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ZEPHYRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2011-MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

THE MISSION OF ZHS IS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO BECOME
PRODUCTIVE, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND LIFELONG LEARNERS

Principal's Message



The second semester is off and running. There are so many things happening at ZHS. The school is getting ready for FCAT testing and many exciting school events are right around the corner. I am confident that the students and teachers have been working hard to prepare and be successful on the upcoming exams. As an added incentive, I have offered this year's junior class (Class of 2012) a chance to have a senior parking area in the activity center for the 2011-2012 school year. All they have to do is improve their FCAT Science scores by three percent. I extended the same offer to the current freshman class (Class of 2014) and sophomore class (Class of 2013) if they improve their FCAT reading scores by three percent. If that happens I have guaranteed a senior parking area for the next three years. This will bring back some traditions that took place during the early 1980s at ZHS.

The school was recently recognized for having a "B" grade on the state accountability model. This was a ONE letter grade improvement. I am so proud of the students, faculty, staff, and community members that made this possible. It is through this continued partnership that the school will continue to improve student achievement. Along these lines, the school is in the process of getting a serious computer upgrade on campus. At the time of this writing, we are finalizing an order for roughly an additional 150 computers on campus. This will be a great way to continue to stress one of our major school goals: incorporating technology into the instructional process at ZHS.

In my last principal's message, I expressed concern about student attendance and its correlation with academic achievement. Unfortunately, I can not cite any statistics from last quarter that showed any improvements. I encourage all parents and guardians to stress the importance of attending school to their child. It is only through students actually stepping foot on campus that they will be successful. If your student is struggling with attendance or skipping classes, please call the school and set up a meeting with the Guidance Department. As we get ready for the Prom and other activities, student attendance will determine whether or not they can participate in an extra curricular event. Please, let's work together on this important issue.

As always, if my staff or I can be of assistance, don't hesitate to contact us.

In Bulldog Pride,

Mr. Steve P. Van Gorden
Principal

"Failure is Not an Option"



ZHS Administration

Mr. Steve Van Gorden, Principal

Dr. John Taylor, Assistant Principal

Mr. Scott Davey, Assistant Principal

Mr. Derrick Tucker, Assistant Principal
Adult Ed.



Calendar



February

- 21 President's Day—No School
23 Spring Sport Team & Individual Photos

March

- 1 FCAT Writes - 10th graders
2 SAC Meeting 8:00am
8 8th Grade Parent Night 6:00-7:00pm @ZHS
11 End of Quarter 3
12 SAT Test. Deadline to register Feb.11
14 Spring Break (March 14-18)
21 Teacher Planning Day
28 Report Cards

April

- 6 SAC Meeting 8:00am
9 ACT Test. Deadline to register March 4
11&12 FCAT Reading
13-18 FCAT Math
19 FCAT Science
22 No School
28 Progress Reports
30 GRAD Nite

ZHS EVENT CALENDAR IS NOW ONLINE!

Visit : <http://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/>

Click on "Calendar" at the top of the home page

FCAT Testing Dates

- March 1** **FCAT Writes**
All 10th graders
- April 11 & 12** **FCAT Reading**
All 9th/10th graders & Reading Retakes
for 11th & 12th graders
- April 13-18** **FCAT Math**
10th graders & Math Retakes
for 11th & 12th graders
- April 19** **FCAT Science**
All 11th graders

FCAT Boot Camp for Juniors & Seniors



February 1 - April 7 (Tuesday & Thursday)
2:15 - 3:15 @ZHS

Check the school web site for more information

SAT/ACT Prep Courses for Seniors

February 1 - April 7 (Tuesday & Thursday)
2:15 - 3:15 @ZHS

January 26 - April 7 (Wednesday)
300 - 4:30 @PHS

Check the school web site for more information

A special **THANK YOU** to **Dr. and Mrs. Bedi** for their generosity in making the SAT prep class possible. Their generous contribution made it possible to buy 30 copies of the book needed to have this class.

