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Nova High School Newsletter

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# The Titan Times

ADDRESSING THE ACADEMIC, PERSONAL, AND SOCIAL  
NEEDS OF THE STUDENT BODY AT NOVA HIGH SCHOOL

**"Strive for progress....not perfection."**

## Principal's Message

### Get to Know the Guidance Staff:

Ms. Maileen Rivera-Ramos, 9th Grade School Counselor  
Ms. Herlande Prospere, 10th Grade School Counselor  
Mr. Eric Knight, 11th Grade School Counselor  
Ms. Yahshae Mainer, Director of School Counseling &  
12th Grade School Counselor  
Ms. Pam Kirtman, BRACE Advisor  
Ms. Avadawn Gaddy, BRACE Advisor  
Ms. Courtney Chipman, Guidance Resource Support  
Ms. Kristina Patino, Cambridge Coordinator  
Ms. Alicia Calloo, ESE Specialist  
Ms. Kimberly Perry, Social Worker  
Ms. Alessiana Diniz, Family Therapist

**Hello Titan Families,**

**It is with great excitement that I welcome you back to a year of learning and growing together!**

It is our goal to remain innovative and work together to provide an excellent, rigorous education for all Nova Scholars, assisting them to reach their highest potential here and beyond high school.

Our goal remains to provide an excellent education for all of our students each and every day in a collaborative manner. Students, I encourage you to frequently check in with your teachers to ensure that you are on pace to reach your personal academic goals. I encourage you to continue to challenge yourself by taking the most rigorous classes that align with your skills and post-secondary goals! Our teachers, counselors, and Assistant Principals are invested in your success and appreciate you bringing any conversations or concerns to them to assist you on your scholastic journey. Parents, guardians, and caretakers, we will continue to provide support for your students as we implement mindfulness strategies through social, emotional, and community service activities. Your students will develop leadership qualities by participating in extracurricular activities and/or sports of interests. New this year includes the implementation of our Civics Academy and our T.E.A.L.S. partnership with Microsoft. Our teachers and students will actively explore various careers and ways that they can work to enhance their community through civic engagement. Please continue to visit our website for up-to-date information.

**Let's make it another great year for TITAN NATION!**

Your Principal,

Ms. Awofadeju



**At Nova, We Do The Right Thing!!**

## Grade 9: Opportunities for High School Students by Ms. Jones, Ms. Rivera-Ramos & Ms. Porter

We would like to welcome you to Nova High School and our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Team is here to make your Titan years academically successful and enjoyable. Nova High has an array of academic pursuits and classes for you to choose from: Cambridge / AICE, CTE classes, Industry Certifications, NJROTC, and other exciting and challenging courses. Acceptance into a post-secondary institution requires a competitive GPA, acceptable standardized test scores, service hours, positive behavior, and membership in clubs and/or organizations. These are all components a competitive student will have on their high school transcript.

Students should be productive during the school year to accumulate service hours, research perspective post-secondary institutions, and enroll in a summer college program. These experiences will help build the student's high school resume. Please start planting the seed with your freshman student now about the importance of a well-rounded education and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Our goal is to help your child become college & career ready while successfully completing high school.

Please do not hesitate to contact our team with any questions. Go Titans!

- Ms. Heidi Jones – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal
- Ms. Maileen Rivera-Ramos – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor
- Ms. Michelle Porter – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Secretary



## Grade 10: One Down, Three To Go by Mr. Chartrand, Ms. Prospere & Ms. Kelhi

The Sophomore year is a critical year as students begin to prepare for their college and career life after high school. We want to share some tips and information to ensure that our students have a successful school year and are prepared for the next two years of high school. *One year down, three more to go!*

**Build on the Foundation:** Ensure that your child continues to take rigorous classes, as these will keep him/her on track for college admissions or career readiness. We offer numerous Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge (AICE), industry certification, and dual enrollment courses. Also, ensure that they continue to develop good study habits as these skills will be helpful throughout his/her career here at Nova High School and beyond.

