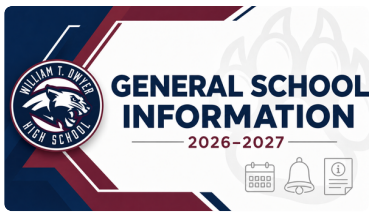
Share Translate Accessibility 572

News & Updates from Mr. Brooks, Principal

📋 General School Information – 2026–2027



Main Contacts

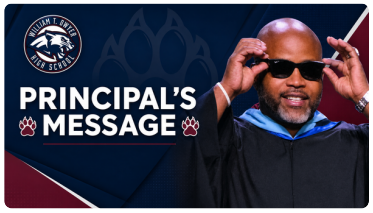
- Main Office: (561) 625-7800
- Student Services: (561) 625-7887
- School Counseling: (561) 625-7815
- Clinic: (561) 691-1053
- School Police: (561) 625-7800
- ESOL Office: (561) 691-1042
- Choice Office: (561) 625-7897

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 My Desk

Last week's Homecoming spirit carries forward through academic achievement, service, and purposeful preparation.

Panther Nation, thank you for a week filled with pride and connection. Our students, staff, and families brought our traditions to life. Thank you to Mrs. Wagner, SGA, and everyone supporting Homecoming.

This week, we celebrate **1,345 Honor Roll students** and **24 Panthers making major academic gains**. Our school visits and community partnerships give us even more reasons to be proud. Families, consistent attendance matters as we prepare for December's PM2 assessments. Every class builds learning, and every assessment deserves our students' best effort. Encourage your student, check grades together, and discuss one goal for this quarter.

Let's **Lead with Purpose and Finish with Excellence**—together.
Mr. Brooks

✅ Daily Habits, Attendance, and Campus Safety

Positivity. Accountability. Winner. Wear your student ID visibly, arrive on time, attend every class, and check Minga. Families, review grades and attendance together in SIS.

Submit absence notes to Student Services when your student returns or email **DwyerStudentServices@palmbeachschools.org**. Early dismissal requires verified parent communication and official sign-out. Review attendance and campus procedures.

Schedule appointments before visiting. Check in at the main entrance with government-issued photo ID. Use designated parent drop-off areas and follow staff directions around campus improvements. Student food and item drop-offs are not permitted. Free breakfast and lunch are available to all students.

Choose kindness online: Pause before posting, avoid spreading harmful content, and report concerns to a trusted adult.

🗓️ Upcoming Events & Save the Dates

📌 Start Here: This Week's Family Actions

- **Monday:** Two morning bus stops have changes. Review the transportation update below.
- **Tuesday and Wednesday:** Flipped bell schedules affect all students. School still dismisses at **2:40 p.m.**
- **October 27–29:** Selected juniors and seniors take ACT NCR graduation testing. Confirm your student's assigned dates.
- **Wednesday:** Treats for a Cause begins at **5 p.m.** at Dwyer.
- **Friday:** Eligible students celebrate first-quarter Honor Roll. Have a **Minga pass and physical student ID** ready.
- **Sunday, November 1:** Senior class dues are due. Review your account through SchoolCash Online.

Looking Ahead 🙌

🚌 **Morning Bus Changes Begin Monday, October 26**

Transportation has announced these morning updates:

Stop	Morning route	Pickup time
Congress Avenue & Presidio Place	**N047**, replacing N026	**6:20 a.m.**
Congress Avenue & West 17th Court	**N047**	**6:10 a.m.**

These updates apply to **morning transportation**. Families using these stops should review their student's assignment before Monday.

District Transportation / Register Your Ride

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.

- **November 3 - No school for students** — professional development day
  November 7 -SAT testing at Dwyer for registered students; follow admission-ticket instructions
  November 11 - No school — district holiday

November 12, 11:59 p.m. - Pathfinder self-nominations due
November 15 - Dwyer Classic Golf Tournament
November 19 - Holiday poinsettia orders due; pickup November 30
November 30 - Ninth-grade Xello requirements due
December 3 - Dwyer Chorus at Disney's Candlelight Processional
December 4 - Choice applications for 2027–28 close
December 8 / 9 - FAST ELA PM2: ninth grade / tenth grade
December 11 - Senior portraits due for yearbook inclusion

Future Panthers: Explore Your Options
Dwyer offers Choice opportunities in **International Baccalaureate, Academy of Finance, and Early Childhood Education**. Families exploring 2027–28 enrollment should review eligibility and apply by **December 4, 2026**.

