

DECEMBER 13, 2024



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

GO SEAHAWKS!



Reminders

- **Semester Exams - December 17 - 20, 2024**
- **Early Dismissal - December 20, 2024 (Permission Slip Required)**
- **Christmas Break - December 23, 2024 - January 7, 2025**
- **School Resumes - January 8, 2025**
- 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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SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE



M	December 16 - Review Day REGULAR SCHEDULE
T	December 17 - 1st & 7th Periods ODD BLOCK
W	December 18 - 2nd & 6th Periods EVEN BLOCK
T	December 19 - 3rd & 5th Periods ODD BLOCK
F	December 20 - 4th EVEN BLOCK (See Schedule) EARLY RELEASE - 10:15am Permission Slip Required

Semester Exam Information



South Walton High School



December 5, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of the End of First Semester Exam schedule and procedures for student checkout on Friday, December 20th following completion of all assignments for this grading period and semester exams.

For a student to checkout on December 20th, he/she must have completed all second quarter work and first semester exams. He/she must return the bottom portion of this letter to their 5th period teacher by Wednesday, December 18th and have transportation no later than 10:15 AM. Buses will NOT run at 10:15 AM. Students are expected to exit the building and leave campus immediately. All other students will report to 6th period at 10:15 AM and then the cafeteria for lunch at 11:00 AM and then spend time in classrooms completing second quarter work from 11:45 AM to 2:50 PM or report to the auditorium.

No emails or written notes will be accepted on December 20th for checkouts. If your student needs to leave early on this day, but failed to return their permission slip by Wednesday, December 18th, a parent, or an adult on the emergency card will have to come to the school to check him/her out. **Phone calls are never accepted for student checkout.**

Sincerely,

Nina Borthwick

Nina Borthwick
Principal

EXAM SCHEDULE			
December 17 th	December 18 th	December 19 th	December 20 th
1 st Block Semester Exam - 7:45 to 9:25	2 nd Block Semester Exam - 7:45 to 9:25	1 st Block - 7:45 to 9:10	2 nd Block - 7:45 to 8:30
3 rd Block - 9:35 to 11:15	4 th Block - 9:35 to 11:15	3 rd Block Semester Exam - 9:20 to 11:00	4 th Block Semester Exam - 8:35 - 10:05
5 th Block - 11:25 to 1:00	5 th Block - 11:25 to 1:00	5 th Block Semester Exam & Lunch - 11:10 to 1:15	5 th Block Check In - 10:05 - 10:15
7 th Block Semester Exam - 1:10 to 2:50	6 th Block Semester Exam - 1:10 to 2:50	7 th Block - 1:25 to 2:50	6 th Block - 10:15 - 11:00
			Students with permission slips leave at 10:15 AM. All other students report to the cafeteria for lunch and then to classrooms to complete work or the auditorium.

RETURN THIS PERMISSION SLIP TO YOUR 5TH PERIOD TEACHER NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

My child has permission to be released from SWHS on Friday, December 20th after 5th period if all assignments have been completed for this grading period and he/she has finished his/her semester exams. Transportation must be provided at 10:15 AM. Buses will NOT run at 10:15 AM. I understand if this form is not returned by December 18th, my child will remain in school until 2:50 PM.

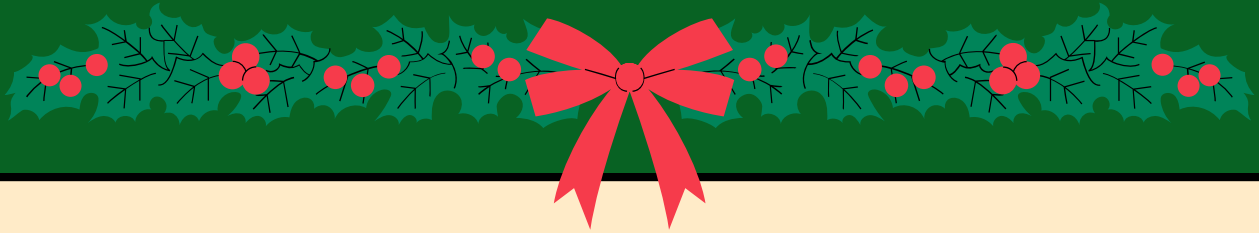
Legal Name of Student (Print) _____

Fifth Period Teacher Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent Signature _____