**Virtual Resources:** Virtual Counselor can provide a variety of information including attendance, test scores, academic history, and graduation requirements. Parents and students are encouraged to view Pinnacle weekly for up-to-date information on grades. Also, visit Naviance (<http://connection.naviance.com/nova>) and start reviewing information regarding State University Systems (SUS) admissions and Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility. Re-

## Grade 10: One Down, Three To Go (continued) Mr. Chartrand, Ms. Prospere, & Ms. Kelhi

view this information with your child to ensure that they are aware of the GPA and course requirements of each university.

**Grade Forgiveness:** A minimum of a 2.0 unweighted grade point average (GPA) is needed to earn a high school diploma. Grade forgiveness is available to all students who have earned D's or F's in previous courses. Please contact your child's counselor for information about night school registration and/or Florida Virtual School. Grade forgiveness will help improve a student's GPA.

**Testing Requirements:** This school year, your child will be taking the new Grade 10 FAST English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment which will be given three times a year in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Students must earn a passing score on the Spring Grade 10 FAST ELA Assessment to earn a high school diploma. Students may also be taking the Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, Biology EOC, and/or U.S. History EOC depending on their course enrollment. EOC exams are extremely important because they count as 30% of the student's overall grade in that corresponding course. In addition, your child must earn a passing score on the Algebra 1 EOC exam with a Level 3 or higher to earn a high school diploma. For testing preparation, we encourage you to register your child for our test preparation sessions and/or tutoring offered throughout the year.

**College and Career Preparation:** Encourage your child to begin thinking about college, research potential schools and their admissions requirements (see SUS in Naviance). It's never too early to start preparing for the SAT and/or ACT exams, which will be needed for college admissions. Your child will be taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) in school during the month of October. The PSAT results will help to prepare your child to be successful on the SAT which they will be taking during their junior year. Students should link their PSAT results to Khan Academy for free online remediation.

**Student Activities:** Encourage your child to join a club/organization and/or play a sport. We have numerous clubs/organizations and athletic programs here at Nova (see our website). Research has shown that students who participate in extra-curricular activities are more successful in the classroom. Extra-curricular activities also help students develop team building and leadership skills needed for life after high school.

We must work as a team to assure that your child is successful. Please continue to monitor your child's progress and reach out to us if you need support. We look forward to a collaborative effort in ensuring your child's success.

## Grade 11: Preparing for College by Dr. Gutzmore, Mr. Knight & Ms. Charleus

Junior year is one of the most important years of a student's high school career. It is the last opportunity your child has to show colleges a strong academic record. Keep in mind that at this point students should be narrowing down what his/her post-secondary education plans are. If he/she is college bound, now is the time to make a list of colleges your child plans on applying to and start researching those schools. Although this process can be fun and exciting, it can also be stressful and overwhelming. It is crucial that your student has an amazing support system in place to provide help and comfort when needed. Here is a list of important things to keep in mind for this school year:

- Keeping the grades up: This is the year to improve or maintain the GPA.
- Start the credit recovery process: Register for any missing credits online or at night school. Do not wait until your senior year.
- Prepare to take the SAT/ACT in the spring: Students that took the PSAT/NMSQT in October should connect his/her scores with Khan Academy to receive a personalized study plan. Scores will be released in December. Students are encouraged to take the SAT and/or ACT more than once.
- Start the college search: Students can research colleges on Naviance, attend college fairs, and attend college tours. Schools can be contacted directly to set up a tour.
- Continue to stay involved with clubs and organizations: Students should strive to obtain leadership roles.
- Increase volunteer hours: Students are required to have 40 service to graduate, however, colleges want to see much more. If your student hasn't turned any in, make sure they do it now! Students need 250 hours to be awarded the silver service cord for graduation.





**Grade 12: Senior Year... No Time to Waste by Mr. O'Toole, Ms. Mainer & Ms. Thelusma**

Your child is quickly approaching the end of his/her time in high school. As your student prepares for the next phase of life, it is important to remember that your involvement as parents is still very important. Please take the time to review some important information that will be crucial as your student navigates the final year in high school.

**College Applications** – deadlines are different for each college or university, so please be aware of what needs to be in and by when. It is never too soon to start sending out applications. Many colleges require recommendations, from either teachers or a school counselor. Again, the earlier your child asks teachers or counselors for a letter of recommendations the sooner it will get done.

