

CUDDA CHRONICLE

For the parents, staff, students, and community of
New Smyrna Beach High School

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Greetings Cuda Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter vacation. As we move into the second semester, we will be completing the instruction necessary for students to take their standardized assessments. Please encourage your student to be in school every day, as attendance is one of the greatest indicators of student success.

At NSBHS, we designed a daily bell schedule several years ago that provides for teacher office hours during the school day. This eliminates the problem where students need to see their teacher outside of class, but perhaps, they ride a bus or cannot stay after school. Students that are struggling in class should attend their teacher's office hours for additional help. The student lunch time is almost 60 minutes, so there is plenty of time for a student to visit their teacher and then eat lunch. Office hours are held Monday-Friday for the first 30 minutes of the students' lunch. Please email your student's teacher if you have any questions.

The registration process for the 2018-2019 school year's classes will begin in February for rising 10-12th graders. Information will be sent home through Connect Ed messages, on our website under the Counseling tab, as well as through daily announcements.

Seniors should be completing their scholarship applications at this time. Information is on our website under the Counseling tab. Our alumni group, CAPs, will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 3rd in our school cafeteria. All proceeds go toward scholarships for our students. CAPs has awarded our seniors over \$750,000 since 1995. Please come out and support this worthy cause.

Finally, as we move through the second semester, please monitor our website, listen to Connect Ed messages, and follow me on Twitter (@kc712) for important Class of 2018 information.

Thank you for all your support of our school and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Karen Chenoweth
Principal

NSBHS Mission Statement:

Working together with parents, school personnel and community members, New Smyrna Beach High School students will graduate with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to be positive contributors to society.

Veterans Visit New Smyrna

On Wednesday, November 8th, some area veterans came in to speak to the history classes here at New Smyrna Beach High School. They spoke on topics such as: what did you like most about being in the military, what is the hardest part of returning to civilian life, what job did you do in the service, if you could do it over again-would you still join the service, how did the soldiers entertain themselves, and talk about a few of your most memorable experiences; these are just some of the questions that the veterans answered.

They were here all day speaking to the students. It was a memorable week as Veteran's Day was that Saturday, the 11th.

We are so fortunate to have these veterans take time out of their schedules to come in and share their stories from their experience in the military.

The veterans in the picture are: Left to Right, Gregg Whitlock, U.S. Army – Vietnam War, Ruth Myers, U.S. Army – Cold War, Larry Poucher, U.S. Army – Vietnam War, Andrew Fisher, graduate of NSBHS, E-6, U.S. Army- Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and Mike Merritt, retired Master Gunnery Sergeant E-9, U.S. Marine Corps – Vietnam War. Not pictured but participated are Rick Landis, E-4 - Vietnam and Greg Brotherton, E – 8 – Vietnam.



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Spring 2018 Testing Plan

February 20 – February 23

PERT Math & Dual Enrollment

February 26 – March 2

FSA ELA Writing Retakes (1/2 School Day), FSA ELA Writing 9th & 10th (1 day – 120 mins)

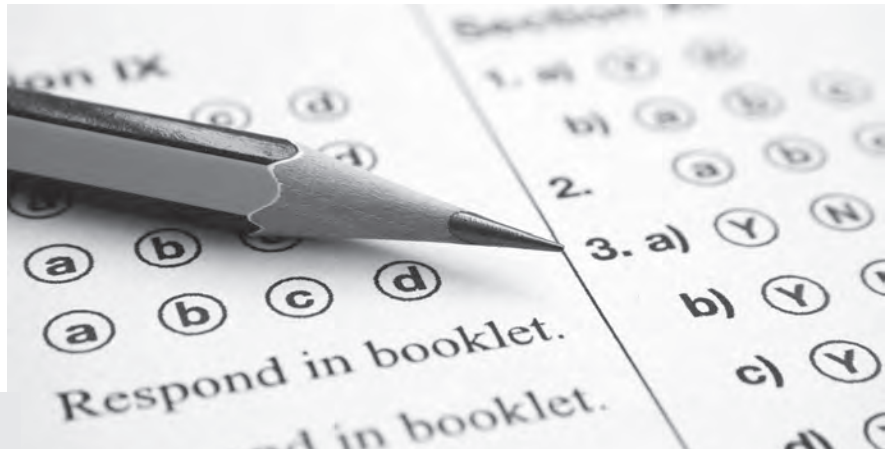
March 5 – March 8

Absent FSA ELA Writing 9th & 10th (1 day – 120 mins)

