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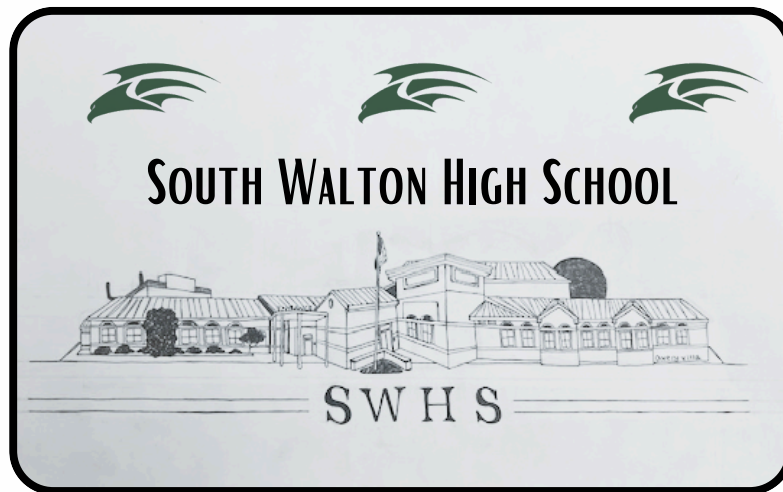
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SEAHAWK NEWS NETWORK



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

GO SEAHAWKS!



Reminders

- **No School on Monday! Happy Labor Day!**
- School begins at 7:45am and ends at 2:50pm. Students will not be permitted to enter the building before 7:30am.
- Please make sure your student is adhering to the dress code laid out in the student handbook. The SWHS dress code will be strictly enforced.
- Parking at the Coastal Library for pick up or drop off is **NOT** permitted.

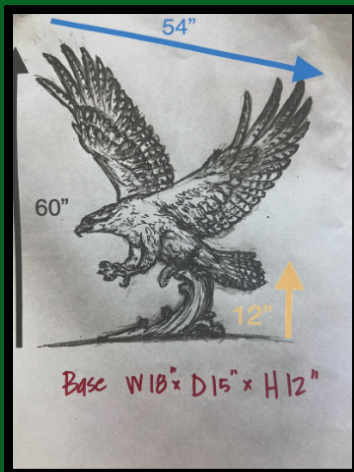
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SWHS SEAHAWK STATUE COMING SOON!

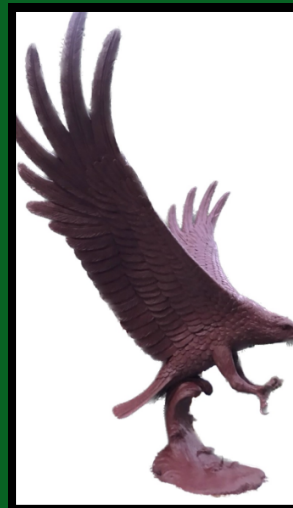
Almost two years ago, Dr. Tibbetts & Mrs. Barb Stratton both expressed their longtime desire for our school to have a statue of our mascot, as all of the other schools do! So we formed a Take Flight committee & our search was on to find a statue in time for graduation. We met with sculptors & artists near & far, but Dr. Tibbetts & Barb wanted our statue to be both realistic & traditional, unlike many of the abstract artistic options we first found. But alas, we learned that we could find an Eagle statue at the blink of an eye; however finding a statue of a Seahawk was next to impossible...it just didn't exist! Plus, we knew that our Seahawk must be Regal, so careful attention was made to learn all the many differences between an Eagle & a Seahawk, and that a Seahawk is actually an Osprey. Finally we were able to connect with an Italian artist from the Orlando area, and he was able to draw us a sketch of our regal Seahawk, and after careful attention to the hawk's many colorful markings, we were ready to take his drawing & bring it to life! But first we'd need to figure out how to pay for it....

To our surprise, Dr. Tibbetts was so excited for her dream of a mascot statue for all of her students & staff, plus those to come, that she generously took out her personal checkbook, and gave us check for the deposit! She was moved to tears & as we were, too! Our families were personally so inspired by this great lady--truly a force of nature--that we vowed to collectively come up with the balance, and we did. Donations from Russell & Michelle Richardson, William & Mary Bess Wilson and The Busy Bee paid for the statue. After waiting over twenty years, our school would finally have a mascot statue! We truly hope the Seahawk Statue will inspire our Seahawk students to have the courage to reach for their dreams & take flight.

