



THE PANTHER PULSE!



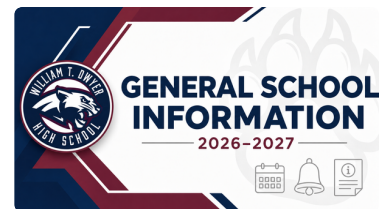
Week 11 | October 19–24: Our Purpose. Our Pride. Our Dwyer.

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



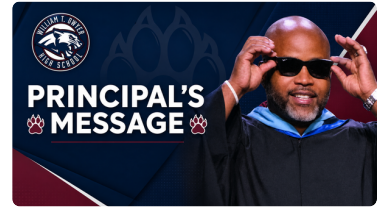
Attendance & Early Dismissal

- 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 🐾

From Mr. Brooks' Desk



Last week, we renewed our purpose; this week, we celebrate the pride connecting Panther Nation.

Homecoming brings opportunities to celebrate our students, traditions, and community.

Congratulations to our **girls volleyball district champions!** Their teamwork gives us another reason to stand tall.

School spirit and academic focus go together. Attend every class, complete assignments, and make responsible choices throughout the week.

Families, check grades together and encourage kindness—online, in classrooms, and in the stands. Let's celebrate our school while keeping every Panther moving toward success.

Mr. Brooks

Principal | William T. Dwyer High School

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Think Before You Post. Choose Kindness.

October is **National Bullying Prevention Month**. Harmful messages, rumors, and humiliating posts can hurt beyond the screen.

- **Pause:** Is it true, helpful, necessary, and kind?
- **Stop the spread:** Don't forward or repost hurtful content.
- **Speak up:** Save evidence and tell a trusted adult.
- **Families:** Ask about your student's online experiences this week.

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.

Safe Campus: Plan Ahead Before Visiting

Dwyer is a closed campus. Thank you for helping protect learning and safety.

- **Schedule appointments** before meeting with administrators or counselors.
- **Check in at the main entrance** with government-issued photo ID.
- **No student food or item drop-offs:** This includes delivery services and forgotten belongings.
- **Students must receive administrative clearance and officially sign out before leaving.**

Free breakfast and lunch are available to all students.

Missing School Calls or Texts? Reconnect Here

If your contact information is correct but messages aren't arriving:

- **Calls:** Call **855-502-7867** from the affected phone; press **2**.
- **General texts:** Text **START** to **561-709-7861**.
- **Emergency texts:** Text **START** to **561-407-7717**.

Send each text separately—not as a group message.



UPCOMING EVENTS & SAVE THE DATES

This Week at Dwyer

This Week: Get Tangled Up in Homecoming!

Monday, October 19

- **Pajama Day**
- **Powderpuff:** 5:30–8:00 p.m.



Tuesday, October 20

- **Country vs. Country Club:** Boots and denim or polos and preppy!

Wednesday, October 21

- **Movie Theme Day:** Freshmen—Moana; Sophomores—Toy Story; Juniors—Rio; Seniors—Minions.
- **Lip Sync:** 5:30–8:00 p.m., Auditorium.
- **SAC meeting:** 6:00 p.m., Media Center.

Thursday, October 22

- **Generation Day:** Freshmen—Babies; Sophomores—College; Juniors—Professionals; Seniors—Senior Citizens.
- **BSU Kickball:** 4:30–7:30 p.m.
- **Future Panther Choice Open House:** Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 23

- **Class Colors:** Freshmen—White; Sophomores—Gray; Juniors—Maroon; Seniors—Navy.
- **Pep Rally:** Activity bell schedule.
- **BSU Soak a Senior:** During lunch.
- **Homecoming Football:** Royal Palm Beach at Dwyer, **6:30 p.m.**

Saturday, October 24

- **Homecoming Dance:** 6:00–10:00 p.m.

Participate proudly. Keep outfits school-appropriate. Attend every class.

Future Panthers: Discover Dwyer October 22

Know a family exploring high school options? **Invite them to our Choice Open House!**

- **6:00 p.m.:** Choice information
- **6:30, 7:00, 7:30 p.m.:** Program sessions

Explore **Academy of Finance, Early Childhood Teacher Education, IB, Culinary, and Construction.**

Choice applications close December 4, 2026.

