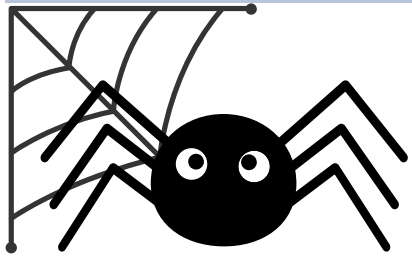


October 2026



COUNSELOR CONNECTION



Counselors in October

Counselors will have a heavy focus on working with our current seniors this month. We are meeting with each senior individually to review their progress toward graduation with a senior credit. We highly suggest parents review this with their student. Following credit checks we will be providing an in depth lesson on Financial Aid and paying for their education after high school.

This month the counselors will also be reviewing records for those students who earn a D or F during the 1st quarter.

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

Senior Credit Check Schedule

(through senior English courses)

B. Smith - 9/28

Coleman - 10/2

Radaker - 10/6

*Seniors without an English course at BTHS (DE, FLVS, etc.), will sign up using a "Sign Up Genius" link posted on Schoology for a 10 minute slot on one of the follow dates:

10/8

10/9

10/13

Senior Financial Aid Lessons

(through Senior English courses)

Discussing four ways students can receive financial aid and helping students complete their Florida Financial Aid Application (includes Bright Futures).

Smith - 10/17

Coleman - 10/20

Radaker - 10/23

*Seniors without an English course at BTHS (DE, FLVS, etc.), will sign up using a "Sign Up Genius" link posted on Schoology for a make up presentation during a modified or elective period.

Make up presentation will be on
10/26

IMPORANT 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)

October 1st

Bright Futures Application
Opens
&
FAFSA Opens

DUAL ENROLLMENT SJR State

Spring 2027 Registration Packets are now available in the Guidance Office.

Recommended Deadline:

11/6

FINAL SJRSC Application Deadline
(new to DE students only):

11/30

FINAL SJRSC Registration Deadline:

12/7

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



Counselors in the Courtyard

10/14

Topic:
Bullying

Need a Transcript?



parchment

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

COLLEGE & MILITARY VISITS

(located in the courtyard during all lunches)

10/5 - Marines

10/5 - Navy

10/13 - Texas Christian University

10/13 - University of North Florida

10/29 - Penn State

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.



JOIN OUR SCHOOL COUNSELING
SCHOOLGY GROUP

CODE: VXTV-WZ8T-KXHHV

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.

Important Dates

October 9th
1st Quarter Ends

October 12th
No School

October 21st
PSAT

In September the school counselors attended the State University System Conference to hear from all 12 public universities in the SUS and received updated information regarding the admissions process, including testing, regulations, policies, and student resources.

Click [HERE](#) to view each schools Fact Book



Ask a School Counselor

Q: How do students sign up for dual enrollment classes over the summer?

A: Registration Packets for summer dual enrollment will be available in the Spring, usually around March.

Q: Does my senior have to complete the STARS for college applications?

A: Yes, if the college is asking for them to complete the STARS, they must fill it out to have a complete application.

To do this, we suggest they order a transcript from parchment to be sent to themselves, then save it to have on file, and use it to fill out the STARS.

Q: When should we start to visit colleges?

A: It is our recommendation to make college visits during a student's junior year. College visits are considered an excused absences with official documentation from the college of the visit.

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](#)





**First Coast
Technical College**
Your Future Comes First

FCTC Showcase

**SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 5th 2026**

**For 11th/12th grade
high school students**

**10th
Annual
Showcase**

FCTC.edu

Permission slips
now available in
guidance!

Due back by
October 23rd!



FAFSA FRENZY

Don't let finances be a barrier!

Each year, millions of financial aid dollars go unclaimed. This event provides qualified students with assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is the first and most important step in applying for financial aid. Potential students who intend to enroll in college during the 2027-2028 academic year can increase their chances of receiving financial aid by applying early and meeting deadlines.

Attend our October event to complete the FAFSA and learn more about St. Johns River State College Foundation scholarships!



**Join us to learn
more about
the FAFSA!**

Monday, October 5, 2026

Palatka Campus

Viking Center

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Orange Park Campus

Viking Center

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8, 2026

St. Augustine Campus

L Building

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Last session begins at 6:30 p.m.

SJRstate.edu



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available at StudentAid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa.



Scan the QR code or visit SJRstate.edu/fafsafrenzy for more details.



ST. JOHNS RIVER
STATE COLLEGE

St. Johns River State College is an equal educational and employment opportunity institution. Read more at SJRstate.edu/nondiscrimination.

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testing information



SAT

(all tests are digital)

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

ACT

(tests at BTHS are PAPER BASED)

Test Date	Registration Deadline
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.collegeboard.org
BTHS School Code = 100809
BTHS Test Center Code = 10614

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

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](#)



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



PSAT/NMSQT



Bartram Trail High School is pleased to offer 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

There is NO make-up date for the PSAT/NMSQT and no refunds for missed exams.



All BTHS 10th graders are automatically registered for the exam and will receive the PSAT at no cost. 9th & 11th grade students who registered and paid for the exam will also test.

Registration is now CLOSED.

Important things to know:

- **Students DO NOT have to create a College Board account, nor download Bluebook prior to take the exam.**
- Late students may not be permitted to test - arrive to school on time (9:13 am first bell rings)
- Bring an ID - students should get in the habit of always bringing an ID to all testing sessions
- The exam is 2 hours and 14 minutes
- Students should bring a snack/water
- College Board accommodations deadline was 8/21 deadline. Only students who applied by this date and were approved by College Board will have accommodations on the exam.
- Students with extended time approved by College Board should pack a lunch. Extended time students cannot be dismissed to lunch prior to the completion of their testing session.
- All students taking the PSAT will need to know their BTHS student number and password to log into the school computers.
- Come prepared with pencils and a calculator.
- Test Room rosters will be published approximately one week, prior to the exam.
- Computers will be provided. Personal laptops, iPads, etc., not permitted.

Students please be on the look out for more Schoology posts and Parent Square notices.



Students download the **Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT**, which includes test information and a full-length practice test with answer keys.

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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