



THE PANTHER PULSE!



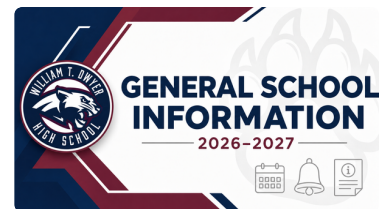
Week 9 | Finish Strong | October 5, 2026

NEWS & UPDATES FROM MR. BROOKS, PRINCIPAL

General School Information – 2026–2027

Main Contacts

- Main Office: (561) 625-7800
- Student Services: (561) 625-7887
- School Counseling: (561) 625-7815
- Clinic: (561) 691-1053
- School Police: (561) 625-7800
- ESOL Office: (561) 691-1042
- Choice Office: (561) 625-7897



Attendance & Early Dismissal

- Regular attendance and punctuality are required.
- Absence notes must be turned in to Student Services before 7:25 AM or emailed to DwyerStudentServices@palmbeachschools.org.

- Early dismissal requires a verified parent note/email by 7:25 AM, or parent pick-up through the Single Point of Entry.

🐾 Principal's Message 🐾

Panther Nation,

Last week's focus on meeting deadlines continues as we finish the first marking period.

Panther Nation, **the quarter ends Friday, October 9**. Please review grades and missing assignments with your student this week. Encourage them to seek help early and finish with purpose.

October also reminds us that kindness and belonging matter. Let's support our classmates, celebrate our coaches, and cheer on our Panthers!

Mr. Corey Brooks

Principal | William T. Dwyer High School

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Three Things to Know This Week

- **Tuesday, October 6:** PSAT/NMSQT for selected juniors. Bring a charged computer with Bluebook access.
- **Friday, October 9:** First marking period ends. Review grades together in SIS.
- **Monday, October 12:** Teacher workday—no school for students.

UPCOMING EVENTS & SAVE THE DATES

This Week at Dwyer HS

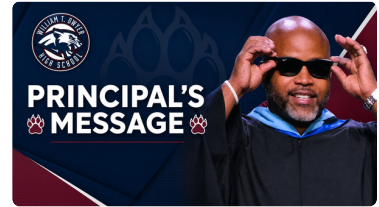
Monday, October 5

- AOF community service submissions due October 5 or 6.
- Boys Golf Senior Night: **4 p.m., BallenIsles**.

Tuesday, October 6

- PSAT/NMSQT for selected juniors.
- **Showcase of Schools: 4–8 p.m., South Florida Fairgrounds.** Admission and parking are free.

Wednesday, October 7



- **Chorus concert: 7 p.m.** Enjoy Dwyer's chorus alongside visiting middle-school choirs.

Thursday, October 8

- **IB senior meeting: Period 3, Media Center.**
- **DECA meeting: 2:45 p.m., Room 6103.**
- Campus tours begin by appointment.

Friday, October 9

- First marking period ends.
- **Wear green at school** for mental health awareness.
- **Wear pink at the game:** Football Senior Night, **6:30 p.m.**

Looking Ahead 🎉

Academics: Prepare Now, Finish Strong

PSAT/NMSQT | October 6 — Selected Juniors

Testing locations will be posted Monday outside guidance and the cafeteria. Bring a **fully charged computer with Bluebook access**; school computers are already configured. Follow the testing team's reporting instructions.



PSAT | October 14 — All 10th Graders

All sophomores are automatically registered **at no cost**. An extended testing block runs **7:35–10:45 a.m.**

IB Seniors | October 8

Meet during **Period 3 in the Media Center**. Review diploma and graduation requirements, EE/CAS/IA deadlines, and April/May IB exams.

Graduation Testing | Eligible Juniors and Seniors

- **CLT, October 21:** Students needing reading, or both reading and math.
- **CLT, October 22:** Students needing math only.
- **ACT reading:** Attend **both October 27 and October 29**.
- **ACT math:** Attend **October 28**.
- **ACT reading and math:** Attend **all three days, October 27–29**.

October Schedule Changes

- **October 14:** Modified Day 2 for PSAT testing.
- **October 27:** Flipped Day 1—Period 7 first; Period 1 last.
- **October 28:** Flipped Day 2—Period 6 first; Period 2 last.

Dismissal remains 2:40 p.m. on these dates.

