DWYER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING MONTHLY

NOVEMBER 2026

THIS MONTH

- **FAFSA WORKSHOP FOR SENIORS & THEIR FAMILES:**
  - Wednesday, November 4th from 6pm - 7:30pm
  - PB Co School District Cafeteria: 3300 Forest Hill Blvd. WPB
  - Register here: FAFSA Workshop Registration
  - What you'll learn:
    - How to create/access your StudentAid.gov account
    - How to complete the FAFSA
    - What info and documents you may need
    - How FAFSA info is used to determine financial aid
    - What to expect after submitting the FAFSA
    - Tips for understanding financial aid offers
  - What to bring:
    - 2025 Tax Return and Driver's License number
- **Spring PBSC Dual Enrollment Registration:**
  - ***First-time DE students:*** Review the Dwyer Dual Enrollment Guide for eligibility criteria and steps.
  - ***Returning DE students:*** Email your school counselor your completed Authorization Form for their signature.
  - Spring term class registration for PBSC is now open.
  - Deadline to request School Counselor signature on completed Authorization Form is **November 20th.**
  - Deadline to submit signed Authorization Forms on your PBSC Workday account is **November 30th.**
- **College Admission Presentations at Dwyer:**
  - College admissions representatives from a variety of colleges and universities will be on campus this month.
  - The representatives will present to students interested in learning about the institutions & the admission process.
  - 10th-12th grade **students** must sign-up in advance to attend: College Rep Presentations Sign-up
  - Colleges are added frequently, check the sign-up often.

FRESHMAN – CREATE A XELLO CAREER PLAN

Freshmen who complete a Xello Career Plan by November 30, 2026 will **earn 20 MINGA points!** Open **Xello** in your portal & follow these steps:

Part 1 - Create a Plan:

- Navigate to **Plans** & select **Make a Plan.**
- Title your plan **MyPCAP.**
- Select option to create plan based on **A Career Choice.**
- Choose a Career to learn more about.
- Select **Add Pathway To My Plan** & select done.
- Under Pathways, select **Add Pathway**, and explore.

Part 2 - Create a Portfolio:

- Choose 1 of your saved Careers.
- Select **View Portfolio,** then **Add Portfolio**.
- Add the title **My PCAP**, & add a description.
- Select **Add Section** & title your first section **Plan.**
- Select **Xello Activities** for Step 2, then select **Next.**
- Select **Plans**, then **Next**. Find your plan from Part 1, & **Add to Portfolio.**

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

3 **Professional Development Day:** No School for Students.

4 **FAFSA Workshop for Seniors & their Families:** 6pm-7:30pm, Palm Beach Co School District Cafeteria. Register here

10 **Cap/Gown Sales:** For Seniors - inside the Cafeteria during lunch periods.

11 **Veterans Day:** School is Closed.

12 **Senior Pathfinder Self-Nomination Application Deadline:** Go to '27 Google Classroom for details and application.

20 **Spring Dual Enrollment - Deadline** to request school counselor signature on Authorization Form.

23 **Thanksgiving Break Begins.** School resumes Nov. 30th, and it will be a 'Day 2' schedule.

30 **Spring Dual Enrollment - Deadline** to upload signed Authorization Form to your PBSC Workday acct.

1ST QUARTER REPORT CARDS

1st quarter Report Cards were posted on SIS October 19th for student and parent view.

If you failed a 1st quarter class, here is what you must do to earn the 1st semester 0.5 credit, or full year EOC class credit:

- **For most classes (*non-EOC*):**
  - You must pass the 2nd quarter AND pass the Semester Exam in that class to earn the 0.5 credit.
- **For EOC classes (*Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, & US History*):**
  - These classes show earned credit at the END of the school year.
  - Students must pass a majority of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th quarters.
  - The End-of-Course (EOC) exam will count towards 30% of the final grade in that class.

COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING RESOURCES FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

- **Online Career Planning & Work-Based Learning Coordination System:**
  - Xello is Florida's official, K-12 career planning and work-based learning coordination provider. Students design a personalized plan for the future through a high-quality career development experience that's modern and visually appealing, interactive, and age-appropriate. Available in the Student Portal.

- **Additional Career & Postsecondary Exploration Resources:**
  - FloridaShines.org free online tools and resources designed to help students succeed in school, earn a college degree, and embark on a rewarding career. FloridaShines works with the state's public colleges, universities, and K-12 school districts to develop tools that benefit students, parents, counselors, and educators alike.
  - BigFuture helps students build a personalized education journey. Discover and research careers that excite you, explore colleges that meet your goals, and find smart ways to pay for your education. Students who complete college & career planning steps are entered in **monthly drawings to win $500 - $40,000 BigFuture scholarships!**
  - GetMyFuture is the U.S. Department of Labor's career and postsecondary readiness site geared toward young adults. The site includes occupational assessments, career information, career videos, labor market data, and numerous college and career readiness resources.
  - Apprenticeship Job Finder is the U.S. Department of Labor's web tool to locate registered apprenticeships by occupation, company name, keyword, or geographic location.
  - MyFloridaFuture is a data dashboard produced by the Florida State University System (FSUS) to show typical loan amounts and wages by degree for Florida University System graduates.
  - Get There is Florida's official site to learn more about Career and Technical Education (CTE). Explore pathways and learn more about career-focused educational opportunities.

- **National Service Exploration:**
  - ASVAB Career Exploration Program is the Department of Defense's online system to assess career aptitudes and explore college, career, and military options.
  - AmeriCorps is an independent agency of the United States government that engages millions of American adults of all ages in service through a variety of stipended volunteer work programs in many sectors.

