Friedman • Laurel Howell • Cassidy Bolton  
Emily Lorenzen • Catherine Trimble • Lexi Glenn • Cathryn Raccina  
Trinity Rachal • Jessica Reddington • Corinne Albano • Payton Randall  
Alli Duffield • Ariana Rogers • Felicia Dodi • Sophia Carr  
Elizabeth Jeffries • Casie Henton • Caitlynn Berrier • Sydney Lavoie  
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Kalie Mitchell • Lillian Sieracki • Leanna Ramsey-Lewis • Shainna Rosenbaum  
Kaitlyn Rose • Kayla Wiechens • Lexi Rosenbaum

**Go Outdoor Guard Bears!!!**

## Athletic News

### BT Dance Team Tryouts!!!

The Bartram Trail Dance Team will be hosting clinics and tryouts May 16th-19th. Please visit the [BTHS Dance athletic page](#) for the tryout packet and information.

#### **BT Dance Recital**

The Bartram Trail Dance Recital is May 12th at 6:00pm and May 13th at 5:00pm in the BTHS Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door only. The doors will open 45 minutes prior to the show each night.



## BT Athletic Summer Camps





# SUMMER CAMPS



## REGISTER ONLINE

<http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/camps/>

CHECK OUT WHAT GREAT CAMPS ARE BEING OFFERED THIS SUMMER AT BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL. OUR YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS WILL HELP CAMPERS IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN FROM BT COACHING STAFF, AS WELL AS, OUR VARSITY ATHLETES. ALL CAMPS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE BT CAMPUS. SIGN UP TODAY!

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CAMP T-SHIRTS

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## SESSIONS

SESSION 1: MAY 30-2 (8:30-3)

SESSION 2: JUNE 5-8 (8:30-3)

SESSION 3: JUNE 12-15 (8:30-3)

SESSION 4: JUNE 19-22 (8:30-3)

SESSION 5: JUNE 26-29 (8:30-3)

SESSION 6: JULY 10-13 (8:30-3)

CONTACT:

JEN WEST - (904)657-8687

JENWEST142@GMAIL.COM

Click on this file to print the brochure: [2017 Camp Brochure](#)

Here is the informational link that also provides a way to register online or via mail:

<http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/camps/>

## Buy BT Athletic Apparel Here :)

**BTHS online store is live and ready to go!!**

Anyone who is interested in buying BTHS Apparel, please to go this link:

<https://bartram-trail-athletic-boosters-apparel.myshopify.com/>

# Guidance Information

## BTHS Scholarship Information

Exciting news! The [BTHS Scholarship webpage](#) has been totally updated!

The page is easy to navigate and is broken down by state scholarships & grant programs, scholarship websites & search engines, and by local, state and national scholarships by monthly deadlines. The link for scholarships is located directly on the BTHS webpage and also on the Guidance page.

There are scholarships available from St. Vincent's Hospital recognizing young women for their selflessness and leadership to scholarships in the areas of math, science, writing, technology, athletics, service work, optimism, automotive, fly fishing, vegetarians, and even dog and horse lovers! If you become aware of scholarships you'd like to recommend for the webpage, please email me the information!

Being awarded a scholarship can be a powerful motivator!

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## Community Service Hours

These changes are NEW (as of October 4th) and have come from the Florida Department of Education. You do not have to fix the already turned in hours, just the future service hours.

Community Service Hours MUST now be signed by the:

- 1) the organization where the student volunteered
- 2) the student, AND
- 3) by the parent/guardian of the student.

All other rules still apply.

# District News

The new issue of the **Superintendent's Report** is now posted online at [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/supt/report/](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/supt/report/).

The newsletter can also be found on the home page of the St. Johns County School District website at [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/).



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**May 2, 2017**

The St. Johns County School Board approved the name Picolata Crossing Elementary School for the school previously known as Elementary "M" at its School Board meeting held today. During community meetings held recently, Principal Jud Strickland collected input from the public and provided the suggested names to school board members during its workshop on April 25.

Picolata Crossing Elementary will open for the 2017-2018 school year and is being constructed at 2675 Pacetti Road. With 871 student stations the school will contain approximately 110,000 square feet and 43 classrooms. Movable walls will open to create flexible-sized classroom spaces and extend learning areas for collaboration opportunities. This school will also feature state-of-the-art technology and core facilities that include a media center, cafeteria, playgrounds and physical education fields. It is two stories and being built to Green Building Standards on an 18.5 acre site.



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**May 9, 2017**

Several principal appointments have taken place recently within the St. Johns County School District (SJCS D). Superintendent Tim Forson has named these appointments which are effective pending School Board approval.

"I look forward to working with the following group of talented leaders," said Superintendent Mr. Tim Forson. "Their varied skillsets will serve them extremely well in these new positions. They all possess great character and the experience to take on these new opportunities, and I could not be more pleased."

**Edie Jarrell**, principal at Wards Creek Elementary (WCE), has been named the new principal of Cunningham Creek Elementary (CCE). She will replace Principal Jud Strickland who was named the principal of Picolata Crossing Elementary School.

