Welcome to
BULL NATION
Junior Parent Night
Class of 2025

# Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome

- Senior Pictures

- Graduation Requirements

- Post-Secondary Opportunities

- College Admission

- Financial Aid

# Senior Pictures

- Ms. Cruz Aragon – Yearbook
- Ms. Emily Negron – Leonard's Photography

# Graduation Requirements

- 24 Total Credits
- Passing scores on the 10<sup>th</sup> grade FAST Reading and Algebra 1 EOC
- Minimum unweighted GPA of 2.0

# Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits
  - Must include Algebra 1 and Geometry
- 3 Science Credits
  - Must include Biology
- 3 Social Studies Credits
  - Must include World History, US History, and Government/Economics
- 1 HOPE Credit (Health/PE)
- 1 Performing/Practical Arts Credit
- 8 Elective Credits
- 24 credits total; minimum 2.0 unweighted GPA
  - **Online Course is no longer required**

# Summer Credit Recovery

- Students needing to make up credits can attend summer credit recovery at Bloomingdale
- June 10$^{th}$ – July 18$^{th}$, No class July 4$^{th}$
- Monday – Thursday 8:30-1:30

# Assessment Requirements

- Two tests students must pass to graduate:
  - Algebra 1 End Of Course Exam
  - 10th grade FAST Reading
- Other ways to meet testing requirements for graduation

# Concordant Scores

- Students who don't pass the Algebra 1 EOC can earn a comparative score:
  - 430 PSAT Math
  - 420 SAT Math
  - 16 ACT Math
  - 11 CLT Quantitative Reasoning
  - Level 3 Geometry EOC
- Students who don't pass the 10th grade FAST Reading can earn a concordant score:
  - 480 SAT Reading
  - Average of 18 ACT English and Reading
  - Total of 36 CLT Verbal Reasoning and Grammar/Writing

# SAT/ACT Registration

- ACT
  - www.actstudent.org
- SAT
  - www.collegeboard.org
- CLT
  - www.cltexam.com
- Links to all websites on the BSHS Guidance page
  - www.bloomingdaleguidance.org
- Fee Waivers
- Testing deadline for Bright Futures – August 31, 2025

# SAT School Day

- All juniors took the SAT at SAT School Day on March 6th
- This was a real SAT that can be used to earn a concordant score, to qualify for Bright Futures, and for college admission.
- Log in to your Collegeboard account to review and send scores.

# SAT vs. ACT - Differences

| | SAT | ACT |
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| Test Format | Adaptive digital | Paper |
| Timing | Two sections: 64-minute reading and writing, 70-minute math.  More time per question. | 4 sections totaling 2 hours and 55 minutes.  3 hours and 35 minutes with essay. |
| Science | No specific science section | Includes science |
| English/Writing | No separate essay. | Optional 40-minute essay |
| Math | Arithmetic, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Data Analysis | Arithmetic, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probably & Stats |

# SAT/ACT Test Prep

- Registration websites both offer free online test prep resources
- Khanacademy.org
  - Free tutoring website that has partnered with Collegeboard to provide individualized feedback and practice for SAT
- Taking higher level (honors, AP, AICE) classes can help improve reading, writing, and math skills

# Earn College Credit in High School

- Bloomingdale students can earn college credit in one of three ways:
  - Pass an AP exam
  - Pass an AICE exam
  - Pass a dual enrollment class

# Earn College Credit in High School

- AP and AICE classes
  - Take the class throughout the year on campus at Bloomingdale
  - Earn college credit for passing the exam at the end of the year
  - The grade you earn in the class counts towards your high school GPA only
- Dual Enrollment
  - Take an HCC class at Bloomingdale, at an HCC campus, or online
  - Earn college credit for passing the course
  - The grade you earn counts towards your high school GPA and your college GPA
  - You are starting your college transcript
- AP, AICE, and Dual Enrollment classes earn an additional .08 points added on to your GPA

# Earn College Credit in High School

- Dual Enrollment Requirements
  - 3.0 unweighted GPA
  - "College-Ready" test scores
    - PERT – 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math
    - SAT – 24 Reading, 24 Math
    - Digital SAT – 490 Reading & Writing, 480 Math
    - PSAT – 490 Reading & Writing, 480 Math
    - ACT – 19 Reading, 17 English, 19 Math
  - College Algebra (MAC 1105) requires:
    - 123 PERT Math
    - 27 SAT Math
    - 530 Digital SAT Math
    - 530 PSAT Math
    - 21 ACT Math
- Dual Enrollment Deadlines
  - To register for a fall class, paperwork is due no later than May 17th. Students must register for class no later than July 12th.