INFORMATION FOR SENIORS



Class Rank and Val/Sal Course Completion Deadlines:

- For course grade(s) to be considered in the final class rank and Val/Sal determination, they must be completed and finalized by **Friday, December 18, 2026** (including but not limited to FLVS, PBVS, Dual Enrollment, grade changes, etc.).

College Applications:

- Most college applications can be completed via the Common App.
- Know your colleges' application deadlines (some Early Action deadlines have passed, and others are Nov. 1st)!
- Need a Transcript sent? Transcript Order Form
- Need a Counselor Recommendation Letter? Counselor Recommendation Form
- Need to complete the STARS? STARS-Dwyer Help Sheet Link
- **AFTER you have applied:**
  - CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY for messages from your colleges with their portal login information.
  - View all of your college portals WEEKLY for any missing application items and for decision notifications.
  - Submit Financial Aid/Scholarship Forms (FFAA, FAFSA, CSS Profile, & check the colleges for institutional scholarships.)

Bright Futures Scholarship - Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA):

- Click here to apply: FFAA/Bright Futures Scholarship (application now open).

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®):

- The 2027–2028 FAFSA form (application now open).
- Here are some resources to help you get ready to apply:
  - **FAFSA Workshop:** Wednesday, November 4th at 6pm at the Palm Beach County School District. Register here
  - Create a StudentAid.gov account (if you don't already have one).
  - Learn about the documents you may need to fill out the FAFSA form.
  - Determine your dependency status and whether your parent(s) are required to contribute info on your FAFSA form.
  - If you're a dependent student, use the Who's My FAFSA Parent? wizard to identify which parent(s) will be a required contributor on your form.

Scholarship & Financial Aid Links:

- Palm Beach County School District Scholarship & Financial Aid page

SAT, ACT, CLT DATES & INFO

Test Type	Test Date	Reg. Deadline
SAT	Nov. 7	~~Oct. 23~~
	Dec. 5	Nov. 20
	March 6	Feb. 19
	May 1	April 16
	June 5	May 21
ACT	Dec. 12	Nov. 6
	Feb. 27	Jan. 22
	April 10	March 5
	June 12	May 7
	July 10	June 4
CLT	Nov. 14	Nov. 5
	Dec. 8	Dec. 3
	Jan. 23	Jan. 14
	Feb. 18	Feb. 11
	Mar. 20	Mar. 11
	April 17	April 8
	May 22	May 13

Important SAT, ACT, & CLT Information:

- These tests are used for:
  - College admission
  - Some scholarship eligibility
  - To meet the required State Reading / Math assessment concordant scores.
- These tests are optional (not a graduation requirement), therefore students must register and pay for them on their own.
  - **Test Fee Waivers** are available to students who qualify for Free/Reduced (F/R) Lunch.
  - If you qualify, email the F/R Lunch confirmation you received to your school counselor before you register for the SAT or ACT to obtain a Test Fee Waiver.
  - Click here to apply for Free/Reduced Lunch benefits: F/R Lunch Application
- **Bright Futures Qualifying Scores:**
  (*in addition to qualifying GPA and Service/Work Hours*)

Test Type	FAS	FMS
SAT	1330	1190
ACT	29	24
CLT	95	82

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REMINDERS

- **Students can meet with their School Counselors in the Cafeteria during lunch**:
  - 9th grade (last names A-K), Ms. Latour..... Day 1
  - 9th grade (last names L-Z), Dr. Yates..... Day 2
  - 10th grade, Ms. Little..... Day 1
  - 11th grade, Ms. Singh..... Day 2
  - 12th grade (last names A-K), Ms. Wilkes..... Day 1
  - 12th grade (last names L-Z), Ms. Brush..... Day 2
- **Graduation Requirements:**
  - 2.0 GPA (cumulative, unweighted)
  - 24 credits (from required areas)
  - Proficient scores on State Assessments:
    - Grade 10 FAST ELA
    - Algebra 1 EOC
  - 20 Hours of Community/Volunteer Service
- **Join your graduating class' Google Classroom for important info & links:**
  - **Class of 2027:** 4ggmqak
  - **Class of 2028:** 5rzed7z
  - **Class of 2029:** wqy77enb
  - **Class of 2030:** 2536m33w
- **Struggling in a class?**
  - Attend class regularly and on time.
  - Complete/Submit ALL assignments.
  - Get help through Khan Academy.
  - Schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference.
  - **Math Tutoring** w/ Mr. Breault in room 8-117:
    - Lunch A students: during Lunch A
    - Lunch B students: 7:00am - 7:30am
- **Meet with a PBSC advisor at Dwyer:**
  - Receive guidance for Dual Enrollment, career paths application, etc: Book Appointment Here
- **Submitting Community Service Hours:**
  - In the student's SIS, click on "Forms", and select 'High School Community Hours Student Submission'.
  - Complete the required student information boxes, upload log, e-sign the form, and click 'Submit Request'
  - ***Community Service Opportunities:***
    - Join a Dwyer service club
    - Friends of Jupiter Beach
    - Volunteer Match
    - Palm Beach County
    - United Way of Palm Beach County
    - Animal Care & Control
- **After-School Credit Lab:**
  - Students who are behind in credits or GPA can attend (see your counselor to enroll).
  - Monday - Thursday, 2:45pm - 5:45pm
  - Room 2-112