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## Bloomingdale Real Estate Update

### Staying organized during Fall Sports

Can you hear the drums from Bloomingdale high school band practice? Here in the Bloomingdale community that signals we are back to school! Sports parents, and there are a lot of us out there, here are some suggestions on how to survive!

1. Post the sports schedule prominently where every family member can see what's coming up that week. Or, place each practice, game and end of season party in your phone calendar.
2. A marching band Mom suggests using an organizer with sections for each week day. She places shorts and shirts for each practice day and band t-shirt, cap, flip chart and Dinkles (also known as shiny band shoes) in a section for game day. Stress is kept at bay in this home!
3. Have a designated area for sports equipment in the garage. A baseball mom keeps a bin in her son's room for his uniform and cleats and keeps a bin in the garage for baseballs, bats and batting helmets. Her son knows exactly where to drop his equipment when he comes home after practice and games.
4. Have a laundry basket in your laundry room specifically for dirty sports clothes.

As your local realtor and a sports mom, myself, I know how tough it can be keeping the house organized during the sports season and school year. These ideas will be especially helpful if you are considering listing your home for sale in the fall.

Enjoy this wonderful time of year - it goes by fast!



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Just one of the many school sports teams that parents must keep organized to stay sane! 2019 BSHS Girls Golf Team, l. to r., Anna Barile, Hallie Telfare, Karissa Ford, Sydney McLaughlin, Averie Fiedler, Lillian Freeman (Not pictured - Madeline Oller and Daniela Trujillo-Arroyo).

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## Fall Fest, Save the Date! Sponsors And Vendors Wanted! Spaces are Filling Fast!

Mark your calendar for the biggest Fall Fest yet! It's all FREE! Headlining the event are a "Trick or Treat Street," a Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest, and Halloween Children's Costume Contests. Parents, make sure your child brings a bag to collect their day's haul!

This year's fest promises to be the biggest yet. New this year are the addition of crafter handmade items, a "loaded" food truck rally, demonstration teams and fun activities for kids.

Entertainment and activities include a DJ, bouncy houses, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue and HC Sheriff's Office Citizen Patrol static displays and games and contests. Also returning from last year is the BSHS Rajun Bull Drum Line. We are adding new sponsors weekly!

Stay tuned for details here, on the website and on the HOA Facebook page! Contact the committee at bhafallfest@gmail.com for information or to snag a sponsor/vendor booth. Spaces are filling rapidly, don't delay!

**Sponsors, each level carries super marketing benefits! Contact the committee to learn more! Sponsor levels: Platinum at \$1,000, Diamond at \$500, Gold at \$250, Silver at \$100 and Bronze at \$50 – Crafters Only!**

### Look Who's Coming So Far! Over 60 and Counting!

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The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association  
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For the very first time, the annual Bloomingdale Fall Festival event will be hosting sponsors who create handmade items. The bronze sponsor level of \$50 includes a single table space and business name in the Bloomingdale Gazette. Photos of the handmade items need to be submitted for consideration.

Call to reserve your space today since the number of spaces is limited.

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## BHA EVENT CALENDAR

If you have events pending in our community, email [bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com), or call 813-681-2051. We will help you promote your event on our Facebook page.

**Monday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.** // Bloomingdale Special Taxing District Monthly Trustee Meeting, Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. Call 813-684-6667 for information.

**Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.** // BHA Monthly Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. Residents always welcome. Call 813-681-2051 for information.

**Thursday, September 19, 6 p.m.** // Bloomingdale Area Community Council chaired by Hillsborough County Deputy Cliff Fletcher, Bloomingdale Community Station, 3622 Erindale Drive, 813-635-8040. Learn about safety and security issues affecting our community.

## Reporting Damaged Signs Can Help Save Lives

HC Press Release

Online portal lets residents report issues to help improve roadway safety in Hillsborough County.

