



PANTHER PAWS MIDDLE SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

Welcome Back, Panthers!

As we begin another exciting school year at Dillard 6-12, we are committed to ensuring that every scholar is prepared for success from the very first day of school. This newsletter contains important information regarding, transportation, uniforms, student expectations, communication tools, and key dates for the upcoming school year. We encourage all families to review this information carefully and keep this newsletter as a reference throughout the year.



Dillard 6 -12, Principal

Welcome Back, Dillard Panther Middle School Scholars! We are excited to welcome you back for the 2026-2027 school year and look forward to an amazing year of learning, growth, and success. Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare engaging lessons and create a positive learning environment where every scholar can thrive. From the very start of Day 1, come ready to learn, get involved, and challenge yourself to be your very best. Together, we will build on our Panther tradition of excellence and make this a year filled with achievement, leadership, and Panther pride.

Remember: We Are Panther Nation—Striving for Excellence, No Exceptions, No Excuses!

Welcome back, and let's make it a great year! 🐾💙💛

Alfred L. Broomfield II
Principal, Dillard High School 6 - 12



Middle Grades, Intern Principal



As your Assistant Principal, I am thrilled to welcome our middle school scholars back for another exciting year at Dillard 6-12! This year, I encourage each of you to embrace every opportunity to learn, grow, and lead. Challenge yourself to set goals, make positive choices, and support one another as we work together to create a safe, respectful, and engaging school community. Remember, excellence is not just a goal, it is a daily commitment. I look forward to celebrating your successes and making this our best year yet.

Faculty & Staff Contact Information

Have a question or need assistance? This page provides contact information for the Dillard 6-12 administrative team and key support staff. Whether you need help with academics, student services, athletics, or general school questions, we're here to support you. We encourage families to reach out to the appropriate team member. The entire Dillard staff is ready to partner with you.

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DILLARD 6-12

UNIFORMS

EXCELLENCE... NO EXCEPTIONS... NO EXCUSES

REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS IN 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE

Be sure to purchase uniform clothing for all weather circumstances.

TOPS

POLO STYLE SHIRTS
Short or Long Sleeved
Colors: Navy Blue, White, Gray

BOTTOMS

UNIFORM PANTS, SHORTS, OR SKIRTS
Colors: Navy Blue, Khaki, Black

SHOES

DRESS SHOES & SNEAKERS
Clean. Simple. School Appropriate.

NO CROCS | NO SLIDES

STRONG FOCUSED DILLARD

BE RESPECTFUL BE PREPARED BE PRODUCTIVE BE PROUD

School Uniforms

At Dillard 6-12, our middle school uniform policy supports a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment. Uniforms are mandatory for all students in grades 6-8 beginning on the first day of school. There will be no grace period, so we encourage families to purchase uniforms before the school year begins.

In addition to promoting school pride and minimizing distractions, uniforms play an important role in campus safety. As a combined 6-12 campus, uniforms allow staff to quickly distinguish middle school scholars from high school scholars, helping us provide appropriate supervision throughout the school day.

Uniform Guidelines

- Tops: Polo-style shirts (short or long sleeve) in Navy Blue, White, or Gray
- Bottoms: Uniform pants, shorts, or skirts in Navy Blue, Khaki, or Black
- Shoes: Clean, school-appropriate dress shoes or sneakers
- Not Permitted: Crocs, slides, or other non-school-appropriate footwear

Please be sure your scholar has uniforms appropriate for all weather conditions. Your partnership in ensuring students arrive in the proper uniform each day helps us maintain a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment where every Panther can succeed.

Excellence. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

2026-2027 CALENDARS

First Day of School: August 10th

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Employee Planning (no school for students)
 Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
 Schools Closed
 Report Cards Issued
 Grade 12
 K - Grade 11
 Interim Reports Issued
 Early Release
 First and Last

Severe Weather Make-Up Days: 10/9/26, 12/18/26, 3/18/27, 4/30/27 & 5/28/27

This calendar is subject to change. Any updates will be communicated and reflected on the calendar.

Broward Schools Calendar
 The official Broward County Public Schools calendar includes all of the important dates for the 2026-2027 school year. Parents can use it to stay informed about school holidays, teacher planning days, early release days, and other scheduled school closures. The calendar also identifies when interim reports and report cards will be available through the FOCUS Parent Portal, making it easy to stay on top of your child's academic progress throughout the year.

Blue and Gray Calendar

The Dillard Blue/Gray calendar helps students and families keep track of the alternating class schedule throughout the school year. On Blue Days, students attend Periods 1-4, and on Gray Days, students attend Periods 5-8. The calendar also highlights special schedule changes, testing days, early release days, and other important events that may affect the regular school schedule. We encourage families to refer to this calendar regularly to help students stay organized and prepared each day.

