

BACK
TO
SCHOOL

COUNSELOR CONNECTION

August 2026



A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Dear Bartram Bears,

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a relaxing summer break and are excited to begin the 2026-2027 school year. Whether you are a Senior, Junior, Sophomore, or Freshman, each of you has academic and personal goals. As your School Counselors, we are here to assist you along your journey.

We are hopeful our school webpage, Schoology posts, and monthly newsletters will provide regular updates and important information for students and families. We welcome the opportunity to answer questions and become more acquainted with you. Students may visit with counselors during their lunch, or by making an appointment.

As you start the new school year, plan to make this your best year. If you do not belong to a club or sports team, seek to join one. If last year your grades were mediocre, strive to do better. If your friend group does not add positively to your life, make one new friend. If you see something that is not right, take a step towards making it right. Overall, only YOU have the power to make this YOUR best year because YOU control your mind and actions.

We look forward to working with you and supporting your endeavors.

Counselor Assignments



**Starting the 26-27 School Year, all
school counselors will serve
students 9th - 12th grades.**

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ALL COUNSELOR OFFICES ARE IN THE MAIN OFFICE
AREA NOW. LOOK FOR THE "GUIDANCE" SIGN
WHEN COMING FROM THE COURTYARD

Counselor's in August

During the month of August, your school counselors are busy getting the school year started!

We will be working hard to be sure each student feels welcome at BTHS!

Please note that School Counselors do not have access to make schedule changes in any way.

A Message from the Registrar:

There are no schedule changes allowed.

Students were able to make changes to their schedules during the Spring semester prior to summer break.

Students were able to preview their schedule on July 22nd and 23rd. Student were able to request a correction if there was a duplicate or missing course by completing the Schedule Correction Request link by July 23rd at 5:00pm.

If a student completed the form and does not see a change in their schedule, their request was not approved.

STAY INFORMED!

- School Counseling Webpage
- Monthly Newsletter
- Schoology Posts (students)
- School Messenger/Parent Square

Community Service Hours

Students need to submit their community service hours once they earn them to avoid turning them in at the last minute during senior year. Service hour information on the BTHS website.

BTHS School Counselors keep an open door policy during 4th period for the convenience of all students. Be sure to stop by if you have something quick you need to discuss with your counselor.

Important Dates

August 7th
Open Campus (8am-11am)

August 10th
1st Day of School

September 2nd
Club Fair (during lunches)

STUDY TIPS

- Have a dedicated study space
- Minimize distractions
- Manage your time effectively
- Prioritize your schoolwork
- Stay organized - use a planner or an online calendar
- Start working on bigger projects and assignments early
- Study early and often
- Ask for help



JOIN OUR SCHOOL COUNSELING
SCHOLOGY GROUP

CODE: VXTV-WZ8T-KXHHV



ST. JOHNS COUNTY

College & Career Night

HOSTED AT WORLD GOLF
VILLAGE RENAISSANCE
ST. AUGUSTINE RESORT
500 LEGACY TRAIL
ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32082

Wednesday,
Sept. 2nd | 6pm - 7:30pm

IMPORTANT COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

**BTHS Students will no longer have to
connect their Common App to Xello.**

How does a student request transcripts
be sent to the college/university they are
applying to?

Applications through Common App

Students will have to add their counselor in their
Common App.

Applications direct through the College/University

Students will have to request a transcript through
parchment (\$5/transcript)

Need a Transcript?



<https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/9276/institution>

REMINDER ABOUT FLVS!

Be sure (especially 9th grade students)
to change your physical school in your
FLVS account to BTHS!

COLLEGE VISITS

(located in the courtyard during all lunches)

9/3 - Eckerd College

9/4 - FL Polytechnic

DUAL ENROLLMENT

SJR State

FINAL DEADLINE (Extended!):

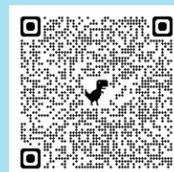
8/14 - ALL Applications and
Registrations

**Your BTHS schedule cannot be
adjusted to accommodate DE
courses.**

DE Textbooks

*All students taking a DE course
through SJR State MUST fill out
this form to order your textbooks
and access codes.*

LINK TO FORM



Florida State University System Application Deadlines

School	Admission Type	Application Deadline	Supporting Materials Deadline
Florida A&M University	Early Action	November 1	November 14
	Regular Decision	February 1	February 14
	Rolling Admission	May 1	May 1
Florida Gulf Coast University	Early Action	November 1	November 15
	Regular Decision	March 1	no date provided
Florida International University	Early Action	November 1	November 1
	Final	March 2	March 2
Florida Polytechnic University	Early Action 1	November 15	no date provided
	Early Action 2	January 15	no date provided
	Regular Decision	March 1	no date provided
	Rolling Admissions	May 1	no date provided
Florida State University	Early Action	October 15	October 22
	Regular Decision	December 1	December 8
	Rolling Admissions	March 1	March 8
New College of Florida	Early Action	November 1	November 15
	Priority Decision	February 1	Rolling
	Regular Decision	April 1	Rolling
	Rolling Admissions	Rolling	Rolling
University of Central Florida	Early Action	October 15	November 15
	Regular Decision	May 1	May 1

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University of Florida	Early Decision	October 15	October 22
	Early Action	November 1	November 8
	Regular Decision	January 15	January 22
University of North Florida	Early Admissions	September 2	September 2
	Priority Admissions	November 18	November 18
	Standard Admissions	December 16	December 16
	Final Admissions	April 1	April 15
University of South Florida	Early Action	November 2	November 16
	Regular Decision	December 16	January 15
	Rolling Admissions	March 1	March 15
University of West Florida	Regular Decision	April 1	April 1

What are the different types of admissions applications?