Paw-Tastic Staff Members of the Week

Carrie D'Amico | Instructional

Ms. D'Amico's colleagues celebrate her professionalism, student-centered teaching, reliability, teamwork, and growth mindset. She makes a difference for students while continuing to grow as an educator.



Coach Ron Kent | Non-Instructional

Coach Kent mentors students throughout campus. His uplifting, service-minded leadership, willingness to help, and high standards make Dwyer stronger.

Panther Celebrations: Students

Thank you to our coaches for developing confidence, character, and teamwork. Take a moment this week to thank a coach!

Our student-athletes are making us proud:

- **Adam Wenger:** Land Rover Player of the Week!
- **Volleyball:** Varsity defeated Pine School, Centennial, and Lake Minneola. JV swept Pine School and Centennial.
- **Bowling:** Boys and girls earned wins against Seminole Ridge.
- **Golf:** Girls defeated The Greene School; boys defeated Garcia.
- **Cross-country:** Audra Quinn finished fourth; Jude Sandala finished 15th. Girls placed 10th of 23 teams; boys placed 12th of 17.

INSIDE PANTHER NATION

Family and Community Engagement 🏡

School Advisory Council: Parents, students, staff, and community members are invited to the next SAC meeting on **Wednesday, October 21, at 6 p.m. in the Media Center.**



Things you NEED to Know 👍

Homecoming 2026 | Tangled Up in HOCO!

The price rises to **\$45 October 5–9, \$50 October 13–16, and \$55 October 19–23.** Guest tickets become available with the October 5



sales period. The homecoming football game is **Friday, October 23**; the dance is **Saturday, October 24, from 7–10 p.m.**

Student IDs, attendance, and parking

Students must wear their Dwyer IDs visibly and attend every class on time. Families should review attendance and outstanding fees in SIS. Student drivers need a valid parking pass and must use their assigned spaces. [Review parking requirements and forms.](#) Please use the designated parent drop-off area, not the staff and visitor parking lot.

Academics and Student Support

October testing and bell changes

Selected 11th graders take the **PSAT/NMSQT on Tuesday, October 6**. All 10th graders are automatically registered at no cost for the **schoolwide PSAT on Wednesday, October 14**.

The **CLT 10 NCR is Wednesday, October 21**, for 11th and 12th graders who still need a reading or math graduation score. For the **ACT NCR**, students needing reading test **October 27 and 29**; students needing math test **October 28**. Students needing both test all three days. [View the October Modified Bell Schedules.](#)



College Application Labs for seniors

Seniors can work on the Common App and other applications with a school counselor in the **Cafeteria Staff Dining Room**. Friday sessions are **October 2 (first period), October 9 (sixth), October 16 (second), October 23 (seventh), and October 30 (first)**. Two essay workshops with Sarah Applegate of *Get Write Into College* are also planned. [Sign up for a lab.](#)

College representatives and resources

College admissions representatives are coming to Dwyer for students in **grades 10–12**. Students should check their graduating class Google Classroom for registration. Families can also use the [Dwyer Dual Enrollment Step-by-Step Guide](#) and [scholarship information](#).

Suncoast College Fair

This free event is open to Palm Beach County students and families on **Wednesday, October 7, from 5:30–7:30 p.m.** at **Suncoast High School, 1717 Avenue S, Riviera Beach**. Meet representatives from colleges, universities, and career and technical schools. Questions: president@suncoastptsa.org.

After-School Credit Lab

Students enrolled in credit recovery can get help **Monday–Thursday, 2:45–5:45 p.m.**, in **Room 2-112** with Mr. Liebman. Students can see him for an activity bus pass.

Athletics & Panther Pride



Monday, October 5

- **Boys golf vs. Vero Beach:** 4 p.m., BallenIsles—**Senior Night**.

Tuesday, October 6

- **Girls golf vs. King's Academy:** 3:30 p.m., PGA National.
- **Volleyball at Seminole Ridge:** 5 and 7 p.m.
- **JV football vs. Jupiter:** 6:30 p.m., home.

Wednesday, October 7

- **Bowling vs. Palm Beach Gardens:** 3:30 p.m.
- **Girls golf vs. Ft. Pierce Central:** 3:30 p.m.
- **Cross-country, Jupiter Invite:** 4 p.m., Carlin Park.

