

Zephyrhills Bulldog Beacon



Summer 2010 Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

I hope everyone is enjoying a very restful summer. We have been busy preparing for what promises to be an outstanding 2010-11 school year. Students and parents please take some time and read this document very thoroughly. A great deal of important information is given. Also, note some of the changes for the upcoming year. Parents, I strongly encourage you to take an active role in your child's education. Working together, we can help all students reach their highest potential.

In Bulldog Pride,
Steven P. Van Gorden

District Vision Statement:

To create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential.

The mission of Zephyrhills High School is to prepare students to become productive, responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

Attention: Members of the Classes of 2011 & 2012

Orientation Night When: Friday, August 6, 2010
11th & 12th Grade Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Where: Commons Area

Pick up your schedule, pay your fees, rent lockers, get bus passes, ask questions and see all your friends!

Attention: Members of the Classes of 2013 & 2014

Orientation Day When: Tuesday, August 10, 2010
9th & 10th Grade Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Where: Commons Area

Pick up your schedule, pay your fees, rent lockers, get bus passes, ask questions and see all your friends!
All grades may attend!

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students may use cell phones and other electronic devices before/after school, during lunch and between classes. However, cell phones and other electronic devices may NOT be turned on, used or displayed in the Media Center or any classroom unless instructed to do so by the teacher. Students' use of cell phones and electronic devices must follow the "Electronic Network Use Guidelines for Students" District School Board policy. Violation of this policy may result in confiscation and a discipline referral.

If the item is confiscated, the student may claim it after school if it is a first time violation. Continued violations require a parent/guardian to pick up the confiscated item. It is the responsibility of the student to claim the item. The school is not responsible for any electronic devices brought onto campus. Investigations will not be conducted for stolen, lost, or damaged items. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a charity at the end of each quarter.

Electronic devices (including cell phones) are NOT permitted during standardized testing. Possession of such devices will result in test "invalidation."

SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF SCHOOL DUE TO BALANCING OF CLASSES. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Mark Your Calendars!

Open House is Coming Soon.

Parents: Don't listen to what your teenagers tell you. It is still important to come to Open House and meet your child's teachers. For the most part, the faculty members spend more time with your children each day than you do, so come out and meet our wonderful team.

When: **September 9, 2010**

Where: Follow your student's schedule

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Parents and Students:

Don't forget to register for *eSembler*, the web based attendance and grade reporting system. Just go to the school website to register. If you do not have internet access at home, you are welcome to come to our media center to register. We have plenty of people to walk you through the steps, so you can get connected to each of your child's teachers.

And while we're discussing staying in touch with the school, be sure to have an up-to-date telephone number and address in our system. We use a telephone-based system called *School Connect* to deliver messages throughout the school year. If your number changes, please let the school know.

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

Dress Code . . . Always in Good Taste

Students, please remember that there are dress code rules that need to be followed at all times. Since we come back to school when it is still fairly warm out, it is important to choose appropriate clothing. Ladies should **avoid** halter tops, short shorts, low-cut tops, and clothes with holes more than four inches above the knee. Our guys need to **stay away** from tank tops, offensive wording on T-shirts, chains, and pants that hang low on the hips.

And while we're at it, remember that appropriate behavior also applies to what you say and do. Everyone should be respectful of each other throughout the school day.

**** ZHS ADMIN STRONGLY ENCOURAGES STUDENT IDS TO BE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES. ****

Parking Policy Expectations 2010-11

- **Parking is a privilege at ZHS.** If students are caught leaving campus, all parking privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the school year.
- If a student parks in an area not designated for student parking, the car is at risk to be "booted". In order to have the boot removed from the car, a fee of \$25 will be charged to the student. The boot will not be removed until the fee is paid in Student Services.
- Each student that parks at ZHS will pay a parking fee of \$15 to get a hangtag. The hangtag will have an assigned number that indicates the parking space on campus that you are required to leave your vehicle. You are required to park only in the assigned area. If you park in a spot that is not your designated area appropriate disciplinary action will take place that could lead to dismissal of parking privileges for one semester.

2010-2011 Athletic Fees

First Sport:	\$60.00
Second Sport:	\$40.00
Family (same school):	\$160.00
Individual Cap:	\$100.00

EXTRACURRICULAR DATES

August 27: Preseason Football Away vs. River Ridge High School

August 31: Home: Volleyball Match vs. Central High School - 6 pm

August 31: Boys Golf Match vs. Sunlake @ Silverado - 3:30 pm

Sept. 1: Home: Swimming Meet vs. Land O' Lakes - 6 pm

Go to the school web site at <http://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/athletic.html> to keep up to date on athletic schedules.

School Advisory Council

Any parent, community business member, teacher, or student interested in serving on our SAC committee for the 2010-11 school year should contact Mrs. McCafferty at (813) 794-6102. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. This is a great way to get involved with Zephyrhills High School.

2010-11 Student Fees

General	\$7.00
Art	\$6.00 sem/ \$8.00 year
Science	\$6.00
Vocational Lab	\$6.00 sem/ \$8.00 year
Parking Registration	\$15.00
Band	\$25.00
Chorus	\$15.00
JROTC	\$15.00
Driver's Education	\$20.00
Locks and Locker Rental	\$9.00
P.E. Locker Rental	\$9.00

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

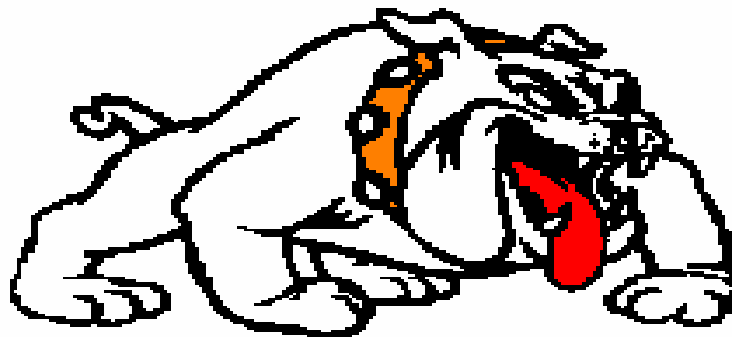
We are fortunate at Zephyrhills High School to have the largest scholarship foundation in the district. Through the generosity of many community members, our students have numerous opportunities to receive financial assistance for their post-graduate plans. *Students should take an active role in pursuing these scholarships by scheduling an appointment with their guidance counselors.*

Meet Your Guidance Counselor & Grade Level Administrator

Each student will be assigned a grade level counselor and administrator. Those staff members will rotate up with your child each year they're at ZHS. The goal is for relationships to be formed, so students and families can be better served.

	<u>Assistant Principal</u>	<u>Guidance Counselor</u>
9 th	Mr. Tim Urban	Mrs. Jan Jones
10 th	TBA	Ms. Jan Hartman
11 th	Mr. Scott Davey	Mrs. Julie Moore
12 th	Dr. John Taylor	Mr. John Metzger

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