

# Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School



## Newsletter Home of the Eagles

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

Last year, one of our finest accomplishments was the First Place recognition we received for registering the most students to vote. In America, we often take for granted this right, a right to truly express how we feel about candidates. Parents, please take the time to go to the polls and be an active member of this great country.

Our academic, co-curricular and interscholastic programs are once again excelling; however, we still have room to grow and improve. Our continued focus to improve rigor and relevancy, thus allowing each student optimum opportunities for success, is imperative. We eagerly await the upcoming performance of our theatre troupe, orchestra and symphonic band. Please take time out of your schedule and watch these gifted musicians and actors. We are equally as proud of our girls and boys soccer teams, girls and boys basketball teams, and our wrestling team for their outstanding performances this winter season.

Our faculty spends numerous hours as a Professional Learning Community. At the end of this school year, our faculty will have accumulated over 4000 hours of Staff Development. Improving staff collaboration improves each teacher's rich repertoire of innovative teaching strategies, which, in turn, improves student performance.

Continue to believe in excellence, strive for greatness, treat everyone with respect and dignity and always, when dealing with others, be kinder and gentler.

Remember, tomorrow is not promised so make sure that you tell your loved ones that you care.

Respectfully,

Daniel G. Traeger  
Principal

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M-Z 10 - 12 Ms. Cunningham

Principal Mr. Traeger

MSD Web Site  
[www.douglashigh.com](http://www.douglashigh.com)



## Staff and Student Awards

### TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mr. David Grad, our Teacher of the Year at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Mr. Grad is both our Leadership Teacher and our Athletic Director. He devotes countless hours to our students and community through promoting Academic excellence, leadership opportunities, athletics and charitable organizations. Mr. Grad exemplifies our profile of an educator who is truly committed to providing our students with the best educational experience possible and preparing them to become successful individuals in their post secondary endeavors. We are so very proud to have Mr. Grad represent our school as our 2007 Teacher of the Year.

### KIDS OF CHARACTER

Broward County Schools and the South Florida Sun-Sentinel are proud to recognize this year's "Kids of Character" top honoree: BRENDON SHAUB and honorable mention student: ISAAC SCHAMIS. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Kids of Character" celebration will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and BRENDON will be attending this event representing Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Both BRENDON and ISAAC will be recognized in the Sun-Sentinel "Kids of Character" Special Section on Sunday, April 30, 2006. Congratulations to both of these outstanding young men.

### MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

Nearly 60 student artists from Ms. Pryczynski and Ms. Cafolla's art classes participated in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration sponsored by the city of Coral Springs. This year's theme was "Moving Forward Together" and the artwork hung at the City Center during the month of January. Awards included:

**Best in Show:** Danielle Annon

**First Place:** Aamir Rahman

**Third Place:** Valerie Boebinger

**Honorable Mention:** Danielle Levin

Award winning students received trophies and awards. Congratulations to our young artists who show their support to equality for all, through the work of MLK and their artistic creations. All artwork will hang in Student Services for the month of February.



Danielle Annon



Valerie Boebinger

Carina Sandoval will represent all high school senior art students in the Youth Art Month Exhibition at the KC Wright School Board Administration Building this month. Along with the honor of having her art work hang in this student exhibition, she will also speak at the event's opening, representing high school students who will go on to college and major in art. Carina is one of Douglas' best studio art students and sports a 4.7 GPA. She is also the president of National Art Honor Society and a recipient of the Arts for the Future scholarship.

The following seniors have been awarded the prestigious Arts for the Future Scholarships for 2006:

David Aronson

Carina Sandoval

Emmi Vainio

Danielle Levin

**Congratulations to these hard working AP portfolio seniors who won these scholarships in this district wide competition based on the quality of their artwork, their GPA's, their volunteer hours, and their numerous other accomplishments.**

10 portfolio students from Ms. Cafolla's class participated in Artistically Parkland, an exhibition at the City Hall in Parkland that celebrated the artistic efforts of artists in the community. These students created artwork for a project called "The Memory Project". In this project, students painted and drew portraits of orphaned children from Haiti and Bolivia. After the work is returned to Douglas, the students will mail the portraits to the children. From experience, it is known that these portraits become prized possessions of these children who have

nothing. Congratulations to our young artists who are spreading the joy of art around the world.

