

# PANTHER PRESS

## Seminole Middle School

6200 SW 16th St  
Plantation, FL 33317  
754-323-4200  
School Fax: 754-323-4285

**Student Attendance Line:**  
**754-323-4202**  
**(available 24 hours)**

**Cafeteria: 754-323-4210**

### Administration

Mrs. Gonzalez, Principal

### Assistant Principals

Ms. Fiorentino, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Woodburn, 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Smith, 8<sup>th</sup>

**Guidance/School Counseling office:**  
**754-323-4220**

Mr. Robinson, Counselor Director  
Ms. Delima, Counselor  
Ms. Castillo, Counselor

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, August 11, 2022

Schedule Pick-Up:  
6th Grade: 12:00pm- 1:00pm  
7th Grade: 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
8th Grade: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

### Tuesday, August 16, 2022

First Day of School

### Thursday, September 1, 2022

Open House/Title I Open House

### Monday, September 5, 2022

No School – Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Interim Reports Issued

### Monday, September 26, 2022

No School - Holiday

### Wednesday, October 5, 2022

No School

### October 20, 2022

Early Release - Dismissal at 12:40 p.m.

### October 21, 2022

Planning Day-No Students/End of 1st Qtr.



Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Families,

Welcome back to Seminole Middle for the 2022-23 school year. I am both excited and honored to be the newly appointed principal of Seminole Middle School and to join this incredible family!

It is my mission to dedicate myself to the needs of all of our students and families. Please know that I am always available to speak on the phone, email or to meet in person. I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

This year will be the first year for the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), which will be used to monitor progress at three points during the year. This useful tool will allow our students and staff to track progress to determine what is working and what is not and make changes accordingly.

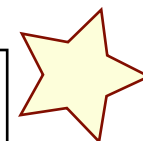
As always, safety and security is extremely important and accordingly, we will be doing monthly safety drills (Code Yellow/Red drills/lockdowns), along with our monthly fire drills and bi-annual tornado drills. Parents and guardians will be notified about the Code Yellow/Red drills via Parent-Link. All visitors must provide a valid photo ID to enter the premises.

School hours are from 8:10 AM to 2:40 PM however, supervision is provided between 7:15 AM and 3:00 PM, and for 30 minutes after school-sponsored events.

As always, I continue to be dedicated and devoted to the success of all students. I am privileged and honored to serve as the principal of Seminole Middle School and believe that it takes everyone working together to achieve success. I am looking forward to meeting each of you over the course of the school year and please remember, I am always available to offer support and to focus on what is best for our students.

Respectfully,  
Emily Gonzalez  
Principal  
Seminole Middle School

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**Procedures for Reporting Absences/Tardies:**

Absences need to be reported within two (2) school days of the absence. ***Please call (754) 323-4202 to report an absence.*** After school hours you may leave a message with the following information:

- Student's Name (Please spell the last name.)
- Student Number
- Grade
- Date(s) of absence
- Telephone number
- Reason for absence

**Cell Phone Policy:** Students may not use phone during any instructional time (class time). Students are allowed to use their phones before/after school, as well as during lunch. If there is any violation of this policy, the device will be confiscated and turned into security. The device will be returned to a parent/guardian only. Students may not wear ear buds of any kind throughout the day, except for during lunch. One ear must remain free of the accessory at all times.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact your child's grade-level administrator and school counselor.

**Keep Updated on Student Achievement*****Pinnacle***

<http://gradebook.browardschools.com/piv>

Select Seminole Middle School

Login - 10 digit student #

Password - student's birthday yyyy/mm/dd

***Virtual Counselor***

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

Follow login instructions

**2022-2023 Cafeteria Prices**

***ALL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE FREE FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR FOR ALL SEMINOLE MIDDLE STUDENTS***

School Lunch information can be found at

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

**BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS**

There are important forms for you to complete during the first week of school. Please visit the "Back to School Wizard" for completing these forms as soon as possible at:

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

Your child will receive a "First Day Packet" on the first day of school with important documents. Please complete and sign these documents within the first week of school. Most of these documents are available through the "Back to School" Wizard, as well.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Schedule changes will be limited to academic misplacements for the first ten days of school. Electives will be considered after the first ten days of school based on availability. In an effort to comply with the *Class Size Reduction Amendment*, schedule changes may be necessary after the start of the school year. **SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL NOT BE COMPLETED DURING SCHEDULE PICK-UP.**

### TRANSPORTATION AND BUS QUESTIONS

Please note that **bus passes** issued by the district arrive approximately 2-3 days before the opening of school.

For additional information, contact transportation at (754)321-4150.

#### Broward County Public Schools Student Transportation & Fleet Services Department



## 2022-2023 TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE



Please visit/call your student's school prior to coming to open house, if you have any questions about school bus transportation for SY22-23. The Transportation Open House affords parents/guardians an opportunity to drive up to a transportation location and ask questions about a student's school bus assignment.

