



THE FLYING L NEWSLETTER

FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

..... HOLDING DOWN THE FORT

Dear Flying L Family,

It is with much excitement and anticipation that I welcome you to the 2023-24 school year! This new school year will be filled with a ton of Fort Lauderdale High pride. Last year we saw some incredible gains within our academic data and this year we are planning to reach even further heights academically! In addition, we were named a **Top School in America** and a **Magnet School of Excellence** for our Cambridge program as well as a Magnet School of Distinction for our Pre-Law and Public Affairs program! I want to thank you for partnering with our school to make it one of the best schools in the district, state, and country!

As we embark on this new school year, it is important for students to continue to set goals. Whether focusing on improving SAT scores, attending STAR tutoring, increasing grade point averages (GPA), and/or taking advantage of Advanced Placement (AP)/Dual Enrollment/Cambridge (AICE) courses, establishing goals is an important step for ensuring student achievement. Together our faculty and staff will be **"Holding Down the FORT: Flying Ls SOAR and Have PRIDE."** This year's theme will be tied directly into positive behavior traits to ensure our scholars have what they need to be productive members of society socially, emotionally, and academically. Please continue to work with us by sitting with your child and explaining the importance of establish routines for checking Pinnacle, homework assignments, and downloading educational apps like Canvas, Newsela.com, and Khan Academy for their ultimate success. For all our new Flying Ls, we will be holding an on-campus **new student orientation** for both students and parents on **Wednesday, August 9th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

As always, our number one priority is the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. We want to make sure that our students feel safe, protected, and that they have an enjoyable experience at FLHS. Therefore, included in this newsletter you will find Broward County Schools Code of Student Conduct along with several safety and security policies and procedures that will continue to be implemented. Furthermore, our school will be hosting a **Parent Information Session** during **Open House on September 12 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please take time to review this newsletter as it provides an overview of important information regarding the upcoming school year. Students return to school on **Monday, August 21 at 7:40 a.m.** Students will be on an A/B block schedule with a total of 7 classes, plus a study hall.

Fort Lauderdale High School is committed to working alongside our Flying L families to make certain the 2023-2024 school year is a success and that our scholars enjoy their on-campus experience and remember their time here forever! I look forward to an incredible year.

Thank you for your continued support,

Erin B. Brown
Principal



Follow us on Twitter to find out what is happening at our school :
@FlhsOfficial and @PrincipalFLHigh.



SCHOOL MEAL BENEFITS

Power Up! With nutritious meals from your local school cafeteria.

Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services (BCPSFNS) offers FREE breakfast to all BCPS students every school day and as a part of the Community Eligibility Provision Program (CEP), all FLHS students qualify for daily free lunch as well.

Student identification badges are required to be scanned at the Point of Sale for each meal in the cafeteria.

You May Qualify for Additional Programs

All families are encouraged to complete the Income Survey and Meal Benefits Disclosure Form to discover additional benefits that are available to them such as tuition reductions, fee waivers for SAT/ACT/PSAT exams and college application fees.

The information you provide on your Meal Benefits Application and Eligibility Status may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify.

For additional information on how you can qualify for the programs mentioned above, follow the directions on this link: [Meal Benefits Disclosure Form](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FLHS New Student Orientation	August 9, 2023 8:45 am – 12:00 pm
First Day of School	August 21, 2023 7:40 am – 2:40 pm
Grade Level Assemblies	August 23 rd & 24 th During Study Hall
FLHS Open House	September 12, 2023 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm



FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Period	Lunch A	Lunch B
Period 1/5	7:40-9:12	7:40 – 9:12
Period 2/6	9:19 – 10:51	9:19 – 10:51
Lunch Schedule	Buildings 21, 20 and 5	Buildings 17, 8 and PE
Period 3/7	Lunch A 10:51-11:22 Class 11:29 -1:01	Class 10:58 – 12:30 Lunch B 12:30 – 1:01
Period 4/8	1:08 – 2: 40	1:08 – 2:40

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Attention Parents and Students:

There are a number of important forms that need to be completed at the start of the school year. This information is key for ensuring your child is safe while on campus, and that families are informed about all rules and expectations for the school year. Key forms that need to be completed online include:

- Emergency Contact and Release Forms
- Broward School Board Code of Conduct
- Photo Release
- Updated Contact Information
- Medical Notifications and Medications

[CLICK HERE](#)

to access and complete online forms beginning August 7, 2023.

FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 CALENDAR

White Day, Second Period Personalization: 9th and 11th Grade Students
Blue Day, Sixth Period Personalization: 10th and 12th Grade Students
*Revised 7/24/2023

SAFETY & SECURITY

At FLHS the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and families is our number one priority. With this in mind, we need everyone's support; if you **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**. Everyone is encouraged to report suspicious or dangerous behavior, as well as any threats to our school and in an emergency, call 911 immediately. Reports can be made to any staff member on campus, however, preferably should be reported to one of the school's administrators or security staff members.

Now, any student, educator, parent, or member of the public can also report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through FortifyFL which is a suspicious activity reporting app or one of the other tip reporting methods mentioned below:

[CLICK HERE FOR TIP REPORTING METHODS](#)

Students, staff, and visitors **are required to wear their identification badges at all times while on school campus**. At the beginning of the year students will be required to use IDs from the previous school year until new ones are issued for the 2023-2024 school year. Dates for ID pictures will be forthcoming.

In addition, Broward County Public Schools' Emergency Management Department collaborates with district-wide stakeholders, its partners, and the community to establish a framework to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the impact of all emergencies. Our students and staff are provided with comprehensive training and drills on all emergency policies and procedures (such as evacuations or lock-downs) based on the Emergency Preparedness Manual. Please familiarize yourself with the emergency response protocols below or [click here](#) to access the BCPS Parent Guide to Plain Language:



Policies and expectations related to safety and security will be further explained to students during our grade level assemblies and communicated via Parent Link. Fort Lauderdale High School thanks you for helping keep our school community safe!

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8, provides specific information regarding the rules that all students are expected to adhere to, as well as consequences for violations. Important among these rules are consistent and timely attendance, respect for people and property, appropriate dress, technology usage, student publications, student activities, student records and prohibited items such as weapons, drugs, e-cigarettes and other vapor devices. The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approves and affirms its support of the Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8.

We strongly encourage all stakeholders to familiarize themselves with the complete Broward County Code of Student Conduct which can be found online at: <https://www.browardschools.com/global6> or search the Broward County Public Schools website under the School Climate and Discipline Section.

FLHS ATTENDANCE & SIGN-OUT POLICIES

School Board Policy 5.5 outlines the rules that apply to attendance and attendance procedures. You may view BCPS attendance policies [here](#).

A student's presence in class is required to maximize the attainment of instructional objectives. For students who demonstrate patterns of non-attendance, interventions may be recommended.

Parents, or anyone authorized for pick-up (on emergency contact forms) **must come inside the main office with a picture ID to sign students out for early dismissal**. The school system strongly encourages parents/guardians to ensure their student is in school for the full school day every day so that their academic performance is not negatively impacted. **Also, students shall not be released within the final 30 minutes of the school day unless it is determined by administration that it is an emergency.**

FLHS DISCIPLINE PLAN

FLHS faculty, staff, and community stakeholders came together to organize our 2023-2024 Discipline Plan. Key student expectations outlined in the plan are as follows:

- Students must arrive to class on time & must adhere to all the policies set forth in each teacher's syllabus.
- Wireless communication devices must be out of sight during all instructional time.
- Students will engage in conduct that meets the goals set forth in the FLHS Positive Behavior Plan.

Afterschool detentions will be included for certain behaviors within the discipline plan. [Click here](#) for a complete copy of our 23-24 FLHS Discipline Plan.

ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN

The school board of Broward County, Florida, is committed to protecting its students, employees, and applicants for admission from bullying, harassment, or discrimination for any reason and of any type. The school board believes that all students and employees are entitled to a safe, equitable, and harassment-free school experience. Bullying, harassment, or discrimination will not be tolerated and shall be just cause for disciplinary action.

If there are any concerns or you have reason to believe your child is being bullied, please contact our school immediately.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Join our FLHS Remind group so that no matter where you are or what you're doing, you can receive important school updates right on your phone. You can download the Remind app or simply send a text message to the following number:



PBIS

In conjunction with our Discipline Plan, we are excited to continue to promote our student Flying L Pride store for the 2023-2024 school year! The purpose is to allow students to purchase items using "PRIDE BUCKS" by exhibiting target behaviors:

Patience
Respect
Integrity
Determination
Excellence



Student First
Observant
Accountable
Responsible

To receive Flying L PRIDE bucks throughout the school year, our scholars must be "caught in the act" exhibiting positive behaviors. Students will have a chance to visit the store on select days during lunch.