David Aronson  
Carina Sandoval  
Dustin Cohen  
Danielle Levin  
Julie Long  
Kelin Flanagan  
Stefania Alfieri  
William Stephens  
Emmi Vainio  
Alejandro Ruiz

**The work was on display in January and the students will receive certificates from the city this month.**

Lauren Seligman has received an honorable mention from the Lieutenant Governor from the state of Florida for her artwork in the Florida PRIDE! 2005 program. Congratulations to all the students from Ms. Cafolla's period 5 advanced art class for their efforts in creating these multicultural and historic cards for the State!

## DEBATE

The Douglas Debate team is once again sweeping the state with their top-ranked debaters. After winning the State Championship last year by closing out final round, the team welcomed new coach Diane McCormick who is determined to take the team national by traveling to Harvard, Yale, and Emory. Five of the nine entries accepted to the tournament placed at the Emory tournament last month. Due to their successes, the team now boasts David Nadle and Jennifer Goldstein who are ranked 4th in the nation in Public Forum Debate, as well as Andrew Blasi and Ryan Ross who are ranked 13th. In addition, Evan Green-Lowe is ranked 14th in the nation in International Extemporaneous speaking, and Zach Aberman who has won his way into the Tournament of Champions which is held in Lexington, Kentucky in late April. The team is ranked 11th in the nation in new memberships, and aspires to win state again this year. Fourteen people qualified for the state tournament in early March. "I'm very proud of the

team. They work hard and deserve every win they get, and I couldn't have asked for a more talented group of people."

## TV PRODUCTION



TV Production/Chelsea Denofa and Casey Donahue produced and won 1st Place in the North East Seatbelt Safety PSA (Public Service Announcement) Contest.

## LADY EAGLE SOCCER TEAM

The Lady Eagle Soccer Team won their fourth state championship in a row, setting a state record for public high schools. They were the first public school in both boys and girls soccer in the state of Florida to win four years in a row.



We are so proud of them!

## DECA

District DECA trophies were awarded to the following DECA/Academy of Finance Students, who won in their DECA District event and have earned a spot to compete in the DECA State competition in Orlando in March.

- Jon Cardona & Pierre Elivert- Sports Marketing Team
- Kim Blum & Jackie Lemay – Sports Marketing Team
- Michael Barrett – Accounting Applications
- Katie Shedlow & Seth Zebrick - Business Law and Ethics
- Cameron Blaydes – Marketing Management
- Marlee Popluder – Marketing Management
- Michelle Curran – Business Services Marketing
- Geordan Pursglove – Vehicles & Petroleum Marketing
- Michael Malka - Vehicles & Petroleum Marketing
- Corey Wasserman – Quick Serve Restaurants
- Madeline Flax – Retail Merchandising
- Jeffrey Gill - Retail Merchandising

Rachael Bhatti & Terry Schueler –  
Travel & Tourism Team  
Steven Novik- Accounting  
Applications

Over 1,800 students from Broward County  
competed in these events on Friday,  
January 20<sup>th</sup>.

## DRAMA



Douglas Drama/International Thespian Society had an incredible review at District events - scoring 3 Critic's Choice Awards for our District. These superior competition pieces will represent us at States. **OVER 50 STUDENTS TOOK PART OF THIS THESPIAN COMPETITION REPRESENTING STONEMAN DOUGLAS, 11 EXCELLENT RATINGS, 11 SUPERIORS AND 3 CRITICS CHOICES FOR THE ENTIRE DISTRICT**  
**BEST LARGE GROUP MUSICAL - SEASONS OF LOVE FROM RENT**

ALYSSA TABIT, JASON HAFT,  
SAMANTHA FUSCO, MICHAEL SHAPIRO,  
JENNIFER LEIBOWITZ,  
MICHELLE HARRIS, CALEB STRUL,  
MONICA REIKEN AND LAUREN TEPPER.

**BEST SOLO MUSICAL- MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD,**  
MICHAEL SHAPIRO

**BEST ENSEMBLE ACTING - PHILIP GLASS BUYS A LOAF OF BREAD BY DAVID IVES –**  
JASON HAFT, CALEB STRUL,  
ALANA DYM AND ALEXA HELLER.