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School Closed
 Exam Day
 Early Release Day
 Professional Study Day
 Planning Day
 Period 1, 2, 3, 4
 Period 5, 6, 7, 8

Let's Stay Connected!

Keep Your Contact Information Up to Date

To help us keep every scholar safe, it is important that families maintain current contact information with the school throughout the year. Please ensure that your phone numbers, email address, home address, and emergency contact information are accurate and updated whenever changes occur.

For the safety and security of our scholars, only adults listed on the student's emergency contact card will be permitted to sign a scholar out of school. If someone is not listed, they will not be authorized to pick up your child. Keeping your information current allows us to reach you quickly in the event of an emergency and helps ensure a smooth dismissal process when needed.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our Panther scholars safe!

How to Update Parent Contact Information

- Visiting the school's front office with a valid photo ID.
- Completing and submitting the required Student Emergency Contact Information form in FOCUS AND the physical form sent home on the first day of school.
- Updating your information as soon as there is a change in your phone number, address, email address, or emergency contacts.

Contact the school if you have questions about what information needs to be updated.

Please remember: After the first day forms are completed, changes to student contact information cannot be made over the phone or by email to protect the safety and security of our scholars.

Need Assistance Navigating FOCUS Parent Portal?

Click on the link below.

[FOCUS Help for Parents and Families](#)

Campus Entrance & Exit

To ensure a smooth arrival, all students should arrive on time, in full uniform, and wearing their school-issued ID badge. The first class begins promptly at 7:40 a.m., and campus gates will open at 7:10 a.m. We encourage families to arrive early to allow plenty of time for students to enter campus.

For the safety of everyone on campus, all scholars will be screened upon entering the school.

Students should use the designated entrance based on their mode of transportation:

- Walkers and car riders will enter through the 11th Street entrance.
- Bus riders will enter through the bus loop entrance.

Student schedules will be available in FOCUS prior to the first day of school. Once students arrive in their first-period class, they will receive a printed copy of their schedule along with other important back-to-school documents.

Thank you for helping us ensure a safe, organized, and successful first day. We look forward to an amazing school year!



School Bus Transportation

Need Assistance with registering for school bus transportation?
Click on the link below.

[Student Transportation and Fleet Services](#)

GRADE LEVEL UPDATES



6TH GRADE

Starting middle school is an exciting milestone, and we're here to make the transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible! We invite all incoming 6th grade scholars and their families to attend Panther Preview, our special orientation designed to help students feel confident and prepared for their first day at Dillard 6-12.

During Panther Preview, scholars will:

- Tour the middle school campus and become familiar with key locations.
- Learn about middle school expectations, routines, and daily procedures.
- Receive their student ID badge.
- Meet school administrators, teachers, and staff.
- Learn about academic programs, extracurricular activities, and student resources.
- Have an opportunity to ask questions and begin building connections before the school year begins.

We encourage all incoming 6th grade families to attend this important event. Panther Preview is a wonderful opportunity to ease first-day jitters, become familiar with our campus, and start the school year feeling prepared and excited.

We can't wait to welcome our newest Panthers to the Dillard family!

GRADE LEVEL UPDATES

7TH GRADE

Welcome back, Rising 7th Grade Panthers!

We are excited to see our returning scholars continue their middle school journey. Seventh grade is a year of growth, increased independence, and academic challenge, and we look forward to helping every scholar succeed.

This year, scholars will continue building strong academic habits while preparing for the increased rigor of eighth grade. We encourage students to get involved in clubs, athletics, fine arts, and other extracurricular activities to make the most of their middle school experience.

We look forward to another outstanding year of learning, leadership, and Panther Pride!



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Attention 7th Grade PANTHER PARENTS!

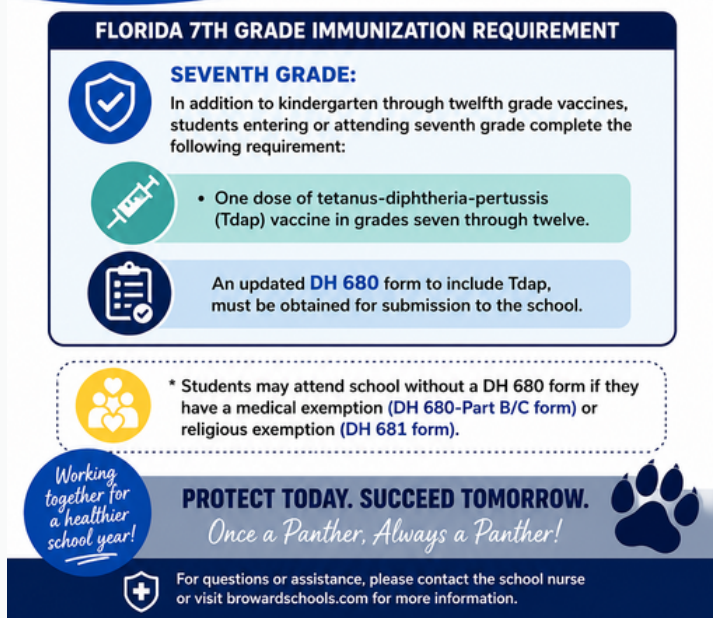
KEEP YOUR SCHOLAR PROTECTED. KEEP THEIR FUTURE ON TRACK.

