

PARENT NIGHT 1-14-25

**RISING SOPHOMORE YEAR:
WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

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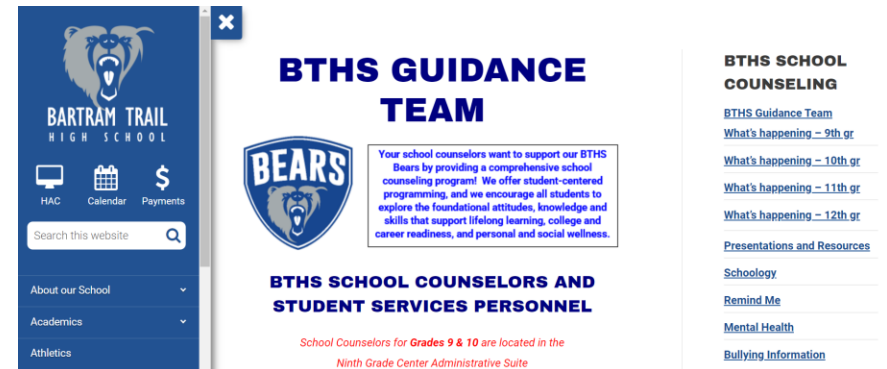
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****Open door policy during your lunch****

SCHOOL NEWS ...

Check the BTHS Website and Schoology Group

- School Counseling Information
 - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>
- Daily Announcements
 - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/news/>
- Schoology Group
 - School Counseling for BTHS Students
 - Access Code: VXTV-WZ8T-KXHHV



The screenshot displays the BTHS website interface. On the left is a dark blue navigation menu for Bartram Trail High School, featuring icons for HAC, Calendar, and Payments, a search bar, and dropdown menus for 'About our School', 'Academics', and 'Athletics'. The main content area features a 'BTHS GUIDANCE TEAM' announcement with a bear logo and a text box stating: 'Your school counselors want to support our BTHS Bears by providing a comprehensive school counseling program! We offer student-centered programming, and we encourage all students to explore the foundational attitudes, knowledge and skills that support lifelong learning, college and career readiness, and personal and social wellness.' Below this is the heading 'BTHS SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND STUDENT SERVICES PERSONNEL' and a note: 'School Counselors for Grades 9 & 10 are located in the Ninth Grade Center Administrative Suite'. On the right side, there is a 'BTHS SCHOOL COUNSELING' section with links for 'BTHS Guidance Team', 'What's happening - 9th gr', 'What's happening - 10th gr', 'What's happening - 11th gr', 'What's happening - 12th gr', 'Presentations and Resources', 'Schoology', 'Remind Me', 'Mental Health', and 'Bullying Information'.

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

9th to 10th Grade

- 5 credits

10th to 11th Grade

- 11 credits


11th to 12th Grade

- 17 credits

12th Grade to Graduation

- 24 or more

- GPA's update after every semester:
 - In January, after semester 1 grades post
 - In the summer, after semester 2 grades post
 - EOC courses: Algebra, Geometry, Biology and US History: State EOC course (30% averaged when state releases scores). Final grade is determined.
- AP, Dual Enrollment, and honors counts towards your weighted GPA
- Only unweighted GPA counts towards graduation and qualifications for Dual Enrollment



WHAT YOU
NEED TO
KNOW
ABOUT
GPA:

GRADE FORGIVENESS

Students can retake classes in which they earn a D or F (if the class is offered on FLVS, SJVS, or EDMENTUM Credit Recovery). Student athletes cannot take grade recovery on Edmentum per NCAA.

All grades appear on the official transcript. Forgiven grades will still show on transcript but will not be included in GPA calculation

All grade forgiveness should be completed before senior year

Options for grade recovery: St Johns Virtual School, Florida Virtual School, and/or Edmentum credit recovery*

*Courses taken via Edmentum credit recovery will not count towards NCAA eligibility. Student Athletes should not use this platform for grade recovery.

If grade forgiveness is necessary, students should request an EDMENTUM or Virtual Lab on their schedule for next school year during their meeting with their School Counselor

- Schools are required by the State to place students in Intensive Reading if they score a level 1 or 2 on the FAST ELA Reading
- Administration will review FAST scores during the summer and students will be placed in an Intensive Reading course. In 11th and 12th grade the Intensive Reading course will focus on ACT/SAT test taking tips and preparation.
- Intensive Reading is an elective course so this will replace an elective that the student has chosen.