[Apply for Choice Programs](#)

[Contact Ronda Gagnon, Choice Coordinator](#)

Prefer a daytime visit? Campus tours run **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m., through November 17.** Schedule with **Kim Barker: 561-625-7829.**

Looking Ahead 🧡

Looking Ahead: Connect, Give Back, Get Involved

October 26 | Gala Planning

5:30 p.m., Media Center. Help plan our auction and gala.



October 27 | We Are Dwyer Meeting

6:00 p.m. Hear updates on events, fundraising, and school support.

October 28 | Treats for a Cause

5:00–7:30 p.m. at Dwyer. Join our Halloween celebration supporting a community food drive.

Holiday Poinsettias That Give Back

Support **Academy of Finance, FBLA activities, and graduating-senior scholarships.**

- **8-inch plant:** \$25
- **10-inch plant:** \$30
- **Order by:** November 19
- **Pickup at Dwyer:** November 30

Scan the poinsettia flyer's QR code for details and ordering.

Important Dates | Looking Ahead

- **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.
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Panther Pride | Last Week's Highlights

Panther Celebrations: Three Sweeps. One Championship!

Congratulations to our **Class 5A, District 13 girls volleyball champions!**

- **Quarterfinal:** Dwyer 3, Palm Beach Gardens 0
- **Semifinal:** Dwyer 3, Royal Palm Beach 0
- **Championship:** Dwyer 3, Seminole Ridge 0

Three tournament matches. Nine sets won.



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

Seniors: Pick Up Your Class Shirt

Paid class dues for **all four years?**

Pick up your senior shirt **Tuesday–Thursday, October 20–22, in Room 6120.** Wear it proudly to Friday's **Homecoming Pep Rally!**



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 📚

College Goals: Take Your Next Step

Meet College Representatives

Students in **grades 10–12** can explore opportunities during campus visits:

- **October 20, 1:30 p.m.:** Vanderbilt University
- **October 22, 1:30 p.m.:** Florida Atlantic University

Register at least 24 hours ahead using the college-visit flyer's QR code. Attendance will be verified.

Free SAT Prep Begins October 21

The **Andrea C. Cameron Foundation** offers free tutoring for juniors and seniors.

- **Dates:** October 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2
- **Time:** 4:00–6:30 p.m.
- **Location:** PBSC Gardens Campus, Bioscience Building, **SC 161**
- **Required:** Register for the **December 5 SAT**.

Scan the SAT flyer's QR code to register for tutoring.

Seniors: Know Your Graduation Testing Dates

These tests serve students still needing **reading and/or math scores for graduation**.

CLT 10 NCR — This Week

- **October 21:** Reading only or both reading and math.
- **October 22:** Math only.

ACT NCR — Next Week

- **Reading only:** October 27 **AND** 29.
- **Math only:** October 28.
- **Reading and math:** All three days, October 27–29.

Classes continue during testing. All students are expected to attend.

Upcoming bell changes

- **October 27:** Flipped Day 1; **7th period first**.
- **October 28:** Flipped Day 2; **6th period first**.
- **Dismissal remains 2:40 p.m.**



🏈 Athletics & Panther Pride

Athletics: Cheer On Our Panthers!

- **October 20:** Girls Golf at Vero Beach, **3:00 p.m.**, Sandridge Golf Club.



- **October 21:** Bowling Districts, **Lucky Strike Jupiter**. Spectators admitted **8:40 a.m.**; competition begins **9:15 a.m.**
- **October 22:** Swimming Districts. Confirm meet details with the coach.
- **October 23:** Homecoming Football versus Royal Palm Beach, **6:30 p.m. at Dwyer**.

Game-night essentials: Online tickets, clear bags, and no re-entry. Cheer positively and respect athletes, coaches, and officials.

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

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](#)

Athletics questions? Contact [Mr. DeBorde, Athletic Director](#), or [Mr. Fasone, Athletics Supervising Assistant Principal](#) for addressing them.

\$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 🏡

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

"Celebration" — Kool & The Gang | Funk/Disco

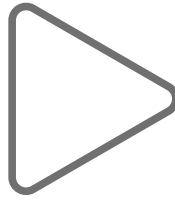
This week's selection celebrates our students, shared traditions, and the community behind every Panther.

[Listen to "Celebration"](#)



Family conversation: What makes you proud to be part of Dwyer?

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.



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](#)
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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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