



Buccaneer Families,

Don't you love summer time? For me it has been awesome to get away from the normal routine, see family, do some exciting outdoor activities, and truth be told; the extra couple of weeks tacked onto this summer hasn't hurt my feelings. I hope you have been able to unwind however suits you best. Teachers and staff return to work on August 11th and class begins for students August 18th at 8:00 a.m.

Our recent graduating class of 80 students earned a total of over \$1,000,000 dollars in scholarships and "no need to pay for it" tuition!!! That's about \$12,500 for each and every student!! After that great start to the summer, the work around here is centered around changing our name and creating a new them for the year that will unfold like one of those stories where you pick the ending. The truth is, each student and their daily contributions does help write the story of their year and our history.

To embrace our new Buccaneer feel, we will organize some academic content and lots of fun student programming around a nautical theme. For example, a day with a regular bell schedule might be called "being at sea" while a crazy day of cross curricular and/or team building activities might be referred to as "being in port." One of the first things students will learn (and help develop) is our own kind of "*Buccaneer Lingo*" that we as a staff will share with students as we work together to prepare them for college. Throughout time all self-respecting Buccaneers have maintained a connection to the sea and wanted to secure treasure. To that end, staff will be weaving nautical and Buccaneer references into planned curriculum and I have secured a large stash of gold coins for students to earn.

There's a lot but hopefully this communication will minimize our "wake up curve" as we get back into a school year routine.

1. The following list highlights some interesting changes:

- a. Ms. Olson has moved on to teach full time on the college side at FSW and a new staff member will be filling her shoes.
- b. HOPE (taught by Mr. Farbotko, another new hire) will be replacing Speech Communication as a freshmen elective for the 2014-2015 school year. This class will cover far more than then traditional P.E. or Health topics and will include a broad category of topics essential to helping freshmen students succeed. There will be a couple of days each week where the class involves physical activity and a need for shorts, t-shirt, and tennis shoes.
- c. For all other grade levels, HOPE will be taught through Canvas by Mr. Jamison during the student's Jr or Senior year of dual enrollment.
- d. Final exams for the first semester will be administered before we leave for Christmas break. This helps students by allowing them to finish semester classes before a long break and helps balance out the number of instructional days as so much of the Spring is lost to testing. Stay tuned for some interesting ideas and activities for the first week back in January!!
- e. Although previously announced through end of the year and mid-summer communication, please remember that beginning with the rising sophomore class students must be ready to dual enroll for the Jr. and Sr. years. If you have questions about your particular student, please call either Dr. Bentley or Dr. Botts.



Here are some logistical bullet points to try to help you get organized as related to returning to school. As always, you can check the web page for updates and or call the school with specific questions or concerns.

- School runs from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. daily beginning on August 18th.
- FSW Collegiate high school will host an open house on Thursday, August 14th. Please plan on being here for about an hour minutes between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. There is no formal program, just the following opportunities:
 - Freshmen families can meet your teachers and pick up your pick up your text books.
 - Freshmen families might consider purchasing our dress out uniform for HOPE.
 - Sophomore students can pick up their iPad as long as parent is present.
 - Returning Junior or Senior students are welcome as well.
 - This event is also a chance to return the enclosed enrollment packet.
 - You can purchase spirit t shirts with the new FSW logo and other Buccaneer gear!
 - Have your id picture taken so it's ready on the first day.
 - Pre-pay for lunches
 - Talk directly to the bus company about any last minute needs.
- Dual enrolled and early admission students begin class on August 21 and students can pick up their book voucher after August 12th. If you also have classes here at the high school, you must report to those classes on August 18th 😊.
- In the event of a hurricane or other inclement weather, ECHS - Lee will close if either the Lee County School District or FSW College closes. Our web page will always contain the most up to date information as storms approach or other issues arrive.
- If and when students are absent, simply use the web page link to contact Ms. Zaragoza so we know what is going on. There is no need to call or send a note.
- Students will receive their schedules on the first day of school. Individual issues can be addressed through Dr. Bentley on a case by case basis. In the beginning of the year, e-mail is most efficient: dbentley@edision.edu