**Scholarships** – The BRACE advisors, Mrs. Kirtman and Ms. Gaddy, update the Naviance scholarship bulletin weekly with information on scholarship requirements and the application process.

**Financial Aid** – The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is now available online (fafsa.gov). The sooner parents complete the online FAFSA, the better the chances of receiving consideration for the maximum amount of free student aid.

**Credit Recovery** – If your student is missing a credit that is required for graduation, he/she can either take an online course via flvs.net, or enroll in a face-to-face night school course to recover the credit. Please review Virtual Counselor with your student to ensure that he/she is on track. Please contact me or schedule an appointment.

**SAT/ACT** – At this point, most four-year university bound seniors should have taken an SAT or ACT, be registered to take the test(s), or are preparing to re-take in hopes of improving their scores. Many of our students are planning on attending a two-year college first and, in this case, SAT or ACT scores are not required...but it can't hurt to take them. A student can still apply to a college or university while working on these exams, so don't wait and get started!

**Service Hours** – Participation in the graduation ceremony is also dependent on meeting the 40-hour service requirement. Service hour forms are available in the 10th/11th/12th grade building, along with a list of approved volunteer sites. Remember that hours must be earned through a **non-profit organization**, and proper paper work is necessary to have the hours logged. You can visit [handsonbroward.org](http://handsonbroward.org) to see a list of volunteer opportunities in your area. Silver cords for graduation are awarded to students earning 250 service hours.

**FOLLOW THE CLASS OF 2024 ON INSTAGRAM @nhs.2024**



**Follow the School Counseling Department**



**Instagram: @TitanGuides**

## TRANSPORTATION

### DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

*Saturday, August 19th: 10am-2pm*

*Sunday, August 20th: 1pm-5pm*

North Area (1000 Routes) - 754-321-4000

Central Area (2000 Routes) - 754-321-4480

South Area (3000 Routes) - 754-321-4100

Central West Area (4000 Routes) - 754-321-4150

Southwest Area (5000 Routes) - 754-321-8025

Contact your grade level office if you have transportation concerns.

- Students should arrive at the assigned bus stop at least ten (10) minutes before the published bus stop time.
- The bus stop and the school bus are considered an extension of the classroom and students are expected to observe the same code of discipline expected in the school classroom.
- Students are not allowed to eat, drink or chew gum while on the school bus.
- Students are expected to abide by the school bus operator's instructions while boarding the bus, on the bus and when departing the bus, at the bus stop or school location.
- Expect school bus delays the first few weeks of school due to traffic congestion around campuses, schools regulating dismissals, and students becoming familiar with their bus drivers.
- Back to School Means Sharing the Road with additional traffic on roads, in school zones and on school campuses.

### HERE COMES THE BUS APP—DISTRICT CODE (87599)

Parents and students can track their bus route



## Naviance

Broward County Schools has partnered with Naviance to provide a variety of tools for student achievement through academic planning. These tools are located in **Naviance**, a website for students and families to access online resources, communicate with school staff and collaborate on college and career readiness activities.

Students can research college, scholarships, careers, enrichment programs and courses all in one location! They can also create individual plans that can be linked to college and career readiness. Students can communicate easily with their school counselor and BRACE Advisor. For college and career readiness, students will be able to request transcripts and recommendations for college applications as well as complete career assessments and perform college and career searches. Students can also create goals and track associated tasks and activities.

***Students will use Naviance OFTEN to apply to college, search for colleges, careers and scholarships. They will also be required to complete tasks assigned by their school counselors and BRACE Advisor.***

Log on to: <http://connection.naviance.com/nova>

Where it says, "username," enter your student number.

Your password is your date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy, with the /).