Your Parents With a Purpose President, Michelle Richardson



Italian artist Richard DeVuono's sketch of our Seahawk Statue.



Once the design was agreed upon and the deposit paid, The Bronze Depot, an American company based in Orlando, commissioned the statue to begin creation at their foundry in Thailand. A mold was created for the bronze statue to take birth.



We had hoped that our Seahawk would arrive by graduation, then in June, and then July...but it took a long trip across the world, then spent time waiting for US Customs in Miami.

The big day finally came on Monday August 5th, at 2:30 pm our Seahawk finally landed at it's final destination, South Walton High School.

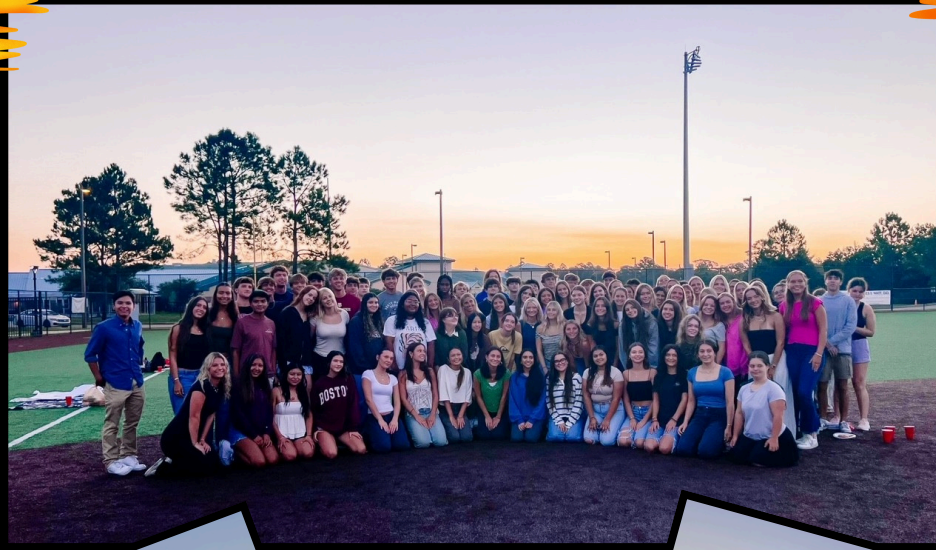
We plan to unveil our regal mascot during our homecoming festivities and we hope that everyone will get a chance to admire this majestic bird of prey. May it's long-awaited arrival, twenty-some years in the making, mark many good things & blessings to come! Go Hawks!



We were so very pleased with all the attention to detail, to ensure that we had a real Seahawk, and not just another Eagle.

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SENIOR SUNRISE



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Club Info

2024-2025 SWHS Clubs and Sponsors <small>8/29/2024</small>	
Academic Team	Melissa Buckner & Bill Diamond
Anchor Club	Dan McKeone
Best Buddies	Destiny Erwin
Beta Club	Beth Fogg
Chess Club	Dimitri Zachos
Color Guard / Winter Guard	Christin Barnhart
Culinary Club	Robert Wright
Drama Club	Brett Bruner
E Sports	Melissa Buckner
FCA	Scott Michie
Florida Public Service Association	Annie Toole
Game Club	Stacy Grant
Garden Club	Angie Reilly
German Club	Monja Crews
HOSA	Julie Baur
International Club	V. Pilonieta/P.Uribe Granandos/B. Erwin
Key Club	Lance Climer
Magazine Club	Jim McClain
Mock Trial Club	Meghan Meyer
Mu Alpha Theta	Juliann Peterson
Music Production Club	Stacy Grant
National Art Honor Society	Rhonda McEnany
National Honor Society	Brett Bruner
Pickelball Club	Lance Climer
Science National Honor Society	Scott Michie
Seahawk Table Top Club	Brett Bruner
Speech/Debate Club	Joanna Ellis
Spirit Club	Allie Metzler/Regan Ward
Vinyl Club	Ethan Mitchell



BEST BUDDIES

JOIN BEST BUDDIES!

BEST BUDDIES INTERNATIONAL IS A NONPROFIT 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO ESTABLISHING A GLOBAL VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT THAT CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONE-TO-ONE FRIENDSHIPS, INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND INCLUSIVE LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (IDD).