In continuing with Douglas Standards we had three award winners at District One Act Festival: Michelle Harris Best Actress, Randy Koral Best Featured Actor and Chelsea Poppe All Star Actor!!

RUMORS by Neil Simon will be presented on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Tickets are \$5 \$7 and \$10. Group sales are available. Come and enjoy this hysterical comedy by our award winning team.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND will be presented on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM for a special public performance as part of the Festival of the Arts at the Douglas Theatre.

It will also be presented for an invited elementary audience on both March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. After last year's huge success with Winnie the Pooh we will continue this new tradition in bringing live theatre to our younger students.

**LOOK OUT CAPPPIES - South Florida Cappies, the Tony Awards of High School Theatre, is coming around again. We have already had many reviews published by our outstanding critics in the Forum and the Sun Sentinel. We look forward to many nominations.**



## ART DEPARTMENT

5 AP portfolio students will act as a judging committee for the Park Trails Creativity Celebration. These seniors will judge an invitation design art contest that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Park Trails participated in. May the best 5<sup>th</sup> grade artist win!!!

Judges are:

David Aronson, Carina Sandoval, Danielle Levin, William Stephens, and Stephania Alfieri.

## Showcase of the Arts

Stoneman Douglas will be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Showcase of the Arts on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students from the Douglas Innovation Zone will be exhibiting art and performing musical and dramatic work. Douglas art clubs and area schools will also be hosting face painting, chalk drawing, craft activities, technology demonstrations, and more. Everyone is invited. It is open to the public and free. All donated proceeds will benefit the Douglas Fine Arts Scholarship fund.

## TEACHERS TEACHING OUT OF FIELD

All of our professional teachers are continuously upgrading their teaching skills and developing increased levels of content expertise.

We are particularly recognizing some teachers at MSD who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college course work and/or training sessions, to become certified in another subject. While doing this, they are

teaching those subjects to students. They will be School Board-approved out-of-field. This teacher is:  
Jennifer Wherley – Family/Consumer Science

## PUPIL PLACEMENT/REASSIGNMENT NEWS

The NOVA application window opens January 2, 2006 and closes on March 31, 2006.

On January 2, 2006, Nova applications may be completed by going to [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com) and clicking on the link that says "Nova applications now open." After completing the application, click the "submit" button. You will receive a "confirmation" that your application was received. It is extremely important that you PRINT this confirmation page. It is your only proof that an application was filed.

Hard copy applications will also be available at the Pupil Placement/Reassignment office and all Nova school locations. If you elect to complete this paper application, please mail the completed application to the Pupil Placement/Reassignment Department, 7770 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise, FL 33351. Only one application will be accepted per student.

### ATTENTION PARENTS:

**Please notify the main guidance office if your address changes so that we can update your student's records. You will need to provide us with two proofs of your new address. Also, please change the information on your student's emergency card.**

If your child becomes ill or is injured during the school year and your physician feels that he/she will expect to miss 15 or more consecutive school days, your child may be eligible for hospital or homebound instruction in the Hospital/Homebound Program.

Applications may be picked up from your child's guidance counselor or you may call the Hospital Homebound office at (754) 321-7320.

### VOLUNTEERS

All parents are welcome to attend the following parent volunteer meetings:

Tues. 2/21  
Thurs. 3/23

Thurs. 4/20

The meetings are from 9:30am - 11:00am in the Principal's conference room.

Thurs. 5/11 from 11:00am-1:00pm (this is an awards recognition meeting/luncheon).

## Guidance News



### 2005-2006 School Year

May 1 – 12, 2006 **ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS\*\*\***  
June 19 – 23, 2006 **FCAT READING and MATHEMATICS**  
Eligible Students Grades 11 to Adult  
(New & Retakes)

\*The above testing dates are based on information that we have been provided by the District. As soon as we receive additional information, we will inform the faculty and staff.

**\*\*NEW PROCEDURE:** We will be running school for appropriate grades *during* testing. For example, when ninth and tenth graders are testing, *eleventh and twelfth grade students will report for regularly scheduled periods* (Period 1, then Period 2, etc.) according to the No Period Calendar. All eleventh and twelfth grade teachers (who are not proctoring) will teach their regularly scheduled periods *during* testing. There will be NO "holding" of students in a lengthy First Hour on testing days.