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SWHS SEAHAWK SOUND

WINTER CONCERT

- FEATURING**
- SWHS PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
 - SWHS JAZZ BAND
 - SWHS CONCERT BAND

**FRIDAY
13
DECEMBER
6:30 PM**

**SOUTH WALTON
AUDITORIUM**


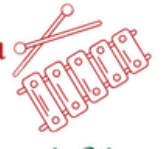

FREE ADMISSION!



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**SOUTH WALTON
SEAHAWKS
VS
WALTON
BRAVES**

TUES. DEC 17 @ 7PM JV 5:30 PM

 Complimentary pictures with Santa
Seahawk ornament giveaway while supplies last
Butler Elementary Orff Ensemble to perform 
all Butler Bears get in FREE!
 Please bring a book to donate to the Coastal Branch Library

👶🏀 Holiday Hoops & Rivalry Magic! 🏀🎄

Get ready, Seahawks fans, for a festive showdown on Tuesday, December 17th! The South Walton Seahawks take on the Walton Braves in a Christmas-themed rivalry game you won't want to miss!

🎄 Game Details:

📍 Varsity Tip-Off: 7 PM

📍 JV Game: 5:30 PM

🌟 Complimentary pictures with Santa

🎁 Limited edition Seahawk ornaments while supplies last!

🎵 Special performance by the Butler Elementary Orff Ensemble

🐻 All Butler Bears get in FREE!

🎁 Don't forget to bring a book to donate to the Coastal Branch Library and spread the holiday cheer.

Let's pack the gym and cheer on our Seahawks as we celebrate the season of giving with some epic basketball action! 🦅❤️💚

#SeahawksHoops #HolidayRivalry #ChristmasBasketball #GoSeahawks #SouthWaltonPride

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Seahawk Sound

Congratulations to the 31 students from the Seahawk Sound who made the Walton All-County Band! They competed with 100 students in the county for their spots! In addition to the 31 who made it, 8 were the best in their sections! They will play their concert at Freeport HS on January 31st, 2025 at 6 pm. **Congratulations!**

*Sophia Hunt, Flute; Lena De La Cruz, Flute; Mireya Chavarria, Clarinet; Diana Garcia, Clarinet; Aiden Griffin, Clarinet; Austin Ray, Clarinet; Andrea Gomez-Ramirez, Clarinet; Faith Albertson, Bass Clarinet; Parker Carden, Alto Sax; Natilee Benscoter, Alto Sax; Paul Sirten, Tenor Sax; *Jacie Cox, Bari Sax; Joie Johnson, Trumpet; Finn Easterhaus, Trumpet; Anthony Albarado, Trumpet; Kendall Ryan, Trumpet; Mariana Stojmenovic, F Horn; Coco Bianco, F Horn; Kayla Crider, F Horn; Madi Bowers, F Horn; Jake Knauer, Euphonium; Lucy King, Euphonium; Hudson Christenot, Trombone; Ivy Lollie, Trombone; Landen Connick, Trombone; Davin Dexter, Trombone; *Derek De Jesus Sierra, Tuba; Destry Griffin, Tuba; Max Bianco, Tuba; *Noah Lyons, Percussion, Ayden Reeves, Percussion.

