



THE COUGAR DIGEST

Coconut Creek High's Official Monthly Newsletter



WELCOME TO OUR THIRD EDITION

A message from the CCHS Newsletter
Committee

Hello Cougars,

Can you believe, we are already in the month of May. Although this has been a challenging year, we all have adapted and made the best of it! As this school year comes to end, take some time over the summer to decompress and set your intentions for School Year 2021-22.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

MAY 3-7

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 3-6

FSA ELA READING 9TH GRADE

MAY 4TH

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS BEGIN

MAY 8

SAT

MAY 10-13

FSA ELA READING 10TH GRADE

MAY 11

CAMBRIDGE PAPER 2 CRITICAL THINKING

MAY 17

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

MAY 18

SPRING EOC US HISTORY

MAY 19

CAMBRIDGE MEDIA STUDIES

MAY 22

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MAY 24-25

SPRING EOC ALGEBRA

MAY 27-28

SPRING EOC GEOMETRY

MAY 27-28

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS

MAY 31

NO SCHOOL

SPORTS NEWS



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MAY UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

MAY 14TH

4:30 PM GARNETT AND GOLD SCRIMMAGE

MAY 19TH

7:00 PM SPRING FOOTBALL GAME



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CALVARY CHRISTIAN

APRIL RECAP

Our Spring Athletics' Season has come to a close with our baseball team finishing out the year with a 3-8 record and continuing to improve through the course of the year and into next season. Our boys' volleyball team was competitive in every game during only their second season as the program continues to head in the right direction. Lastly our boys and girls track team had a great showing in Districts and had one student qualify for Regionals. Our Athletic Department will like all those interested in the 21-22 athletic season to check out our website and make sure to register on RegisterMyAthlete.com

CLUB NEWS

Are you interested in getting involved at Creek?



21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MON-THURS | SOME FRIDAYS
VIRTUAL
INTERESTED? CONTACT
CAROL.JOHNSON-COOTE@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM

UPWARD BOUND
WEDNESDAYS @ 2:30 PM
VIRTUAL
INTERESTED? CONTACT
SHERYL.GARFIELD@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM
JUNE.COLE@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM



WOMEN OF TOMORROW
3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 2:30 PM
VIRTUAL
INTERESTED? CONTACT
SHERYL.GARFIELD@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM

ARMY JROTC
TUES & THURS | FACE TO FACE
WEDNESDAY | VIRTUAL
INTERESTED? CONTACT PETER.MAHMOOD@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM



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INTERESTED? CONTACT
MARY.SLEBODNIK@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM

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WEDNESDAY @ 1:45 PM
VIRTUAL & FACE TO FACE
INTERESTED? CONTACT
MARIA.CASANOVA@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM
T: 956-900-2732



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MENTORING TOMORROW'S LEADERS | MTL TUESDAY | 2:15PM VIRTUAL

INTERESTED? CONTACT
TEXT @CREEKMTL TO 81010



@mtl_creek

CCHS CARIBBEAN CLUB TBA

INTERESTED? CONTACT
SHARON.PITTERS@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM

BEST BUDDIES



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ONCE A MONTH | LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
VIRTUAL

INTERESTED? CONTACT
KRISTINE.LOMBARDI@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM



@Creek_BB

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World Language Virtual Competition

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**ALEXA FLORES
ORTEGA**

Before the pandemic, Alexa sat at a table with several other students. These students often struggled to understand the math problems given in class, but she tasked herself with helping them even without being prompted by me. Alexa has also done this on several occasions for other students in the class. While e-Learning, Alexa always seems eager to turn on her microphone and answer questions asked in class. She is also always one of the first to volunteer when we are sharing out a Journal topic or having a discussion.



JOCABED JIMENEZ

Jocabed is the model student. From day 1, she has always been engaged, hardworking, helpful to other students and positive. She always demonstrates respect, is never afraid to receive feedback because to her it's all about growth (courageous and evolving), she is always kind and respectful in her interactions with me through Remind (even when there may be an issue or discrepancy of some sort). As I stated before, Jocabed is ALWAYS engaged which, given the difficulties that are posed to some students during this process, is outstanding. She has maintained essentially straight As in all of her courses. Just recently she messaged me on Remind 101 to ask me if there was any resources or assistance I could provide as she tries to prepare for her Cambridge exams and the FSA. I know for a fact that Ms. Landis and Ms. Hernandez love her as well. She is more than a model student. She is the student that all teachers dream of. When no one else is willing to answer a question, she will. If you need her to be the leader in her group, she will (without asking). She is phenomenal and truly deserves recognition.

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COURAGEOUS

RESPECTFUL

ENERGETIC

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



ANTHONY BROWN

Anthony usually helps his classmate. He addresses the teacher with respect. He is focused in class always and comply with all his assignments and rules. Anthony always goes to the extra mile.