Hillsborough County maintains over 140,000 signs on more than 6,000 miles of roadway. County staff cannot be aware of every sign in need of repair. Residents and commuters are asked to keep a watchful eye on the condition of signs in their neighborhood and along the roads they drive every day.

See a damaged, knocked-down, vandalized, or missing sign? See a sign that is not visible due to an overhanging tree? Let County know [www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/report-a-missing-or-damaged-traffic-sign](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/report-a-missing-or-damaged-traffic-sign).

After normal business hours, damage to the following signs only: "Stop", "One Way", "Do Not Enter", "Yield" and "Wrong Way" can be reported to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office at 813-247-8200.



## Water Efficient Irrigation Design and Installation

By Paula Staples, UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County  
Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Public Education Program Coordinator

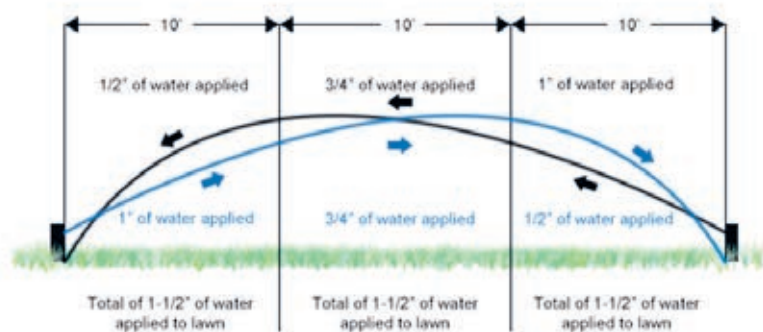
### Land Development Code, Section 6.06.02

When you purchase a home in Hillsborough County, there are land development code requirements that irrigation professionals are expected to follow. The requirements listed are important to achieve an efficient irrigation system. View both the irrigation design and installation certifications at <https://hillsboroughcounty.org/en/businesses/permits-and-records/permit-applications-and-forms/natural-resources>. Look under Irrigation, mid-page.

Go to [http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/Irrigation\\_Equipment\\_Introduction.aspx](http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/Irrigation_Equipment_Introduction.aspx) and learn about irrigation system equipment. To find out about best management practices visit [http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/Irrigation\\_System\\_Maintenance\\_Introduction.aspx](http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/Irrigation_System_Maintenance_Introduction.aspx)

If you would like to receive a handout on how to balance rainfall and irrigation for a healthy landscape, contact me at [staplesp@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:staplesp@hillsboroughcounty.org) and request this handout.

In Florida, turfgrass needs 1/2" to 3/4" of water twice a week during the spring and summer growing season. These two design features are important. They ensure that underwatered or overwatered spaces within the irrigation zone area, are at a minimum.







## Wanted: A Forever Home and Family!

Source: Hillsborough County



Hillsborough County's Pet Resource Center (PRC) has many cats and dogs looking for their "forever" homes. The PRC is the only open-admission facility in the county, meaning it accepts dogs and cats regardless of breed, size or medical condition. Residents can visit the center or search online to view hundreds of adoptable animals. All pets are microchipped, vaccinated, registered, and spayed or neutered before adoption. The PRC, located at 440 N. Falkenburg Rd., is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call 813-744-5660 or visit [www.hcflgov.net/pets](http://www.hcflgov.net/pets).

Here are just a few fabulous faces to choose from:

### Crescentina



Female, 6 years old, 52 pounds. Crescentina seems to be leash- and house-trained, knows sit and shake/paw commands, enjoys lots of attention, treats and has shown to be gentle, dainty, and tolerant in playgroups.

### Guinness



Male, 2 years old, 59 pounds. Guinness has shown to be friendly with adults and other dogs, very playful, and is leash- and house-trained. He knows basic obedience and enjoys going for walks.

### Jax



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# September Community Calendar

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# TODAY!