Important Dates for Seniors



May 12 - Awards Night in Activity Center, 7pm

May 16 - Academic Banquet in Commons Area, 6pm

May 18 - Last day of classes for Seniors

May 18 - Baccalaureate Practice, 2:30 (Location TBA)

May 18 - Powder Puff, 7:00pm, Stadium

May 20 - Black and Orange Game in ZHS Stadium, 1pm

May 22 - Baccalaureate, 6pm (Location TBA)

May 24 - Graduation Practice in Activity Center, 8am-11am

May 24 - Senior Sendoff in ZHS Stadium, 11am-2pm

May 25 - Graduation Practice in Activity Center, 8am-12pm

May 26 - Graduation Practice in Activity Center, 8am-12pm

May 26 - Spring Game in ZHS Stadium vs. PHS, 7pm

May 27 - Graduation @The Lakeland Civic Center 7-9pm



New Policy for Excused Absences

All paper admits for excused absences will no longer be generated. Students will still need to submit a note or proof of their absence to the front office. We will continue the practice of electronically submitting excused absences on eSembler. Students need to be directed to see Helen Meador on this issue. Mrs. Meador will input all excused absences onto eSembler. Teachers will refer to eSembler to verify excused absences of their students.

Effective since: February 7th, 2011

ZHS Survey ✓

**Parents & Community Members
Have your Feedback Heard!**

**Complete the online School Survey
between January 15 - February 28, 2011**

Your feedback is very important because it will be used to help us develop our school improvement plan for the 2011-2012 school year.

You may access the school survey from the home page of the school web site at

<http://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

ESOL STUDENTS: TEACHERS OUT-OF-FIELD

Parents are required to be notified of any teachers who are considered to be "out-of-field" under their current teacher certificates.

The following teachers are **fully certified to teach** but are required to add an ESOL (English for Other Languages) certification to their certificates to be considered "in-field" for ESOL.

Teachers who are "out-of-field" are required to take six hours of course work per year toward certification in the area they are teaching, in this case, ESOL.

The following teachers are in this category:

Mr. B. Borgers, Ms. A. Crociata, Mr. D. Crotty, Mr. J. Daley, Ms. D. Drysdale, Mr. M. Moyer, Ms. S. Noblitt, Ms. S. Swails, Mr. J. Washington and Ms. C. Webb.

Adult Education



ADAPT

(Alcohol & Substance Abuse Awareness Class)

This class is for anyone 15 or older who needs their restricted or permanent Florida Drivers License for the first time. Students **MUST** pre-register for the class.

THE \$30 FEE IS PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. CLASSES ARE FROM 4:00—8:00 PM

SDAPP

**(Safe Driving Accident Prevention Program)
The Basic Driver Improvement Class for
Point Reduction**

This class is provided through Adult Education as a benefit to the people of the community.

Students **MUST** pre-register for the class. **THE \$35 FEE IS PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.**

CLASSES ARE FROM 4:00—8:00 PM

ADAPT Class Date SDAPP Class Date

March 07, 2011

March 09, 2011

April 11, 2010

April 13, 2011

May 16, 2011

May 4, 2011

National Honor Society



The National Honor Society will be inducting new members in the Spring, and applications will be made available for qualifying students at the beginning of March.

The applications are not automatically given out, the student must get an application from the front office.

Students must have a 3.5 weighted GPA and have the recommendation of six teachers.

ESE Survey ✓

We value your input! Please complete our ESE Survey!

Zephyrhills High School would really appreciate the parents/guardians of ESE students to provide feedback. This survey will take less than 15 minutes. The information gathered will help us to better serve our ESE students and the Zephyrhills community. Our mission is to prepare all students to become productive responsible citizens and lifelong learners. Please follow the link provided

www.esesurvey.com



Student Recognition

Art



Domonique's art work is an oil pastel of her stuffed pandas)

Congratulations to **Domonique Monro**, 11th grade student in Ms. Gillars' 2-D Comp. Level III class, and **Emily Morris**, 12th grade student in Ms. Gillars' Advance Placement Class, for having work accepted to the 2011 Florida State Fair High School Art Exposition.