**SOFIA
VILCHIZ-HERNANDEZ**

Sofia is always on time and on task in class. She never speaks without being called on. She actively participates in class everyday. Sofia walks from her house afterschool to school to help me in the classroom for service hours. She wants to get a scholarship with her service hours. When we leave she always walks me to my car and then leaves. She is part of the Spanish National Honor Society and tutors students virtually every Wednesday. She placed 1st place at the World Language Competition for her poster with the theme All languages connect virtually for success.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

COCONUT CREEK 50TH ANNIVERSARY



CALLING ALL COUGARS.... THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COCONUT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL IS THIS YEAR! WE WANT TO CELEBRATE IN STYLE! INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PLANNING COMMITTEE? IDEAS FOR THE FESTIVITIES??? PLEASE EMAIL MS. RIDINGER WITH A NAME AND CONTACT INFO! LOOKING FORWARD TO CATCHING UP WITH SOME "OLD " FAMILY!!'



ADMIN NEWS SPOTLIGHT

Meet our Cougar Admin



MS. COBY

12th Grade AP

BA, Business Administration:
Florida Memorial University

MS, International Business and
Finance: Nova University

MS, Educational Leadership,
University of West Florida

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I started out working in Internal Finance. I also worked with kids on the side as a tutor. I saw how I could positively affect them. Then one day one of these students suggested that I become a teacher.

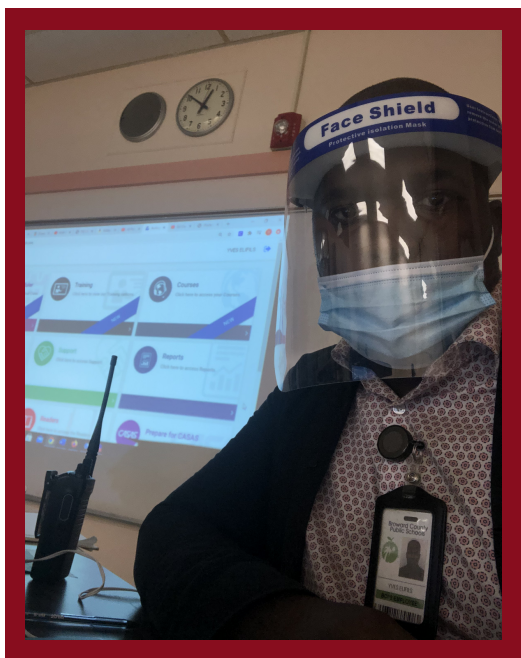
Why did you decide to focus on teens and adolescents?

I feel I can be the most impactful with this age group. I have also learned so much from interacting with my Son (currently in Grade Seven).

Our world has faced so much challenge and conflict in the past year. How can we turn some of this challenge and conflict into teachable moments for our students?

By creating a platform with a controlled format in which students can feel comfortable expressing themselves.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



YVES ELIFILS
CLASS OF 2009

Yves graduated from Florida Atlantic University in 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree of Art in Sociology. He then completed his Master's Degree at Florida International University in Public Administration in 2017.

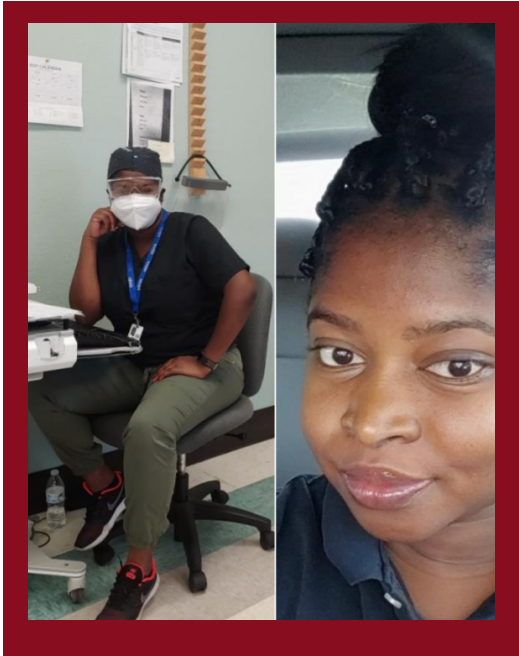
Yves is most proud of being able to help people from all over the world to integrate in the American system and learn the English language. When he was in High School, he never thought about becoming a teacher. It was not until after he earned my bachelor's degree that I have decided to pursue a career in Education.

"When I wake up in the morning to go to work, I have a smile on my face because I know I am going to make a difference in the lives of the Adult Ed Students. I feel fulfilled!"

Yves would like to offer some words of wisdom to our current CCHS students.

"It is okay if you don't know what to major in for college. When you get there, you will find professionals that will help you discover your strengths and guide you. Do not choose to pursue a career just for the money! If your heart, mind and soul are not into it, you won't make it. College is fun! If you choose that path, learn to balance study times with fun times. You may be a carefree high school student right now, but after graduation, you will find yourself in situations where you must make difficult decisions. Don't worry! That simply means you are becoming an Adult! "

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



FARAH ELIFILS JEROME
CLASS OF 2007

Farah graduated from the University of Saint Francis. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and graduated in 2014.

