November Newsletter 2024

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COUNSELOR CONNECTION

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE?

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- 11th/12th grade Counselors will visit U.S. History classes to provide all juniors important information about graduation requirements, testing, transcripts, grade forgiveness, AP & Dual Enrollment options and Bright Futures. Friday, November 22, will be the make-up date for any student who does not have a U.S. History class on campus or is absent on the day of the classroom lesson. Please look for a Sign Up Genius posted to Schoology.
- Counselors will host a "New Student Luncheon." Now that Quarter 1 is over, this is an opportunity for new students to become more acquainted with BTHS Counselors and fellow new students. The purpose is to spark new friendships and further welcome our new students.
- Counselor in the Courtyard will focus on "Thankfulness". Students will recognize a teacher, parent, or any adult they are thankful to have in their lives. This event will be held on November 13, during all lunches.
- Juniors and Seniors who signed-up to attend First Coast Technical College's 8th Annual Career Showcase will travel with chaperones to the event on Thursday, November 7.
- MY QUEST is scheduled for November 20, before school and 6th and 7th periods in Media Lab #3. The topic is Scholarships and Bright Futures. Students are also welcome to seek help with Xello or college applications.

BE IN THE KNOW...

Join our Counseling Schoology Group Code: VXTV-WZ8T-KXHHV

Visit our School Counseling page https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/



February 26, 2025

All 11th grade students are automatically registered for the test.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW

If you believe your student is eligible for accommodations on the ACT test and he/she is not yet approved by ACT, please complete the <u>"Consent to Release Information to ACT"</u>

Please email signed forms to

Tonya.porter@stjohns.k12.fl.us. by January 1, 2025, <u>11:59 pm.</u> Paper copies will not be accepted. If technology is an issue, notify Tonya Porter before 12/20. Please note, Winter break begins for students and teachers at the end of the school day, <u>December 20 thru January 5</u>. Please plan accordingly. Deadlines for submissions are established by ACT and we are unable to provide any extensions.

DATES AT A GLANCE

November 7	FCTC Career Showcase
November 11	School is in session
November 13	Counselor in the Courtyard ASVAB Testing
November 20	MY QUEST
November 21	New Student Luncheon
November 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Break



Xello is a college and career readiness program. Every student has an account and it is accessed through Clever.



Seniors- Check out your Senior Class page for informationhttps://wwwbths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/

School Counselors

9th & 10th Grades:

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11th & 12th Grades:

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Special Projects

Mrs. Porter Tonya.Porter@stjohns.k12.fl.us

- Tutoring is available through the following resources:
 - -National Honor Society- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 3-4pm in the Media Center.
 - -Algebra tutoring in room N148 all three lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.
 - -Mu Alpha Theta members provide tutoring for various Math subjects. Please see your School Counselor for more information.
 - -Varsity Tutors is a free year-round online resource. Access Clever for Varsity Tutors. For more information visit https://my.varsitytutors.com/launchpad
- Dual Enrollment Packets -Counselors are still accepting registrations, but courses are filling up quickly. SJRSC's deadline is December 2, 2024
- Students interested in taking the ASVAB on November 13, must sign-up with ROTC Instructors in Room N123 no later than November 12. The ASVAB is not only for students interested in joining the military, but may be used in helping students determine a career path after high school.
- All seniors had an opportunity to review their Senior Credit Check with their School Counselor and attend a Financial Aid Lesson, which included a copy of their Bright Futures Report and completion of the Bright Futures application. If your senior missed these opportunities, please have your student speak with his/her School Counselor as soon as possible.



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www.parchment.com/u/registration/9276/institution

Need a Transcript to complete your SSAR, send to a coach, or a scholarship committee? Order through Parchment

For more information, visit the School Counseling webpage on the BTHS website: https://www-bths.stjohns.kl2.fl.us/quidance/

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1.Where can I find information about the SAT or ACT? Click here for information: <u>https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/sat-and-act-test-date-and-registration-deadlines</u>

2.Where can I find how many volunteer/work hours I have completed? In HAC under the "Registration" tab

3.1 made a request for my Counselor to complete a college application "Counselor Form" through Xello. When should I expect it to be completed? Counselors will ensure that college forms are submitted by the deadline, if requested in a reasonable amount of time. An exact time period is difficult to predict, due to varying amounts of requests at different times of the year.

4.Where and when do I need to order my cap and gown? Click here for information: <u>https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/</u>

5.1 want to take an online course. Where do I sign-up? SJVS or FLVS are your two online options. Please visit: <u>FLVS.NET</u>

6.1 received a "D" in a course. Can I take it over? Students are permitted to retake for grade improvement or credit recovery most academic courses if they received a "D" or an "F". Please see your Counselor to discuss your eligibility and options.

7.When are GPA and rank calculated?

GPA and rank are calculated twice per year – at the end of 1st semester and at the end of the school year. <u>The only exception is Senior year</u>. At the conclusion of 1st semester, both GPA and rank will be recalculated for seniors. Rank will not be recalculated again at the end of the year for seniors. Only a senior's GPA will be recalculated at the end of the school year.

8.My student wants to join a club. Where can I find a list of club options? Click here: <u>https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clubs/</u>