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## PRESIDENT’S NOTE

Hello Warrior Families!

It is hard to believe that we are entering our last term for this school year. The PTSA is busier than ever! We are working with the administration on planning senior awards and senior events, planning a special teacher appreciation week, coordinating senior banners and yard signs, and working on various school improvement projects. In addition, we are preparing for the **annual parking space auction** (pg. 4)!

Our elections for Board positions for next year will take place at our meeting on May 3rd. **We are continually looking for new members to join our board**. If you have ever considered participating, please reach out to me at [**gshsptsapresident@gmail.com**](mailto:gshsptsapresident@gmail.com). Ms. Ewell and the entire Steinbrenner administration have been very generous with their time and support that they provide to our PTSA. By participating on the PTSA board, you are provided a forum to ask questions, provide suggestions, and obtain clarification at our monthly board meetings. We have an amazing group of individuals taking on various roles, which allows the workload to be spread out, making all positions manageable. We welcome any level of commitment you can provide.

We have **volunteer opportunities** in April and May. See page 2 for information on how to volunteer for Senior Banners and other Senior events. See page 3 for ways to help our Teacher Appreciation Week committee. Students can earn Bright Futures or PTSA Senior Scholarship 2024 volunteer hours when helping with PTSA initiatives.

On behalf of Steinbrenner PTSA, I wish everyone a great final quarter of the school year.

Go Warriors Alison Newman

GSHS PTSA President 2022-2023

[**gshsptsapresident@gmail.com**](mailto:gshsptsapresident@gmail.com)

# April:

7 No School

Calendar

13 Senior Honors Graduate Banquet (morning)

13 Senior Awards: Invite Only- Student and Family Event (evening)

21 Grad Bash

**24 2:30pm; Hang Senior Banners (pg. 2)**

# May:

**1 Deadline to order Senior Yard Sign (pg. 2)**

1 AP Testing begins

**1-5 Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (pg. 3)**

**3 General PTSA Meeting; time & location TBA**

**8-12 Parking Space Auction (pg. 4)**

14 9:00am; Graduation Rehearsal

**15 2:30pm; Take down Senior Banners (pg. 2)**

17 Last Day for Seniors

18 Senior Send Off

22-26 Final Exam Week (schedule TBA)

25 12:00pm; Graduation Ceremony (invite only)

26 Last Day of School (early dismissal)

\*Dates and times are subject to change

[**PTSA Calendar**](https://steinbrennertampafl.ptaptsa.org/events)1

[**Steinbrenner HS Calendar**](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/390%23calendar197/20230404/month)

[**District Calendar**](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/2%23calendar1/20230404/month)

# 2022-2023 Board Members



SENIOR YARD SIGNS ONLY $15

Deadline to order: May 1st

**Do not miss out!** Order your senior yard sign today! [**CLICK HERE**](https://gshsptsa.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true)

to purchase.

Yard signs and senior banners will be distributed to students at Senior Send Off on May 18th.

**President:** [**Alison Newman**](mailto:gshsptsapresident@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** [**Natasha Sherwood**](mailto:gshsptsatreasurer@gmail.com) **1st VP Membership:** [**Tamara Ponce**](mailto:gshsptsamembership@gmail.com)

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[**Shadia Aouadi**](mailto:gshsptsars@gmail.com)

**ACT/SAT Prep and College Readiness Programs:** [**Maurine Wheeler**](mailto:gshsactsatreview@gmail.com)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SENIOR BANNERS

**Senior Banner Hanging**

**April 24**

**Senior Banner Take Down**

**May 15**

**Both start at 2:30pm**

**Meet in Steinbrenner Cafeteria**

We need both parent and student volunteers to hang up and take down senior banners.

