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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year from your School Counselors! Please read the following information to see everything that our School Counseling program has to offer!

Who are the school counselors and where are they located?

LAST NAMES	
A-D	Ms. Jennifer Ashenfelder (3 rd Floor)
E-K	Ms. Kim Shook (3 rd Floor)
L-Re	Ms. Suzanne Patterson (2 nd Floor)
Rf-Z	Ms. Michelle Sterling (2 nd Floor)

School counselors are located on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the academic building.

How should students and parents get the information they need from the counseling department

Check this site for resources - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>

Students should pay attention to the posts from the School Counseling for Beachside schoology group. Students can join the group using access code 8G4M-J5H5-5RZSD. Parents are also welcomed to join Schoology by using this link: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/edtech/schoology/schoology-for-parents/> Parents can see their Schoology Access code in HAC under the Registration tab.

Open door policy for students/student appointments

Students can visit school counselors during lunches. This is an OPEN-DOOR time for students to drop in, ask questions, and find solutions. If you have questions about academics, college/career, scholarships, etc., I encourage you to have your child write down all the questions, then come to their counselors office during our open-door time. As high school students, they should be taking ownership of their education and future. They are welcome to call you so you can hear the answers when they come to the counselor office.

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Academic Support

School Counselors meet individually with students who earn a D and/or F in courses required for graduation on their progress report and report cards to help students understand the impact on high school graduation as well as to help students acquire the skills to achieve academic success.

Post-Secondary Visits – 9th – 12th Grade

Counselors invited over 100 Universities, Colleges, Vocational schools, and Military recruiters on campus to share information with our students. Admission representatives will meet with students in the auditorium during the school day. Students will be notified of the visit via the School Counseling Schoology page and posted on our Post-Secondary Visits page - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/post-secondary-visits/>. Students must sign up at least 72 hours before the scheduled visit. Students will not be admitted into the auditorium unless they signed up using the form on the post-Secondary visits page. **Students are responsible for notifying their teacher and completing any make up work/tests.**

Parent/Student Workshops – 9th – 12th Grade

Please join us for Parent/Student Workshops designed to inform you about the positive curriculum School Counselors are providing to BHS students. Below are a few dates you don't want to miss!

September 28 @ 6:00: *From Grade Promotion to Graduation Day; The How To's of High School Success*

We want to make sure the workshop is based on the needs of our families. Please fill out this brief survey so that we can provide information during the workshop that will meet the needs of our community - <https://forms.office.com/r/8csb76YNgX>

January 23 @ 6:30: *Rising to New Levels: The How and Why of Course Selections for the 2024-25 School Year*

Counselors in the Courtyard – 9th – 12th Grade

School Counselors set up in the BHS courtyard during lunches and meet with students where they are! Counselor in the Courtyard topics address Frequently Asked Questions and provide an informal opportunity for students to seek out information about community connections, resources, and tools for high school success.

August 23: WELCOME NEW STUDENTS, Get Connected

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September 20: Campus Connections

October 18: Bullying Prevention

December 6: Personal Wellness

January 17: Course Selection Questions

March 27: Bright Futures Evaluations

April 10: Stress-Less Exercises

Student Classroom/Small Group Curriculum – 9th – 12th Grade

Classroom school counseling topics are listed below. After lessons are finished, they will be posted here for parents to view: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/presentations-and-resources/>

SENIORS:

August 28-September 1

Have I Met the Requirements to Graduate High School?

Each senior will receive a customized credit analysis to take home.

September 8 (6th and 7th Periods)

College Application Help Sessions

October 9th and 10th

Financial Aid Seminars

Each senior will be guided in completing the Florida Financial Aid Application.

October 20th (6th and 7th Periods)

College Application Help Sessions

October 30th (6th and 7th Periods)

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College Application Help Sessions

JUNIORS:

September 19th

Pop-ins to promote NACAC College Fair

November 7th

Why is My Junior Year Critical for Choices Beyond High School?

Each junior will receive credit details and consider important junior tasks related to college & career options.

April 18th

Naviance, Bright Futures, and College Applications

Juniors will receive their Bright Futures reports and learn what to expect during the college application process.

SOPHOMORES:

October 5th

One Year Completed Toward Graduation, What to Consider for Year Two!

Sophomores will look at a snapshot picture of freshmen year and decide where to focus as a sophomore!

November 14th and 16th

Students will learn about the many paths they can take after high school

Students will have the option to complete a career interest inventory

FRESHMEN:

August 16th and 18th

Learning about high school graduation requirements

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Why GPA's are important

October 27th

Transitions and Connections: Setting Priorities for Success in High School.

Freshmen will learn best practices in making a successful year one in high school.

WHOLE SCHOOL:

Throughout the School Year

Individual Academic Conferences 1:1 with students who earn a D or F in graduation requirement after progress reports/report cards.

September 14 and 15

New Student Small Group

January 11

Course Selection Grade Level Assemblies

January 30-March 8

Individual course selections with students

March 6

BHS College & Career Fair

Social/Emotional Support

While School Counselors are not mental health professionals, we are able to offer resources as well as social/emotional support to students.

Additional Counselor Supported Programs

September 6, 5 pm - 8 pm - [St Johns County College & Career Fair](#)

September 10, 1 pm - 6 pm - [NACAC Virtual College Fair](#)

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September 23, 9 am - 1 pm - [NACAC National College Fair - Jacksonville](#)

October 15, 1 pm - 6 pm - [NACAC Virtual College Fair](#)

November 12, 1 pm - 6 pm - [NACAC Virtual College Fair](#)

Home Access Center

The Home Access Center (HAC) is a web-based application which allows students and parents to view their child's educational information via a secure, password-protected website.

HAC is the go-to place for all records. Students and parents can find the following information in HAC: Transportation to/from school, Contacts, Emergency Contacts, Community Service Hours, Schoology Parent Access Code, Statewide Assessment Family Portal Access Code, Current Grades, Report Cards, Progress Reports, Transcripts, Test Scores, Schedule with Room Numbers, Attendance, Link to Teacher Emails, Student Attachments (FSA, FAST, and EOC scores), School Links to School Website, PayPams (student meal payment), Testing Calendar, and Statewide Assessments Family Portal

If you haven't set up a HAC account, directions are located here: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/registration/>

Community Service

While community service is NOT a graduation requirement, it is a requirement for certain scholarships (including Bright Futures). Click link for community service guidelines, how to turn in hours, and what counts as community service: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>

Transcript Requests

Seniors needing electronic transcripts sent to colleges must submit a request via Naviance. Students can find directions for requesting via Naviance here: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/transcript-requests/> Final electronic transcript requests remain free of charge through July of graduation year. All other transcript requests must be made through the appropriate form found here: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/transcript-requests/>

Volunteers and Visitors

Per SJCS policy, all visitors must complete a School Access Form before they will be allowed access to the BHS campus. This is for all activities including teacher meetings, school events during the day, and volunteering before, during, or after school. Visitors or volunteers who have not been approved

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through the school access procedure will not be allowed past the front desk, no exceptions. For more information and to apply for school access go to <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>

Other Helpful Information

Questions about district calendar, grading scale, when/how to view schedules, graduation requirements, schoology, supply lists, lockers, student ID's, health clinic info, orientation, school messenger, lunch, textbooks, clubs/sports, parking, dress code, attendance/early checkout procedures, make up work policies, school visitor info, SAC, PTSO & Boosters, senior class info, ACT/SAT test dates, and/or bell schedule – **Click HERE for packet of helpful information for our new and returning families.**