**CONGRATULATIONS !!!****CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!!!****VALEDICTORIAN—Joshua Kwak****SALUTATORIAN—Tyler Franco****2023 STATISTICS**

- ◆ 84 candidates currently eligible for the Cambridge International diploma
  - ◆ 73 AP Scholars
    - ◆ 49 AP Scholars who scored a 3 or higher on 3 or more exams.
- ◆ 10 AP Scholars with Honors: average score of 3.25 on all Advanced placement exams taken AND scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
- ◆ 14 AP Scholars with Distinction: Average score of at least a 3.5 on all Advanced Placement Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams
  - ◆ 7 AP Capstone Diploma Candidates
    - ◆ 19 Cambridge Scholars
      - ◆ 16 Cambridge Scholars who earned a “C” or higher on 3 or more exams
  - ◆ 3 Cambridge Merit Scholars who earned a “B” or higher on 3 or more exams
    - ◆ 84 Cambridge Diploma Candidates
      - ◆ 6 Cambridge International Diploma Recipients
        - ◆ 23 Florida Academic Scholarships
        - ◆ 31 Florida Medallion Scholarships
        - ◆ 10 Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship
        - ◆ 22 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarships
    - ◆ Total Scholarship Amount Reported: \$2,778,586
    - ◆ 219 students have a weighted GPA of 3.75 or higher
      - ◆ 13 students joining the military



Samantha-12th Grade  
2023 Silver Knight Honorable Mention (English)

Alexa - 12th Grade  
Wasserman Schultz Game ChangeHER  
Award Winner 2022-2023

Nick - 12th Grade  
Brian Piccolo  
Award Winner 2022-2023

**SPECIAL STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FROM 2022-2023**

Congratulations to our Principal, Ms. Awofadeju for being named NSDA Debate Administrator of the Year, Mr. Denis, Debate Teacher, for being named NSDA Debate Coach of the Year and Emma Relyea, class of 2023 graduate, for being named NSDA Student of the Year.





## Fall Sports Roundup

### Bowling

- Head Coach: Vincent Sica (progrip@comcast.com)
- 1st Game:

*Key Student-Athletes: David Galindo, 11th, Marquis Francois, 11th, Layne Meister, 11th*

### Cheerleading

- Head Coach:
- 1st Home Game:

*Key Student-Athletes: Nyla Wright, 12th, Temarie Herrington, 12th, Jaleah Lewis, 11th*

### Cross Country (Boys & Girls)

- Head Coach: Joseph Kelly (joseph.kelly@browardschools.com)
- 1st Meet:

*Key Student-Athletes: Dylan Loi, 11th, Ian McKenzie, 10th, Storm Dalberry, 11th, Sarah McKenzie, 11th, Dior Bennow, 11th*

### Football (Varsity)

- Head Coach: Tyrus McCloud (tyrusmccloud@gmail.com)
- Preseason Classic:
- 1st Home Game:

*Key Student-Athletes: Andito Wills, 12th, Christopher Nance, 12th, Lantz Pascal, 11th*



### Golf (Boys and Girls)

- Head Coach: Kyle Tabora (kyle.tabora@browardschools.com)
- 1st Match:

*Key Student-Athletes: Kanta Hayakawa, 11th, Sabal Schuster, 12th, Tyjai Smith, 11th, Kaelah Decossa, 11th*

### Swimming & Diving

- Head Coach: Jesse White (whitefish.aquatics@gmail.com)
- 1st Meet:

*Key Student-Athletes: Elizabeth Volovich, 11th Maya Sorunmu, 12th, Matthew Orisini, 10th, Andres (Ivan) Garcia, 12th*

### Volleyball (Girls)

- Head Coach: Brionna Skinner (brionna.skinner@browardschools.com)
- 1st Home Game:

*Key Student-Athletes: Hannah Adderly, 12th & Ava De La Osa, 12th*

### Winter Sports Official Start Dates:

- ♦ Competitive Cheer – October 16th
- ♦ Soccer (Boys and Girls) – TBA
- ♦ Girls Basketball – October 30th
- ♦ Boys Basketball – October 30th
- ♦ Wrestling – October 30th



## Volunteer Service Hours



**All students are required to complete a minimum of 40 service hours to receive a high school diploma.** The purpose of this requirement is to teach students the importance of participating and providing services to both their school and community. We encourage students to go above and beyond the minimum 40 hours and continue to give back to the community. **Students interested in earning a silver cord to be worn at graduation must complete 250 service hours.** Students will be advised of the deadline date to submit in hours for the silver cord.