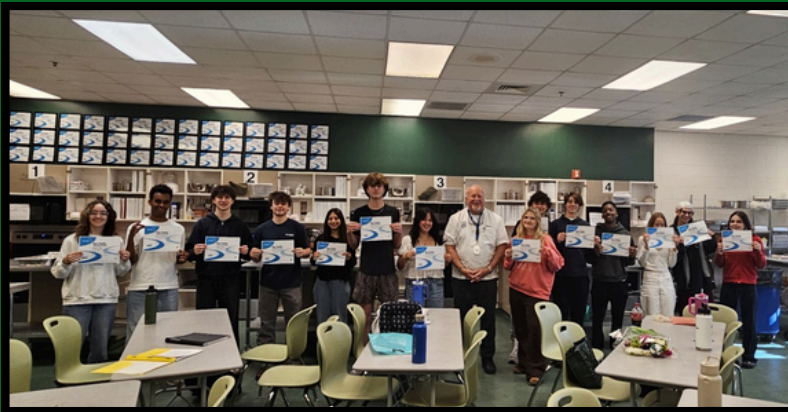
*Indicates Principal Player



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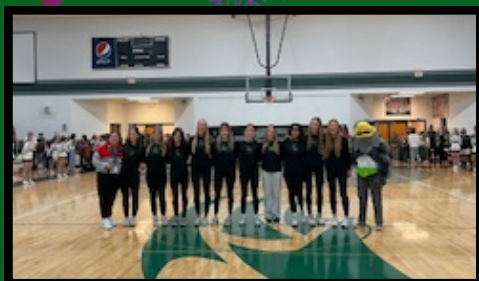
Congratulations Culinary Students!

49 out of 58 of Chef Wright's culinary students passed their ServSafe Food Manager's certification test this week. Congratulations to these students!



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Today's Pep Rally celebrated Super Seahawks for the 2nd nine weeks, the girls soccer team and the boys soccer team.



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Thank you, David Castrillo, one of our SWHS custodians, for bringing Holiday cheer every morning to the students and staff!



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SWHS Track & Field/Cross Country Reindeer Dash

Are you still trying to figure out ways to burn those last few calories from Thanksgiving?

Your SWHS Track and Field / Cross Country Team is hosting a 5k Ugly Sweater / Reindeer Dash on 12/21. Come out and support not only your student athletes, but your other student groups that we have here at SWHS! The dance team will be performing that morning in addition to the band. Bring your family to the event and tour the farmer's market on the green surrounding the Christmas Tree and see the SWHS Spirit Club hosting different activities for the children in attendance. The FCA will be in their ugliest of sweaters passing out waters and words of encouragement to all of the runners! The link below has more information, and we would love to see you all there. Merry Christmas!



[THE WINDMILL'S REINDEER DASH 5K](#)
[FAMILY FUN RUN IN FREEPORT, FL -](#)
[DETAILS, REGISTRATION, AND](#)
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Don't forget to register for Capstone Communication Day!
Students, remember to register for Capstone Communication Day at The
University of Alabama!

Capstone Communication Day is a one-day event for students to visit UA's
campus and learn more about the College of Communication &
Information Sciences (C&IS).

Capstone Communication Day is beneficial for students who are
interested in any of the following areas:

Sports Communication, Social Media, Journalism, Public Speaking, Politics,
Entertainment, Film Production, Reporting, Social Justice, Crisis
Communication, Sales, Event Planning, Broadcast News Editing, Writing,
Directing, Debate, Public Relations, Advertising, Producing, Brand
Management, Graphic Design, Digital Technology, Informatics, and more!
Come learn from C&IS students, faculty and staff about the majors, classes,
internships, travel programs and involvement opportunities offered in the
College. Students will tour our state-of-the-art Digital Media Center,
explore UA on a campus tour and hear from Undergraduate Admissions
about the admission and scholarship processes.

Capstone Communication Day will take place from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CST on
Friday, February 7. Following the event, an optional campus tour and a
chance to experience a live showing of WVUA23 News at 5 will be
available. Registration for the event is \$35 per student and fills on a first-
come, first-served basis. Guests are welcome! Guest registration is
\$35. Payments are non-refundable.

Please click to [RSVP Now](#) to access our registration page for more details
about Capstone Communication Day.

For questions, please call 205-348-8599 or contact us by e-mail.