# Earn College Credit in High School

- Dual Enrollment courses offered on campus at Bloomingdale:
  - First Year Experience (SLS 1106) – test scores not required
  - Early American History (AMH 2010)
  - Modern American History (AMH 2020)
- Summer 2024
  - SLS 1106 will be offered on campus this summer
  - June 18th – July 22nd
  - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 – 12:00
  - Registration information coming soon

# Industry Certifications

- Nationally recognized credential offered through CTE classes verifying technical skills
- Exams are free for students
- Industry certifications can be added to your resume
- Can help students land jobs in the areas in which they are certified

# AICE Diploma

- AICE program started this year at Bloomingdale
- Students who take and pass 7 AICE courses and exams in specific areas in no more than three years earn the AICE Diploma
- Students who graduate with the AICE Diploma and complete community service or work hours automatically qualify for the 100% Bright Futures Scholarship
- AICE exam results from 2023-2024 are scheduled to be available August 10th

# Preparing for College Admission

- Take the SAT/ACT
  - Juniors are encouraged to take both tests at least once before the start of senior year
- Begin researching colleges
  - Organize a list of schools to which you plan to apply as early as possible
- Athletes
  - Contact college's athletic office. Register with NCAA Eligibility Center once you're being recruited. Work with high school and college coaches to ensure you're taking classes to meet eligibility requirements
- Collect examples of work – especially for creative majors
  - Writing samples, audition tapes, portfolios
- Think about summer activities
  - Work experience, community service, summer courses
- Research majors and careers
  - Collegeboard.org

# Preparing for College Admission

- What do colleges look for?
  - Rigor of courses taken
  - Academic GPA/Class rank
  - SAT/ACT scores
  - Leadership experience
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Application essays
  - Recommendations
- Each college will prioritize different criteria in admissions decisions
- Knowing what is important can help you tailor your application to a particular college

# Preparing for College Admission

- Reach Schools
  - Highly selective schools where you "just might make the cut"
  - Your statistics fall in the lower half or just short of those of admitted freshmen
  - Ivy leagues, service academies, big state schools
- Match Schools
  - Your admissions statistics match or slightly exceed those of the average accepted student
- Safety Schools
  - Your admission statistics exceed those of the average admitted student. Schools where you know you'll be accepted
- Plan to apply to schools across that spectrum

# Preparing for College Admission

- Get organized
  - Make a list of important information (deadlines, costs, etc) and compare schools side by side
- Review the [Admission Tour Matrix](#)
- Use application checklists to ensure all required material is submitted on time.  Verify receipt of submitted material.
- Generally, application material can be submitted piece by piece
  - You don't have to finish your application before you send your transcript, etc.

# Career & Technical Schools

- Hillsborough County Technical Colleges:
  - Erwin Technical College – Hillsborough Ave.
  - Aparicio-Levy Technical College – Ellicott St.
  - Brewster Technical College – N. Tampa St.
  - Leary Technical College – Hillsborough Ave
- Each offers a variety of career certificate programs
  - Firefighting, Culinary, Electricity, Plumbing, Welding,  etc.
  - These can usually be finished in as little as 6 months
  - Hillsboroughschools.org -> Schools tab ->Technical/Adult
- HCC offers a variety of A.S. degree and career certificate programs.