**JUNIORS:** Volunteer hours earned for hanging and taking down banners will apply to the PTSA Scholarship 2024.

**PARENTS: We need 10-foot ladders.** The ladders will be returned to the owners at the conclusion of each event.

If you can help in any way, please contact

[**gshsptsaseniorbanners@gmail.com**](mailto:gshsptsaseniorbanners@gmail.com)**.**

**Hospitality:** [**Laurie Grantham**](mailto:gshsptsahospitality@gmail.com) **PE/Hope Uniforms and Spirit Wear:**

[**Portia Engman**](mailto:gshsuniforms@gmail.com)

**Senior Banners:** [**Natali Lima**](mailto:gshsseniorbanners@gmail.com) **Senior Events:** [**Marty Sheehan**](mailto:gshssenioractivities@gmail.com)

**Lisa Aiken Steinbrenner Cares:** [**Erica Rude**](mailto:gshssteinbrennercares@gmail.com)

**Teacher Appreciation Week:**

[**Melissa Siebels**](mailto:gshsptsateacherappreciation@gmail.com)[**Monica Young**](mailto:gshsptsateacherappreciation@gmail.com)

**Teacher Grants and School Improvements:** [**Jennifer Harbour**](mailto:gshsptsateachergrants@gmail.com)

**Website and Social Media:**

[**Michelle St. John**](mailto:gshsptsawebsite@gmail.com)[**Dawn Hoskins**](mailto:gshsptsawebsite@gmail.com)

**CLASS OF 2024**

**PTSA Senior Scholarship Volunteer Opportunities**

Save the dates! More information will be posted on social media.

**April 12**: Senior Honors Graduate Banquet setup (evening, time TBA)

**April 13**: Senior Awards-invite only, Student and Family Event (evening, time TBA)

**May 18**: Senior Send Off (time TBA)

Email to sign up: [**gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com**](mailto:gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com)

**Parents and Students**: **There are additional volunteer opportunities.** For more information and how to sign up, see Senior Banners (pg. 2, above) and Teacher Appreciation Week (pg. 3).

PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

If you have not filled out the district’s volunteer application, do so by [**CLICKING HERE**](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/volunteer). All volunteers are required to have an approved application on file.

**World of a Teen: Francine Phillips**

**Jennifer Labadie-Waldhauser**

**Awards: Cheryl Michel**

**Newsletter:** [**Leslie Nixon**](mailto:shsptsanews@gmail.com)

**Reflections:** [**Melissa Siebels**](mailto:gshsptsareflectionsart@gmail.com) **School of Excellence:** [**Amy Pardo**](mailto:gshsptsasoe@gmail.com) **Senior Scholarships:** [**Kristen Miller**](mailto:gshsptsascholarship@gmail.com)

[**Bethany Mis**](mailto:gshsptsascholarship@gmail.com) **Faculty Representative:** [**Heather Prokop**](mailto:heather.prokop@hcps.net) **Member at Large: Jonilyn Maglott**

**Monica Young**

**Principal:** [**Tiffany Ewell**](mailto:tiffany.ewell@hcps.net)

STAY IN THE KNOW

**Steinbrenner PTSA**

**Website:**

[**www.steinbrennerptsa.org**](http://www.steinbrennerptsa.org/)

The PTSA website can be translated into a variety of languages. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on “Select Language.” From there, choose your preferred language.

**Steinbrenner**

**PTSA**

**online**

**store:**

[**https://gshsptsa.memberhub.store/**](https://gshsptsa.memberhub.store/)

**PTSA Newsletter:** The Steinbrenner PTSA newsletter will be sent monthly to all registered families. [**shsptsanews@gmail.com**](mailto:shsptsanews@gmail.com)

**Steinbrenner PTSA Facebook:** Join the Steinbrenner PTSA Facebook page for the latest school news. [**https://www.facebook.com/steinbrennerptsa/**](https://www.facebook.com/steinbrennerptsa/)

**PTSA**

[**https://twitter.com/SteinbrennerPTA**](https://twitter.com/SteinbrennerPTA)

**Twitter:**

**School News:** Steinbrenner High School website

[**http://steinbrenner.mysdhc.org/**](http://steinbrenner.mysdhc.org/)