Application Type	Binding?	Best for students who...
Early Action	No	want an early answer without committing
Early Decision	Yes	have a clear first-choice college
Regular/Standard Decision	No	want more time to improve applications
Rolling Admissions	No	apply early and want quick decisions
Priority Decision	No	are seeking maximum consideration for admission, scholarships, and housing

ASK A SCHOOL COUNSELOR

New this year, we encourage you to submit questions that you have for the school counselors to be featured and answered in the following month's newsletter.

These questions should be general and not student specific.

Please use this link or scan this QR code to submit a question.

[CLICK HERE FOR QUESTION SUBMISSION LINK](#)



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

ST. JOHNS VIRTUAL SCHOOL & FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL?



Part-Time Program

- Local St. Johns County District teachers
- Teachers have ability to visit students in person for support
- Physical building (on campus of First Coast Technical College in St. Augustine) open 8am-4pm Monday-Friday for support
- If need course reinstatement or help working with a teacher, SJVS admin can assist
- Teachers help students complete so courses are added on time to graduate/promote
- Placed in course with teacher in same day as request pending school counselor approval SJVS
- Registrar places courses on student schedule and transcript for zoned school



Flex Program

- Teachers located anywhere in the state of FL
- SJVS unable to place students in FLVS courses, length of wait time up to FLVS Registrar
- SJVS has no control over issues with FLVS teachers. Call FLVS helpline
- Zoned school registrar builds FLVS courses, taking longer to add courses to student schedule and transcript

Want more information on how to get started?

Visit our website: www.stjohnsvirtual.com

Call: 904-547-8080

Email: sjvs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Try our courses and see
#TheStJohnsVirtualDifference



What's the Same?

St. Johns Virtual is a franchise of Florida Virtual, meaning we use the exact same platform and coursework as FLVS. The rigor, acceptability for college admissions, and policies for academic integrity are identical. Both schools allow students to take courses year-

testing information



Starting Aug. 17- FAST PM1

Students in 9th and 10th grades will be scheduled to take PM1 through their ELA class.

Sept. 15-24- FAST and EOC Retakes

Students who need to retake the FAST or an EOC, will be identified and sent a pass for testing.

Email Ms. Teuscher with any questions.
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testing information



SAT

(all tests are digital)

Test Date	Registration Deadline
August 22	August 7
September 12	August 28
October 3	September 18
November 7	October 23
December 5	November 20
March 6	February 19
May 1	April 16
June 5	May 21

Register at www.collegeboard.org
BTHS School Code = 100809
BTHS Test Center Code = 10614

Accommodations

Students who currently have an IEP, ELL or 504 Plan will not automatically receive accommodations for ACT, SAT, PSAT and AP Exams. There is an additional separate application process for requesting accommodations for both the College Board and ACT exams.

Find more information [HERE](#)



ACT

(tests at BTHS are PAPER BASED)

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 19	August 14
October 17	September 11
December 12	November 6
February 27	January 22
April 10	March 5
June 12	May 7
July 10	June 4

Register at www.act.org
BTHS School Code = 100809
BTHS Test Center Code = 207930

CLT

Students interested in taking the CLT will sign up for a test on the CLT website.

www.cltexam.com

Students must share CLT scores with their counselor via the CLT Website. Scan QR Code for a video walkthrough



TESTING INFORMATION

PSAT/NMSQT

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

When: Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Where: Bartram Trail High School

Things to Know:

- All 10th grade students are automatically registered for the exam and they do not have to pay a fee.
- 9th & 11th grade students may register for the exam, but must pay a fee.
- The cost for 9th and 11th grade students is \$22.
- There are a limited number of available seats for 9th & 11th graders. Once registration limits are reached the link to make payment will be inaccessible. A message will be sent during the first week of school when the SchoolPay Link goes live.
- **There is NO MAKE-UP DATE for this exam. Students who are absent for any reason will not have the opportunity to take the exam on another date at BTHS.**

Juniors, Do You Know....

- Your scores help College Board to identify high achieving students for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Students with high scores may be recognized as Commended Students, Semifinalists, or Finalists. The various recognitions may enhance your college applications and possibly lead to scholarship opportunities.
- 11th grade students who still need to pass the FAST Reading and/or BEST Algebra 1 for graduation requirements should consider taking the PSAT.

PSAT Testing Accommodations

Students with approved 504 plans, ELL plans, and IEPs may apply for College Board testing accommodations (PSAT, SAT, Advanced Placement - AP). The deadline to request accommodations for the PSAT exam is no later than August 21, 2027, 11:59 pm. Please complete the form on the link below. If your student was previously approved for College Board accommodations he/she does NOT have to apply again.

[Parental Consent Form for College Board Accommodations](#)

The exam schedule for AP exams is available now [HERE](#)

*Advanced Placement
Testing
May 2027*

- Know your test dates. Keep in mind, test dates are determined solely by College Board. Late testing dates often coincide with graduation or may occur after graduation.
- Once you receive your join code from your AP teacher, join your class(es) through AP Classroom immediately. Joining AP classroom registers you for that specific exam.
- The Final Ordering Deadline for AP exams is: November 13, 2026, 12:00 p.m. Students who join past College Board's deadline will incur a late registration fee. This fee is imposed by College Board, but BTHS will collect it.
- Students who miss an exam may be subject to a minimum \$40 missed and/or late testing fee.
- Students must ensure they know how to log into College Board. Student's should begin to memorizethis information now.
- Students with approved 504 plans,ELL plans, and IEPs may apply for College Board accommodations-[HERE](#)

Several staff members oversee different exams. Have a question?
Know who to contact.

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