**Sept. 7, 2 - 3 p.m., Bloomingdale Library, Room 7- Common Mistakes and Myths In Estate Planning** // If you're interested in avoiding potential pitfalls or mistakes with estate planning, then you don't want to miss this seminar. Learn about some of the common myths when it comes to estate planning. Attorney Ashley Ivanov with the Law Office of Ashley Ivanov, P.A. will be presenting from a storyteller's perspective. Age Group(s): Adults



**Sept. 11, 10 a.m. / Riverview Garden Club, Riverview Civic Center, 11020 Park Drive, Riverview** // The Riverview Garden Club's new season begins this month! Email: [riverviewgardenclub1954@gmail.com](mailto:riverviewgardenclub1954@gmail.com) for information.



**Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. until Dec. 20 / Grief Care Class / The First Baptist Church (FBC) of Brandon, 216 N. Parsons Ave.** // The First Baptist Church (FBC) of Brandon provides a Grief Care Class to those that have lost loved ones. The class is free and you do not need to be a Church member to attend. Classes are held from 10-11 a.m. You can contact the group by calling the church office 813-689-1204 or, by emailing [fbcbrandon.org](mailto:fbcbrandon.org) and providing them with your contact information.



**Sept. 13, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. / Your Pie, 125 E Bloomingdale Ave** // It's official! We're hosting our grand opening at Your Pie Brandon on Friday, Sept. 13! No call-in or online orders. Learn more: [yourpie.com/stores/brandon](http://yourpie.com/stores/brandon). Event includes \$3.14 pizza & pints ALL DAY, First 50 guests to receive free Your Pie swag and Enter to win free pizza for a year: [bit.ly/2Hwbsjr](http://bit.ly/2Hwbsjr)



**Sept. 12, 6-10 p.m. / Water Smart Tots' 4th Annual Bingo / The Palmetto Club at Fishhawk Ranch, 17004 Dorman Rd, Lithia** // Hosted by Water Smart Tots. Join us for an incredible night of fun to raise money to eliminate pediatric drowning in the Greater Tampa Bay Area. Event includes \*10 rounds of Bingo, \*Silent Auction, \*Door Prizes, \*Cash (credit) Bar., \*DJ Entertainment and \*Food & Desserts. Tickets Available for \$45 for individual or \$320 for a table of 8. Visit [www.WaterSmartTots.org](http://www.WaterSmartTots.org) to purchase tickets.

**Sept. 14, 8:30-11:30 a.m. / Compost Happens, Microirrigation, and Rainwater Harvesting Workshop / UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner** // This triple workshop will help your garden flourish. Hillsborough County residents who register and attend the triple workshop will receive a composting bin, a microirrigation kit, and a 55-gallon plastic barrel, limited to one per household. Triple workshops will be held Sept. 14, Oct. 5, and Nov. 9. Get more information at [www.eventbrite.com/e/compost](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/compost) and register, or call 813-744-5519.



**Sept. 14, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. / St. Vincent de Paul Tea Time Fundraiser / Family Life Center of St. Stephen Church Catholic Church, 10118 St. Stephen Circle, Riverview** // All Ladies and little ladies are cordially invited to the St. Vincent de Paul Annual Ladies' Tea

and Style Show. The annual fundraiser benefits the food pantry and financial assistance program. Additional monetary donations beyond the \$18 per person would be greatly accepted! Laundry soap donations are appreciated too. Make checks payable to SVDP. For information or reservations, contact either Pam Liguori 813-545-7856 / [PCL1522@aol.com](mailto:PCL1522@aol.com) or Arlene Stein (813) 284-5884 / [arstein@outlook.com](mailto:arstein@outlook.com).