#### \*\*\*ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS:

		Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Mon	May 1	English Language	Human Geography
Tue	May 2	Spanish Language	Statistics
Wed	May 3	Calculus AB	World History
"	"	Calculus BC	
"	"	Music Theory	
Thur	May 4	English Literature	
Fri	May 5	United States History	Studio Art
Mon	May 8	Biology	Physics B
"	"		Physics C
Tue	May 9	Government & Politics US	
Wed	May 10	Chemistry	Psychology
"	"	Environmental Science	
Thur	May 11	Art History	
Fri	May 12	Spanish Literature	

**Contact Ms. Joan Paula if you have any questions  
(754) 322-2174**

**FCAT Testing** is right around the corner! Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

**March 13<sup>th</sup>:** SSS Reading (Grades 9 and 10 Plus Eligible Students Grades 11 to Adult (New and Retakes)

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** SSS Math (Grades 9 and 10 Plus Eligible Students Grades 11 to Adult (New and Retakes)

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Norm Referenced Test (Grades 9 and 10) and SSS Science (Grade 11)

On Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (No Period 3) and Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (No Period 4) juniors

and seniors who are not testing will follow their normal class schedule.

**Please encourage your students to be present and on time on the testing days.**

**Attention AP Students:**

If you are taking an AP course **online** with Broward Virtual or Florida Virtual and you plan on taking the AP test in May for this subject, please see Mrs. Berman in Guidance to confirm that we have your name and subject listed to order a test for you.

If you are not currently enrolled in an AP course offered at Stoneman Douglas but wish to take an AP exam, please see Mrs. Berman in Guidance. The cost of an AP exam is \$82.00.

The deadline to see Mrs. Berman is Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

<b>February 15</b>	<b>Curriculum Night</b>
February 21 - 24	Registration--Stoneman Douglas <b>Registration--Middle Schools:</b> Sawgrass Middle Westglades Middle Forest Glen Middle Ramblewood Middle Coral Springs Middle
<b>February 27</b>	Registration cards due in Guidance
<b>March 13 - 15</b>	FCAT Testing
<b>March 20</b>	Start 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
<b>March 31</b>	Parent Preference forms due in Guidance
<b>April 10-17</b>	Spring Break
<b>April 18</b>	Senior Awards Practice
<b>April 19</b>	Senior Awards Night 7:00 P.M.
<b>May 1 - 12</b>	AP Exams
<b>May 16</b>	Underclass Awards Night 7:00 P.M.
<b>May 23</b>	Graduation 7:00 P.M. – Bank Atlantic Center
<b>May 25</b>	Last Day of School for Students

**IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES**

March 13-24: FCAT Testing  
 March 16&17: Full days for students  
 April 27: Full day for students  
 May 25: Last day of classes (District May extend this day from a half day to a full day)

**AS THE FCAT TESTS APPROACH, THINK OF THE TEST LIKE A GAME - WORK WITH EVERY INTENTION TO BE SUCCESSFUL**

**HERE’S THE GAME PLAN:**

1. Think of the FCAT like a challenging game – time to ‘strut’ and **show how WELL you can READ, THINK CRITICALLY and RESPOND.**

2. Don’t let your opponent (the TEST) get the best of you. Recognize fear and **GENERATE** the “CAN DO” spirit.

3. Every sport takes PRACTICE. **Don’t expect to be able to win if you don’t apply game strategies** -- the research-based strategies that good readers use – before, during and after reading strategies (**read the title of the selection, examine the graphics, look at the source from which the selection comes, the date published** and also determine the **validity and reliability of the source** and text-based information itself).

4. Before reading, be excited to learn something new, **generate prior knowledge, and turn headings into questions. Underline important ideas** while reading **and answer questions you pose** for understanding. Finally, **support your answers with text-based information.**

5. **Get a good night’s sleep.** Like any athlete, **eat a good meal** before the test.

6. **Be careful in answering exactly what the question asks.** If the question asked, **“Based on the story and poem, examine both the story and the poem** before you answer the question”.

7. **Focus on your opponent (the test), which you WILL defeat.**

8. **After your play** (reading and responding to questions), **make sure that your opponent does not have the “edge;”** make sure you win before you gloat. **Verify your answers with text-based information,** and reinsert selected meanings for words and phrases in the actual text to ensure that you have selected the best answer.