**District News:** Hillsborough County School District Website [**https://www.hillsboroughschools.org**](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/)

[**Hillsborough County PTA**](https://www.hccptaptsa.org/)

[**Florida PTA**](https://floridapta.org/)

[**National PTA**](https://www.pta.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjw8O7bBRB0EiwAfbrTh1M_rbekqHkEHckmmxwJ0lA3O9Fjx2WvhzB66-TejbNzVRWO_FhU8RoCX8EQAvD_BwE)

[**Canvas**](https://hcpscanvasproject.azurewebsites.net/?utm_source=family-resource&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=page_config&utm_content=resourcelink)



Steinbrenner PTSA Needs YOU

BOARD AND COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2023-2024

Our PTSA is looking for volunteers to fill vacancies for the 2023-2024 school year. It is fun and a great way to stay connected to all that is happening at Steinbrenner.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact

[**gshsptsapresident@gmail.com**.](mailto:gshsptsapresident@gmail.com)



**JOIN US! TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK EVENT #2**

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

Mark your calendar for an exclusive event you do not want to miss.

**April 22 10:00am-9:00pm**

Give a gift of appreciation to the Steinbrenner teachers by purchasing a ZIP ID case or Lanyard. Only

$5 each. Your purchase will be donated to the Steinbrenner teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

For more information, call 813-909-0576.

Exclusions and limitations may apply. See a store associate for details.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-5

Help us honor our Steinbrenner teachers and staff for the amazing job they do. We have two easy ways to donate:

* [**CLICK HERE**](https://tinyurl.com/59a4sdcb)for our SignUpGenius list of needed items
* [**CLICK HERE**](https://gshsptsa.memberhub.com/store/items/731079)to make a monetary donation

Email [**gshsptsastaffappreciation@gmail.com**](mailto:gshsptsastaffappreciation@gmail.com)if you are a business or family who would like to sponsor a meal during Teacher Appreciation Week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS BUSINESS PARTNERS

Aussie Grill Vera Bradley Chick-Fil-A Top Golf Winn Dixie Chuy’s

BJ’s Brewhouse

Kendra Scott

Sacred Pepper Rock and Brew

Outback Steakhouse

**JOIN US! TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK EVENT #1**

**Kendra Scott Boutique 1511 Swann Ave, Tampa FL April 7**

**Noon-2:00pm**

**Drinks and sweets provided**

Can’t make it to the store? [**SHOP ONLINE**](https://www.kendrascott.com/kendra-gives-back-program.html)April 7 and 8. Giveback code: **GIVEBACK-DTSGL**

20% of all Kendra Gives Back revenue will be donated to Steinbrenner PTSA.



Steinbrenner PTSA Wants to Hear from YOU

Steinbrenner PTSA is looking for input from our GSHS teachers, parents, and students for new ideas to make our PTSA more meaningful to our Warrior Community. If you have an idea for a new program or something you would like to see from the PTSA, we would love to hear it!

Please

email

Hanna

Curry

at

[**gshsptsastrategicplanning@gmail.com**](mailto:gshsptsastrategicplanning@gmail.com)with subject

line “New Idea.”



Chorus Concert

Horizon’s: Out of this World

**May 5th and 6th 6:00pm**

**Steinbrenner Auditorium**

Buy a ticket from any chorus student for $5 each. Tickets will be $7 at the door.

Do not miss the biggest concert of the year. Costumes, decorations, and songs have been selected by and will be performed by all members of the Steinbrenner Chorus Program.

Flowers, concessions, and Space-grams (notes of encouragement to a performer) will be available for purchase! More information will be posted to social media soon.



**Steinbrenner Orchestra Concert**

**Friday, April 28 6:00-9:00pm**

**Steinbrenner Auditorium**

Tickets sold at the door Cash: $5.00 per person Credit: $5.50 per person

Children under 5 years old and Steinbrenner Faculty are free.