Jarrell has nine years of experience in St. Johns County, serving as the assistant principal of CCE and principal of WCE. Previously, she has served as a teacher of all elementary grade levels as well as a Media Specialist and Assistant Principal in Duval County. She is certified in Exceptional Education, Information Studies and Library Science, Educational Leadership, and School Principalship.

Jarrell holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida and master's degrees from UNF and Florida State University.

**Kelly Jacobson**, assistant principal at Bartram Trail High School (BT HS), has been named the principal of Fruit Cove Middle School (FCMS). She will replace Lynn O' Connor who is retiring from the SJCS D at the conclusion of this school year.

Jacobson started her career in 1997 in Pinellas County Schools first as a teacher and then acting assistant principal before she joined the SJCS D in 2005 as a dean at Switzerland Point Middle School. She has also served as an assistant principal at Pacetti Bay and Alice B. Landrum (LMS) middle schools before joining BT HS in this capacity in 2014.

Jacobson holds a bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and a master's degree from National Louis University.

**Traci Hemingway**, principal at Timberlin Creek Elementary (TCE), has been named the new principal of Liberty Pines Academy. She will replace Principal Judith Thayer who is retiring from the SJCS D at the conclusion of this school year.

Hemingway has been with the SJCS D for over four years serving as the assistant principal at Pacetti Bay Middle School and the principal of TCE. She also has more than 15 years of experience spent in Fairfax County, VA; Pasco County, FL; Fulton County, GA and St. Tammany Parish, LA. She began her career as a teacher and served as a literacy coach, reading specialist, curriculum coordinator and an assistant principal.

Hemingway holds a bachelor's degree from Kennesaw State University in GA, and a master's degree and certificate in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida.

**Steve McCormick**, principal of Ponte Vedra High School (PVHS), has been named the new principal of Creekside High School. He will replace Principal Randy Johnson who is retiring from the SJCS D at the conclusion of this school year.

McCormick has been employed with the SJCS D since 1995 and spent seven years as the principal of FCMS before becoming principal at PVHS. He also served as dean of students at BT HS and Allen D. Nease High School and as assistant principal at LMS and BT HS.

McCormick holds a bachelor's degree from The State University of New York at Cortland, a master's degree from Indiana State University and a certificate in Educational Leadership from the University of North Florida.

Forson will gather input from staff and the community for the new principal of WCE, TCE and PVHS.



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[Publix](#) - 450 SR 13

[RE/MAX Specialists, The Watt Team](#) - 12646 San Jose Blvd



[Sonny's BBQ](#) - 2605 SW 33rd St Bldg 200, Ocala, FL 34471

[Southlake Dental](#) - 2233 County Road 210 West

[St. Johns Learning](#) - 1629 Racetrack Road

[State Farm Insurance](#) - Dave and Kim Lego

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[Tutoring Club](#) - 605 SR 13, Suite 109

[Walgreens](#) - Racetrack Road and SR 13

[Walmart Neighborhood Market](#) - Racetrack Road and SR 13

## Social Media

**Facebook - Bartram Trail PTO**

**Twitter - @BartramTrail**

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**

## Other ways to support BTHS thru PTO

### Amazon Smile donation to BT PTO

We have also set up a donation to our PTO if you purchase items thru "Amazon Smile".

In order for this to work you must log onto Amazon thru this website:

<https://smile.amazon.com>. Then you select our organization. It is called "Bartram Trail High School Parent Teacher Organization". We will receive 0.5 percentage of everything you order. It's another way to help support our students and school, and every little bit helps :)

### Become a Business Partner

Contact Suzanna Palmer, BT Business Partner Coordinator, at: [dougandsuzp@comcast.net](mailto:dougandsuzp@comcast.net).

Below are our levels, you can also click this link for a downloadable copy: [Business Partner Agreements](#)

## School Access and/or Volunteering Information

### Previously Approved

If you are going to be volunteering or coming onto our school campus this year, please make sure you are an "Approved Volunteer". If you are not sure, please email me, Nery DiDeo, at: [BTHSVOLCoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:BTHSVOLCoordinator@gmail.com).

Please make sure you include your Full Name (as seen on your drivers license) and birth date. I can verify your status.

Approved volunteer applications are active for 3 years. Please **DO NOT** fill out a new form unless you have had an email, phone or address change.

### New Applicants



If you have **NEVER** filled out a Volunteer form for St. Johns County, please go to this link: [School Access Form](#) and fill out the online form. If you provide an email and I review your application, you will receive an email update from me on your volunteer status.

**YOU MUST** be approved through our School Access Form Process for St. John's County in order to be on campus during school hours. That includes meetings and/or volunteering.

### **Training for Student and Adult Volunteers**

If you are going to volunteer at BT or represent BT during a volunteering opportunity, please view whichever one of these PowerPoint presentations apply to you.

Thank you for volunteering this year at Bartram.

**We LOVE our Volunteers!**

We could not do ALL that we do without you :)

[Student Volunteer Training Presentation](#)

[Adult Volunteer Training Presentation](#)

## **Mission Statement**

"BTHS serves as a center for academic excellence,  
community involvement and character development,  
while fostering a joy for lifelong learning"

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[BT Website](#)