See Dwyer for yourself!
School tours welcome interested students and families on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m.**

This week's tours: Tuesday, October 27, and Thursday, October 29. Additional school-day dates through November 17 are **November 5, 10, 12, and 17**. There is no student school day November 3.

Schedule your visit with Kim Barker at 561-625-7829 or email Kim Barker.
Review Choice Application Information · Apply for Choice

🗓️ This Week at Dwyer

Monday, October 26 - Gala Planning Meeting, **5:30 p.m., Media Center**
Tuesday, October 27 - ACT reading; flipped Day 1; **We Are Dwyer meeting, 6 p.m., Media Center**
Wednesday, October 28 - ACT math; flipped Day 2; **Treats for a Cause begins at 5 p.m.**
Thursday, October 29 - Second ACT reading day
Friday, October 30 - Assigned ACT makeups; **Honor Roll celebration, 1:45 p.m.**

🏆 Panther Pride: Achievement Worth Celebrating

1,345 Panthers Earn Honor Roll
Congratulations to **342 straight-A students** and **1,003 A/B Honor Roll students**!

Our first-quarter celebration is **Friday, October 30, at 1:45 p.m.**, in the cafeteria/courtyard. Eligible students need their **digital Minga pass and physical student ID**. Remain in class until the release announcement.

Families, take a moment to celebrate the habits behind this achievement. Preparation, persistence, and asking for help make a difference.

Major Gains: Your Progress Deserves Applause!
Congratulations to these **24 students** for major growth from last spring's **PM3** to this fall's **PM1**. Your effort and progress deserve recognition!

Ninth Grade: Max Arntz; Nathaniel Braxton Jr.; Za' Merri Brownlee; Savannah Caudillo; Damien Harvey; Guadalupe Montejo Montejo; Alex Musso; Colin Nichols; Cash Walker; Daniella Wilson.

Tenth Grade: Brailin Coj Chingo; Gabriela Fresneda Molina; Ariel Gonzalez; Aiden Huffine; Bella Jones; Jackson Legue; Fabrizio Martinez; Damian Meneses; Adrienna Morse; Nicholas Pazienza; Tania Sanabria Acosta; Angela Sandoval Ramirez; Rickiya Sapp; Mallory Senecal.
Thank you to the teachers, support staff, and families helping our Panthers grow.

Homecoming Was a Smash Hit!
Thank you to **Mrs. Wagner and our SGA students** for an outstanding Homecoming week. Your planning, creativity, and school spirit created lasting memories. Thank you to every staff member and family who helped make it possible!

Learning That Builds Independence
Our STEPS/transition team received wonderful feedback from a visiting educator. Students demonstrated teamwork, communication, and practical skills connected to independence and future opportunities. Thank you to the staff making this learning possible.

Welcoming Our Future Panthers
St. Mark's: Thank you for bringing your eighth graders to visit Dwyer. We enjoyed sharing our campus and the opportunities awaiting future Panthers!

Independence Middle School: Thank you to your early childhood program for visiting our pre-K students and Early Childhood Education program. We loved connecting students through a shared interest in teaching and learning.

Choice Open House: Thank you to **Mrs. Gagnon and Mrs. Farrell**, our teachers, and student representatives. You created a wonderful evening for interested eighth graders and their families.

Community Partners See Dwyer's Success
Principal for a Day: Thank you to **Michael Corbit, Vice President of CareerSource Palm Beach County**, for shadowing Mr. Brooks. He experienced our classrooms, programs, and school community firsthand and shared career resources to support future opportunities.

A-rated recognition: Thank you to **School Board Member Matt Lane and the Town of Jupiter**for recognizing Dwyer among nine area A-rated schools. We proudly serve many Jupiter families. This proclamation celebrates the work of our students, staff, and families.

