



ZEPHYRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 6, 2017
STUDENT NEWSLETTER

*"You Just Can't Hide that **Bulldog Pride**"*

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





Calendar

October 2017

- 6 Parent Night—Rising Juniors/Seniors
- 13 End of Quarter 1
- 16 Teacher Planning Day—No school for students
- 23 Report Cards
- 27 Homecoming Football Game
- 28 Homecoming Dance

November 2017

- 2 Club Photo Day & Senior Panoramic Photo
- 17 Progress Reports
- 18 Thanksgiving Break (18-26)

December 2017

- 5 AP/Dual Enrollment/AVID Parent Night
- 22 End of Quarter 2 and Semester 1
- 23 Winter Break—No School (Dec. 23-Jan. 7)



Order online at yearbookforever.com

Price: \$60 until November 17

Price will increase after this date

Spectrum Game of the Week

On October 13 vs River Ridge, we are Spectrum's game of the week and would love to have the whole community come out and support the Bulldogs on one of the biggest games of the year for us.



Flu Shots

FLU SHOTS are available for students on **October 11, 2017**. Students must have completed the healthy student form. The form was distributed at Orientation & Open House but if you need a form they may be picked up in the ZHS Clinic. Parent permission is required.



SAT Test Dates	Official Registration Deadline
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017
Register at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register	
High School Code 101915	

FREE Test Prep
for Act & SAT
www.prepfactory.com

Free November SAT Registration and CSS Profile Fee Waiver for Hurricane Irma-Impacted Students

For the CSS Profile fee waiver, students should go to cssprofile.org, complete their application, and the system will automatically apply eligibility rules. To reach CSS Profile Customer Service, please call 844-202-0524.



ACT Test Dates	Official Registration Deadline
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018
Register at http://www.act.org	



Senior Information—Class of 2018

- **Order cap and gowns** at lunch on **October 5-6** or at parent night **October 10**. You can also order online at <https://highschool.herffjones.com/secom/home>
- **Class ring orders** for sophomores through seniors will be taken at lunch on **October 5-6** and at junior/senior parent night **October 10**.
- **November 2, 2017** – **Senior Panoramic photo**—7:15 am
- **January 30, 2018** – **Cap & Gown photos/National Honor Society photos**
- **Baby Pictures & Quotes for Yearbook** Due: Friday, **October 13, 2017** to Mrs. Jones or Ms. Dawson

Quotes:

1. Must be typed
2. Must include student name and student number
3. Must include author's name
4. Must be school appropriate

All quotes will be reviewed/approved by yearbook advisers before submission in the yearbook.

Baby Pictures:

1. Submit to Mrs. Jones or Ms. Dawson
 2. Include your name and student number on the back of the picture
- Pictures will be returned to student at a later date.
- 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





Homecoming

The Zephyrhills High School Student Council is proud to announce the theme for Homecoming 2017 will be **“Bulldogs Around the World”**. The week will run **October 23-28th**.

The spirit and dress-up days include:

Monday: ‘Merica Monday

- Dress up in your best patriotic gear.

Tuesday: Character Day

- Dress up as a character from your favorite movie or book.

Wednesday: College Day

- Dress up with gear from your favorite college or as a major that you would study in college.

Thursday: Decades Day

- Dress up from your favorite decade.

Friday: Spirit Day

- Dress up in your best Orange & Black and get ready to shout at the Homecoming pep rally.

The annual **Homecoming Parade** will take place on **October 26th at 4:30pm** in Downtown Zephyrhills.

The theme for each class float will be:

Seniors: America

Juniors: France

Sophomore: Egypt

Freshman: Jamaica



The Zephyrhills Bulldogs football team will take on Hudson High on **Friday, October 27th at 7:30pm** for the **Homecoming football game**. The pre-show will begin at 7:00pm, which includes the class floats and the announcement of the float winners. During halftime, the crowing of the 2017 Homecoming court will occur.

The week will conclude with the **Homecoming Dance** on the evening of the **Saturday, October 28th at 7:00pm** in the Zephyrhills High Activity Center.

Looking forward to a spirit filled week!

Read This Before Shopping For Homecoming!

The dress code for the homecoming dance will be semi-formal. This means boys in suits or dress shirts, dress pants and ties. No jeans, tennis shoes, polo shirts or T-shirts. For girls this means dresses or dressy pantsuits. The dresses must meet the school dress code in terms of length, cleavage coverage and must cover the midriff area (no belly buttons showing). No “bubble” dresses will be allowed. These rules apply to the dance and to halftime court presentation.

Any student, who is not dressed appropriately, will be asked to go home and change. Girls may put on leggings under their dress in order to meet dress code. If the leggings are removed after entering the dance, the girl may be asked to leave the dance. No refunds will be issued for dance tickets.



STUDENT VOICE

How Do You Feel About the New Grading Policy?

"It has helped me a lot because I don't always do my homework but I study and do well on all my tests."

Alex Dudley – Grade 12

"I didn't like it at first but now that I know I can retake the test to improve my grade I am on board with it." **Devin Cleary Grade 12**

"I don't like it because there is too much pressure to do well on a test because it counts for 70% of my grade." **Grade 10 – Cameron Morgan**

"I think the grading system is unfair because we don't get graded on homework or participation and mostly tests" **Grade 10 - Tina Hyer**

"I like it because it makes getting higher grades easier" **Grade 9—Jonathan Newman**

What are some issues that are bothering you this year at ZHS?