**INTENSIVE
READING
COURSE
(BASED ON
FAST TESTING
RESULTS)**

HOPE WAIVERS

- Towards the end of sophomore year School Counselors will provide ROTC waiver forms to all ROTC students to complete. These forms must be signed and returned to Guidance before the end of the school year. The HOPE waiver will be coded by the Registrar's Office for all students who have successfully completed two years of ROTC with passing grades.
- For student athletes who have completed two full years in a Varsity Sport these students will also be processed for HOPE waivers after they have completed their forms with signatures to be validated by the BTHS Athletics office. The Athletic Director will sign off on these athletic waivers.

TRANSCRIPTS AND TIPS

If you need a transcript you need to log on to our BTHS website and order through parchment. The link is www.parchment.com/u/registration/9276/institution

It is a great idea now to order a transcript and keep for your records to review and keep track of all of your grades and credits earned.

Xello is a college and career readiness program. Each student has an account, and it is accessed via CLEVER on the BTHS student links. Students and parents received Xello information. Students completed their career interest inventories via Social Studies classes and elective courses such as World Cultural Geography and AP Human Geography.

Volunteer Hours: Please do not wait until the last minute to complete and submit your service hours. The community service reflection log forms are located in Guidance so pick up a form this week and start coordinating and arranging to complete your hours with a nonprofit agency. Students can also use their work hours to count for community service. Copies of paystubs are needed along with the reflection log. The goal is to be completed by the end of junior year.

**COURSE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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COURSE REQUESTS

Current Teachers make recommendations for next year's core courses and upper-level electives.

- Feel free to look at our Course Progressions on our Registration webpage to see our recommended core course sequence.

Students get to pick their electives to complete their 7 total courses for next year.

Grades – A grade of “C” or better in the previous honors course. Students earning an “A” in a previous standard class, may be recommended for Honors or AP

FAST/EOC – Level 4 or 5 in appropriate area and not less than a level 3 in any area

SJCSD HONORS CRITERIA

SAMPLE 10TH GRADE SCHEDULE (STANDARD)

- English 2
- Geometry – EOC course
- Biology – EOC course
- World History
- Spanish I
- 2D Art I
- Chorus I

SAMPLE 10TH GRADE HONORS/AP

- English 2 Honors
- Geometry Honors – EOC course
- Biology Honors – EOC course
- AP World History
- Spanish II
- AP Psychology
- Digital Design

CAREER FAIR 2024-2025

In the month of April Counselors will host a weekly panel session and mini career fair that will showcase a variety of careers. We will be utilizing members from our community to participate and share their important careers with our students.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- 1-15-25 to 1-21-25 elective options open on HAC for students to pick their elective choices for next year.
- 1-24-25 Academy applications deadlines and drop forms are due by 5:00 p.m. If students drop ROTC after 1 year they must sign up for HOPE as they no longer will qualify for the waiver.
- 4-15-25 deadline to request changes to your schedule for next year by 4:00 p.m. Complete and submit forms online only.
- To request a virtual class next year the student must request the course online on www.flvs.net with a start date on or before 5-30-25 or 8-11-25. Counselor approval is needed and if student needs to request a virtual lab class to complete the course the online form request must be received by 5-30-25.

YOUR TO DO LIST

CHECK HAC

- Make your elective selections prior to your registration appointment. Elective options open in HAC on 1-15-25 to 1-21-25 by 4:00 p.m.
- Stop by to see your School Counselor during the 4th period lunch open hours with any questions and/or concerns
- Write down any questions you may have with regards to the registration appointment
- Attend your registration appointment with your English class. If you are absent a make up date and time will be scheduled for you. The registration schedule is posted on our BTHS website.

DATES

- Pay attention to dates and deadlines. The last day to make changes to your schedule is 4-15-25 via online form only.
- Return any core recommendation re-evaluation forms before 4-15-25. Submit online by 4:00 p.m.
- Sign up for any FLVS/SJVS courses online with start date at the end of this school year on 5-30-25 or the beginning of next school year 8-11-25. Counselor approval is needed. Deadline to request a virtual lab class by 5-30-25.
- Remember there are no schedule changes in August 2025 once the school year starts. You will preview your schedule in the summer months on 7-23-25 and 7-24-25.

QUESTIONS

- Thanks for joining us for our Registration parent night.
- We appreciate your continued support and let's finish this semester **STRONG!**
- Have a good evening!