SUBMIT A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER.

GO TO BESTBUDDIES.ORG/JOIN OR SCAN THE QR CODE

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP:



FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER

Best Buddies High Schools fosters one-to-one friendships between students with and without IDD. With an additional emphasis on leadership training, the High School program provides leadership development and skill building for students with and without disabilities to manage their chapter and develop the skills to lead a movement of inclusion, helping Best Buddies achieve its vision.



NEED BRIGHT FUTURE HOURS?

SWHS Garden Club is currently accepting and seeking student volunteers for help with the school garden and Big garden which is located @ Padgett Park.



Contact Mrs. Reilly for additional info, Room 606
Angela.reilly@walton.k12.fl.us

SWHS Mock Trial

- Team building
- Public speaking skills
- Improvisation skills
- Plenty of preparation time
- Look great on a resume
- Consult with real lawyers and receive performance feedback

Meetings:
 Thursdays @ 3:15pm
 Room 609- Mrs. Meyer



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Science National Honor Society

The Science National Honor Society at South Walton High School is an organization designed to recognize and support SWHS students who have a desire to pursue a degree and career in science. All SWHS students are eligible to join after completing their freshman year and who meet the following requirements:

- 3.0 Overall Unweighted GPA
- 3.5 Science Unweighted GPA
- Science Teacher Recommendation
- Participation in SWHS Science Fair
- Desire to Pursue a Degree and Career in Science

To complete the application process, you must do the following:

- Calculate Your Science Unweighted GPA
- Agree to Participate in the SWHS Science Fair
- Agree to Pursue a Degree and Career in Science
- Attach a Check Made Out to SWHS for \$10.00 for National Dues and Supplies

It is our hope to create a group of students with a common love for science, give them the needed support to achieve their goal of a career in science, and have fun while doing this!

There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, September 3, 2024 immediately after school in room 200. If you are interested, please stop by to learn more and pick up an application. Applications, along with a check for \$10, are due to Mr. Michie by September 10, 2024.



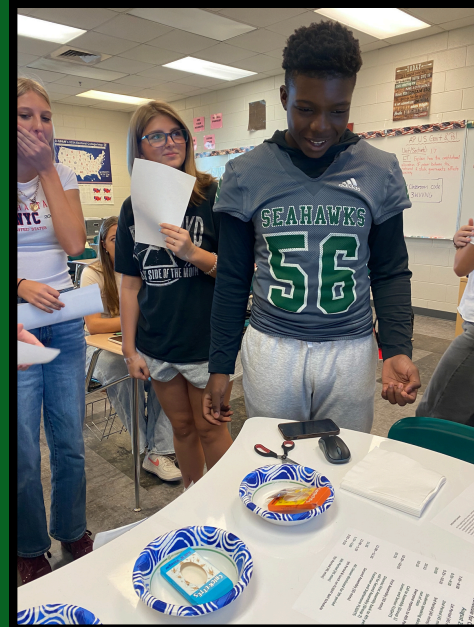
Attention Sophomores!

There will be a meeting after school Tuesday for the sophomore class homecoming parade float. Please meet in room 12-111 if you would like to help. Donations are also needed for the float along with bags of candy.