- *No benches in the Commons
- *Parking is double the price.
- *Sports fees increased.
- * We only have 2 lunches. They seem shorter and more crowded.
- * Since homework is not being graded, I don't think it is fair to those that do it.
- *Can't bring drinks through the Commons in the morning.
- *Can't wear a hat if you are having a bad hair day.
- *No Senior privileges.
- *No extra credit

What do you see as a positive at ZHS this year?

- *The carpet in the Commons is new and clean.
- *Wristband helps you stay on track .
- *Volleyball Wins!
- *Friday Blitz pep rally with 93.3.
- *ZHS is the Spectrum Game of the week on TV on October 13.
- *Homework is not being graded. Not mandatory.
- *Teachers that are caring.
- *Bulldog Inn for Junior and Seniors
- *I finally get lunch with my friends after 4 years.
- *There are teachers ere that I am comfortable with and can go to with anything.
- * Football is #1 in the district at this time.
- *Homecoming Dress Up Days
- * Senior Stage
- *Wristband privileges



CLASS OF
19



ZHS Grading Practices 17/18



ZHS Grading Scale

90-100= A

80-89= B

70-79= C

60-69= D

50-59= F

0/M- No attempt

ZHS Common Grading System

Standards Based Grading

All grades must be based on mastery of the standard graded

- No grades awarded for completion, participation, or behavior
- No extra credit
- Assignment in myStudent labeled by name, date, and category
- Grades updated in myStudent weekly

Grading Categories.

ZHS will use TWO categories in myStudent:

Formative: 30% Monitor, provide feedback, differentiate

- Comprehension checks
- Homework
- Quizzes

Summative: 70% Should be at least 4 a quarter

- Chapter Tests
- Common Assessment
- Project (NO COLLABORATIVE GRADES)

School-wide Make-ups

Formative assessments made up prior to taking the corresponding summative assessment will be graded for FULL CREDIT

Formative assessments made up after the corresponding summative assessment prior to a retake will earn a grade of 50%

School-wide Summative Retakes

Students may retake summative assessments up to three times as long as; the student has no missing grades, the student completes remediation designed by the PLC. No retakes will be allowed the last week of the quarter.



College & Career Fair at ZHS

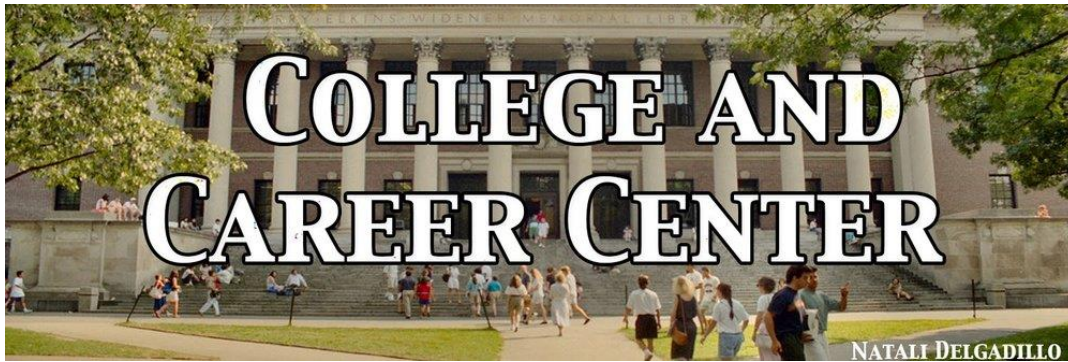
Friday, October 13th, 2017



ZHS will hold their annual Fall College & Career Fair in the Gym on Friday, October 13th, 2nd-6th period.

Juniors & Seniors will visit during their English classes. All students will be able to visit the fair during their lunch.

The time to think about college is now!



College & Career News

By Mrs. Simons



Do you have a Twitter account? Follow Zephyrhills High School College & Career Resource Center! @ZHSCCRC Posted daily is information on ACT, SAT, FAFSA, College info, and much more!!



Have you taken the ACT yet?

The ACT is recommended for all Juniors and Seniors to take. Not only is this test used for college entrance, but can also be used for your Reading Graduation Requirement. If you have not passed your Reading FSA you can meet the Reading Graduation

Requirement by scoring at 19 or higher on the ACT.

How do I sign up for the ACT?

Go to www.actstudent.org, create an account and register for a test. The next ACT test date is December 9th, with a registration deadline of November 3rd. The cost of the test is \$46.00, however, if you are eligible for free or reduced lunch you are eligible for a Fee Waiver to take the ACT for FREE. See Mrs. Simons to get your waiver. If you need assistance signing up, please visit the Media Center during your lunch and see Mrs. Simons.



SENIORS: Have you applied to College yet?

Deadlines are looming... Our recommendation...apply to 4 or more schools! One school should be your "Reach" school, this one should be the school of your dreams that may be a bit out of reach. The next two schools should be your "Ideal" schools, this is the school that is your right fit, both with grades and test scores. Next you should apply for a "Safety" school. This is a school that you know you will get into to with no problem.



FAFSA Is now open!!!

- **Students are now able to submit a FAFSA®!** Students are able to file a 2018–19 FAFSA as of Oct. 1st, 2017.
- **Students now report earlier income information.** Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students are required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2018–19 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) must report their 2016 income information, rather than their 2017 income information.