9. **Look at your answer sheet one more time to ensure that everything is complete** clearly bubbled in, etc.

10. **GO TO DISNEY WORLD.** Leave the testing environment feeling rewarded -

**KNOWING YOU'VE DONE THE BEST JOB POSSIBLE.**

## **CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS**

Monday, April 24, 2006  
through  
Friday, April 28, 2006  
4:15 pm – 6:15 pm  
@ MSD High School Gym

## **SENIOR NEWS**

### **YEARBOOK**

Friendship ads are on sale. They are available to students of all grades. Students must pick up an ad contract from room 231. Prices are: \$400 - full-page, \$250 - half page, \$125 - quarter page. We only have 10 pages left, so ads will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. They are due no later than Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Students should turn in their contract, pictures and text to room 231 or Mrs. Falkowski's mailbox.



Yearbooks will go on sale later this month for \$75. They are available right now online at [www.buyayearbook.com](http://www.buyayearbook.com). Hurry, we only have 300 copies left!!

### **GRAD BASH**

Grad bash tickets are still on sale. The date of the trip is April 28th. The ticket price is \$110.00. **Cash Only**. Bring money to room 210 in the morning. We will be leaving at 1:00 pm and returning at 7:00 am.

### **PROM**

Prom is set for April 22nd from 8 pm-12am. Tickets are \$80.00 and will be sold for one week in the cafeteria starting on March 20th. The prom is going to be at the Wyndham Airport hotel on Griffin Road. Tickets are limited.

### **The Service Learning Graduation Requirement and Student Volunteer Program**



**Tier 1-** Service Learning Graduation Requirement  
All students - 40 hours

**Tier 2** - Florida Academic Scholars  
75 documented hours

**Tier 3** - Student Volunteer Service Program  
**Silver Cord** - 250 total hours

**Remember** that you **MUST** get prior approval before undertaking any service.

Students **MUST** use their new 10-digit student number on all volunteer forms.

### **ATTENTION\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*ATTENTION**

HOURS turned in by each quarter deadline will be UPDATED on REPORT CARD AS FOLLOWS:

\*\*12<sup>th</sup> graders - every quarter

\*\*9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> graders - every semester

**Attention Students!!** Need volunteer service hours? Come join us at the Volunteer Fair at MSD on September 14th from 6:30PM - 8:30PM and meet many representatives from volunteer organizations in Broward. Remember, you need 40 hours to graduate!!!

### **The School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum Needs You.**

We are looking for interested parents and community members to be a part of the team. If you would like to become a member of the SAC or SAF, please call Cory Smith or Patti Thompson at 754-322-2150.

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM (SAF)**

Get Involved! Share your opinions!!  
School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Advisory Forum acts as a proactive group, which addresses various educational issues. Ideas and concerns are forwarded to both area and district advisories, which meet regularly with key staff and the Superintendent. Advisors do outstanding work on behalf of kids. Get Involved. Parents and the school community are automatically members.

Why Advisory?

- To promote the involvement of parents, communities and partners in childrens' education.
- To have the ability to make recommendations which may affect a school or School Board policies and procedures.
- To be involved with the decision making at the school, area and/or district level.

## SAC SCHEDULE

02/22/06 3:15pm  
03/22/06 6:45pm **Joint with SAF**  
04/19/06 3:15pm  
05/17/06 3:15pm

**SAC Officers:** Cory Smith, Chair  
Patti Thompson, Secretary

**SAF Officers:** Laur Bagg, Chair  
Becky Eikevik, Co-Chair  
Orna Morhaim, Secretary

## The Broward Teen Readers' Choice Award Nominees for 2005-2006 are the following books:

A Hole in My Life by Jack Gantos  
A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly  
Big Mouth and Ugly Girl by Joyce Oates  
Eragon by Michael Paolini  
First Part Last by Angela Johnson  
Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli  
Monster by Walter Dean Myers  
Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich  
Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman  
Who Am I Without Him by Sharon Flake



The Media Center has at least five copies of each book. The books are from different genre, and students are encouraged to read titles of books that they would not ordinarily read. Please stop by the Media Center for more information.

The Douglas R.E.A.D Club meets at 2:45 in the Media Center every third Monday. Please see Ms. Becker for more information.

