



THE PANTHER PULSE!

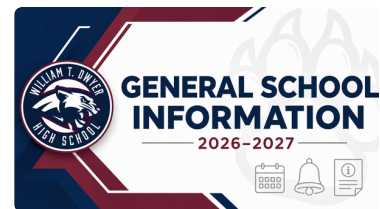
Week 10 | New Quarter/Renewed Purpose |
October 12–16

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

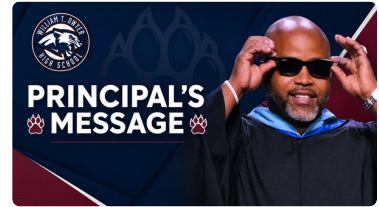
- Regular attendance and punctuality are required.
- Absence notes must be turned in to Student Services before 7:25 AM or emailed to DwyerStudentServices@palmbeachschools.org.

- 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, we focused on finishing strong. As students return Tuesday to begin the second quarter, we have an opportunity to turn reflection into action.



A new quarter deserves a renewed commitment. Celebrate what went well, identify what needs attention, and choose one habit to strengthen—arriving on time, completing assignments consistently, asking for help sooner, or reviewing schoolwork each evening.

Families, take a few minutes this week to review grades and attendance in SIS with your student. Ask: **What are you proud of? What will you do differently? What support do you need?**

We have plenty to celebrate, including our chorus earning an invitation to perform at Disney and our student-athletes representing Dwyer with pride. With testing, Homecoming, and opportunities to connect ahead, let's begin this quarter with clear goals and purposeful action.

Mr. Brooks

Principal | William T. Dwyer High School

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Don't Miss This Week:

- **Monday, October 12: No School for Students**
- **Tuesday, October 13:** Students return; the second quarter begins.
- **Wednesday, October 14:** All tenth graders take the PSAT. Bring a **fully charged computer and charging cord**.
- **Wednesday, October 14, 6 p.m.:** College Tour Parent Meeting, cafeteria.
- **Thursday, October 15, 6–7:30 p.m.:** Life Lab: Finance, Room 3-106.
- **Athletics update:** Tuesday's JV football game against Palm Beach Lakes is now **HOME at Dwyer at 6:30 p.m.**

Minga, PAW Points, and Positive Behavior

Positivity. Accountability. Winner.

A new quarter is a chance to strengthen positive habits. Students should **check Minga for PAW Points and notifications, arrive on time, wear their school ID, and follow school expectations.**

Families, recognize the daily choices that lead to success: preparation, attendance, kindness, effort, and asking for help.

School Safety and Security: Stay on Campus and Follow the Checkout Process.

As addressed in our August student assemblies, **students may not leave campus without authorization.** Exit gates are marked with signs reinforcing this expectation.

Leaving campus without permission will result in consequences under the Student Code of Conduct. Families must use the school's established checkout procedures whenever a student needs to leave early.

October Is National Bullying Prevention Month

This week's focus is **cyberbullying**—bullying through phones, computers, social media, and other digital platforms.

Think before you post. Do not send or share harmful messages or images about others. Tell a trusted adult when something is wrong.

Families can help by talking with students about respectful online behavior, kindness, and how to seek support.



UPCOMING EVENTS & SAVE THE DATES

This Week at Dwyer

Monday, October 12

No school for students.

Tuesday, October 13

Second quarter begins. PSAT testing locations will be posted outside Guidance and the cafeteria.

Wednesday, October 14

- **7:35 a.m.:** Grade 10 PSAT; modified bell schedule.
- **9:45–10:15 a.m.:** University of South Florida college visit, Staff Dining.
- **6 p.m.:** College Tour Parent Meeting, cafeteria.

Students interested in the USF visit should check participation procedures with School Counseling. Students assigned to PSAT testing must remain in their testing session.

Thursday, October 15

6–7:30 p.m.: Life Lab: Finance, Room 3-106.



Friday, October 16

Finish the first week of the quarter with assignments, attendance, and goals on track!

Looking Ahead 🙌

Important Dates | Looking Ahead

- **October 19–24:** Homecoming Week.
- **October 21, 6 p.m.:** School Advisory Council meeting, Media Center. Parents, students, staff, and community members are welcome.
- **October 22, 6–8 p.m.:** Choice Open House.
- **October 23, 6:30 p.m.:** Homecoming football vs. Royal Palm Beach.
- **October 24, 6–10 p.m.:** Homecoming Dance.
- **October 26, 5:30 p.m.:** Gala Planning Meeting, Media Center.
- **October 27, 6 p.m.:** We Are Dwyer meeting, Media Center.
- **October 28, 5–7:30 p.m.:** Treats for a Cause.
- **October 30:** First Quarter Honor Roll Celebration.
- **November 1:** Senior dues deadline.
- **November 15:** Dwyer Classic Golf Tournament.
- **December 3:** Chorus performs at Disney's Candlelight Processional.
- **December 11:** Senior portrait deadline for yearbook inclusion.
- **February 19, 2027:** We Are Dwyer Gala and Auction.