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FUN IN THE CLASSROOM

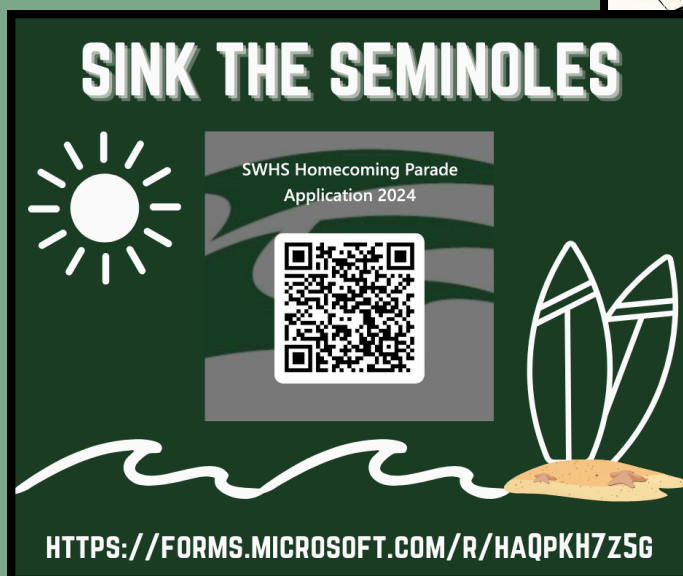
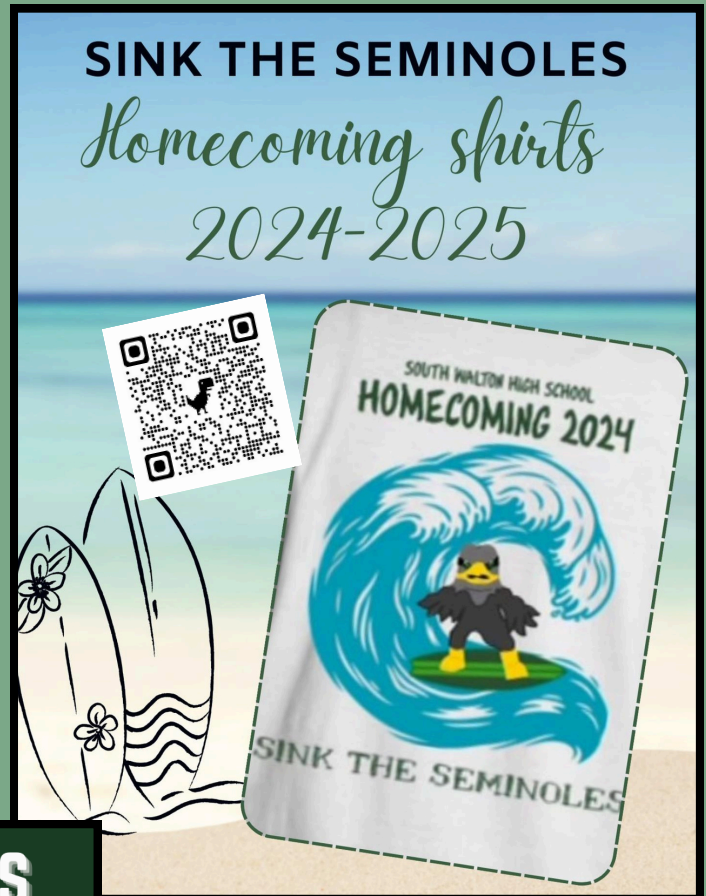
AP Psychology students in Mrs Meyer's class are learning about ethical guidelines in research studies, including informed consent, discontinued participation, and debriefing. Several students participated in eating dried crickets of various "flavors", demonstrating voluntary participation through informed consent.



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Homecoming Information

Show your Homecoming Spirit! The Homecoming Parade will be at 1:30pm and the game at 7:00pm on Friday, September 20. The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, September 21 from 7:00 - 10:00pm in the SWHS cafeteria. Students interested in being on the homecoming court see Mrs. Shroyer. Scan the barcodes for your Homecoming float application and to get your Homecoming t-shirt. Let's go Seahawks! Sink the Seminoles!



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Seniors, have you created a Common App account yet? Visit <https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-year-students> to learn more! Early Admission deadlines are quickly approaching.

What is Common App?

Each year, more than 1 million students apply to more than 1,000 Common App member colleges worldwide through our online college application platform. Learn more about applying through our first-year application by following our step-by-step guide below.

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NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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View information about the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at the following link, www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN.

The Bright Futures Student Handbook is divided into chapters.

CHAPTER 1: INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDES:

- Requirements for Scholarship Types (FAS, FMS, GSC, and GSV); and
- Non-Traditional Students (Home-Educated, GED, Out-of-State, and Mid-Year).

CHAPTER 2: SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION, INCLUDES:

- Length of the Scholarship Award;
- Award Amounts; and
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions.

CHAPTER 3: RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDES:

- Renewal Requirements; and
- Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements.

Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholarship students enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida College System institution receive 100 percent of tuition and specific fees. Upon completing an associate degree, a student may use his or her award to pursue a baccalaureate degree and receive 75 percent of tuition and specific fees.