**In order for student service hours to be recorded properly, it is important that the following guidelines are followed:**

- Students are responsible for receiving approval from Ms. Figueroa prior to performing volunteer service hours.
- One Student Volunteer Service Application and Approval Form must be completed for each organization where service hours are performed. Parts A, B, and C must be completed prior to submitting forms to Ms. Gentile.
- Service hours are to be documented on the Tier Form.
- Students are responsible for making a photocopy for their records of all service hour forms prior to submitting them to Ms. Figueroa.

All volunteer service hour forms are available in both offices. Approval Forms and Tier forms may also be printed from the Broward County Public School's Service Learning website. Additional information in regard to rules and regulations set forth by Broward County School Board are also available on the website. ([www.browardschools.com/schools/service\\_learning.htm](http://www.browardschools.com/schools/service_learning.htm))

HandsOn Broward ([www.handsonbroward.org](http://www.handsonbroward.org)) provides various volunteer locations.

### **Important Service Hour Reminders**

- Students are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours for graduation.

## Get Involved!

Extracurricular activities offer students the opportunity to apply academic skills in a real-world context; and learn the value of teamwork, individual and group responsibility, competition, and diversity. Participation in extracurricular activities may increase students' sense of culture and community and attachment to their school thereby decreasing the likelihood of school failure and dropping out. Nova High School offers students a wide range of extracurricular activities including social, service learning, and academic clubs and associations. Please visit our website for a list of clubs and organizations being offered this year.



## School Advisory Council (SAC) / School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Nova High School's Advisory Council (SAC) addresses student achievement issues as well as the school improvement plan. SAC is open to parents, students, and community members. The School Advisory Forum (SAF) is open to all parents and guardians and provides important information impacting the quality of education your student receives in the Broward County Public Schools, such as: Standardized Testing, Facilities Improvement (Construction and Maintenance), College Readiness and Selection, Curriculum and Instruction, Extracurricular Activities, Guidance and Student Services, and State Funding for Education.

SAC begins at 5:30PM and our SAF meetings immediately follow.  
The location of both meetings is held at Nova high School in the Media Center.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

8/28/2023, 9/18/2023, 10/16/2023, 11/27/2023, 12/18/2023, 1/29/2024, 2/26/2024, 3/18/2024, 4/22/2024, 5/20/2024

*If you have any concerns you would like addressed at an upcoming SAF meeting please send an email to:*  
[lara.gutzmore@browardschools.com](mailto:lara.gutzmore@browardschools.com)



## Policies

### Attendance:

According to Attendance Policy 5.5, an absence needs to be excused by parent/guardian within a 48 hour period of time for every student absence. Five excused/unexcused absences/tardies during a marking period are considered a "pattern of non-attendance" and a referral from the teacher will be administered.

### Signing Out:

Students are not allowed to sign out during the last 30 minutes of the school day.

### Suspensions:

SB Policy 5006 outlines all the violations that result in out-of-school suspension and expulsion and/or the consequences. You may view the complete suspension/expulsion policy and all School Board policies on the Web at: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37754>  
THE INTENT OF THIS POLICY IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF A SAFE, ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS AND TO ALIGN WITH ZERO-TOLERANCE LEGISLATION AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. Suspended students are eligible to receive assignments and may earn credit and grades for make-up work during the suspension period. The make up work is due the day the students return from suspension.

### Substance Abuse:

Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco products, including unauthorized over-the-counter medications is prohibited. The sale or attempted sale of any of the previously mentioned items or possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited. Failure to abide by these policies will result in disciplinary action.

## Safety & Security

### ID Badges

ID Badges must be worn by all staff and students while on campus or transportation. It is also required for use in the school cafeteria.

### Supervision on campus

Campus opens at 8:50am and at dismissal students are required to exit campus unless they are on campus for an approved activity. Supervision at all extra-curricular events ends 30 minutes after the event is over. Students should communicate with parents to ensure they are picked up in the front of the school in a timely manner.