Everyone is welcome!



**Save the Date!**

**Annual Parking Space Auction May 8-12**

Bidding for the PTSA annual parking space auction for rising Juniors will start at 8:00am on May 8th. The fundraiser will auction one parking space per day for 5 days!

Proceeds from the auction will benefit PTSA scholarships for 2024 graduating Steinbrenner Seniors. Due to the continued success of the annual auction, the PTA has awarded over $12,000 in scholarships annually for the past 6 years!

More information and a link to the auction will be posted on the [**PTSA WEBSITE**](https://steinbrennertampafl.ptaptsa.org/)and social media as the date approaches.

Want Volunteer Hours Toward the Bright Futures Scholarship?

Submit an article and at least one picture to the PTSA Newsletter and start earning required volunteer hours toward the Bright Futures Scholarship.

* Article can be about anything school/education related or a topic that is important to you and others your age.
* **Must include at least one picture**. Student is not required to be in the picture.

**Deadline to submit an article for the next newsletter is April 26.** Submitted articles must be well written, are subject to editing, and will be forwarded to Ms. Ewell for approval prior to publishing.

Submit your article, picture(s), and/or questions to Leslie Nixon at [**shsptsanews@gmail.com**](mailto:shsptsanews@gmail.com).

**Juniors:** You can earn volunteer hours toward the Senior Scholarship 2024 by submitting a newsletter article now.

**Auditions – Chamber Orchestra**

**Tuesday, April 18 4:00-8:00pm**

Questions? Email [**andrea.szarowicz@hcps.net**](mailto:andrea.szarowicz@hcps.net)**.**



STEINBRENNER SPIRIT WEAR

[**Mascot Universe**](https://mascot-universe-627394.shoplightspeed.com/high-school/steinbrenner/)is the place to go for all your spirit wear needs! Their location, in the Publix plaza next to Rice and Roll, has lots of space for all the Steinbrenner spirit wear. Shop there for several of our new designs.

[**Mascot Universe**](https://mascot-universe-627394.shoplightspeed.com/high-school/steinbrenner/)donates back to our PTSA for every Steinbrenner item purchased.

Cannot make it to the store? [**CLICK HERE**](https://mascot-universe-627394.shoplightspeed.com/high-school/steinbrenner/)to place an order.

BECOME A STEINBRENNER PTSA BUSINESS PARTNER

We are currently looking for businesses in our community and corporate sponsors to help our school succeed this school year. With your partnership, we will be able to continue offering support to our students and teachers.

* **Donations of funds, products, and/or services are tax deductible.**
* **Business Partners will be featured on the PTSA website and in our newsletter that is**

**published to**

**families.**

**over**

**2000 Steinbrenner**

If your business would like to partner with

Steinbrenner PTSA and help us provide additional opportunities for our students, teachers, and staff, please contact us at [**gshsptsasponsors@gmail.com**](mailto:gshsptsasponsors@gmail.com).



THANK YOU! YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS OUR PTSA AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

My Fitness Answer is a private fitness training studio located in Lutz.

They take your health and fitness goals seriously by creating a personalized fitness and nutrition plan for you. Their goal is to change your view on fitness and health.

[**https://myfitnessanswer.com/**](https://myfitnessanswer.com/)

information.

[**CLICK HERE**](https://myfitnessanswer.com/#reviews)for client reviews.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION**

**SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR PTSA & SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**

An appointment is not needed, but feel free to check out their website [**www.lutzuc.com**](http://www.lutzuc.com/)and fill out the patient registration form to speed up the process.

Most major insurances accepted.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION**

#1 community bank in Florida and top 100 nationwide by American Banker.

Invest in your community when you open a checking account with First Citrus Bank.

Visit their website [**www.firstcitrus.com**](http://www.firstcitrus.com/)for more information. First Citrus Bank can help you with all your personal and business banking needs.



Senate

Senate hosted 26 high schools for a county wide student government meeting.