The art exhibition will take place from February 10-21 in Tampa, Florida during the State Fair in the Family Living Building. Admission to the art show is included in the admission to the state fair.

Only 270 pieces of art were accepted from over 900 state-wide entries in his prestigious and one of a kind exhibition.



Emily Morris' piece is hand-painted textured paper collage portrait of mother & daughter

Future Business Leaders of America Winners

Congratulations to the FBLA District winners! ZHS FBLA students competed against other high schools in Pasco & Hernando counties during February 2011.

- 1st Place E-Commerce Web Site
- 1st Place Digital Design
- 1st Place FBLA Principles & Procedures
- 1st Place Technology Concepts
- 1st Place Word Processing 1
- 2nd Place Business Presentation
- 2nd Place Word Processing 2
- 3rd Place Public Speaking 1
- 4th Place Desktop Publishing
- 4th Place Web Site Design
- 4th Place Public Speaking 2

- Yamaris Lopez & Erica Perez** (Team)
- Jordan Moss & Michael Williams** (Team)
- Haley Jones**
- Anthony Brown**
- Karine Rodrigues**
- Katie Hainley**
- Chelsea Holloway**
- Angela Withee**
- Julie Budke & Johanna Beltran** (Team)
- Ryan Heister**
- Devon Johnson**



HOSA Regional Competition

The following students attended HOSA regional competition Saturday, February 5th in Lakeland. All six students placed in their events.

Job Seeking Skills:

- 3rd—**Aderiana Ayala**
- 5th—**Keylee Harris**

Medical Photography:

- 2nd—**Brandi Justice**

Home Health Aide:

- 3rd—**Sara Hrifko**

Physical Therapy:

- 3rd—**Jessica Thomas**

Prepared Speaking:

- 5th—**Zach Gray**



All of these students plan to compete at the state level in Jacksonville 3/31-4/3

ZHS Science Fair Winners



The 2010 ZHS Science Fair was held on December 1-2. We had 119 participants with 16 being nominated to the Pasco Regional Science Fair held Feb. 5th..

Congratulations to ZHS Science Fair Winners:

- 1st place overall: **Kaitlin Greenough**
- 2nd Place overall: **Emiley Novak**
- 3rd Place overall: **Ian Snyder**

Student's Choice Award: **Brandi Justice & Maya Clark**

Regional Winners:

- Matthew Jennings** 1st Place Botany
- Kaitlin Greenough** 1st Place Mathematics
- Ian Snyder** 1st Place Behavioral & Social Science
- Charity Congro** 3rd Place Chemistry
- Brandi Whiddon** 4th Place Biochemistry
- Brandi Justice & Maya Clark** 4th Place Environmental



Prom Dress Code

Young Women:

- Must wear a dress, pantsuit, or gown that meets the ZHS prom dress code policy.
- ONLY side cutouts are permitted, but MUST be covered with matching colored mesh material of the dress.
- Strapless dresses are allowed.
- All dresses MUST cover the midriff area completely.
- Back CANNOT be cut lower than the waistline.
- All dresses must NOT show cleavage inappropriately.
- The dress length and all slits CANNOT exceed more than four inches above the knee.



Young Men:

- Dress pants, collared dress shirt, and dress shoes are required. Shirts MUST be tucked into pants appropriately, pants MUST NOT be sagging but be fitted securely around the waist, undergarments MUST NOT be visible.
- A tie and jacket MUST be worn.

ALL STUDENTS:

If students show up to the dance out of dress code, they will be discretely dealt with and asked to correct the problem before they are allowed to enter the dance area.

Students will not be admitted wearing cargo pants, sneakers, denim, jeans, t-shirts, torn clothing, chains/spikes, sexually implicit or explicit clothes, shorts, ball caps, bandanas, or items referencing tobacco or alcohol products.

Only students and guest meeting the dress requirements will be admitted to the dance. If you have questions concerning attire, it is your responsibility to seek prior approval from an administrator. Any questions regarding dress should be resolved before the evening of the dance. If you or your date arrives at the dance dressed inappropriately, you will be asked to leave and a refund will NOT be granted.