She is proud of being a first-generation college student and the first one in my family to earn a doctoral degree.

Professional Accomplishments:

- Serving with Joni and Friends, Wheels for the World, Port-au Prince, Haiti, 2016
- Serving with Living Hope International, Beijing, China, 2017
- Earning a Senior Home Safety Specialist certification, SHSS in 2021

Wisdom words for HS students:

- Seek the opportunity to shadow someone with the major/profession you wish to wish/plan to pursue. Ask as many questions as possible. The knowledge might help to guide your path and make the best decision.
- If possible, take as many honors and/or college courses while in high school. In addition to the benefits, such as GPA, college credits. These courses allow students to have a realistic idea of what to expect from college/university courses.

MINDFULNESS



MINDFULNESS FOR TEENS HOME

Mindfulness for Teens Home

Being a teen can be really stressful! Mindfulness is a powerful way to handle stress, and live life more fully. Mindfulness is all about living fully in the present moment, without judgment, and with an attitude of kindness and curiosity. It's about breathing, noticing what's happening right here and now, sending a gentle smile to whatever you're experiencing in this moment (whether it's easy or difficult), and then letting it go. You can be mindful anytime, anywhere, no matter what you're doing. It sounds simple, but it's not always easy to do, especially when you are stressed! This website provides information, tools, and resources to help you get started.

This is a great website/resource for teens that are interested in practicing mindfulness. In easy to understand language, it includes an explanation of mindfulness, guided meditations, blogs, resources, suggested readings, video clips all geared towards helping teens.

<http://mindfulnessforteens.com/>



BCPS SUMMER 2021

Get back! Get ready!
Reconnect!



Summer 2021 Helps Prepare Students for the Upcoming School Year

- Offers specialized programs and electives
- Make up missing coursework or credits
- Reconnect with friends and teachers

Takes place Monday, June 21 – Thursday, July 29

- Free for students in all grade levels
- Monday – Thursday, four hours each day
- Meals provided to all students
- Transportation available for eligible students



Summer 2021 Focuses on Student Success

- All classes are held on Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) campuses
- In-person instruction by BCPS certified teachers
- Health and safety protocols will be followed, including wearing masks, physical distancing, and more
- Morning and afternoon childcare, enrichment or sports-related activities are also available at most sites and may be fee-based

Extended School Year for students with disabilities, Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten and Third Grade Reading Academy are also available to eligible students.

See you this summer!

To register, visit your student's school website.
For more information, visit
browardschools.com/summer2021.



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**HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION
WEEK!!
MAY 3RD-7TH**

A teacher
takes a hand,
opens a mind,
and touches a heart.



RESOURCES

How to :

Virtual Counselor



Why?

- Accessible to parents and students
- Attendance
- Academic History
- Assignment History
- Test Scores
- Unofficial Transcript- Graduation Information
- Marking Period Grades
- Student Schedule

How to Log in

<http://bcps.browardschools.com/VirtualCounselor/>

Pinnacle Gradebook Benefits



- Pinnacle Parent Internet Viewer (PIV)
- Grades 6 thru 12
- Access grades for each class
- Stay up-to-date with class progress
- Receive email alerts for grades and absences

How to log on:

<https://gb.browardschools.com/pinnacle/gradebook>

Username: StudentID#@my.browardschools.com

Password: PMM/DD/YEAR (Your date of birth typed exactly as shown)

For Example:

December 10, 2000, the password would be P12/10/2000

Pinnacle

Naviance

Benefits



- Researching careers, colleges, and majors
- Finding local and national scholarships and enrichment programs
- Exploring students' career interests, learning styles, personality types, and multiple intelligences
- Building resumes and holistic portfolios for job and college applications
- Setting goals and developing personalized plans for success
- Requesting and sending transcripts.
- Learning about success skills, financial planning, self-discovery, and building a support network

Take a look

<https://vimeo.com/313390032>

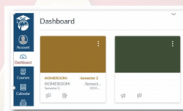
Coconut Creek's Naviance Website

<https://student.naviance.com/coconutchs>

How do I get to school?

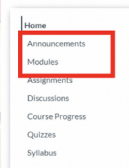


Step 1: Go to sso.browardschools.com



Step 3: Use the "courses" button on the left blue navigation bar to access your courses or you can click on the canvas Tile to bring you into you Canvas course.

Step 2: Sign in with your student number and password/PIN to get your personal clever launchpad. Make sure to click on the Canvas Icon



Step 4: Read any of your teacher's announcement at the top of the homepage of the canvas course then look for assignments below

Canvas

Stay Connected With Creek

School Website:

[Coconutcreekhigh.browardschools.com](https://www.browardschools.com)



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Athletics:

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