A meaningful family visit: We welcomed **Terrence "Terry" Dwyer, son of our school's namesake, William T. Dwyer**, back to campus. He shared his pride in our progress and presented a **$500 donation on behalf of the William T. Dwyer Foundation**. Thank you for continuing this connection and supporting our Panthers!

🐾 **PawTastic Staff Recognition**

- **Ms. Scott:** Supporting outstanding student growth through Reading Plus.
- **Mrs. Petrick:** Strengthening classroom and testing support through dependable teamwork.
- **Mrs. Eastberg:** Managing data-processing responsibilities while supporting our main office.
- **Mrs. Wagner:** Planning, coordinating, and implementing our first FTE week with fidelity.
- **Mrs. Betty Davis:** Leading our paraprofessional team with care and teamwork while supporting students with significant needs.

We also welcome **Wendy Scrocca, our new cafeteria manager**, to Panther Nation!

🎒Inside Panther Nation🏫

Family and Community Engagement 🤝

Treats for a Cause: A Community Night
Bring the family to Dwyer's free community Trunk or Treat on **Wednesday, October 28**. Activities begin at **5 p.m. in the school parking lot**.

Enjoy decorated trunks, treats, games, and costumes while supporting our SGA-led community food drive. Nonperishable food donations are welcome; donations are not required to attend.

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.

Show Your Panther Pride

Find Dwyer apparel and spirit wear through our **BSN Sideline Store**.
Shop the Dwyer BSN Sideline Store

🎓 Academics, College, and Career Planning

PM2 Is Coming: Attendance and Encouragement Matter

Our next FAST ELA progress-monitoring assessments are scheduled for:

- **Ninth grade: Tuesday, December 8**.
- **Tenth grade: Wednesday, December 9**.

Preparation begins now. Help your student attend every class, complete assignments, and ask for support. Remind them that **every assessment matters** and deserves focused effort. Their results help us understand growth and plan the right support.
Thank you to the Panthers who participated in last week's **CLT graduation testing**. We appreciate your preparation and effort!

Ninth Grade: Complete Your Xello Plan

By **Monday, November 30**, ninth graders should complete both:

- Their **Future Plan**.
- Their **PCAP Portfolio/four-year course plan**.

Completing these requirements earns **20 Minga points**. Need help? Visit **Mrs. Latour at Guidance Corner in the cafeteria on Day 1**.

Seniors: Pathfinder Self-Nominations Are Open

Any Dwyer senior may submit a self-nomination for a Pathfinder category reflecting their strengths and achievements.
Deadline: Thursday, November 12, at 11:59 p.m.
Highlight your **leadership, community service, and experience in your chosen field**. Start early—the form requests detailed information modeled on the official Pathfinder application.
Dwyer's committee will review applications, evaluate eligibility, and select the school's nominees.
Complete Dwyer's Pathfinder Self-Nomination Form · Explore Pathfinder Categories and Requirements
Use your district Google account for the school form. Contact **Mr. Tedder, Pathfinder Coordinator**, with questions or access concerns.

Fall AICE Candidates: Check Your Exam Schedule

Registered fall AICE candidates have these **afternoon exams** coming up:

- **October 27:** A Level Marine Science, Paper 31.
- **October 29:** A Level Marine Science, Paper 41.
- **October 30:** A Level English Language, Paper 31.
- **November 4:** A Level English Language, Paper 41.

Follow Mr. Tedder's reporting-time and location instructions. Review the Fall AICE Testing Calendar. Schedules are subject to change.

College Planning: Keep Moving Forward

- **College Application Lab:** Friday, October 30, beginning **7:45 a.m.**, cafeteria/staff dining room. Check with School Counseling for participation instructions.
- **Free SAT tutoring:** The next Andrea C. Cameron Foundation session is **October 28, 4–6:30 p.m.** Sessions meet at **PBSC Gardens Campus, Bioscience Building, SC 161**. The program serves juniors and seniors registered for the **December 5 SAT**. See School Counseling for registration information.
- **Next college visit: Johnson & Wales, November 17, at 9 a.m.** Students in grades 10–12 must register at least **24 hours ahead** using the college-visit flyer. A Minga pass is required.