It is Not Too Late!

Become a PTSA Member Today

JOIN ONLINE BY [**CLICKING HERE**](https://gshsptsa.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true).

Questions: Email [**gshsptsamembership@gmail.com**](mailto:gshsptsamembership@gmail.com)

Save money! Businesses offer discounts to PTSA members. [**CLICK HERE**](https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/marketplace/Save-Money-with-Member-Offers)to see how you can take advantage.



Florida PTA is celebrating 100 Years of Advocacy for Children

Join Florida PTA to commemorate the past century of progress. They have worked tirelessly to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children, across the state and the country alike.

For more information [**CLICK HERE**](https://floridapta.org/centennial-celebration/)

To register, [**CLICK HERE**](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejilrdzf0c95dc94&oseq&c&ch)

Care For Kids: Basket Donations Needed

Care for Kids is collecting items such as candy, coloring books, crayons, small puzzles, or fidget items to create care packages for kids who are going through hard times.

If you can donate, please drop off items to ROOM 351. No donation is too small. Everything helps.

CONGRATULATIONS STEINBRENNER JROTC

Steinbrenner JROTC teams became Robotic State Champions for the second year in a row.

They won:

* Excellence Award
* Tournament Champions
* Skills Champions
* Think Award

The teams will be going to the national competition in Dallas, TX to compete against 160 JROTC teams from around the country.

**Orchestra**

Do you have a student who is interested in joining Steinbrenner Orchestra next year? Steinbrenner Orchestra has three different levels of ensembles:

* Concert Orchestra - Freshman that completed middle school orchestra and first year players.
* Symphonic Orchestra - Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.
* Chamber Orchestra - Students who audition on April 18, 2023. (See audition information on pg. 4.)

If your middle school student is enrolling at Steinbrenner for the 2023-2024 school year and you have questions about placement, email [**andrea.szarowicz@hcps.net**](mailto:andrea.szarowicz@hcps.net). Orchestra has many opportunities for all students.



**Florida PTA**

Florida PTA’s Committee Interest Survey is now open year-round for volunteer applications. As the needs of Florida PTA change, so does the availability of potential volunteer opportunities. [**CLICK HERE**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZN4VUcnjrToA1apqb2tRerMEE5RhREoVguTkYVgZpfpJCZQ/viewform)to apply.



To help create a healthy earth, we all must play our part. [**CLICK HERE**](https://www.pta.org/home/programs/Healthy-Lifestyles/healthy-earth)to learn more about what your family can do to form healthy habits related to preventing waste and conserving energy. Save the date to celebrate Earth Day with our 2023 National PTA Day of Service.



**A Podcast for Parents, by Parents**

PTA is working to ensure our public schools provide a high-quality education for every child to reach their full potential. [**Notes from the Backpack**](https://www.pta.org/the-center-for-family-engagement/podcast/notes-from-the-backpack)is a PTA podcast designed for millions of parents and the decisionmakers they influence.

Through the unique combination of expert, parent, and educator guests, each episode features engaging conversations that offer real life advice and ideas on how to support children’s learning and development.

**Real Experts. Real Parents.**

**Real Conversations.**



Did you know that families who are more engaged in a school have students that are more engaged and have a higher school success rate? Students with involved parents are more likely to earn higher grades and pass their classes, attend school regularly, have better social skills, and go on to post-secondary education.

[**CLICK HERE**](https://ptaourchildren.org/10-ways-to-get-involved-in-your-childs-school/)for more information.