Thursday, October 8

- **Boys golf vs. Park Vista:** 3:30 p.m., Boynton Links.
- **Girls golf vs. FAU High:** 3:30 p.m., Eastpointe.
- **Volleyball vs. Legacy:** 5 and 7 p.m., home.

Friday, October 9

- **Football vs. Seminole Ridge:** 6:30 p.m., home.
- **Senior Night + Pink Out:** Wear pink and celebrate our seniors!

Saturday, October 10

- **Swim and dive County Championship:** 8 a.m., Wellington Municipal Complex.

Schedules may change. Check team communications before attending.

Winter Sports: Get Ready

- **Girls soccer tryouts:** October 13–15.
- **Girls basketball tryouts:** October 26–27.
- **Boys basketball workouts:** Check SportsYou.

Girls basketball workouts: Monday/Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 6–7 a.m.; Friday, 3–5 p.m.; Saturday, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

One Panther Pass: Students **\$125**; adults **\$200**. Purchase through **District Portal** → **School Cash Online**.

Save October 17: The second annual Dwyer Classic Golf Tournament.

AOF and DECA: Dates to Know

- **October 5 or 6:** Community service hours due.
- **October 8:** DECA meeting, **2:45 p.m., Room 6103.**
- **October 14:** Day 2 professional dress.
- **October 21:** Day 1 casual dress.
- **October 28:** Day 2 casual dress.



Follow [**@dwyeraof**](#) and [**@dwyerdeca**](#) on Instagram for academy updates.

Future Panthers: Explore Dwyer

Campus tours run October 8–November 17, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m. Contact Kim Barker at **561-625-7829** to schedule.

Choice Open House | Thursday, October 22

- **6 p.m.:** Choice information.
- **6:30, 7, and 7:30 p.m.:** Program sessions.
- Explore **Finance, Early Childhood Teacher Academy, and International Baccalaureate.**

Share these opportunities with a future Panther family!

Get Involved: Family and Community

We Are Dwyer Meeting | October 14, 6 p.m.

Connect with other families and support our school community.

School Advisory Council | October 21, 6 p.m., Media Center

Parents, students, staff, and community members are welcome. Add your voice to Dwyer's continued growth.

Treats for a Cause | October 28, 5–7:30 p.m.

Join Dwyer SGA for a **free community Trunk-or-Treat** at school. Enjoy costumes, treats, games, and family fun. Nonperishable food donations are encouraged but **not required**.
Safe, Connected, and Included

October is Bullying Prevention Month. Talk with your student about recognizing bullying, supporting classmates, and speaking up.

Ask: **"Who is a trusted adult you can turn to at school?"** Encourage students to report concerns so we can help.

Baseball Boyz Bagels

Support Dwyer baseball on the **second and fourth Fridays** of each month. The next sales are **October 9 and 23**, starting at **7 a.m. in the atrium** until sold out. Bacon and sausage breakfast bagels are **\$6 cash**; card payments include a fee.

Yearbook and Senior Updates ■

Yearbook price deadline: Order by **Wednesday, September 30**, for **\$80**; the price increases October 1. Visit the [Yearbook Order Center](#) and enter school number **17481**.

Picture make-up day: Students who missed picture day or want a retake should [sign up for Thursday, October 8 \(Day 1\)](#). A schedule will be shared before picture day. Wear a school-appropriate shirt; tank tops, low-cut shirts, and inappropriate graphics are not permitted. Questions: ronda.gagnon@palmbeachschools.org.

Class of 2027: Senior dues are due **November 1** through SchoolCash Online. Seniors must complete portraits by **December 11** for yearbook inclusion. [Schedule a portrait with CADY](#).

2026 | Tangled Up in HOCO!

Homecoming season is approaching quickly.

Ticket Prices:

October 5–9: \$45

October 13–16: \$50

October 19–23: \$55

Homecoming Dance

Saturday, October 24

7:00–10:00 PM

Tickets are available through **SchoolCash Online** and designated SGA sales.

Powder Puff | October 19

6:00 PM: Freshmen vs. Seniors

6:40 PM: Sophomores vs. Juniors

7:20 PM: Championship Game

Lip Sync | October 21

6:00–7:00 PM

Dwyer Auditorium

Come support our Panthers as they take the stage.