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Roll Tide ,UA College of Communication & Information Sciences.

[RSVP NOW](#)

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About the Scholarship

In 2020, The St. Joe Community Foundation "Foundation" Board of Trustees established a major annual scholarship opportunity for high school students residing and attending school in Bay County and Walton County, FL which commenced with the Class of 2022 Award. As Education is one of the Foundation's pillars, the Foundation Board would like to recognize the community's "Extraordinary" students who exhibit leadership with a strong sense of community and service. The Foundation will award multiple levels of scholarships for high school nominated students recognized as "Extraordinary" concluding with a single named winner of the major "No Ordinary JOE" scholarship for each County. By participating in community projects benefitting others, one can build a multitude of skills, learn problem solving abilities, boost self-confidence and self-esteem, and an overall better psychological, social and cognitive thinking.

[NO ORDINARY JOE SCHOLARSHIP LINK](#)

Criteria & Process

The No Ordinary JOE scholarship is an annual scholarship for high school seniors attending a public or charter school residing in Bay County and Walton County. It will recognize extraordinary students with a strong sense of leadership and service to the community.

The St. Joe Community Foundation will provide the funding for multiple levels of scholarship awards with a single named recipient of the highest "No Ordinary JOE" Scholarship award for each county. The funding is provided to Bay County Education Foundation and Walton Education Foundation pursuant to agreements with The St. Joe Foundation.

[Read More](#)

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Interested in more financial aid information or information about Bright Futures? Click the links below and check out the available power points.

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December 2024 -
January 2025

NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Fall Checklist for High School Seniors

During your senior year, you will finalize your college choice. This year is filled with admission applications, scholarship essays, financial aid information, and the need to meet deadlines. Throughout your senior year, continue to build your resume by achieving academic success, as well as participating in extracurricular activities. Colleges are interested in well-rounded students.

The college preparation that takes place during your senior year is filled with many details and paperwork. It is very important that you involve your parents with this process.

Below are the tasks you should complete during the fall term:

- Take the ACT, Classic Learning Test (CLT), and/or SAT.
- Continue working on your admissions essays.
- If you haven't already done so, sign up for an FSA ID to complete your FAFSA online. Remind your parents that they will need an FSA ID, too. Make sure to protect your FSA ID and keep it in a secure place so that you will have it later when you need it. Keep copies of all financial aid and enrollment documents in a file. Contact the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-4FED-AID or 1-800-433-3243 for assistance.
- Plan to attend a FAFSA preparation event (free FAFSA advice) near you.
- Complete your FAFSA online to determine your financial aid eligibility.
- Watch for an email notice indicating that your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) is ready.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for errors and make corrections as indicated.
- Attend college planning and/or financial aid information nights and college fairs. If you cannot attend, ask if you and your parents can borrow a video of the presentation from your counselor.
- Visit your top school choices. If possible, make appointments with faculty, staff, and students.
- Meet with your counselor to develop a college admission and financial aid application plan.
- Contact the schools' financial aid offices to determine which forms they require. Some schools may require special forms.
- Finalize portfolios, audition tapes, writing samples, or other evidence of talent if required for admission.

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FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES 2024-25

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The University of Alabama College of Engineering is hosting E-Day on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This open house event provides middle and high school students the chance to learn more about majors and career opportunities available in engineering and computer science. Students will also receive information about admissions, housing, financial aid and other college readiness topics.

You may register students by visiting eng.ua.edu/e-day.



Welcome to Let's Talk!

Walton County School District is committed to ensuring our students, staff, and community have a safe and productive learning environment that enables each student to reach his or her potential for learning. Our "A+" school district achievements are a result of the collaborative efforts of students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, and the community.

We invite you to send your questions, concerns, suggestions, and even compliments through our new Let's Talk system. After clicking on a link below, your submission will be routed to a school district employee that can best address your need or comment. You can also send us a text at 850-204-9667.

We look forward to your submission.