HCC PTA

General Meeting April 13 6:00pm Via Zoom

RSVP required: [**CLICK**](http://bit.ly/HCCGM2023)[**HERE**](http://bit.ly/HCCGM2023)





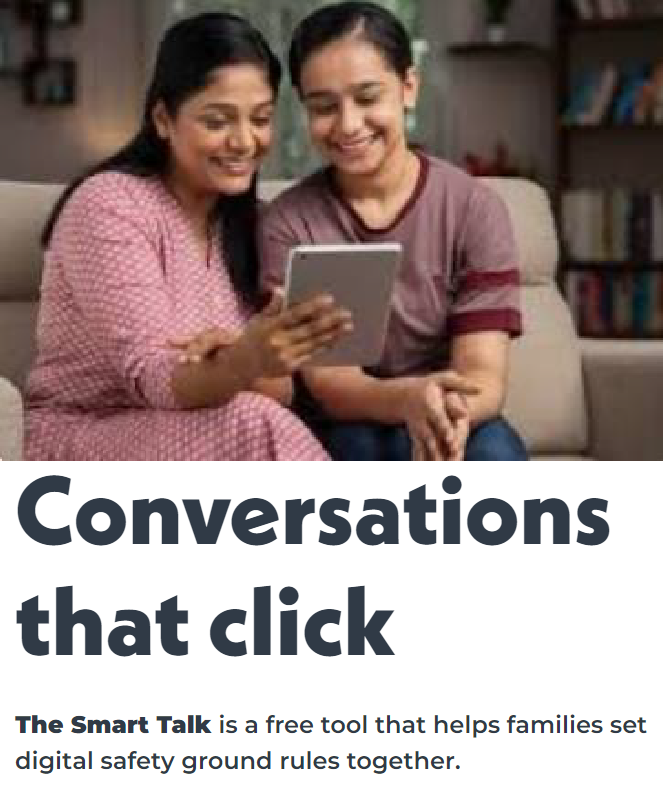
**Transforming Family-School Partnerships with PTA’s National Standards Webinar Series**

National PTA’s Center for Family Engagement is partnering with the Institute for Educational Leadership for a five-part webinar series. The goal is to help district, school, and parent/community leaders explore our six National Standards for Family-School Partnerships through panel discussions with leading practitioners, researchers, and policy makers. Our hope is to improve family-school partnerships so that all children can reach their full potential.

The final webinar, Webinar 5: Collaborate with Community, starts at 2:00pm on April 19. Register at [**https://bit.ly/3k9gpF6**](https://bit.ly/3k9gpF6)

Find Webinars 1-4 on National PTA’s YouTube channel:

[**https://www.youtube.com/@nationalpta**](https://www.youtube.com/%40nationalpta)



National PTA is excited to collaborate with Norton to empower families to make smarter, safer decisions online. A newly updated Smart Talk tool has been launched: [**TheSmartTalk.org**](https://thesmarttalk.org/)**.** This tool increases the depth and success of your digital safety conversation with your child.



**June 15-24**

Registration for the 2023 National PTA Virtual Annual Convention is now open!

Join the National PTA and connect with PTA leaders, educators, and parents to reinforce the mission, outreach, and impact in our school communities to make a difference for every child.

[**CLICK HERE**](https://bit.ly/3JW8S6R)to register.

STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES

Scholarship Opportunity Costal Jaw Surgery Scholarship Deadline: April 21, 2023

For Seniors who plan to pursue a career in the healthcare field.

More information and the application are on Canvas under the Guidance Services “Scholarship Bulletin” tab.

## STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES CONTINUED…

Profferfish/Volunteer Hours

With the end of the year just around the corner, students are encouraged to continue working on volunteer hours. Hours should be submitted through Profferfish at the conclusion of each volunteering event, not months or even years later.

**What is a complete Profferfish submission?**

* Profferfish form is filled out in its entirety
* Has event coordinator or representative signature
* Has parent or guardian signature

**Seniors, check your canvas email.**

A message was sent to all seniors that have incomplete submissions in Profferfish. These submissions are missing one or more signatures.

All students should check their Profferfish account regularly for incomplete submission notifications. **It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that submissions are complete.** Hours submitted will not be reflected on a student’s account if the submission is incomplete.