SESSION	Monday 2/19	Tuesday 2/20	Wednesday 2/21	Thursday 2/22	Friday 2/23
AM	PRESIDENT'S DAY	PERT MATH & DUALENROLLMENT (no makeup sessions for Dual Enrollment)			
PM			(Early Release)		
SESSION	Monday 2/26	Tuesday 2/27	Wednesday 2/28	Thursday 3/1	Friday 3/2
AM	FSA WRITING RETAKES	IN-SCHOOL ACT		FSA ELA 9th GRADE WRITING	
PM			(Early Release)	Session 9A Session 9B	
				TESTING BELL	
SESSION	Monday 3/5	Tuesday 3/6	Wednesday 3/7	Thursday 3/8	Friday 3/9
AM	FSA ELA 10th Grade Writing (one 9th grade class)				TEACHER DUTY DAY
	Session 10A				
PM	Session 10B TESTING BELL				

Testing Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:29	-	8:15	46 minutes
Period 2	8:20	-	9:05	45 minutes
Period 3	9:10	-	9:55	45 minutes
Period 4	10:00	-	10:45	45 minutes
Office Hours	10:45	-	11:15	30 minutes
Lunch	11:15	-	11:45	30 minutes
Period 5	11:51	-	12:45	54 minutes
Period 6	12:51	-	1:45	54 minutes
Period 7	1:51	-	2:45	54 minutes



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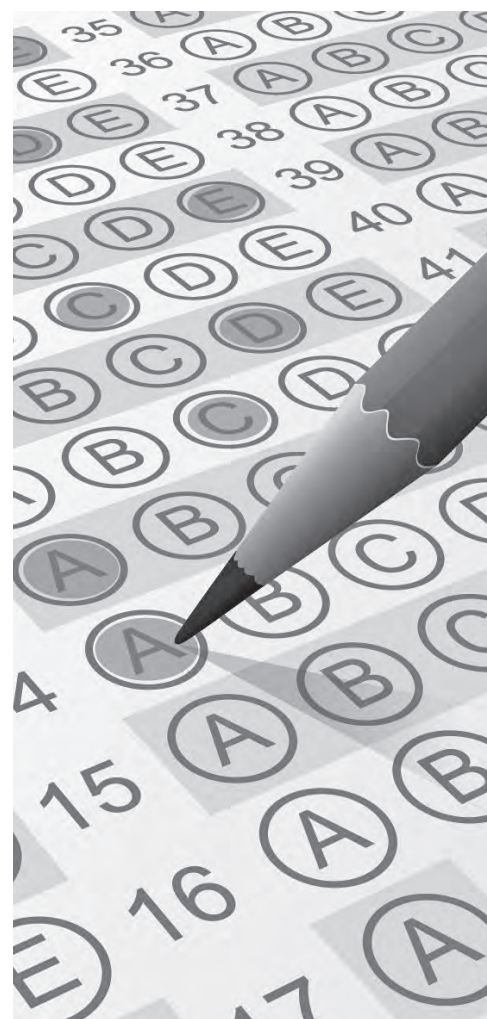


Test Anxiety

Students often feel a sense of anxiety during testing weeks. Their normal routine is altered. Class locations and schedules are different than their normal day-to-day campus life. Seating is rearranged and tests are rigidly administered keeping within time restraints. Parents can help tremendously by assuring they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school fully awake and on time.

Even those students who are well prepared can be affected by testing pressures. **Parents can positively support their students by coaching skills that reduce anxiety and produce better test results.** Sharing these tips with your student will have a positive impact and reinforce your support.

- **LISTEN CAREFULLY TO ORAL DIRECTIONS.** Then read the directions carefully yourself and highlight, circle, or underline key words.
- **READ EACH QUESTION AND TRY ANSWERING IT** before looking at the possible answer choices.
- **EVEN IF YOU KNOW THE ANSWER,** read all the answer choices carefully before you make a decision. You may find an even better answer.
- **IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER,** highlight, circle, or underline key words that can help you determine the correct answer.
- **CROSS OUT ANSWER CHOICES** that you know are definitely wrong.
- **IF YOU'RE STILL NOT SURE,** make a reasonable guess. Ask yourself which answer is true more often or makes more sense.
- **DON'T SPEND TOO LONG ON ONE QUESTION.** Circle the question and move on.
- **WHEN FINISHED** go back and complete the questions you skipped.
- **DO NOT CHANGE AN ANSWER** unless you are absolutely sure you made a mistake.