## Keep up-to-date by visiting the Douglas High Website [www.douglashigh.com](http://www.douglashigh.com)

The website contains valuable information, such as links to teacher websites, clubs, activities, senior information, athletic

schedules, important phone numbers and more. You will also find access to many online resources available to use from home! These resources include encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, as well as millions of magazine, newspaper and journal articles. These wonderful resources are valuable for students to be successful in their research efforts. *Grolier, Gale, Proquest, SIRS and Newsbank* are all available. Stop by the Media Center to get home access passwords.



## Check Grades & Attendance using PINNACLE

Pinnacle Internet Viewer allows parents and students to access student information reported directly from their teacher's gradebook via Internet access. Access Pinnacle 24/7 from [douglashigh.com](http://douglashigh.com)



**Douglas High School received five hundred new laptop computers** that were loaded into portable carts as part of

the District's \$68,000,000 technology refresh program. The program is designed to provide students and teachers with the tools they need to be successful in the 21st century--what some already have dubbed the era of the digital learner.

**Meet AL**



**Al, your child's new 24-hour technology tutor is**

available anytime, anywhere, internet access can be found!

This year, Douglas and Broward County Public Schools have taken a big step forward in incorporating new technology into the classrooms. Douglas is introducing **Atomic Learning**, an online resource for software training. Atomic Learning is available to **Douglas students and their families**, in school and from home - 24/7 - throughout the school year. Atomic Learning's approach to software training



focuses on answering the common questions you may have when learning and using software.

Need to learn how create a brochure? Are you or your child making a PowerPoint presentation and wanting help? Need to type a formula in Microsoft Excel? Visit the Atomic Learning website, (<http://broward.atomicLearning.com>) type in your question, and watch a narrated movie that shows you step by step how to accomplish this task. Atomic Learning's library features more than 4,000 tutorial movies on over 40 of the most common software applications. An average of 150 movies are added every month. Most importantly, Atomic Learning can help your child gain valuable technology skills needed for the 21st century. Stop by the Media Center, for username and password information, or send an email to [iterboss@browardschools.com](mailto:iterboss@browardschools.com) and the password will be e-mailed to you. Douglas is dedicated to providing the highest quality technology resources available. <http://broward.atomicLearning.com>



### **What is a BRACE Advisor?**

It is an acronym that stands for Broward Advisors for Continuing Education. We are available at every public high school in Broward County and are known as CAP Advisors in Miami-Dade County. We assist high school students with their post-secondary plans, i.e. plans after high school, and provide students with scholarship information to help finance their education. Students in Grades 9-12 at MSDHS and their families may make appointments with the BRACE Advisor by visiting the Guidance Secretary before school, during their lunch, or after school; you will be given a pass to present to your teacher in order to attend. Families may call the Guidance office @ 954-322-2174 to schedule an appointment with the BRACE Advisor and emails are always welcome @ [msdbrace@bellsouth.net](mailto:msdbrace@bellsouth.net).

- **Schools visiting our area:** Check the [Calendar Link](#) to the left. Passes available at the BRACE Table: Rutgers University, Northwood University, Emory University, St. Leo University, Purdue University, University of Arizona,

Pennsylvania State University, Barry University, University of West Florida, Florida Atlantic University

- **2-National College Fairs** on Sunday February 19th in Miami and on Tuesday February 21st at the Broward County Convention Center. Fliers available at the BRACE Tables.
- **NEW SCHOLARSHIP Bulletin (effective Feb. 6 2006)** available in PDF at the [Scholarship Link](#) to the left and at the BRACE table for students and families. Please be sure to also sign up for at least one of the FREE Scholarship Database Search Engines listed under the [INTERNET WEB SITES](#) link.
- **NEW "QUICK LINKS" sheet** available at the BRACE table with universal logins for MSDHS students to search for interests, aptitudes, practice SATs and ACTs, colleges, universities, and much more. Check out [CHOICES](#) (College Search Engine) and [test GEAR \(Free Test Prep\)!!](#)
- **COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY-- Sunday February 19th @ BCC Central Campus, Davie, Building 9 from 2 pm--5 pm.** Mailers from BCC were sent to parents of seniors and the primary focus will be the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- **Money Matters--Saturday March 4th @ 9 am-12 pm Financial Aid Workshop at BCC Central Campus, Davie, Building 9** --Bring your 2005 tax information if you wish to apply online during the workshop and visit with representatives from Consumer Credit Counseling and the IRS to help with questions about financing a college education and the alternatives.
- **Tuesday March 7th at 7 pm @ MSDHS Auditorium is Junior Parent Night.** Parents of eleventh grade students are welcome to learn more about the college/scholarship/financial aid process, a general timeline. Fliers available @ the BRACE table. There will be speakers discussing the college field trips to the Florida schools and to the Northeastern schools, the student athlete recruitment process and the importance of filing the FAFSA for both need based and merit based aid.