**May 1, 2023** - Deadline for Seniors to submit COMPLETED volunteer hours.

Exploring Post-Secondary Options: College, Technical School, Military, Workforce

This is a great time for Juniors to start exploring their post-secondary options. Every student is different; therefore, their paths will be different.

**Sign up for a campus tour.**

Colleges and technical schools welcome students to tour their campus, speak with admissions counselors, and more. Most schools will require you to sign up for a tour; however, some have a self-guided tour app or an online map with written guide. Check the college or technical school’s website to sign up for a tour.

If your student is considering technical college, it is important they visit different schools. Not all technical colleges offer the same programs and one can be very different from the next.

**Military**

Students considering the military are encouraged to speak to recruiters from each branch. Since each has different requirements, these conversations will help your student decide with branch is best for them. A list of recruiters can be found under Guidance Service’s “Careers” tab on canvas.

AP Testing

**May 1** - AP testing begins

The AP exam schedule is posted on College Board’s website. If your student has any questions about testing, they should be communicating with their teachers now. This will help eliminate issues on the day of testing.

**Morning AP Exam**

Students should report to their testing locations **no later than 7:30am**. **Afternoon AP Exam**

Students should report to their testing locations **no later than 11:30am**. Information on testing locations will be posted soon.

**Transportation:**

Since AP testing starts before the school day begins and some testing will continue beyond the normal school day, students need to make arrangements for transportation. College Board has very strict policies and **students are not allowed to arrive late or leave early from testing.**

## STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES CONTINUED…

Seniors

It is very important for seniors to continue being involved in their classes. While GPA and rank have already been determined, second semester grades can impact post-secondary aspirations. Universities can rescind their acceptance due to declining grades. It has happened and it is not worth the risk.

**Survey: Important Information Needed**

We will send a survey link in May requesting information from seniors including but not limited to:

* Scholarships names and amounts awarded
* Post secondary plans such as college, technical or trade school, or military branch
* School address

This survey ensures that we provide your student’s final transcript to the college they are going to attend. A final transcript is proof of graduation. Without it, your student will not be able to register for classes or receive financial aid.

Final transcripts will be sent out over the summer. If your student changes plans after completing the survey, they should call the school to update our registrar or data processor.

**Financial Aid Applications**

**All Seniors** should have completed the [**FFAA**](https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home)for Bright Futures and other state scholarships and the [**FAFSA**](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa). These applications should be completed even if they have not met Bright Futures requirements or do not think they qualify for financial aid.

Important Dates

April 4 – All 10th graders will take the state BEST Writing Test

April 12 – During school day; “Non-Reportable” SAT for Seniors who need to meet a graduation benchmark

April 13 (A.M.) – Senior Honors Graduate Banquet (invitation only; for Seniors earning a weighted 4.0 GPA or higher)

April 13 (P.M.) – Senior Awards Ceremony (invitation only; Seniors and Family)

May 1 – All volunteer and paid work hours must be submitted for approval (Seniors only) May 1 – AP Testing begins

May 12 – Deadline for Seniors to complete HVS/FLVS classes May 14 – 9:00am; Graduation Rehearsal

May 19 – Senior Final Exams begin

May 25 – 12:00pm; Graduation Ceremony



March was Women’s History Month: Here is My Inspiration

By Tabitha Ponce

Hedy Lamarr was a well-known actress, but she also had a gift for inventing. She spent a lot of time behind cameras, and was in many movies, films, and more. It was toward the end of her life when her technological discoveries were made known.

In 1940, she met the composer George Antheil at a party, where they talked about radio controlled objects. She came up with the idea of changing frequencies at random intervals between the transmitter and receiver. They used piano rolls to synchronize the signals. That is also why the number of keys on a piano matches the number of frequencies; 88. The two were granted a patent in 1942.

Hedy’s invention is used in our smart phones with Bluetooth low energy devices. She is the inventor of frequency- hoping spread spectrum (FHSS), that is involved in Wi-fi, Bluetooth, wireless internet, communication, and more.

A NOTE FROM OUR STUDENTS