



ZEPHYRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

DECEMBER 13, 2019
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Relentless Pursuit of Future Ready” for ALL Bulldogs

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

Principal's Message



It's hard to believe the end of Semester 1 is nearly here! As we begin the holiday season, remember to cherish your loved ones and create new memories or traditions. We have so much to celebrate! Great things are happening at Zephyrhills High School and our students demonstrate Bulldog PRIDE (Proud, Respectful, Individual Thinker, Dedicated to Academics, and Engaged) every day!

Academics: Our Bulldogs are moving in to second semester. Our grade level triad (Assistant Principal, School Counselor, and Graduation Enhancement Coach) meets weekly to review your student's progress. I encourage you to reach out to arrange a parent/teacher conference if you have concerns about your student's progress. In January, we will continue to offer after school tutoring and opportunities for students to recover graduation credits. In February, we will begin course selection for the 20-21 school year.

Arts: Our Winter Choral Concert was a beautiful evening of holiday music and showcased our students' wide range of talents. Our Drama Club performed their award-winning show “I Don't Want to Talk About It”—raising awareness for suicide prevention. Our Bulldog jazz band performed all around town and held a concert for the Woodland Elementary School students. At the end of the show, the elementary students were able to meet the band and Color Guard and try out some of the instruments! Our art students participated in the “Inktober” contest and wrapped up a unit in which they created vases and urns designed and decorated with their stories.

Athletics: Our Girls Weightlifting team has set several personal records and has started off the season strong! Basketball and Soccer seasons are underway for Boys and Girls Junior Varsity and Varsity, and we are holding our own in league competition. Our Cheer squad competed at UCA Florida Regionals and at Springstead High School. Wrestling season is underway and the athletes have represented us well in tournaments!

Activities: Our Army JROTC has been busy in our community with Raider competitions, Drill Meets, Community Service, and ceremonial celebrations. Our Raiders earned a second-place finish at Regional competition and are headed to National competition in Virginia in March! Our AVID classes have visited many colleges and hosted several guest speakers, as well as leading and supporting the Great American Teach In. Look for us on social media as we will be highlighting and celebrating our senior class as they choose their next steps into College, Career, or Military.

ZHS is pleased to partner with you and your family as your student builds skills during this exciting time of varied high school experiences, College and Career exposure, and learning more about becoming “Future Ready”! Share the news about the wonderful things happening at Zephyrhills High School with those around you! We have something for EVERY student!

Dr. Christina Stanley
Principal





Calendar

December 2019

- 11 Early Release Day
- 20 End of Quarter 2 and Semester 1
- 23 Winter Break—No School (Dec. 23-Dec. 31)

January 2020

- 1 Winter Break (Jan. 1-3)
- 6 Teacher Planning Day—No school for students
- 14 Report Cards
- 15 Early Release Day
- 20 No School –Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 2020

- 7 Progress Reports
- 12 Early Release Day
- 17 No School—President’s Day

March 2020

- 11 Early Release Day
- 13 End of Quarter 3
- 16 No School—Spring Break 9 16-20)
- 23 Teacher Planning Day—No school for students
- 31 Report Cards

Yearbook

Order online at yearbookforever.com

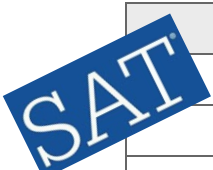
Price: \$70 until January 31

Price will increase after this date

Upcoming Yearbook Photo Dates:

- January 28** Cap & Gown Photos
National Honor Society Photos

You must purchase a Cap & Gown photo package in order to get your picture taken. Exception: all National Honor Society pictures will be taken with cap & gown for the yearbook.



SAT Test Dates	Official Registration Deadline	Late Fee Registration
March 14, 2020	February 13, 2020	February 24, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 2, 2020	April 20, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 6, 2020	May 23, 2020
Register at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register		
High School Code 101915		

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ACT Test Dates	Official Registration Deadline	Late Fee Registration
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020
Register at http://www.act.org		



Senior Information - Class of 2020

- Order graduation announcements and senior memorabilia from Herff Jones.
<https://highschool.herffjones.com/secom/home>

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- Questions regarding yearbook or senior photos? Call Mrs. Jones or Ms. Dawson at ZHS or Leonard's Photography 1-800-215-4852 www.leonards.com

Seniors - Order Cap & Gown for Graduation



Cap & gowns are on sale during December. See Mrs. Topham on the stage during lunches to pay for your cap, gown, tassel, medallion, and diploma cover. Price is \$70. All money must be received by May 1.

Grad Bash 2020

- Grad Bash is April 18, 2020 @ Universal Studios—Orlando.
- Price of \$130.00 includes ticket, bus, and dinner at Universal.
- See Mrs. Hochstetler in Room 26-213 to purchase tickets.
- Dress code and rules will be distributed at a later date.