The above information can be accessed on douglashigh.com by clicking on the "Brace" link.

### **ATTENTION FIRST TIME DRIVERS**



Attention first time drivers. The next DATA class, which is the 4-hour class needed before you get your driving permit, is scheduled for Wed., March 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-7PM in RM 210. Flyers can be picked up in student affairs or from Coach Florio.

### **Traffic Flow**

In order to assist with the traffic flow, we ask that our students utilize Coral Ridge Drive (to Holmberg Road) to access the student parking lot. The student drop-off traffic on Pine Island Road is quite excessive and in order to assist with this, we ask for your cooperation in using this alternative route.

### **Bus Transportation**

North Area Transportation mailed bus assignments to each student. The card indicated the route number and pickup time. Please be at your stop at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time. If you have not received a bus assignment card, please call or visit Student Affairs. New students that live at least 2.0 miles from MSD are eligible for bus transportation.



The student is responsible for getting to the bus stop. Students are expected to comply with all school bus rules. Failure to do so may result in the loss of bus privileges. Misconduct on the bus jeopardizes the safety of all bus riders. If your student experiences bus problems please contact Student Affairs at 754-322-2164.

### **Bicycles**

Students 16 and under riding bicycles must wear helmets according to the law. Your bicycle must also be registered just like a car.



### **Attendance Policy**

If your child is absent from school, you must call the Attendance Hotline **754-322-2152** within 48 hours of the absence. For any unexcused absences a call will be made to the parents to advise them that their child

was absent third period. You will receive an automated call advising you of your child's absence. If you need to speak with a clerk, you will need to call 754-322-2219.

### **Dress Code**



The administrative staff calls your attention to the following items in the dress code section of the Code of Student Conduct: Students are not allowed to wear clothing, jewelry, buttons, haircuts, or other items or markings which are: offensive, suggestive, revealing (tank tops, strapless tops, spaghetti strap tops and shirts exposing a bare midriff); or indecent; associated with gangs; encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or violence; or support discrimination on the basis of age, color, handicap, national origin, marital status, race, religion, or sex. Students are not permitted to wear headbands, hats, caps, or other head coverings not related to religious order. Clothing and footwear designed as beachwear or sleepwear (including "soccer sandals", zoris, flip flops, thongs, and slippers) are prohibited. All dresses, shorts, and skirts are to be no shorter than mid-thigh. Progressive discipline will follow for those who continue to break the policy.

### **Lockers**

Student lockers were assigned to all 9<sup>th</sup> graders and new students. 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will use lockers from the previous year. Students that have problems with a lock should report it to student services.



### **Tardy Policy**

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School expects that students report to each class every day on time. Students arriving to class late disrupt the educational process for all students. Tardiness to class will not be permitted. All students who enter school after 8:00 A.M. must sign-in at the appropriate office. Freshmen sign in and out at the Freshman Center Office located in the portables; Upperclassmen sign in and out in the Student Affairs Office.

Student tardiness will be considered excused if the parent accompanies the student into the office or is excused per the attendance policy in the code of conduct (Pgs. 8-11). Parents of Freshmen should call 754-322-2226; parents of Upperclassmen should call 754-322-2163.



Failure to sign-in will result in administrative action.

Students who are tardy during the rest of the day will be directed to the appropriate administrator for documentation and progressive action. Please note that four unexcused tardies in a marking period is equal to one unexcused absence.

## **SCHOOL SUPERVISION HOURS**



Our school hours for students are 7:40 a.m.-2:40 p.m. Teacher hours are 7:20 a.m.-2:50 p.m.

State Law requires administrative supervision one half hour before and one half hour after the student school hours. Administrators are on duty from 7:10 a.m. -3:10 p.m. Please do not leave your students on campus at unsupervised times.