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Dual Enrollment Info

For the Spring 2025 Term, dual enrollment students will be requesting courses they want to take in the Spring. Once the student's request is processed and they are cleared for registration, the student will then be responsible for selecting the individual classes they want to take and registering for them through Raidernet. It is imperative that students check their Raider email often for registration emails.

The Course Request Forms will be available starting October 23rd. Students can request COURSES, NOT INDIVIDUAL CLASSES and forms are processed in the order they are received. Once the form has been processed, the student will receive an email from their Raider email inbox with comments in BOLD RED indicating their registration status. If and when the student is CLEARED FOR REGISTRATION, it will then be the student's responsibility to log in to Raidernet and follow the instructions for registering for individual classes. Spring Registration begins November 12th.

To prepare, students may watch the REGISTRATION AND PLANNING VIDEO- Link provided:

<https://www.nwfsc.edu/student-success-navigation-videos/>

If your student is interested in dual enrollment for the spring, check out the following link for the NWFSC Spring 2025 Dual Enrollment Self-Registration Guide checklist.

[PRIMARY-NWFSC-SPRING-2025-DUAL-ENROLLMENT-SELF-REGISTRATION-GUIDE.PDF](#)

FAFSA INFORMATION

For FAFSA information, please click the link below. The 2025-2026 FAFSA form will be available on or before December 1, 2024 for the award year that runs July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents>

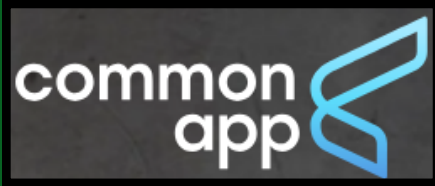
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Seniors, have you created a Common App account yet? Visit

<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.



Did you know that all SWHS students can access a free College & Career planning tool? Just log-in to your Classlink account and access Xello to start exploring.

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Scoreboard Capital Campaign Sponsorship Tiers

- Victory Formation - \$100,000 – Lifetime of: Anchor Panel Advertisement, Reserved Seating, Reserved Parking, Scrolling Digital Sponsorship, Seahawk Swag
- Touchdown - \$50,000 – 3 years of: 2 Founding Partner Panels, 4 Reserved Seats, 2 Reserved Parking Passes, Scrolling digital sponsorship, Seahawk Swag
- 1st Down - \$25,000 – 3 years of: 1 Founding Partner Panel, 4 Reserved Seats, 1 Reserved Parking Pass, Scrolling digital sponsorship, Seahawk Swag
- 2nd Down - \$10,000 – Scrolling Digital sponsorship, 4 Reserved Seats, 1 Reserved Parking Pass, Seahawk Swag
- 3rd Down - \$5,000 – Scrolling Digital Sponsorship, 2 Reserved Seats, Seahawk Swag

Scan the link the donate



Seahawk Spirit Store

Seahawk SPIRIT STORE!



Check out the Seahawk Spirit Store! The store will be open daily during lunch selling SWHS merchandise. Inventory will continue to grow as the year progresses. To reserve items, follow the link below, or scan the QR code.

SEAHAWK SPIRIT STORE

SPORTS TICKETS

Need tickets to your favorite SWHS sporting event? Scan the QR code below to purchase your tickets in advance and avoid the lines at the door!



Senior Parents Purchase Your Yearbook Ad Today!

South Walton High School **DEADLINE: 02/07/2025**

Dear Senior Parent and/or Student, Senior Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, reviewers from Senior Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 02/07/2025.

ORDER BY 02/07/2025	
COLOR AD	
Full Page	\$350.00
1/2 Page	\$180.00
1/4 Page	\$100.00
1/8 Page	\$60.00

Books, service fees, and shipping fees will be added if applicable. Jostens reserves the right to modify prices, materials, purchase requirements and availability without notice.

3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!

Step 1
Choose your ad size and layout
(Options may vary by school.)