If you would like to donate items to our Positive Behavior Program, we will have a drop-off station in our main office. We are accepting sealed candy or snacks, gift cards, tickets, school supplies, or any other goodies that students might enjoy. We appreciate your support and dedication to our students.

MINDFULNESS & SEL

MindFULLme is an organization and club created at FLHS in 2019 by Mr. Dan Katz and several students to provide a safe place where students can express themselves. The club's advisor, Mr. Katz, is aware of all the stress school can bring and wanted to add some positivity to school life.



Club meetings are held every other Monday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall, and everyone is welcomed to attend for a mental break.

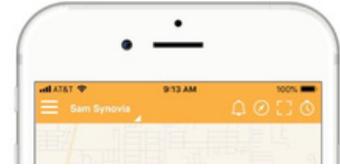
JOIN OUR PTSA

The Fort Lauderdale High PTSA knows that a strong partnership among our families, school leaders and community members is important to the success of our students and school. That is why we cordially invite all Flying L families to become PTSA members for the 2023-2024 school year. Enroll at: <http://flhs.my-pta.org/> to become an active member of our Flying L Family!

BUS & TRANSPORTATION

Get ready for the back-to-school season with these School Bus Updates & Tips for Students, Parents and Commuters:

- All students eligible for bus transportation services must **REGISTER 2 RIDE** by clicking here and following the steps provided. Students will have their bus routes posted on Virtual Counselor according to the timelines provided on the flyer.
- 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.
- Students should arrive at the bus stop at least 10 minutes early.
- 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.
- Parents are **encouraged to contact Transportation Services at 754-321-4400 or our Transportation Liaison, Mr. Lenard at 754-322-1118** or if they have questions or concerns regarding their child's bus route.



The BCPS Transportation Services Department is excited to introduce **Here Comes the Bus** (HCTB), a free and easy-to-use website and application that allows parents to view the location of their child's school bus in real-time on a smartphone, tablet or personal computer. Here Comes the Bus will make knowing when your child's school bus is arriving easier.

To register, visit the [Here Comes the Bus website](#) or download the Here Comes The Bus app by visiting the Google Play or Apple Store. Use school code **87599** to locate Broward County Public Schools.

PARKING DECALS

Any student driving a vehicle on campus must complete a parking decal application, along with submitting a copy of a valid drivers license, insurance card, registration, and pay the \$52 fee. Applications can be found on our school website and decals can be purchased at: <https://www.browardschools.com/osp> on a first come first serve basis.

All students who will be driving to school will be required to park in the student lot on 16th street or in the Aquatic Center. Parking decals **MUST** be clearly displayed on rearview mirrors to avoid any consequences. Please make sure that you adhere to this rule for the 2023-2024 school year.

Seniors are now able to pay for their parking decals on the estore and pick them up at FLHS the week of August 14th - 18th. Underclassmen needing parking decals may purchase them on the website above as of August 21st and they will be distributed on campus.

STUDENT DROP-OFF

For safety reasons, we are no longer allowing students to be dropped off in the Aquatic Center or on 16th street. Students must be dropped off at the point of entry (front of the school) or in the back of the school.

ATHLETICS

Is your child interested in getting involved in sports? If so, the following requirements must be completed before any student can take part in sporting events. This includes participation in all practices and games:

- **Pre-participation Physical** - MUST be a sport related physical (Form EL2) - Yearly
- **Consent and Release from liability certificate** (Form EL3) - Yearly
- **Memorial Health Care System parental consent** for treatment - Yearly
- All incoming 9th grade students are eligible to participate until the second semester. After second semester of 9th grade, all athletes **must maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or above** - Yearly
- **Affidavit of Compliance** with the polices on athletic recruiting and non-traditional student participation (Only for students from FLHS students that did NOT start with FLHS for their 9th grade year)
- **Proof of medical insurance** with student's name on the insurance card. Insurance can be purchased for school sports at www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com - Yearly
- **Birth Certificate** might be requested.

Contact our Athletic Director, Coach Lawrence, with any questions at tjlawrence@browardschools.com.