## **SECURITY**

A Security Hotline is in place to report any information that may place a person, school or office in jeopardy. The hotline number is (754) 321-0911. It is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All calls are recorded and Caller ID will identify from what location the call originates. The District policy regarding threats is being vigorously enforced with the help of all local law enforcement agencies. The Student Code of Conduct was amended beginning in the school year (1999-2000) and requires that for any student who makes a bomb threat, suspension and expulsion any and all threats be investigated and appropriate actions taken.

## **Classroom Interruptions**

In order to maintain instructional focus it is imperative that our classrooms are not interrupted during instructional time. If you need to get an important message to your child, we will only call into the classroom the last five minutes of the period. In addition, there will be no Student Sign-Outs after 2:10p.m.

## **Sexual Offender/Predator Information**

Upon receiving information that a sexual predator has moved into a Broward County neighborhood, the Broward Sheriff's Office Career Criminal Unit contacts Professional Standards/SIU for the purpose of setting up a notification meeting in a nearby school.

Their office in turn contacts the Principal to set up a date for the meeting. A flyer furnished by BSO is then sent to the Area Superintendent who in turn sends it to the schools in the designated innovation zone requesting that it be distributed to the students. A list of offenders and career offenders is also issued at this meeting.

These meetings are conducted by the Sheriff's Office Career Criminal Unit and are open to all parents and concerned citizens. Parents are encouraged to call the Career Criminal Unit for additional information. Their telephone number is 954-831-8107, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



## **ATHLETICS**

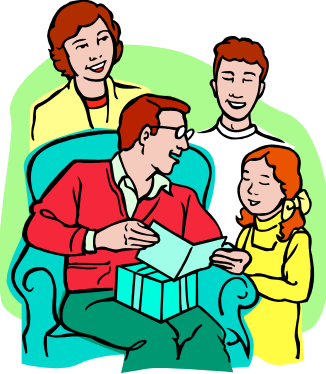
**Baseball preseason conditioning is every M,W, and F from 3-5pm on the baseball field for all students interested in trying out for this year's high school baseball teams.**

Anyone needing information about the Douglas Athletic Department should contact the Athletic Office at (754)-322-2190.

Come out and support the Douglas Athletic Department Fall Sports. Check out our website [www.douglashigh.com](http://www.douglashigh.com) to view the schedules for Football, Girls Volleyball, Golf, Cross Country and Swimming and Diving.

# “We Need To Talk”

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Do you find it difficult to communicate with your spouse or your children? You won't want to miss an inspirational evening with Dr. Bob Barnes.

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2006  
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Place: Park Trails Elementary School's Café.  
10700 Trails End, Parkland

**Dr. Barnes is a marriage & family therapist and host of a weekly radio program. He is also author of ten books for families, presenting Parenting and Marriage seminars throughout North America.**

Books and tapes will be available for sale following the lecture. *All proceeds will benefit Sheridan House Ministries, a residential treatment program for teenage boys and girls.*

There will be no childcare provided for this evening.

# **SAFETY NIGHT AT PARK TRAILS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006  
7:00 – 8:30PM**

**PARENTS: How safe are your children? Are you aware of the dangers that could affect your kids?**

**Experts in the areas of Internet Safety, Children's Self Defense and the LEACH task force will address these important issues at Park Trails.**

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT AND  
INFORMATIVE EVENT DESIGNED TO TEACH US  
ABOUT KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE!**

**Any Questions:  
flgorman@gorman-cgi.com  
[staceyudine@aol.com](mailto:staceyudine@aol.com)**

# STRESSED OUT?



Do you feel there is not enough time in the day or that you are being pulled in 10 different directions? Please come and join us as Dr. Sheryl Sugerman shows us techniques for ***STRESS MANAGEMENT.***

When: Friday, February 24  
Where: Park Trails Cafeteria  
10700 Trails End, Parkland  
Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Dr. Sheryl Sugerman**, N.C.S.P is the FDLRS Program Specialists for Parent Services. She is a former elementary education teacher and school psychologist who worked in a variety of settings over her 20-year career, supporting students and families with a range of disabilities. Her passion lies with providing families with knowledge and skills that empower them to make informed decisions about their needs and the needs of their child.

If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Paull, ESE Parent Advisory Chair @ 954-575-1779.