Visit School Counseling

🏈 Athletics & Panther Pride

Congratulations to our **girls volleyball district champions** on a season filled with teamwork and determination. The Panthers' postseason ended October 24 with a **3–0 regional semifinal loss to St. Thomas Aquinas**. Thank you to our athletes, coaches, and families for representing Dwyer proudly!

State-bound Panther! Congratulations to **Adam Wenger**, who qualified individually for the bowling state championships. He will represent Dwyer while competing for a state title. Panther Nation is cheering for you, Adam!

One Panther Pass: Get Ready for Winter Sports

Winter sports are approaching! The **One Panther Pass** provides admission to Dwyer home games throughout the school year.

- **Students: $125**
- **Adults: $200**

Purchase through **SchoolCash Online** and keep cheering for our Panthers all year. Check pass terms for eligible events.

Purchase Your One Panther Pass through SchoolCash Online

DateCompetitionLocation / time

Monday, October 26 Boys golf districtsSandridge Golf Club, Vero Beach; **8 a.m.**

Tuesday, October 27 Girls golf districtsSandridge Golf Club, Vero Beach; **7 a.m.**

October 27–29 Bowling state championshipsFollow team instructions for competition details
Friday, October 30 Varsity football at WellingtonWellington High School; **6:30 p.m.**
Saturday, October 31 Swimming regionalsSailfish Splash Waterpark, Stuart; **10 a.m.**
Confirm competition details with coaches before traveling. Review the host school's ticket and spectator requirements.

Dwyer Classic Golf Tournament: Save **Sunday, November 15**, at The Nest at Sandhill Crane. Support boys golf through team registration or sponsorship.
Athletics Calendar · Dwyer Classic Registration

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 🏫

🎒 **Student Life, Yearbook, and Senior Reminders**

- **Senior dues:** Due **November 1** through SchoolCash Online.
- **Club and Honor Society yearbook photos: November 4**. Members should follow their sponsor's schedule.
- **Senior Roadshow photos: November 5**. Check class announcements for appointment instructions.
- **Senior portrait deadline: December 11** for yearbook inclusion.

Students should check their class Google Classroom and Minga regularly. Club sponsors will share meeting locations and updates.
Order a Yearbook

🤝 We Are Dwyer Corner

Join **Gala Planning on Monday at 5:30 p.m.** and our **We Are Dwyer meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m.**Both meetings are in the Media Center. Bring your ideas, community connections, and willingness to help.

Save **February 19, 2027**, for our Gala and Auction, **Paris After Dark: A Night of Mystery and Intrigue**, at Eastpointe Country Club.

Student service spotlight: Thomas Kilkenny's Eagle Scout project will provide three stocked school-supply cabinets at Dwyer. Families and businesses may support this effort through optional contributions. For project and sponsorship information, contact Thomas Kilkenny.

Connect with We Are Dwyer

Soundtrack of Success - Song of the Week

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

Soundtrack for Success
"Try Everything" — Shakira | Pop
This week's selection celebrates persistence, learning, and the courage to keep improving.
Listen to the official audio

Family conversation: What will you try this week that moves you toward your goal?

Try Everything

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

🔗 **Panther Links and Resources**

School Website · SIS Parent Gateway · School Counseling · Parking Information · Athletics Tickets · We Are Dwyer · BSN Spirit Store

Main Office: 561-625-7800 · **Student Services:** 561-625-7887 · **School Counseling:** 561-625-7815

Thank you for staying informed and partnering with us. Your encouragement helps every Panther move forward.

Next week: Watch for more Panther celebrations, November opportunities, and ways to support progress toward PM2.

Lead with Purpose and Finish with Excellence!

Mr. Brooks

Principal, William T. Dwyer High School

Instagram: @DwyerPrincipal · X: @DwyerPrincipal · TikTok: @principalbrooks

#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
- Instagram: @DwyerPrincipal
- X: @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.

Corey Brooks
Corey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

Powered by