More Student-Life Dates

October 5: Panther Pals Lunch

October 7: Dori Saves Lives Presentation — Juniors

October 9: Pink Out

October 15: Life Lab — Financial Literacy

October 16: Spanish Club Fun Lunch

October 23: Pep Rally & Black Out Game

October 28: Trunk or Treat

November 5: Life Lab — Mechanics

November 9: Panther Pals Lunch

Student Volunteer Opportunity

Bella's Angels supports children with lifelong physical disabilities and their families.

Thea's Night Out provides volunteer opportunities through games and activities.

Juniors and seniors: Check your grade-level Google Classroom for details.

Senior Updates

- **October 8:** Underclass Picture Makeup Day
- **November 1:** Senior dues deadline
- **December 11:** Senior portrait deadline for yearbook inclusion
- Senior shirts are available during lunch in Room 6120.

[Order the Yearbook](#) using school number **17481**.

[Schedule Senior Portraits](#) | [Pay Senior Dues](#)

Student Employment Opportunity | Afterschool Counselors

Palm Beach County elementary schools are hiring high school students to serve as **Afterschool Counselors / Counselors in Training**.

This is a great opportunity for students who enjoy working with children and want to gain job experience while earning income.

Position Details

- Part-time
- Flexible schedule
- Approximately **1:45–6:00 p.m.**
- No weekends
- No holidays

Requirements

- Must be **16 years old or older**
- Reliable and responsible
- Passionate about working with children

Student Counselor-in-Training Pay

\$15 per hour

Students may assist elementary students with:

- Homework
- Activities and games
- Computers
- Sports

[Apply Through Palm Beach County Schools Careers](#)

Questions may be directed to:

Erika Latson

561-687-6366

Class of 2028 | Class Rings

Class rings are available to purchase online through Herff Jones.

FINAL Order Deadline:

October 14, 2026

[Order a Dwyer Class Ring Through Herff Jones](#)

Join our parent organization's next meeting on **Wednesday, October 14, at 6 p.m. in the Media Center**. Help plan teacher appreciation, legacy fundraisers, and events that bring Panther Nation together.



The **Auction & Gala planning meeting** is **Monday, October 26, at 6 p.m. in the Media Center**. Volunteers can help with décor, auction items, donations, and sponsorships. Save the date for **Paris After Dark**, the WAD Auction & Gala, on **Friday, February 19, 2027, from 6–11 p.m. at Eastpointe Country Club**.

WAD will also participate in SGA's **Trunk or Treat on October 28**. To help plan the trunk or donate candy, email info@wearedwyer.com.

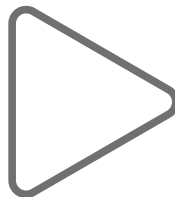
SOUNDTRACK OF SUCCESS - SONG OF THE WEEK

"Count on Me" — Bruno Mars

A reminder to show up for one another through kindness, friendship, and support.



Bruno Mars - Count on Me (Official Lyric Video)



Stay updated, celebrate our Panthers, and share the Dwyer pride!

Thank you for reading the Panther Pulse, marking important dates, talking with your student about what is happening at school, and continuing to partner with us.

Let's continue to Lead with Purpose and Finish with Excellence while celebrating progress and making success unavoidable for every Panther.



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#WeAreDwyer | #MakingSuccessUnavoidable

PANTHER LINKS AND RESOURCES

Essential Links, Resources, and Ways to Stay Connected

- [William T. Dwyer High School Website](#)
- [Student and Parent Resources](#)
- [Visit School Counseling](#)
- [SIS Parent Gateway](#)
- [Register Your Ride](#)
- [Student Parking Information](#)
- [Dwyer Athletics Calendar](#)
- [Dwyer Athletic Tickets](#)
- [We Are Dwyer](#)
- [TikTok: @principalbrooks](https://www.tiktok.com/@principalbrooks)
- [Instagram: @DwyerPrincipal](https://www.instagram.com/DwyerPrincipal)
- [X: @DwyerPrincipal](https://twitter.com/DwyerPrincipal)



Lead with Purpose and Finish with Excellence!

✔ Let's **Lead with Purpose and Finish with Excellence** as we turn early information into focused action, recognize achievement, and make success unavoidable for every Panther.



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