

News from Ms. Greene, BRACE Advisor

Greetings from the Brace Office! Please call (754) 323-1817 with any questions you may have regarding BRACE News.

Bookings - I have set up my Bookings App page. If you would like to schedule a brief meeting (25 minutes or less) **or** a post-secondary conference (approximately 45 minutes) you can log in to: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/MsGreeneBraceAdvisor@browardcountyschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Keep in mind that the student should be present for all post-secondary conferences.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year celebrating our students' achievements including college acceptances, scholarship awards, etc.

As with everything, my job is very different with our remote learning situation. I am trying to find the best way to help our students and families. I am still working on some of the details. I will do my best to keep you up to date.

Brace Office Website:

bit.ly/sbhsbrace

Class of 2021! Make sure you sign up for the Brace REMIND

CLASS OF 2021

JOIN THE NEW BRACE REMIND

*DUE TO REMIND GROUP SIZE LIMITS *

TEXT CODE TO 81010 TO JOIN

LAST NAME	CODE
A-E	@tg2021ae
F-J	@tg2021fj
K-O	@tg2021ko
P-T	@tg2021pt
U-Z	@tg2021uz

How to Email a Teacher: Email etiquette is super important!



Seniors – Hopefully, you have been thinking about your plans for after high school. If you are planning on attending a **four-year university** directly after high school here are some things that you need to do:

1. Register and take the SAT and/or ACT (have scores sent to schools)
2. College applications
3. Request transcripts/Complete SSAR (Self-Reported Student Academic Record) (or SPARK for UCF)
4. Request recommendations (if necessary)
5. Check student portal for application check list, status, etc.

Free/Reduced Lunch Program:

Many families have experienced a financial impact due to COVID-19. I highly recommend that all families that may qualify for free or reduced lunch, should apply @ <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch are eligible to receive SAT and ACT fee waivers for both their junior and senior years (1 per test, per year). Additionally, seniors who have taken a test using a fee waiver are able to receive college application fee waivers.

I am no longer able to pull a list of students who qualify for fee waivers. Going forward a student needs to do one of two things:

1. They either need to check off that they give the school permission to see their status for fee waiver purposes. Or,
2. They need to send me an email showing me that they qualify for F/R lunch. I have both SAT and ACT testing waivers available to students who qualify.

College Entrance Exams:

There is always a great deal of anxiety regarding college entrance exams. With COVID - 19 and quarantine, there is even more anxiety. Let me start by saying that many out of state and private schools have gone "test optional." So far, there is no word that the Florida Public Universities will be following suit. As for now, the Florida State University System (SUS) is still requiring SAT and ACT.

Testing has resumed in Broward County. If you have not already taken the SAT and/or ACT you need to register asap. It is always a good idea to check with SAT/ACT or your testing center to verify that they will be open.

Most colleges and universities have their applications available. All transcripts should be requested through your Naviance Student account.

For schools that have multiple ways to apply, be sure to list how you applied to the school (i.e. - directly to the institution, common app, coalition app, etc.) Students should log on using your Broward County single sign on. The log on and password are like virtual counselor (Student ID # 06....and birth date for password (MM/DD/YYYY)).

Traditionally students take the SAT and or ACT for the first time during the spring of their junior year and a second time during the fall of their senior year. Both tests are college entrance exams. Schools will accept these tests equally. It is recommended that students take both the SAT and ACT. This way they will be able to determine if they have a strength on one test over the other. Keep in mind that most schools look at the scores that are most favorable to the student. At the time of registration, students can send their scores to 4 schools for free. If students wait until after testing to send these scores, they will have to pay a minimum of \$12.00 to have their scores sent. It is the student's responsibility to have their scores sent to the various schools. Schools will only accept official score reports which are sent directly from these testing agencies.

Bright Futures update for Class of 2020 - Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-212 that extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to earn a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020. The executive order applies to test scores only. It does not apply to community service hours.

Free Test Prep Websites:

Revolution Prep is offering live-online Practice SAT & ACT's as well as free additional resources including webinars and guides!