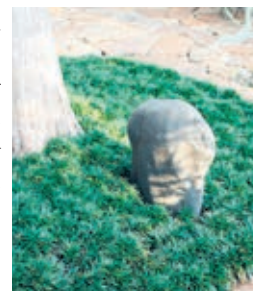
**Sept. 16-21, Various Times, On Weds. Sept 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Open House / National Adult Day Services Recognition Week / Bloomingdale Adult Day Center, 3940 Canoga Park Drive, Brandon** // Bloomingdale Adult Day Center is celebrating National Adult Day Services Recognition Week - The theme is: Voice, Vision and Value. On Weds. Sept. 18, we are having an open house and we want the public to come in and take a tour, meet the staff, sit in on some games/activities and help spread the word about adult day care services. Email [DouglasA@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:DouglasA@hillsboroughcounty.org) for information.



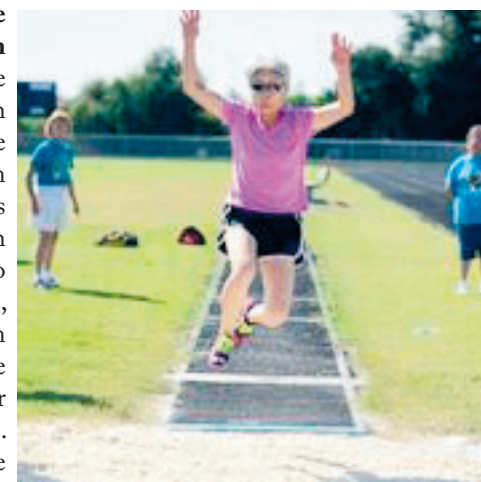
**Sept. 29, Noon- 5 p.m. / Tampa Bay Wellness Expo / Westfield Brandon Mall, 459 Brandon Town Center Drive** // The Tampa Bay Wellness Expos want to make your health a little easier in 2019 by providing a FREE Health and Wellness business expo area with information from local Pediatric to Geriatric medicines. Guests can enjoy free fitness classes, health checks, a teddy bear clinic for kids, a Sage Creation Station, DIY Tea Station, Hydration and Fruit Stations, and more. For more information: [www.SimplyEventsFL.com](http://www.SimplyEventsFL.com) • (727) 674-1464.



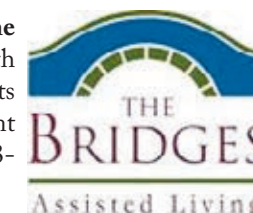
**Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m. / Master Gardener Library Program- Ground Covers for Central Florida / Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Dr.** // Ground Covers are a Florida-Friendly alternative to turf grass and can be grown in places grass is difficult to grow or maintain. Ground covers generally are low grounding, spread, less maintenance and reduce soil erosion. This presentation highlights a variety of Florida-Friendly, drought-tolerant ground covers for Central Florida. Email [amblibrary@gmail.com](mailto:amblibrary@gmail.com) or call 813-205-6621 for more information



**Oct. 7-18 / Hillsborough's Active Life Games / Various Locations / Registration Ends Sept. 13** // The 39th annual Active Life Games, organized by Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation, help promote physical and mental fitness through an Olympic-style competition that attracts hundreds of adults age 50 and older each year. Events range from track and field to cycling to pickleball to billiards, dominoes, and horseshoes. Some of the more than two dozen events are qualifiers for state competition. Registration costs \$15 for one event, or \$25 for unlimited events. There is an additional \$25 charge for those participating in the golf competition, which includes a cart. For info, email [Recreation\\_Admin@HCFLGov.net](mailto:Recreation_Admin@HCFLGov.net).



**Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. / 8th Annual Gifts & Crafts Fair / The Bridges, 11350 Bloomingdale Ave., Riverview** // Vendors with unique gifts and crafts are invited to register for the annual Gifts & Crafts Fair held on Saturday, Oct. 12 at The Bridges Retirement Community. Interested vendors please contact Janet at 813-413-8900 or [jnoah@thebridgesbvm.com](mailto:jnoah@thebridgesbvm.com).