Florida law requires certain vaccines for all students to attend school. Please make sure your **7th grade** scholar is up to date!

Attention Rising 7th Grade Families!

Florida law requires all students entering 7th grade to receive one dose of the Tdap vaccine. An updated DH 680 Florida Certificate of Immunization must be submitted to the school before the first day of school. Students with approved medical (DH 680 Part B/C) or religious (DH 681) exemptions must also have current documentation on file.

Please schedule your scholar's appointment early to ensure they are ready for a successful start to the school year. Contact the school if you have any questions.



FLORIDA 7TH GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

SEVENTH GRADE:
In addition to kindergarten through twelfth grade vaccines, students entering or attending seventh grade complete the following requirement:

- One dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine in grades seven through twelve.
- An updated **DH 680** form to include Tdap, must be obtained for submission to the school.

* Students may attend school without a DH 680 form if they have a medical exemption (DH 680-Part B/C form) or religious exemption (DH 681 form).

PROTECT TODAY. SUCCEED TOMORROW.
Once a Panther, Always a Panther!

For questions or assistance, please contact the school nurse or visit browardschools.com for more information.

GRADE LEVEL UPDATES

8TH GRADE

Welcome back, Rising 8th Grade Panthers!

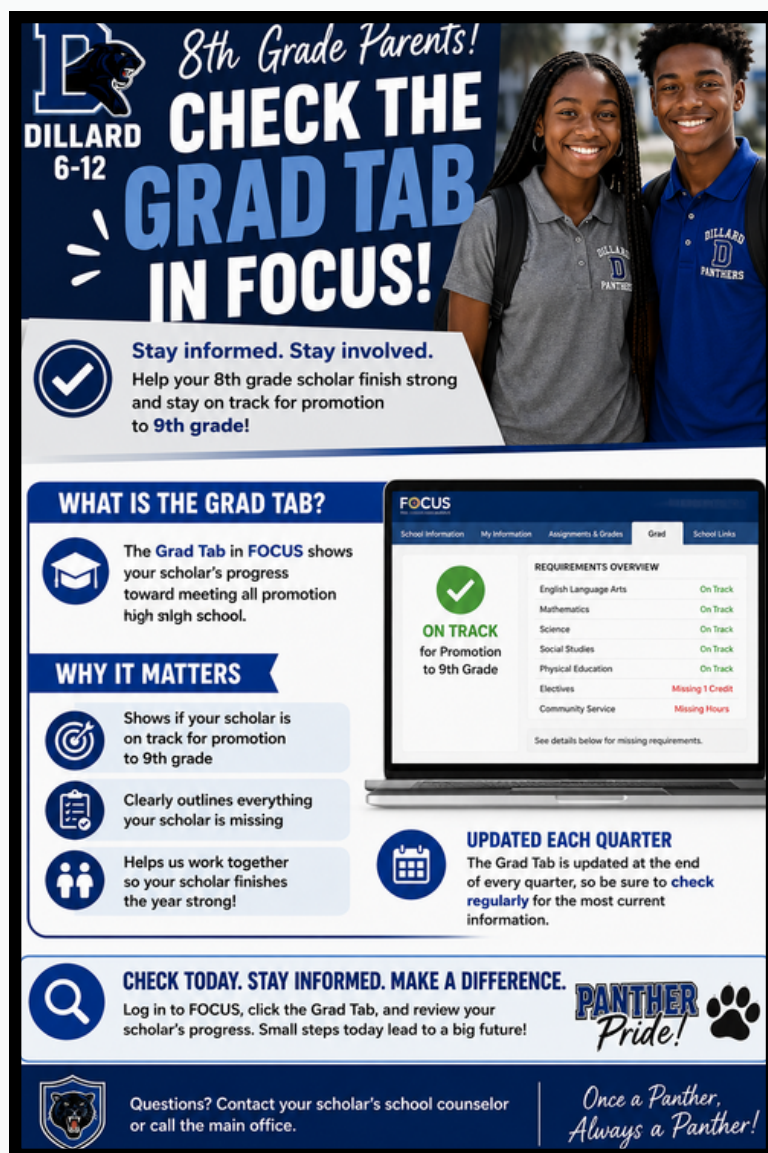
This is an exciting and memorable year as you prepare for the transition from middle school to high school. As the leaders of our middle school, we encourage our 8th grade scholars to set a positive example by demonstrating responsibility, respect, and Panther Pride every day.