# Military Opportunities

- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is the required entrance test to enlist in the U.S. Military. For more information on the ASVAB visit www.military.com/asvab

- For more information on opportunities and entrance requirements, visit:
    - U.S. Airforce – www.airforce.com
    - U.S. Army – www.goarmy.com
    - U.S. Marine Corps – www.marines.com
    - U.S. Navy – www.navy.com

- Interested students can take the ASVAB at Bloomingdale several times throughout the year

- Recruiter contact info in the weekly Bulliten

# Financial Aid

- First step is to complete the FAFSA
  - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - www.fafsa.gov
  - FAFSA is available beginning October 1st of senior year
  - Uses "prior prior year" tax information
    - Apply for financial aid for the 25-26 school year in October 2024 using taxes from 2023
- FAFSA opens the door to federal need-based financial aid
  - Grants, loans, work study, some scholarships

# Scholarships

- Can be based on any criteria, including need, academic, artistic, or athletic merit
- Free online searches
  - Fastweb.com, scholarships.com, etc.
- BSHS guidance website is regularly updated with local scholarships
- Hillsborough County Schools scholarship matrix
- Scholarship apps
  - Scholly, Cappex, Unigo, etc.
- Individual college's financial aid website
- No limit to the amount of scholarship money a student can earn
  - Students can receive a refund if they have more scholarship money than the cost of attendance.

# Bright Futures Scholarships

- Bright Futures Scholarships are available to seniors graduating from a Florida high school who go on to college in Florida
- Can be used at public or private, 2-year or 4-year colleges
- Three main scholarships
  - Florida Academic Scholarship
  - Florida Medallion Scholarship
  - Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship

# Bright Futures Scholarships

- Florida Academic Scholarship
  - Award covers 100% of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida Public College
  - Private Colleges - $212 per credit hour at a 4-year college, $105 per credit hour at a 2-year college
- Requirements:
  - 3.5 weighted academic GPA
    - GPA is recalculated using only academic classes (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
  - 100 hours of community service or 100 work hours
  - 1340 SAT (R+M), 29 ACT composite, 96 CLT total

# Bright Futures Scholarships

- Florida Medallion Scholarship
  - Award covers 75% of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida Public College
  - Private Colleges - $141 per credit hour at a 4-year college, $70 per credit hour at a 2-year college
- Requirements:
  - 3.0 weighted academic GPA
    - GPA is recalculated using only academic classes (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
  - 75 hours of community service or 100 work hours
  - 1210 SAT (R+M), 25 ACT composite, or 84 CLT total

# Bright Futures Scholarships

- Gold Seal Vocational
  - Award amount depends on type of program
    - Career Certificate - $39 per credit hour
    - Applied Technology Diploma - $39 per credit hour
    - Technical Degree (AS, AAS) - $48 per credit hour
  - Requirements:
    - Minimum GPA is a 3.0 in non-elective courses
    - Must take three credits in a single vocational program (TV, Auto Tech, etc.) and maintain a 3.5 in those classes
    - SAT – 490 Reading, 480 Math
    - ACT – 17 English, 19 Reading, 19 Math
    - PERT – 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math

# Bright Futures Scholarships

- Weighted Academic GPA
  - The GPA Bright Futures will use to determine eligibility is different from the weighted GPA on a student's transcript.
  - Bright Futures will recalculate the GPA using only grades in academic classes
  - Bright Futures awards an extra .5 points for weighted classes

# Bright Futures Scholarships

- Weighted Academic GPA
  - Bright Futures will use the grades in the following credits to calculate GPA:
    - Four best English
    - Four best math
    - Three best science
    - Three best social studies
    - Two best foreign language
  - Bright Futures can use up to two extra credits in any of the academic areas if they help a student's GPA

# Bright Futures Scholarships

- Bright Futures Application
  - Students can complete the Bright Futures Application beginning October 1$^{st}$ of their senior year
  - Apply online at www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org
  - Students can complete the application prior to meeting all requirements

# Community Service/Work Hours

- Log forms available at bloomingdaleguidance.org or in the guidance office

- Turn completed forms in to guidance secretary. Hours will be added to the transcript.

- Hours completed during the summer after 8th grade through graduation can count towards Bright Futures

# Communication

- Bloomingdale High School Counseling Department Website
  - www.bloomingdaleguidance.org
- Bloomingdale High School Resources page on Canvas
- Rolling announcements on TVs around school
- Twitter – follow us @bdaleguidance
- Weekly newsletter
- Canvas messages
- Listen to morning/afternoon announcements
- Flyers
- Very important announcements via parent link calls

# 2024-2025 Schedules

- Schedules will be released through Canvas prior to open house in August.