🏆 Panther Pride | Last Week's Highlights

Our Chorus Is Headed to Disney!

Congratulations to **Ms. Ashley Leland** and **27 Dwyer chorus students** invited to perform in Walt Disney World's prestigious **Candlelight Processional on December 3!**



Our students will perform alongside a professional orchestra, Disney performers, and celebrity narrator **Benjamin Bratt**. We are proud of the preparation, dedication, and talent that earned this opportunity.

Panthers Finish Strong

Football: Dwyer defeated Seminole Ridge **30–7 on October 9**, improving to **4–3**. [View the game recap](#).

Cross Country: At the October 7 Jupiter Invitational, **Audra Quinn won the girls' race in 20:23.3**. Dwyer's boys finished **second** and girls finished **third**. **Myles Jefferson placed third** and **Jude Sandala fifth** in the boys' race. [View meet results](#).

JV Volleyball: The Panthers earned victories over **Seminole Ridge, 2–0**, and **Legacy, 2–1**. [View team results](#).

Thank you to our students, coaches, teachers, and families for making Panther success possible!

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

Grade 10 PSAT | Wednesday, October 14

All tenth-grade students are **automatically registered at no cost**.

- Report **directly to your testing location at the first bell**. Testing begins at **7:35 a.m.**
- Check testing locations outside **Guidance and the cafeteria on Tuesday**.
- Bring your **fully charged computer and charging cord**.



- Dwyer will follow a modified bell schedule. The **second-period testing block ends at 10:45 a.m.**

Graduation Testing | Updated October Dates

The following opportunities are for eleventh- and twelfth-grade students who still need qualifying graduation assessment scores.

CLT 10 NCR

- **Wednesday, October 21:** Students needing **reading**, or **both reading and math**.
- **Thursday, October 22:** Students needing **math only**.

ACT NCR | October 27–29

- **Reading:** Students must test on **both October 27 and October 29**.
- **Math:** Students test on **October 28**.
- **Reading and math:** Students must attend **all three days**.

Additional bell changes are scheduled for **October 27 and 28**. Follow school announcements for testing locations and daily schedules.

Testing questions: April Crist, Testing Coordinator — **561-691-1007**.

Testing and bell changes

[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: **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](#).

[Visit School Counseling](#) | [Scholarship and Financial Aid Page](#)

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

Dwyer Classic Golf Tournament | New Date

Support our boys golf program at the **second annual Dwyer Classic on Sunday, November 15**, at **The Nest at Sandhill Crane** in **Palm Beach Gardens**.



The tournament features **two-person best ball at \$200 per team**, with sponsorship opportunities available.

[Register for the Dwyer Classic](#)

Your Panther Athletics Leadership Team

Your first resource for athletic questions, support, and concerns.

Our athletics leaders oversee programs, support coaches and student-athletes, and help families get timely answers.

Mr. Eric Fasone | Assistant Principal, Athletics Supervisor

Provides administrative oversight and addresses matters requiring school-level review.

Eric.Fasone@palmbeachschools.org

Mr. Tyler DeBorde | Athletic Director

Serves as the primary leader for athletic operations, coaches, schedules, and athletic concerns.

Tyler.DeBorde@palmbeachschools.org

Ms. Michelle Eyo | Assistant Athletic Director

Supports athletic operations, events, and communication with students, coaches, and families.

Michelle.Eyo@palmbeachschools.org

Mr. Taylor Parent | Assistant Athletic Director

Supports athletic operations, event coordination, and student-athlete needs.

Taylor.Parent@palmbeachschools.org

Who Should I Contact?

1. **Start with the head coach** for team questions, playing time, practice schedules, and expectations.
2. **Contact Mr. DeBorde** when additional assistance is needed or a concern remains unresolved.
3. **Contact Mr. Fasone** for matters requiring further administrative review.

Our assistant athletic directors are also available for general athletic and event questions.

This team is empowered to lead, resolve concerns, and support our athletic families. Please begin here so your questions reach the people responsible for addressing them.

This Week in Panther Athletics

Tuesday, October 13

- **Bowling County Championships:** 3 p.m., Lucky Strike Jupiter.
- **JV Football vs. Palm Beach Lakes:** 6:30 p.m., HOME at Dwyer.