Thank you all very much for your involvement in school spirit and activities and especially for your willingness to make our school a safe and respectable environment! We hope you enjoy Zephyrhills High's 2011 Prom Dance this year!



Career Corner

In today's competitive job market, employers still value the three R's (Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic)!

Most people today are tech savvy and well versed in the latest tech market offerings. Employers also want prospective employees to possess good speaking and customer-relations skills, productivity skills, and have management potential. As you prepare for the scheduling process for the next school year, consider expanding your horizons in the areas of productivity and market-ability through courses such as, Introduction to Information Technology. This course gives students a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office, an industry standard. Colleges and employers assume that students are proficient with this product. The course can also meet your Performing Arts credit requirement for graduation.

Journalism is an excellent choice in allowing you to flex your creativity muscles and hone your writing skills. Also, consider Dual Enrollment course options in the areas of Public Speaking, Microcomputer Applications, Creative Writing, Business, and College Survival Skills. Making wise course elective choices today enhances your skills for the competitive job market that you will be entering tomorrow! Next time, we'll explore the ten hottest jobs in the 21st century and what it takes to land one of these jobs!

-Mr. Metzger

Papa John's Promotion



Papa John's has activated a promotional code that can be used when ordering online from any of their Pasco, Polk & Hillsborough locations. Please enter the code **POLAND** after you have created an online account and the newly created Zephyrhills Ambassador Program (ZAP) will get 10% of sales that use this code.



New Teachers & Staff



Brigitte Grimes, Guidance Counselor, Sophomore Class

I have enjoyed getting to know many of my students, their parents, and the great faculty and staff at Zephyrhills High School since I joined the Guidance Department as the Sophomore Guidance Counselor in October 2010. My work as a Guidance Counselor is my second career, and I have found it to be very rewarding. I am the mother of a son and a daughter who are Pasco High School graduates. Based on my own experiences, I can relate to many parents' questions and concerns. I am looking forward to getting to know all of my students and working with them, their parents, and the Zephyrhills staff to guide and prepare them for their future.



Tammy Gibson, Guidance Counselor, Senior Class

It is my pleasure to join the staff at Zephyrhills High School. I come to you with many years experience in High School Guidance within Pasco County. I am a member of the Zephyrhills community and have two children who are full time college students. I have a Master's degree in Counseling and an Educational Specialist degree in Administration. In my spare time I enjoy golf, gardening and going to Disney with my family.



Monica Lehman, Support Facilitator

I was born in Millersburg, Ohio and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. I attained a Bachelor's degree in Music from Chapman University in Orange, California. I received a Master's in Business from University of Phoenix. This is my 27th year teaching. My job here at ZHS is being a support facilitator. I get the privilege of working with 5 outstanding teachers in the areas of Math, Science and English. Music is my passion as well as teaching. Everyday I get the chance to learn or teach something. Wow, I love that! Hobbies include cross stitching & singing. I sing at church and enjoy opera and gospel music. My daughter attends Pasco High. So even though my heart belongs to a Pirate, I love the Bulldogs!



Renee Briggs, ESE

I was born in Honolulu, HI. I moved to Florida as a child and grew up in Tampa, graduating from the University of South Florida's College of Education in 2000. I taught in Hillsborough County until 2005 when I had twin boys. I am very happy to now be a part of the ESE department here at ZHS, which allows me to be in various classes teaching lots of great students with several talented subject area teachers.



Brian Long, Business Education Teacher

Brian came to Dade City in 1973 and attended Pasco Junior High School. He graduated from Pasco High in 1977. After high school, Brian earned his A.A.S. degree from Hillsborough Community College and went on to earn his B.S. degree in Business Administration from USF in 1982. Brian worked 20 years in the Information Technology field before beginning his career as a teacher and track coach. Prior to coming to Zephyrhills High School, Brian taught Business Education at Hudson Middle School for 5 years. He is married to Susan Long, a first grade teacher at Pasco Elementary and they have 2 sons, Connor, a sixth grade student at Pasco Middle School and Nick, a fourth grade student at Pasco Elementary. Brian is still an avid runner & fitness enthusiast.