### 5 Official Tip Reporting Apps

- ◇ Anonymous Tip Submission via [www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips](http://www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips)
- ◇ Call the District Security Operations Center (DSOC) at 754-321-3500 (*reporter can remain anonymous*)
- ◇ Email to [SecurityTips@Browardschools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@Browardschools.com) (*reporter can remain anonymous*)
- ◇ FortifyFL at [www.GetFortifyFL.com](http://www.GetFortifyFL.com) -NO DOWNLOAD Required
- ◇ Alyssa's Alert: SaferWatch—DOWNLOAD REQUIRED a free mobile app that can be used as a mobile duress alarm (*available in the Apple Store or Google Play Store*)



## Pinnacle

Want up-to-date grades and attendance for your student?

Go to Pinnacle Parent Viewer: <https://gb.browardschools.com/pinnacle/gradebook/>

### Student Login:

**Username is:** Student ID Number@my.browardschools.com

**Password is:** P followed by the student's birthdate with slashes.....it is the same password students use to log into the school computers

**Example:** Username: [0601234567@my.browardschools.com](mailto:0601234567@my.browardschools.com)

Password: P04/05/2001

Nova High School ~ Testing Calendar ~ 2023-2024		
Date	Assessment	Targeted Student Population
Aug 28 – Sept 29	<b>FAST PM1</b>	• All grade 9 and 10 students
Sept 11 – Sept 29	<b><u>FSA Retakes</u></b> • FSA ELA Writing Retake • FSA ELA Reading Retake • FSA Algebra 1 EOC Retake	• Grade 12 students who have not met their ELA or Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirements
Sept 11 – Oct 6	<b><u>Fall Retakes (FAST &amp; EOCs)</u></b> • FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake • BEST Algebra 1 EOC • BEST Geometry EOC • NGSSS Biology 1 EOC • NGSSS U.S. History EOC	• Grade 11 & 12 students who have not met their ELA exam graduation requirement • Students who have not met their Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirement • Students who need to sit for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and/or U.S. History EOC exams for course credit
Oct 2 – Nov 10	<b>Cambridge November Exam Series</b>	• Students enrolled in Cambridge (AICE) Courses
Oct 9 – Oct 13	<b>PSAT/NMSQT (Computer Based)</b>	• All grade 9 and 10, and select grade 11 and 12 students
Oct 17 – Oct 27	<b>NCR ACT</b>	• Grade 12 students who have not met their ELA or Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirements
Nov 6 – Dec 15	<b>Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)</b>	• Students currently enrolled in government courses
Nov 27 – Dec 15	<b><u>Winter Retakes (FAST &amp; EOCs)</u></b> • FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake • BEST Algebra 1 EOC • BEST Geometry EOC • NGSSS Biology 1 EOC • NGSSS U.S. History EOC	• Grade 11 & 12 students who have not met their ELA exam graduation requirement • Students who have not met their Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirement • Students who need to sit for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and/or U.S. History EOC exams for course credit
Dec 4 – Jan 26	<b>FAST PM 2</b>	• All grade 9 and 10 students
Dec 19 – Dec 22	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exams</b>	• All high school courses, Grades 9-12
Jan 23 – Mar 15	<b>ACCESS for ELLs</b>	• All LY ELL students
Feb 20 – Mar 8	<b><u>FSA Retakes</u></b> • FSA ELA Writing Retake • FSA ELA Reading Retake • FSA Algebra 1 EOC Retake	• Grade 12 students who have not met their ELA or Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirements
Mar 4 – Mar 8	<b>SAT School Day (Computer Based)</b>	• All 11 grade students and 12 grade students who have not met their ELA or Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirements
Mar 11 – Apr 26	<b>FAA – ELA, Writing, &amp; EOCs</b>	• ESE ACCESS students
Apr 1 – Apr 12	<b>BEST Writing</b>	• All grade 9 and 10 students
Apr 9 – Apr 19	<b>NCR ACT</b>	• Grade 12 students who have not met their ELA or Algebra 1 EOC exam graduation requirements
Apr 15 – May 17	<b>Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)</b>	• Students enrolled in government courses
Apr 26 – Jun 5	<b>Cambridge June Exam Series</b>	• Students enrolled in Cambridge (AICE) courses
May 1 – May 31	<b>FAST PM3</b>	• All 9 and 10 grade students
May 1 – May 31	<b>FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake</b>	• Grade 11 & 12 students who have not met their ELA test graduation requirement
May 1 – May 31	<b><u>Spring EOCs</u></b> • BEST Algebra 1 EOC • BEST Geometry EOC • NGSSS Biology 1 EOC • NGSSS U.S. History EOC	• Students who have not met their Algebra 1 EOC test graduation requirement • Students who need to sit for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and/or U.S. History EOCs for course credit
May 6 – May 17	<b>Advanced Placement (AP) Exams</b>	• Students enrolled in AP Courses
May 21 – May 24	<b>Grade 12 Final Exams</b>	• All grade 12 students
Jun 5 – Jun 10	<b>Grade 9-11 Final Exams</b>	• All grade 9, 10, and 11 students
Jul 22 – Jul 25	<b><u>Summer Retakes (FAST &amp; EOCs)</u></b> • FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake • BEST Algebra 1 EOC • BEST Geometry EOC • NGSSS Biology 1 EOC • NGSSS U.S. History EOC	• Grade 11 & 12 students who have not met their ELA test graduation requirement • Students who have not met their Algebra 1 EOC test graduation requirement • Students who need to sit for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and/or U.S. History EOCs for course credit