Regular Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:20 - 8:15
Period 2	8:20 - 9:10
Academic	9:15 - 9:35
Period 3	9:40 - 10:30
A Lunch	10:30 - 11:00
4th A Class	11:05 - 11:55
4th B Class	10:35 - 11:25
B Lunch	11:25 - 11:55
Period 5	12:00 - 12:50
Period 6	12:55 - 1:46

Early Release Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:20 - 7:55
Period 2	8:00 - 8:35
Period 3	8:40 - 9:15
Period 4	9:20 - 9:55
A Lunch	9:55 - 10:25
5th A Class	10:30 - 11:05
5th B Class	10:00 - 10:35
B Lunch	10:35 - 11:05
Period 6	11:10 - 11:46

Scheduled Early Release Days: January 15, February 12, March 11, April 8



Driver Ed

Spring Session 2020

After-School Driving instruction will be offered at ZHS beginning February 2020. This course is ideal for students with the following circumstances:

- Cannot fit Driver Ed into their day school schedule
- Attend a surrounding high school that does not offer Driver Ed
- Simply need more driving practice & instruction before taking the road skills test for operator's license.

The purpose of the course is to provide behind-the-wheel instruction for beginner drivers. Driving sessions are typically scheduled from 3:00-4:30 pm, with two students paired for each session. Students will drive for a total of 5-6 sessions, and will have the opportunity to take the road skill test with me at the conclusion of the course. They will also receive a certificate of completion for possible insurance discount purposes.

This is a fee-supported course, so there is no credit earned toward graduation. To be eligible, students must already have their learner's permit, and must be currently enrolled in high school courses (no graduates, or older). The course fee is \$175. Spaces are limited, so you must contact me if you are interested so I can add you to my list and answer any questions you may have. Registration will begin in mid January, and this is also when the course fee will be due.

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Debate Club



The Zephyrhills JROTC Battalion has created Zephyrhills High School's first Speech and Debate Club. Members Cadet Major **Rizza Atinado**, Cadet Staff Sergeant **Alieani Silva**, and Cadet Second Lieutenant **Diya Patel** competed in their first speech and debate competition in September.

This club is particularly different from most co-curricular clubs within JROTC in that the attire for most of the speech and debate competitions is business attire rather than the typical military uniform. This helps expand the battalion's goal of creating students who are career-minded and professional in all aspects of the workforce.

Debating helps you to develop essential critical thinking skills – the ability to make reasoned and well thought out arguments in addition to questioning the evidence behind a particular stance or conclusion.



Buccaneer Career Day



On October 22nd, students from various high schools attended the 4th Annual Buccaneer Career Day at Raymond James Stadium. Students were given a behind the scenes tour of the stadium and listened to Buccaneer executives explain the various business aspects of running a NFL franchise. Students from the ZHS AVID program & FBLA attended the event.

ZHS Thespians Receive “Superior” Award



The ZHS Drama Club performed their rendition of *I Don't Want To Talk About It* by Bradley Hayward at the District Theater Competition at Wesley Chapel High School. The performance received STRAIGHT SUPERIORS.

Cast and Crew:

Aubrey Hicks

Ukiah Johnson

Brian East (Best Performer for ZHS Award Winner)

Jeremy Hecker (Lead, First Show, and Freshman)

Tyler Merrifield

Emily Franklin

Sidney Dunn (Student Director/Assistant Stage Manager/Crew)

Amanda Tripp (First-time Stage Manager - received rave reviews at the competition for her work)

Mark Your Calendar for Parent Night

April 7, 2020: Rising Juniors and Seniors Parent Night

Everything you need to now about your student's last two years or final year of high school

- ◆ Rising Juniors: Graduation requirements, Your 2-Year plan, Grades (MyStudent), Attendance, Scholarships/College Applications
- ◆ Rising Seniors: Graduation requirements, ACT/SAT Prep, Your final-year plan, Grades, Attendance, Senior Contract, FAFSA, Scholarships/College Applications



Future Business Leaders of America



FBLA members from ZHS attended the District XI Fall Leadership Rally held at Spartan Manor in New Port Richey. Students had the opportunity to network with 300 other FBLA members from Pasco County schools. ZHS FBLA President, **Damien Aguilar** and Vice President, **Lakisia Thomas** were installed as chapter officers.

JROTC Wins at State



ZHS JROTC 2nd Place overall at State Competition

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| 1st Place | 5K Run |
| 2nd Place | Litter Carry |
| 2nd Place | Tire Flip |
| 3rd Place | Rope Bridge |



Zephyrhills High School

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



@ZHSBulldogs

JOIN US for a HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION!

ZHS HOLIDAY CONCERT



Featuring the
ZHS Band Program



When: Mon., December 16th

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: ZHS Gym

Student artists will be displaying work in the gym lobby.
Some pieces will be for sale, with all proceeds going to the
NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FUND, which will
help our band attend the event and play in

Washington D.C.!

Entrance is FREE to the concert. JROTC will be selling food
and drinks.

****See you there!****