Practice SAT and ACT Exams

Practice SAT Date:

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm (Live Online)

Cost: \$10 (all proceeds go to the South Broward High School PTSO)

Register here: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/4582>

Deadline to register: three days before all practice tests

Materials will be emailed to students 24 hours before the exam.

Practice ACT Date:

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm (Live Online)

Cost: \$10 (all proceeds go to the South Broward High School PTSO)

Register here: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/4582>

Deadline to register: three days before all practice tests

Materials will be emailed to students 24 hours before the exam.

Free Webinar Topics:

- College Admission and Testing Uncertainty
- PSAT/NMSQT 101
- Plus, Many More

Time: Days and times will vary

Location: Live online

Register Here: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/webinars/>

You will get a link the day of the webinar to use to sign in.

Free SAT/ACT Guide:

To download your copy of the guide and get started planning,

visit: www.revolutionprep.com/resources/guide-to-preparing-for-the-sat-and-act.

PERT prep - Go to Broward.edu.~ Click on Student Resources, then click Testing center.~ When you click the PERT link it opens up to offer you a PERT study guide and practice test.~ They also have links to YouTube tutorials.~ You can also register for a free 4 - week on line college foundations course.

March2Success~ - www.march2success.com

Website includes test prep for the ASVAB, SAT and ACT.~ They also offer help with high school math and verbal skills.~ There is a high school science hub to help with Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science.~~~ Additionally they offer a college readiness online course.~ There is a Spanish option for this website.~

Scholarships!!!! - All students, especially seniors, should be very familiar with the scholarship page on Naviance. It is listed under the college tab. There are multiple ways to search for scholarships. Each scholarship has its own deadline. I would make a scholarship search part of your weekly routine.

Click on the Colleges tab, then Scholarship Match or Scholarship List. The "**AAA Complete Easy to View Bulletin**," through google docs, shows an easy to view, easy to sort list.

Check out these social media scholarship links.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/scholarshipmoneyforstudents/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/scholarshipmoneyforstudents/?hl=en>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNeevUe8tLB8PdF0JwWK2ag>

Twitter: _

<https://twitter.com/scholarshipsusa>

QuestBridge - QuestBridge applications are now open. QuestBridge connects academically outstanding seniors from low-income backgrounds with full four-year scholarships worth over \$200,000 each. Deadline: September 29, 2020.

Raise.Me - Students (all grade levels) and parents, are you aware of Raise.me? It is a way for students to earn micro-scholarships for things that they are already doing (i.e. - completing a FAFSA, taking AP courses, earning an A). Raise.me has partnerships with many schools across the country. I highly recommend that all students create and update a Raise.me account. <https://www.raise.me/>

Southern Scholarship Foundation, Inc. - Deadline: Ongoing - Award: Low-cost housing - Rent free housing for students admitted to FSU, UF, FAMU, or FGCU.~ Motivation demonstrated through awards and activities.~ Financial need.~ Minimum 3.0 GPA.~ Information and application available at: <http://www.southern scholarship.org>

MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund) Scholarship List. ~ This list is an informative resource for students, parents, and educators.~ MALDEF is not a direct provider of the scholarships on the list, with exception of the MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program. (This can be a good resource for students who have residency issues.)
<http://www.maldef.org>]www.maldef.org

College Visits - I have started scheduling virtual college visits. The visits will be held after school (3:30 - 4:30). College visits are open to juniors and seniors. Students can login to their Naviance account and click on the Colleges Tab. The college visits will be listed at the bottom right of the page. Naviance -> College Main Page -> College Visit section and click on the Show More button. When it is time for the visit you will see a Virtual Visit Link hyperlink that will provide access to the virtual meeting room.

A notice of college visits goes out as I book them. If there is a school that you are interested in it is a good idea to add them to your "colleges that I am thinking about" list. This way you will get a personal invite to their visit. Also, you may be notified if they are hosting any events outside of our school visits.

Off Campus Events:

NACAC Virtual College Fair

Oct. 12th, Oct. 18th & Nov. 8

12 - 8 p.m. ET

More than 600 colleges and universities will be accessible at virtualcollegefairs.org to offer live and interactive Zoom sessions and more.