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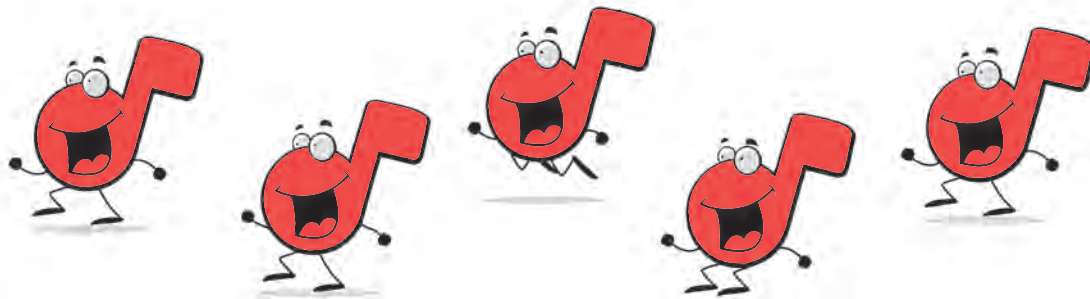
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2nd Annual Band On The Run 5K

Run, walk, or march your way through the 2nd Annual Band On The Run 5K fundraiser for the New Smyrna Beach High School Barracuda Band! Funds from this event will support the Band & Color Guard students. The 5K will be held February 24, 2018 and will start at the NSB City Gym, 1000 Live Oak St. Adult registrations are only \$20 & students are \$15. T-shirts guaranteed for the first 150 registrations, and awards will be given to the top 3 finishers in each age group. Team registration is also available. Register on www.runsignup.com – search “Band On The Run 5K”. Hope to see you there!



3rd Annual Band On The Run 5K



February 24, 2018



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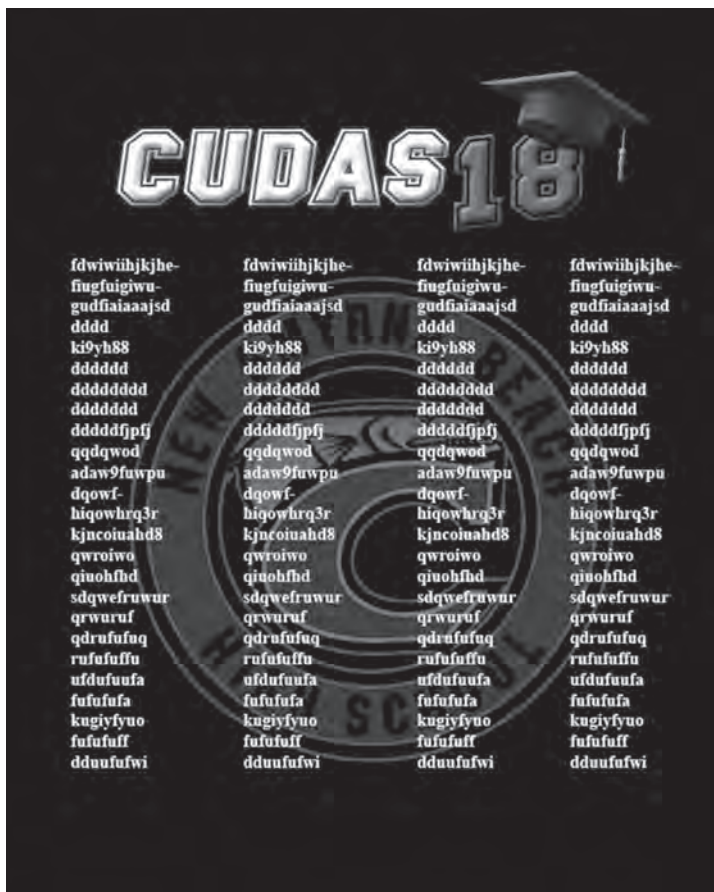
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