**Saturday, August 13th 10:00AM—2:00PM**  
**&**  
**Sunday, August 14th 1:00PM—5:00PM**

### OPEN HOUSE LOCATIONS

**1000 Routes**  
**North & North Satellite Terminal**  
**1751 NW 22nd Ave, 33069**  
**754-321-4000**  
**Bloneva Fulmore, Manager**

**2000 Routes**  
**Central Terminal**  
**3831 NW 10th Avenue, 33309**  
**754-321-4480**  
**Keisha Hudson, Manager**



**3000 Routes**  
**South Terminal**  
**900 S University Drive, 33025**  
**754-321-4100**  
**Lisa McBride, Manager**

**4000 & 5000 Routes**  
**Central West & South West**  
**2320 College Avenue, 33314**  
**754-321-4150**  
**Jacqueline Druses, Manager**

If you need to "Register2Ride" your eligible student for transportation. We will be able to assist with bus registration for SY22-23 onsite during Open House hours.

**"POWER of the Past-Focused on the FUTURE!"**





# See Something, Say Something

## Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.

### Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.



[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips)

### Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

**754-321-3500**

### Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

[SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com)

### FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (**no download required**) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



[GetFortifyFL.com](https://www.GetFortifyFL.com)



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If you are not able to pick up your schedule on August 11th, the schedules will be posted the first day of school and are also available via Virtual Counselor.

**PE UNIFORMS**

PE Uniforms will be on sale at Schedule Pickup. Uniforms are \$15 for shirts and \$15 for shorts. Through [estore.browardschools.com](http://estore.browardschools.com) you may use debit or credit cards to purchase. Please have your student bring in the receipt to the main school office.

**TRAFFIC RULES AND SAFETY REMINDERS:**

- The school zone speed limit is 15 mph.
- Do not allow passenger(s) to exit or enter the vehicle while the vehicle is on the paved portion of the road. Unloading or loading on the swale located directly in front of Seminole Middle School is permitted.
- No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on a sidewalk.

**CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT HANDBOOK**

2022/2023 *Code of Student Conduct Handbook* is posted on Broward Schools' website at <http://www.browardschools.com>

- Parents and students may also access the *Code of Student Conduct Handbook* through the BEEP Portal or use their smartphones to scan the Quick Response Code (QRC) on any of the Code Book posters displayed throughout the school's campus.
- Discipline Assemblies reviewing Broward County Public School's Code of Student Conduct Handbook will be conducted within the first two (2) weeks of the 2022/2023 school year, after winter break and as needed.

**STUDENTS AND STAFF MUST WEAR ID BADGES AT ALL TIMES WHEN ON CAMPUS**

***\*STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE an ID Badge at the start of the school year. ADDITIONAL BADGES WILL COST \$5.***

**ALL VISITORS MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN ENTRANCE "SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY" AND SHOW VALID IDENTIFICATION (DRIVER'S LICENSE, STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD, PASSPORT).**



### TITLE I UPDATE AND INFORMATION

As of July 2009, Seminole Middle School has been designated as a Title I school. This means that more than 50% of our students are on free or reduced lunch. The federal government assists schools that fall into this category by providing Title I grant monies. These monies are used for personnel, staff development, and parent involvement activities. Please look for information regarding our Title I program in our quarterly newsletter, on our website, in our offices, and in your student's book bag. On the List below you will find information and resources provided by Title I. If you have any questions regarding Title I, please contact Ms. Tameka Smith at (754) 323-4200.

**School Improvement Plan/Schoolwide Plan:** School staff and parents jointly develop the (SIP) plan during our School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/seminole>. If you would like to review a hard copy of the SIP plan or translation is needed, please contact Ms. Tameka Smith at (754) 323-4200.

**School Parent and Family Engagement Plan:** School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan during our school advisory. The plan includes parent activities to be implemented throughout the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent engagement program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/seminole>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Ms. Tameka Smith at (754) 323-4200.

**District Parent and Family Engagement Plan:** District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes parent activities to be implemented throughout the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent engagement program. You can access this plan at [https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/Parent%20Engagement/LEAPARENT\\_FAMILY%20LAN\\_18-19.pdf](https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/Parent%20Engagement/LEAPARENT_FAMILY%20PLAN_18-19.pdf). If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at (754) 321-1410.

**School Public Accountability Report (SPAR),** school grades, state assessment reports: The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades and the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/index.cfm>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Ms. Smith (754) 323-4200.

**Parental Information and Resource Center (PRIC):** Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRCs) help implement successful and effective parental involvement policies, programs, and activities that lead to improvements in student academic achievement and that strengthen partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, administrators, and other school personnel in meeting the educational needs of the children. <http://www.pircinc.org/>

**Principal Attestation Letter:** Indicates the percentage of teachers and paraprofessionals that are highly qualified.

The Title I Parent Compact will be sent home via backpack the first week of school. The parent compact outlines how parents, schools, and students agree to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that helps our children achieve the state's high standards. You can pick up a copy of the Title I Parent Compact in Spanish, Creole, or Portuguese in the front office.

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