Step 2
Add your photos

Step 3
Enter your text

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the guidelines for recognition ad content?
Schools may review and edit ads per their guidelines. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
School Ad Content Guidelines
Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?
Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

How is the ad deadline determined?
The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?
Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

(800) 358-0800
jostensadservice.com/student

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CLUB MEETINGS

Monday, December 16

Vinyl Club
Academic Team
Best Buddies
Drama Club

Tuesday, December 17

ESports
Seahawk Tabletop Club

Wednesday, December 18

German Club
Magazine Club
ESports
Garden Club
Drama Club

Thursday, December 19

Mu Alpha Theta
Culinary Club
National Art Honor Society
ESports
Seahawk Tabletop Club
Mock Trial

Friday, December 20

FCA
Seahawk Tabletop Club

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LUNCH MENU

Monday - Loaded Mac & Cheese Bowl w/ Soft Pretzel, Chicken Parm Sandwich, Peas, Tomato & Cucumber Salad, Choice of Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Tuesday - Mexican Casserole, Cheese & Chicken Quesadilla, Black Bean Salad, Steamed Squash, Choice of Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Wednesday - Sloppy Joe, Corn Dog, Broccoli & Cheese, Baked Beans, Choice of Fruit Slushy, Fresh Fruit, or Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk

Thursday - Chicken Bites, Mississippi Pork Roast, Steamed Potatoes, Roasted Carrots, Choice of Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Friday - Pizza, Philly Cheesesteak Hoagie, Garden Salad, French Fries, Choice of Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Weekly Bell Schedule

Monday - 12/16~ Regular Schedule

Tuesday - 12/17 ~ ODD Block Schedule

Wednesday - 12/18 ~ EVEN Block Schedule

Thursday - 12/19 ~ ODD Block Schedule

Friday - 12/20 ~ EVEN Block Schedule
Early Dismissal w/ Permission Slip Only

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/13/2024 - 5:00pm

- Boys JV Soccer @ North Bay Haven

12/13/2024 - 5:30pm

- Men's JV Basketball @ Rutherford

12/13/2024 - 7:00pm

- Boys Varsity Soccer @ North Bay Haven

12/13/2024 - 7:00pm

- Men's Varsity Basketball @ Rutherford

12/16/2024 - 5:00pm

- Boys JV Soccer @ Bay

12/16/2024 - 7:00pm

- Boys Varsity Soccer @ Bay

12/17/2024 - 5:30pm

- Men's JV Basketball vs Walton @ SWHS

12/17/2024 - 7:00pm

- Men's Varsity Basketball vs Walton @ SWHS

12/18/2024 - 5:00pm

- Boys JV Soccer @ Niceville

12/18/2024 - 5:00pm

- Girls JV Soccer vs Choctaw @ SWHS

12/18/2024 - 7:00pm

- Boys Varsity Soccer @ Niceville

12/18/2024 - 7:00pm

- Girls Varsity Soccer vs Choctaw @ SWHS

12/19/2024 - 5:00pm

- Girls Weightlifting vs Walton @ SWHS

12/19/2024 - 5:15pm

- Girls JV Basketball vs Niceville @ SWHS

12/19/2024 - 6:30pm

- Girls Varsity Basketball vs Niceville @ SWHS

12/20 - 21/2024

- Wrestling Best of the Beach @ FWBHS

12/20/2024 - 5:00pm

- Girls Weightlifting vs Seacoast @ TBD

12/20/2024 - 5:30pm

- Men's JV Basketball @ Destin

12/20/2024 - 7:00pm

- Boys Varsity Soccer vs Maclay @ Tallahassee

12/20/2024 - 7:00pm

- Men's Varsity Basketball @ Destin

12/21/2024 - 12:00pm

- Boys Varsity Soccer vs Chiles @ Tallahassee

12/23/24 - 1/7/2025

- **Christmas Break**

12/25/2024

Merry Christmas

12/27/2024 - 10:30am

- Girls Varsity Basketball - Freeport Christmas Tournament

12/27/2024 - 4:30pm

- Men's Varsity Basketball vs Lakeshore @ SWHS