Throughout the year, 8th grade scholars will have opportunities to participate in leadership activities, academic celebrations, and end-of-year events as they work toward promotion to high school. Eligibility for these activities is based on meeting the district's academic, attendance, and behavioral expectations.

Families are encouraged to monitor grades regularly through FOCUS, maintain communication with teachers, and support scholars in staying on track for a successful year.

Let's make this a year of achievement, leadership, and lasting memories as we prepare for the next chapter.

Once a Panther, Always a Panther!



8th Grade Parents!
CHECK THE GRAD TAB IN FOCUS!

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Stay informed. Stay involved.
Help your 8th grade scholar finish strong and stay on track for promotion to 9th grade!

WHAT IS THE GRAD TAB?
The Grad Tab in FOCUS shows your scholar's progress toward meeting all promotion high school.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Shows if your scholar is on track for promotion to 9th grade
- Clearly outlines everything your scholar is missing
- Helps us work together so your scholar finishes the year strong!

UPDATED EACH QUARTER
The Grad Tab is updated at the end of every quarter, so be sure to **check regularly** for the most current information.

CHECK TODAY. STAY INFORMED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
Log in to FOCUS, click the Grad Tab, and review your scholar's progress. Small steps today lead to a big future!

PANTHER Pride!

Questions? Contact your scholar's school counselor or call the main office.

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FOCUS				
School Information	My Information	Assignments & Grades	Grad	School Links
REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW				
English Language Arts	On Track			
Mathematics	On Track			
Science	On Track			
Social Studies	On Track			
Physical Education	On Track			
Electives	Missing 1 Credit			
Community Service	Missing Hours			



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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



EXCEL AFTER THE BELL

YMCA SCHOOL AGE CARE

The YOUTH FORCE Programs provide after school programing to middle school age youth to strengthen positive factors by helping to develop resiliency, a positive outlook, healthy family dynamics, healthy relationships with peers and adults, positive decision-making skills, strong community attachment and academic success.

OUR PROGRAM OFFERS:

- ★ Teen Outreach Program (T.O.P.)
- ★ Case Management
- ★ Cultural Arts & Academic Enrichment
- ★ Health & Nutrition Education

- ★ Hands on STEAM based Curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)
- ★ **TWO STEP APPLICATION PROCESS**
- ★ Step 1: Complete Online Application
- ★ Step 2: Complete Intake Consent Form/Assessment




Grades: 6th – 8th

Program Time: See back page for dismissal times

Program Days: Monday to Thursday

Locations: See back page for locations

After Care: Grant-Funded!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Scan the QR code to register



SIGN UP TODAY!

TALK to your Success Coach or
CALL Marques Brown at
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mbrown@ymcasouthflorida.org

ymcasouthflorida.org



YMCA Youth Development Broward



Established 1915
BROWARD
County Public Schools



Children's Services Council
of Broward County
of Broward County



United Way

Looking for a safe, engaging place for your scholar after school? The YMCA Youth FORCE After-School Program is available for Dillard 6-12 middle school scholars (Grades 6-8) and offers academic enrichment, hands-on STEAM activities, cultural arts, health and nutrition education, mentoring, and more. The grant-funded program meets Monday through Thursday on our campus, with registration now open. Be sure to review the attached flyer for program details and enrollment information.

As you prepare for the new school year, remember:

- Review your class schedule in FOCUS before the first day of school.
- Uniforms are required beginning on the first day of school and every school day thereafter.
- Wear your school-issued ID daily while on campus.
- Arrive on time each day. School begins promptly at 7:40 a.m.
- Come prepared with your school supplies and a commitment to academic excellence.

All scholars are expected to follow district and school policies, rules, and expectations. Maintaining a safe, respectful, and orderly learning environment is a shared responsibility, and inappropriate behavior will result in disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Broward County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct.



SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS

DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL 6-12

PANTHERS W.A.L.K. IN

WISDOM
ACCOUNTABILITY
LEADERSHIP
KINDNESS

EXCELLENCE...NO EXCEPTIONS...NO EXCUSES
"ONE NATION...PANTHER NATION"

ALFRED L. BROOMFIELD II, PRINCIPAL

See You Soon