



Message from the Principal...

Eagles,

Recently, I listened in on a conversation that centered around the motivation and effort of young people in the year 2024. Much of the conversation supported the position that today's youth do not possess the motivation nor follow through to make things happen. I was saddened to hear this sentiment and then angered. Certainly there is room for growth with our youth, but I want our Eagles to take on these words as a battle cry. I want our Eagles to take on this challenge and prove to any naysayer that we will not only be motivated but we will also make things happen. In the Eagles nest we know what it means to be written off or forgotten and it only strengthens our resolve. In the coming weeks, we will embrace our test preparation strategies and positive mindset. We will remain motivated. We will ignore the naysayers and we will continue to make things happen.

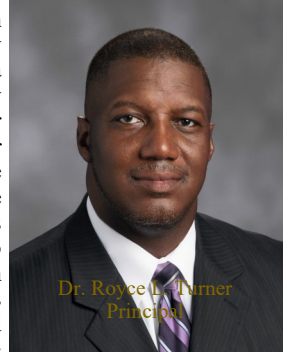
As we enter the second semester, please note that we will continue to offer tutoring geared specifically for AP, IB and state assessments. We will post the updated tutoring calendar on our school website. Please encourage your student to attend these sessions for additional support. We will make it happen.

The changes to the Duval County school calendar for the final week of school will not impact high schools. At this time, we will continue to have half days for the final week of school. If there are any changes to this information we will notify families.

Thank you to our PTSA for their continued support. We ended the calendar year with a campus visit from the Comfort Pets as well as a holiday luncheon for faculty and staff. The PTSA will host two additional Principal Coffee and Chat dates for 9th and 10th grade parents and for 11th and 12th grade parents. Please be on the lookout for more information. We are blessed to have such a supportive team. If you have not joined PTSA, please do so as they continue to make things happen.

Our School Advisory Council will host a Mid-Year Stakeholders meeting on February 13th at 4PM in the Media Center. Midyear data and strategies will be shared. The SAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4PM. All are welcome.

Congratulations to Nia Phillip on winning the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. essay competition for high school students. Nia presented her award winning essay to the City of Jacksonville at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast. Congratulations to our Varsity Girls Basketball team on winning the Gateway Conference Championship. This is the first Gateway championship for Girls Basketball in school history. Congratulations to Noel Etheridge, a winner of Distinction in Design with the 2024 National YoungArts Week. Congratulations to Izzabella Wilson and Silas Turner on earning Awards of Excellence with the Duval County PTA Reflections competition. Congratulations to Eric Lan on winning 1st place the DCPS Science Fair. These Eagles continue to make it happen.



Dr. Royce L. Turner
Principal

On January 25, 2024, Magnet Schools of America named Paxon School for Advanced Studies a 2024 School of Excellence. Paxon is the only secondary school in DCPS to achieve this honor. This is the second consecutive year our school has earned this prestigious recognition. Way to go Eagles!

There will always be those waiting to point out our shortcomings and to predict failure. As Eagles we will continue to use those words to motivate us and help us to make it happen. With Highest Expectations.

Dr. Royce Turner

February 2024

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | WEEKEND |
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| | | | 1B Magnet Tour 8:30am Financial Aid Night 6:00pm Quarter 1 Honor Roll Wrestling @Clay | 2A BBB @Fletcher 7pm Wrestling @Clay | 3 |
| 5B | 6A B. Tennis @Stanton 4pm G. Tennis v. Stanton @ H 4pm | 7B Magnet Tour 8:30am | 8A B. Tennis v. Jackson @H 4pm G. Tennis @Jackson 4pm | 9B JROTC JPA Inspection | 10 |
| 12A IB Lang and Lit Orals Magnet Tour 8:30am Softball Preseason 4pm | 13B IB Lang and Lit Orals SAC Mid-year Stakeholder's Meeting 4:00pm G/B Lax v. Riverside @H | 14A IB Lang and Lit Orals | 15B IB Lang and Lit Orals B. Tennis @First Coast 8am G. Tennis v. First Coast @H | 16A IB Lang and Lit Orals | 17 Miss Paxon Pageant 7:00pm Girls Flag Pre-season Classic TIAA 1pm |
| 19 Flag v. Oakleaf @H 7pm <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Presidents Day No School </div> | 20B IB Lang and Lit Orals B. Tennis @Riverside 4pm G. Tennis V. Riverside @H 4pm BB @Jackson 6pm Flag v. Englewood @H 7pm SB @Middleburg 7pm | 21A IB Lang and Lit Orals | 22B IB Lang and Lit Orals B. Tennis v. Ribault @H 4pm G/B Lax @AC 5:30pm BB @Englewood 6:30pm Flag v. Riverside @H 7pm SB @Nease 7pm | 23A IB Lang and Lit Orals Black History Month Showcase 5:30 pm | 24 |
| 26B IB Lang and Lit Orals BB @Stanton 3:30 pm SB v. Wolfson @H 6pm | 27A IB Lang and Lit Orals BB v. First Coast @H 6pm | 28B IB Lang and Lit Orals Transition to IB Day (IB Prep 10th grade) BB @Snyder 3:30pm G/B Lax @Stanton 5:30pm SB @Yulee 6pm <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Early Dismissal 1:10pm </div> | 29A IB Lang and Lit Orals B. Tennis @Fletcher 4pm G. Tennis v. Fletcher @H 4pm BB @Eagle's View 6pm G. Lax v Wolfson @H 6pm Flag @Stanton 7pm SB v. W. Nassau @H 7pm | | Notes: B- BOYS G- GIRLS BBB- BASKETBALL BB- BASEBALL LAX- LACROSSE FLAG- FLAG FOOT-BALL |

PTSA Happenings

New merchandise is in! Scan the QR code below to check out our store for hoodies, joggers, Eagle Pride shirts, magnets, and more!

Calling all SENIORS: The FL PTA scholarship application is open now through February 29th, 2024. This program recognizes and supports outstanding students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and community service. For more information about FL PTA scholarships and grants, visit <https://floridapta.org/scholarships/> **Student must be a PTSA member by 11:59pm on February 29th, 2024 to be eligible.**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Campus Clean Up. Be on the look out for Spring Coffee Chat dates with Dr. Turner to learn how to support your student during the 2nd semester.

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