Tiffany Metzger, Science Teacher

Ms. Metzger was born in Independence, Missouri. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Physics. Previously, Ms. Metzger worked in Civil Engineering Land Development and specialized in Stormwater Systems. Her hobbies include: reading, writing, watching movies and arts & crafts.

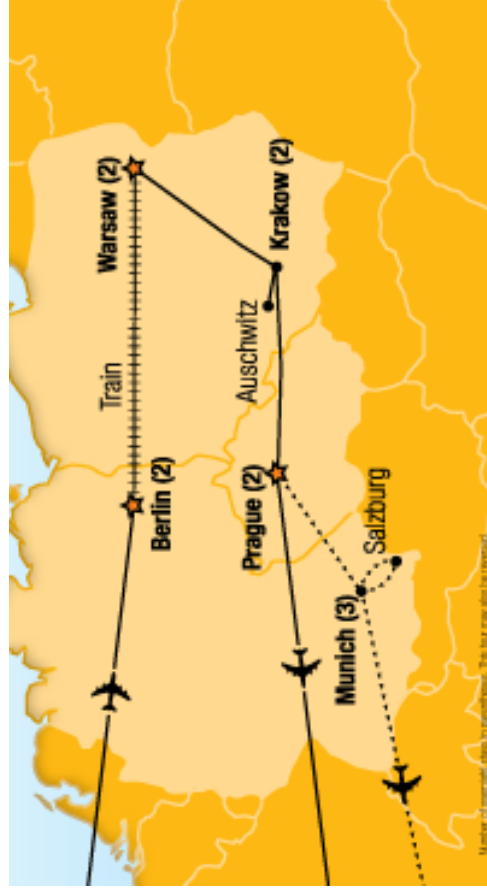


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Where Are We Going?

Spring
Break
2012

History: Holocaust in Europe



Itinerary*:

- Day 1: Fly overnight to Germany
- Day 2: Berlin
- Day 3: Berlin
- Day 4: Warsaw, Poland
- Day 5: Warsaw,
- Day 6: Krakow, Poland
- Day 7: Krakow and Auschwitz Concentration Camp
- Day 8: Prague, Czech Republic
- Day 9: Prague
- Day 10: Depart for home

For more information on this travel opportunity please contact Mr. Washington at 813-794-6212 or at jmwashin@pasco.k12.fl.us.

* This is not a DSBPC sponsored trip

Zephyrhills High School 2011 yearbook order form

Preordering a yearbook guarantees your child will get a copy and is the only way to get invited to the Yearbook Distribution Event. Deadline to PREORDER a 2011 yearbook is:

March 31, 2011

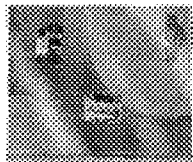
This order form and all prices are only valid during the preorder period.

Name on cover and icons can NO LONGER be purchased.

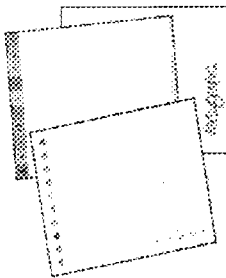
THERE ARE TWO EASY WAYS TO ORDER A YEARBOOK:

1. Order online with a credit card at www.myyear.com (processing fee applies).
2. Complete this order form, enclose a check or money order payable to Zephyrhills High, and mail to:
ZHS Yearbook/Snyder
6395 12th Street
Zephyrhills, FL 33542
NOTE: All checks must contain a physical address, phone number, and student ID

Add-On Options



Clear, Protective Cover
Protect your yearbook from wear, spills, and scratches.



Autograph Sections
These full-color, 8 page inserts offer extra space for autographs and special messages.

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
Yearbook		\$70.00	
Autograph Section		\$4.00	
Clear Protective Cover		\$2.00	
TOTAL DUE			

Name	Student ID #
Circle	
Address	
phone #	
email	



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