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

**August 17th: New to Nova High Orientation**  
8:00am—12:00pm [Cafeteria]

**August 28th & August 29th: School Pictures**

**September 12th: Open House @ 6:00pm**

**September 5th-September 8th: Rock the Block @ Lunch**

**November 3rd: Homecoming Football Game vs. Garcia @ 7pm**

**November 4th: Homecoming Dance @ 7pm-11pm**  
[Big Gym] Price is TBA.

**PLEASE COMPLETE BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS BY 9/1/2023**

<https://scaweb.browardschools.com/bts/>

Use the Back to School Wizard above to step through the process. You will need your student's identification number. Forms can be filled out in English, Spanish, Haitian-Creole and Portuguese.

You must complete these forms at the start of each school year for **each student enrolled** in the District. If you are not able to complete the online forms in one session, you can resume where you left off at another time. It is recommended that you **set aside approximately 20 minutes for this process.**

## ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4th	August 18th	September 1st
October 28, 2023	September 22nd	October 6th	October 20th
December 9, 2023	November 3rd	November 17th	December 1st
February 10, 2024	January 5th	January 19th	February 2nd
April 13, 2024	March 8th	March 22nd	April 5th
June 8, 2024	May 3rd	May 17th	May 31st
July 13, 2024	June 7th	June 21st	July 5th

## SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
8/26/2023	7/28/2023	8/15/2023
10/7/2023	9/7/2023	9/26/2023
11/4/2023	10/5/2023	10/24/2023
12/2/2023	11/2/2023	11/21/2023
3/9/2024	2/23/2024	Coming Soon
5/4/2024	4/19/2024	Coming Soon
6/1/2024	5/17/2024	Coming Soon



## Additional Resources for Math and Reading Practice

### READING

- **Vocabulary.com**

Vocabulary.com utilizes adaptive learning games to build students' vocabulary.

### MATH

- IXL: [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com)
- Khan Academy: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)
- Math is Fun: [www.mathisfun.com](http://www.mathisfun.com)
- Math Nation: [www.mathnation.com](http://www.mathnation.com)
- S.O.S. Mathematics: [www.sosmath.com](http://www.sosmath.com)



## Construction Update

### SMART Bond Construction Updates:

Red=Not Started   Yellow=In Progress   Green=Completed

**Building 6 – Culinary rooms**

**Building 12 – Cafe**

**Building 13 – Math**

**Building 14 – English**

**Our construction projects are nearing completion! Our Media Center has been re-modeled with new furniture, carpet, and equipment, and all the roofing and new HVAC'S (Air Conditioners) have been installed. We are in the process of having our Fire Alarm system updated and expecting to have our Public Address system updated during the 2023-2024 school year.**

**Our new Culinary rooms are just about completed, and our students should have access to them at the beginning of the school year.**