IMPORTANT DATES:

APPLICATIONS OPENING DATES:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - TBD Begin now by creating your FSA ID and Password at the following link: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
- Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) - We encourage all high school seniors to submit an application, even if you do not plan to attend a college, university, or technical center immediately after graduation. Read the fact sheets found at the link: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN for program deadlines.
- Private Scholarships Apply! Apply! Apply!
- National College Fairs: <https://www.nacacnet.org/nacac-college-fairs/>

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Many scholarship committees are looking for students who have the ability to communicate effectively in writing. Essays are an excellent way for scholarship judges to choose the most qualified candidates. Tips for writing the essay include:
 - Giving yourself time - it takes time to construct a quality essay. Following directions - word count and font size may be eligibility requirements.
 - Focusing on the topic - answer the question that is being asked.
 - Proofreading and editing your work - be clear, concise, and correct any errors.
 - Getting feedback - ask family or counselors to read your essay and provide feedback.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

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FREE WEBINARS

COLLEGE 101

Plan Your Path After High School

College, University or Technical Training: Which Path is Right for Me?
September 10
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. ET

Make Your College Application Stand Out from the Rest!
September 17
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. ET

Show Me the Money: How to Pay for College Without Breaking the Bank!
September 24
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. ET

Learn about 2-year degrees, 4-year degrees, and career & technical programs during this fun and informative webinar!

Helpful guidance, tips, and tricks that are sure to get your application noticed!

Learn about scholarships, grants, and other financial aid options that can make college more affordable for you!

REGISTER NOW!

www.FloridaShines.org/College-101

APPLY TODAY!

THE GATES SCHOLARSHIP.

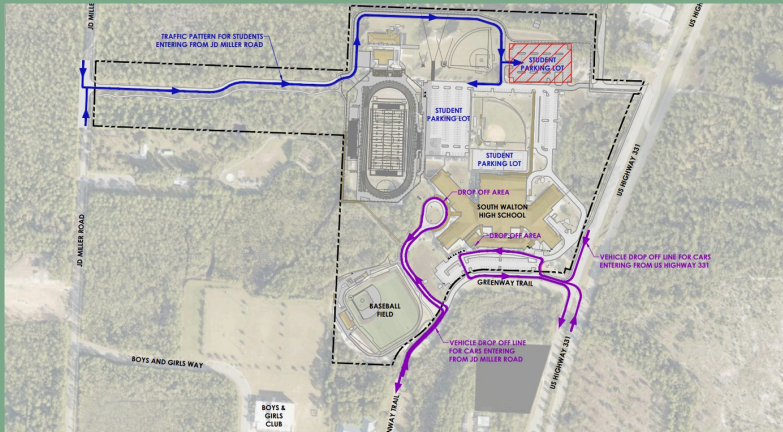
The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to exceptional student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential. **Please visit our website to learn more!**

Accepting applications from July 15, 2024 to September 15, 2024, 2:00 PM Pacific Time
www.thegatesscholarship.org

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2024-2025 TRAFFIC PATTERN

Please remember to follow the new traffic pattern for the 2024-2025 school year indicated in the above map. This is for the safety of our students, parents, staff and visitors.



NO PARKING

Please remember, parking at the Coastal Library for drop off or pick up is **not permitted**. Drivers were noted speeding through the Library parking lot, parking in the fire zone and being uncooperative when asked to move. Please be respectful of this request from the library.

**24-25 SWHS
BUS INFO**

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO FIND YOUR BUS ROUTE INFORMATION.

DOWNLOAD THE *HERE COMES THE BUS APP*



Sign Up Instructions For Parents:

1. Download Here Comes The Bus app or visit herecomesthebus.com
2. Click the "Sign Up" button
3. Enter school code **79383** and click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
4. Complete the "User Profile" box
5. Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number
6. Once you confirm your information, you're ready to begin

Download on the **App Store** GET IT ON **Google Play**

For more information, visit: herecomesthebus.com



850) 892-1100 <https://www.walton.k12.fl.us/page/transportation>

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Volunteer OPPORTUNITY

Point Washington Medical Clinic has been selected as a beneficiary of the 30A 10K and is in need of volunteers for the event. There are slots open on both Wednesday, November 27 and Thanksgiving morning, November 28. Volunteers do not need to be current PWMC volunteers, and children are eligible to sign up (provided they have adult supervision). Use the link below for more information and to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FADAB2DA0F85-50371693-30a10k#/>

Volunteers NEEDED



The Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County is looking for volunteers for the Flutterby Festival on Sunday, November 10. The event celebrates the migration of the Monarch Butterfly through our area with kid's art activities, live performances and more! The event will take place from 10am - 4pm at the Pavilion at Watersound Town Center. Volunteers can choose to work three different time slots; 7:30am - 11:30am, 11:00am - 3:00pm, or 2:30pm - 6:30pm.