Wednesday, October 14

- **Bowling County Championship:** 3 p.m., Lucky Strike Jupiter.
- **Girls Golf vs. Somerset Canyons:** 3:30 p.m., Eastpointe Country Club.

Thursday, October 15

- **Girls Golf at Cardinal Newman:** 3:30 p.m., Bear Lakes Country Club.

Friday, October 16

- **Swim at Palm Beach Gardens:** 4:30 p.m., Burns Road Aquatic Complex.
- **Varsity Football at Martin County:** 6:30 p.m., Martin County High School.

Schedules may change. Check the athletics calendar and team communications before traveling.

[View the Athletics Calendar](#) | [Tickets and Spectator Information](#)

\$10,000 Scholarship Opportunity

The **Power of an Athlete Scholarship** recognizes graduating seniors who participate in school-sponsored sports and demonstrate leadership, character, and community impact.

Eligible students planning to attend college or an accredited vocational/trade program may apply.

Application deadline: December 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

[Review Eligibility and Apply](#)

Student Life and Community 🏡

Life Lab: Finance | October 15

Join us **Thursday, October 15, 6–7:30 p.m.**, in **Room 3-106**, for a Life Lab session focused on finance. Build practical skills that extend beyond the classroom!

Get Tangled Up in HOCO! | October 19–24

Plan your school-appropriate spirit looks and get ready for a week of Panther pride!



Monday, October 19 | Pajama Day

Powderpuff at **6 p.m.**

Tuesday, October 20 | Country vs. Country Club

Fun Lunch.

Wednesday, October 21 | Class Movie Themes

- Freshmen: **Moana**
- Sophomores: **Toy Story**
- Juniors: **Rio**
- Seniors: **Minions**

Lip-Sync at **6 p.m.**

Thursday, October 22 | Generations Day

- Freshmen: Babies
- Sophomores: College students
- Juniors: Professionals
- Seniors: Senior citizens

BSU kickball after school.

Friday, October 23 | Class Colors

- Freshmen: **White**
- Sophomores: **Gray**
- Juniors: **Maroon**
- Seniors: **Navy**

Pep rally on an activity bell schedule, Soak a Senior during lunch, and **Homecoming football vs. Royal Palm Beach at 6:30 p.m.**

Saturday, October 24 | Homecoming Dance

6–10 p.m.

Check class Google Classroom and SGA announcements for ticket information and participation requirements.

Future Panther Choice Open House | October 22

Know a family exploring high school options? Invite them to Dwyer's **Choice Open House, Thursday, October 22, 6–8 p.m.**, to learn about our programs and opportunities.

Treats for a Cause | October 28

Bring the family to Dwyer for a **FREE community Trunk-or-Treat, Wednesday, October 28, 5–7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy decorated trunks, treats, games, activities, and costumes while supporting our SGA-led community food drive.

Nonperishable food donations are encouraged but are not required to attend.

Yearbook and Senior Updates

Class of 2027: Keep These Deadlines in View

- **Senior dues:** Due **November 1**. [Access SchoolCash Online](#)
- **Senior portraits:** Complete your session by **December 11** for yearbook inclusion.
- **Yearbooks:** [Visit Dwyer's Yearbook Ordering Page](#) for current pricing and ordering options.

Students should check their class Google Classroom regularly for announcements and required actions.



We Are Dwyer Corner

Help Plan Our Biggest Fundraiser

Join our **Gala Planning Meeting on Monday, October 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center.**

Help with auction items, sponsorships, decorations, and preparations for **Paris After Dark: A Night of Mystery and Intrigue**, our **Gala and Auction on February 19, 2027, at Eastpointe Country Club.**

Your time, ideas, and connections can make a difference!

We Are Dwyer Meeting | October 27



Join us **Tuesday, October 27, at 6 p.m. in the Media Center** for updates on events, fundraisers, teacher appreciation, and ways to support our school.

[Connect with We Are Dwyer](#)

SOUNDTRACK OF SUCCESS - SONG OF THE WEEK

"I Can See Clearly Now" — Johnny Nash

This week's genre: Reggae-influenced pop and soul

A bright, hopeful soundtrack for a fresh quarter: learn from the challenges behind you, see the opportunities ahead, and take your next step with purpose.

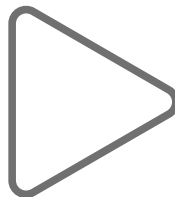


Family conversation: What is one habit you can change this quarter to make your path to success clearer?

[Listen to the Official Audio](#)

Follow [@DwyerPrincipal on Instagram](#) and share your fresh-start goal when this week's soundtrack is featured! I will submit the names for a raffle when you share your goal for Dwyer Swag of your Choice! Winners will be shared weekly.

Johnny Nash - I Can See Clearly Now (Official Audio)



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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