## Letting both of our eyes control the distance...

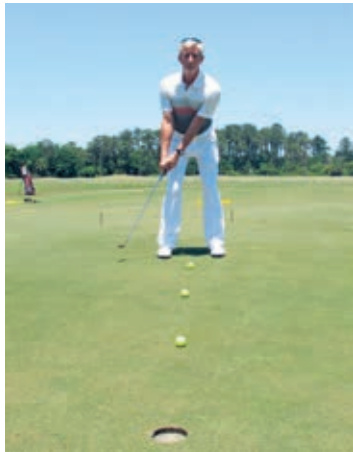
By J.D. Carino (Bloomington CC Campus)

The amateur putter doesn't miss the hole three feet wide left or right. They miss it three feet short or long. The length of your putting stroke should dictate the distance your ball travels.

Let our eyes do the hard work by taking practice strokes while looking at the hole. Your eyes will tell your brain, how far back and through your hands need to go to get the ball to the hole.

Now let your actual stroke have equal distance back and through with the same tempo back and through as your practice strokes.

Taking your practice strokes from behind the ball involves both eyes to get the needed calculating information to the brain.



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Next month: Lean left, stay left. How weight positioning affects your chipping. Any questions or for lessons, call J.D. 813-957-3205.

## HCFL Alert: Get Connected, Stay Alert

HC Press Release

HCFL Alert is Hillsborough County's official mass notification system. It is designed to keep you informed about emergencies and certain non-emergency events in Hillsborough County. By registering, you'll receive time-sensitive, important messages – straight from us to you.

### You Decide

Customize your profile to get voice, text or email messages on the devices you choose at home or work – one, some or all. You can update your contact information instantly. In addition to Emergency Alerts, you can receive optional important Informational Messages and Severe Weather Alerts.

Emergency Alerts – Include evacuation or shelter-in-place instructions, hazardous-materials incidents, wildfires that threaten homes and other structures, mandatory boil-water notices, flooding that could result in a loss of life or significant property damage, and other critical public health and safety messages.

Informational Messages – Cover major road work, closures, and detours on County roads, large-scale precautionary boil water notices, and other important events that may impact your daily life.

Severe Weather Alerts – Include major weather events such as tropical storms, hurricanes, flood, and tornado warnings. The information is provided directly by the National Weather Service for the location information you provide.

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# BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY STATION NOTES

By Community Resource Deputy Clifford Fletcher and CSO Debbie Vijil

**"One Team, One Family, One Community"**

***School's in, help keep our kids safe by obeying ALL traffic laws.***

Schools are open and the school buses are full. Traffic is back to the normal congestion and this means our drives to work will take longer. Be patient! Traffic laws that protect our kids must be followed by all of us! With school back in session there are specific rules that are critical for our kids' safety and are very expensive if broken.

These include:

**School Busses** - Drivers **MUST** stop in both directions for school busses when those busses are stopped on a road with no median dividers (example Bloomingdale Avenue in most areas). When you don't stop, you put our kids in danger. Also, slow down and keep a safe distance between you and other vehicles including those busses.

**School Zones/Crosswalks** - Do not speed through school zones. There are no excuses for speeding, and it puts our children in danger. Speeding fines are **DOUBLED** in school zones. Do not block a crosswalk. We need this area for our children to safely cross the roadway.

**Teens** - Sit down with your teen driver and emphasize the importance of obeying all traffic laws and using seat belts. We've lost too many teens to auto accidents in which teens were not buckled up.

## ***Fines***

Most traffic citations can also increase your auto insurance rates and can stay on your policy for at least 3 years.

**Running a red light - \$261**  
**Failure to stop for a school bus - \$268**  
**Speeding in a school zone - \$303.00**  
**Child restraint violations - \$163.00**  
**Not wearing your seat belt - \$113.00**



***Next Bloomingdale Area Community Council Meeting (BACC)!***  
***Don't Forget Our New Time!***

Get involved; attend our monthly meeting as a neighborhood representative. Our meetings are on the third Thursday of each month - this month's meeting is **Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.** at 3622 Erindale Drive. The BACC works directly with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to identify community concerns and find solutions to all types of problems. For information, call the Bloomingdale Community Station at 635-8040, or come by the station.