## USEFUL APPS & LINKS

[www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com)

School Board website

[gb.browardschools.com/pinnacle/gradebook](http://gb.browardschools.com/pinnacle/gradebook)

Pinnacle grade book and attendance viewer

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

SAT practice test questions, SAT registration dates/deadlines

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

ACT test prep, scores, ACT registration dates/deadlines

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Federal financial aid application and financial aid info

[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/)

Bright Futures info

[www.broward.k12.fl.us/novahigh](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/novahigh)

Nova High School website

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Scholarship search engine

[www.browardschools.com/departments/service-learning-](http://www.browardschools.com/departments/service-learning-)

[www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org)

Choices Planner, High School e-PEP, career and college info

**student-volunteer**

Service Hour Guidelines, Log Sheets, and Approval Forms

[www.handsonbroward.org](http://www.handsonbroward.org)

Website for possible volunteer opportunities.

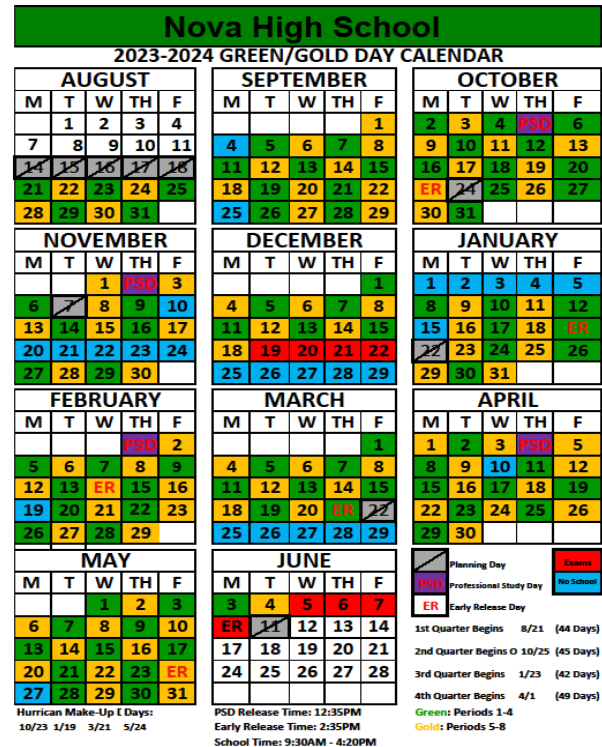
[www.pamelakirtman.wixsite.com/novabrace](http://www.pamelakirtman.wixsite.com/novabrace)

Nova BRACE Website

(4 Minute Passing)

Nova High School  
Regular Bell Schedule  
2023 - 2024

1st Lunch		
Portables, Modulares, Music Bldg, Science Bldg, Tech II Bldg, Tech III Bldg		
Time	Green Day	Gold Day
9:25	Morning Bell	Morning Bell
9:30 - 11:02 (92 Min)	Period 1	Period 5
11:02 - 11:32 (30 min)	Lunch	Lunch
11:32 - 11:36 (4 Min)	Passing	Passing
11:36 - 1:08 (92 Min)	Period 2	Period 6
1:08 - 1:12 (4 Min)	Passing	Passing
1:12 - 2:44 (92 Min)	Period 3	Period 7
2:44 - 2:48 (4 Min)	Passing	Passing
2:48 - 4:20 (92 Min)	Period 4	Period 8
2nd Lunch		
English Bldg, IB Bldg, Lower MS Bldg, Labs, Math Bldg, Portable Cafe, Tech I Bldg, PE		
Time	Green Day	Gold Day
9:25	Morning Bell	Morning Bell
9:30 - 11:02 (92 Min)	Period 1	Period 5
11:02 - 11:06 (4 Min)	Passing	Passing
11:06 - 12:38 (92 Min)	Period 2	Period 6
12:38 - 1:08 (30 Min)	Lunch	Lunch
1:08 - 1:12 (4 Min)	Passing	Passing
1:12 - 2:44 (92 Min)	Period 3	Period 7
2:44 - 2:48 (4 Min)	Passing	Passing
2:48 - 4:20 (92 Min)	Period 4	Period 8



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