Volunteers may sign up at
[https://signup.com/go/dfUQAEt.](https://signup.com/go/dfUQAEt)

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**DON'T BE LEFT OUT
OF THE YEARBOOK!**



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SENIOR PORTRAIT DATE

OCTOBER 24TH & 25TH

SIGN UP BOARD IS LOCATED
IN MEDIA CENTER

**MAKE YOUR SENIOR PORTAIT APPOINTMENT
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**

LUNCH MENU

Monday - NO SCHOOL!

Tuesday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Meatlovers Stromboli, Spinach Salad, Seasoned Green Beans, Choice of Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, WG Garlic Breadstick, Choice of Milk

Wednesday - Grilled Cheese, PBJ Uncrustable, Sweet Potato Fries, Baked Beans, Choice of Fruit Slushy, Fresh Fruit, or Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk

Thursday - Cheeseburger, Hotdog, Curly Fries, Coleslaw, Choice of Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Friday - Pizza, Meatball Sub, Baby Carrots, Fresh Sliced Cucumbers, Choice of Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/30/2024 - 7:00pm

- Varsity Football @ FWBHS

8/31/2024 - 7:30am

- Cross Country @ Bay Dunes

9/2/2024

- Labor Day - **NO SCHOOL**

9/3/2024 - 5:00pm

- School Board Meeting @ Tivoli

9/4/2024 - 5:30pm & 6:30pm

- Volleyball vs Choctaw @ SWHS

9/4/2025 - 5:00pm

- JV Football @ Mosley

9/4/2024 - 7:00pm

- Freshman Football @ Mosley

9/5/2024 - 5:00pm

- Volleyball @ North Bay Haven

9/5/2024 - 6:00pm

- Florida Farm Bureau Youth Speech Contest @ Freeport High School

9/6/2024 - 7:00pm

- Volleyball Challenge Tournament vs Lee County @ Arnold

9/7/2024 - 7:30am

- Cross Country - Gulf Coast Stampede @ Escambia County Equestrian Center/Pensacola, FL

9/7/2024 - 11:00am

- Volleyball Challenge Tournament vs Winter Springs @ Arnold

9/9/2024 - 8:00am

- Men's Golf - Byron Nathan Classic @ Stonebrook Golf Course

9/9/2024 - 5:00pm

- Volleyball vs Niceville @ SWHS

9/9/2024 - 6:00pm

- Freshman Football @ Freeport

9/11/2024

- Mid Term Reports Go Out

9/12/24 - 7:45am

- FSU Senior Meeting @ SWHS Aud.

9/12/2024 - 5:00pm

- Volleyball @ Mosley

9/12/2024 - 6:00pm

- JV Football @ Arnold

9/13/2024 - 5:30pm

- Volleyball Tournament @ Choctaw

9/13/2024 - 7:00pm

- Varsity Football @ Arnold

9/14/2024 - 7:30am

- Cross Country - Buccaneer Bash Bay @ Bay Dunes Golf Course

9/14/2024 - 11:30am

- Volleyball Tournament @ Choctaw

9/16/2024 - 9:30am

- AP Government Constitutional Commission Debates

9/17/2024 - 8:00am

- Men's Golf Tournament @ AC Read

9/17/2024 - 5:30pm

- Volleyball vs Tate @ Home

9/17/2024 - 5:00pm

- School Board Meeting @ SWHS

9/18/2024 - 5:30pm

- NHS Induction @ SWHS

9/19/2024 - 4:00pm

- Freshman Football @ Niceville

9/19/2024 - 5:00pm

- Volleyball vs Arnold @ SWHS

9/19/2024 - 6:00pm

- JV Football vs Walton @ Home(ECMS)

9/20/2024 - 12:30pm

- **EARLY RELEASE**

9/20/2024 - 1:30pm

- Homecoming Parade

9/20/2024 - 7:00pm - HOMECOMING

- Varsity Football vs Florida High @ SWHS (Beach Theme)

9/21/2024 - 7:00pm

- Homecoming Dance