***Remember, ALWAYS lock your cars and close your garage doors.***

You make it easy for criminals when you don't lock up your vehicles and homes. One vehicle or home burglarized is too many. Some vehicles that have been targeted had guns in them, making the crime even worse.

***Community involvement does reduce crime - Report, Report, Report!***

If you notice any suspicious activity or a crime being committed, get all the information you can - descriptions of individuals, descriptions of vehicles and license numbers, and immediately call the Sheriff's Dispatch at 247-8200! Time is critical!



The Sheriff's Citizen's Patrol has increased the patrol coverage of our community while also allowing deputies to handle more emergencies. And, a big thanks to our local citizens who regularly report suspicious activity in our neighborhood. Join Citizens Patrol in our area! Call 813-247-0950 or email Deputy Diana Watson - diwatson@hcsso.tampa.fl.us.



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## **HART System In Bloomingdale** By Joe Harless

Even with the ongoing construction in the area, Bloomingdale residents can still get around using HART, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit.



The *Osprey Observer* reported back in January that HART had made changes to its Cross-Country Limited Express (LX) routes, 25LX and 60 LX. Now Bloomingdale/Valrico bus riders can make use of HART's Route 60LX at the Campo YMCA on Culbreath Road. That route will then go onto Nature's Way, exit onto Bell Shoals Road, and then swing back onto Bloomingdale Avenue before heading for the Tampa International Airport (TIA).

Buses run on the hour and cost riders \$2 each way. By comparison, a one-way ride to TIA from Valrico using a shuttle service can cost just under \$90. Supershuttle, [www.supershuttle.com/](http://www.supershuttle.com/), offers a shared ride van service for approximately \$37, allowing up to two bags per rider, curbside pickup/desk in baggage claim drop-off and no costs for tolls.

When not using Route 60LX, the HART Flex system route can be accessed between Kings Avenue and Providence Road on Bloomingdale Avenue, which allows riders to switch buses for Routes 8 and 31. Route 31 connects to Routs 37 and 46, and Route 8 goes to downtown Tampa, granting the rider access to several other routes. Commuters in our area are familiar with 25LX which is a weekday route to and from various Tampa stops.

New route schedules can be found at [goHart.org](http://goHart.org), on the buses, or by mail. For more information, call the HART information line at 813-254-4278.

Interestingly, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, which serves Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas counties, has reportedly been considering a cable-propelled transit system and air taxis as possible future transportation options, although the organization currently has no plans to enact or use those options.



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# **New friends! New class! New teacher! New Everything!**

Welcome back, Gators, Cougars, Bruins, Bulls and all of our area schools! This time of year starts with Back-to-School mania including: sales, registration, open houses, sports physicals, and band and sports practices.

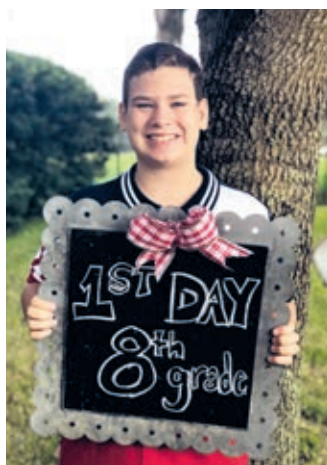
As the year progresses, add trips to the bus stop or school drop-off line, school clubs and activities, “enforced” bedtime and alarm clock usage, the dreaded homework battles, and fundraisers!

Let’s face it! Back to School means controlled chaos and pandemonium sprinkled with a healthy dose of missing those lazy days of summer with your amazingly fast-growing kids!!

Thank you to all who shared photos of your Back to School experiences!



Nick Klaeren and Noah Kerr, Bloomingdale HS



Ryan Fidler, Burns Middle School, 8th grade



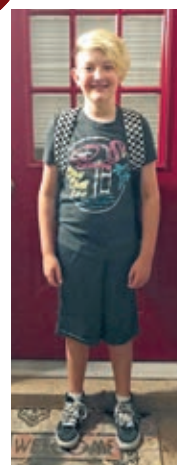
Jessica Hayes, Senior



Stephanie Goodman, Bloomingdale High School



Nadia Nijjer, Bloomingdale High School



Ayden Matthews 5th grade, Cimino Elementary



Josh, 6th Grade and Nick DeJesus, 5th Grade LLT (Literacy Leadership Technology) Academy



Payton, 6th grade, and Danica Jennings, 7th grade and Piper, bus stop bodyguard Burns Middle School



Evan, 3rd grade and Marcus Guardado, VPK ESE (autism), Cimino Elementary



Hickory Woods Neighborhood kids, Burns Middle School



Lukas Sheppard, 1st grade, Brooker Elementary



Addison, The Village ELC and Andrew Solomon, Burns Middle School



Venus Luciano, 4th grade, Brooker Elementary



Austin Burcham, 15 -Sophomore @BSHS, IyLa Burcham, 6 - 1st Grade @ Alafia, Ariel Burcham, 14 - Freshman @ BSHA



Nina Nijjer, Burns Middle School

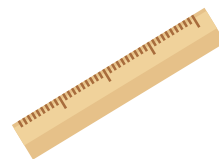


Jason Knipp, 7th grade, Burns Middle School



Michael Knipp, 10th grade, Bloomingdale High School





James Esley and Kate Archambeau,  
Burns 8th graders



Autumn and Jayden Latocki, Alafia  
Elementary Kindergarten and 5th  
grade respectively



Michaela (8th) and Kristian  
Walker (6th), Bell Creek  
Academy, Kaiser approves!



Joey Kerr, Blooming-  
dale High School



Taylor Kerr, Orange  
Grove Magnet  
School of the Arts  
Middle School



Steven, 4th, Matthew, 1st, Ireland, 4th, and  
Aiden, 5th grade attending Cimino Elementary



Triplets Skyler, Braden and Daylin Alvarez, 7th grade,  
Burns Middle School



Olivia Fauskee, 7th  
grade, Burns Middle



McKenna Burke, 8th Grade,  
Burns Middle School, with her  
sister Olivia, 2



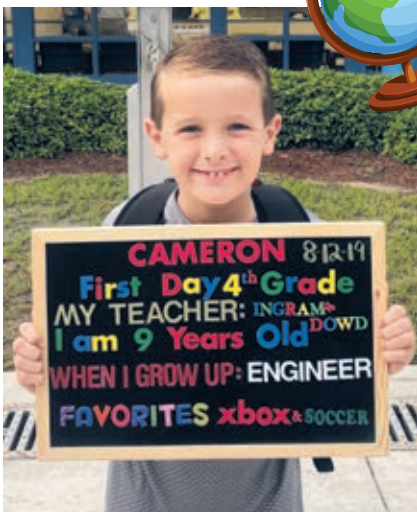
Timothy Burnett, 6th grade, Burns  
Middle School, Pictures with twin  
sisters Teresa and Genevieve Burnett!



Aiden Willis,  
Freshman,  
Bloomingdale HS



Madelyn Fauskee,  
3rd grade, Brooker  
Elementary



Cameron Bird, Cimino Elementary



Chase Thomas Scappaticci,  
1st grade, Cimino



Ashlee and J.R. Singer, Burns  
Middle School



Leah Esley (4th) & Nathan  
Esley (K) Alafia



Kendall Thornton, 7th  
grade, Burns MS



Barry Lucido, Burns  
Middle School

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.” *Malala Yousafzai*



“Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.” *Conan O'Brien*



Aliani and Jaylee Bermudez,  
1st day at Navigator Academy  
of Valrico



Brie and Scarlett Eustace,  
Cimino Elementary School



Kyra Bonifield, 1st grade,  
Cimino Elementary



Shane Carlisle, 7th grade,  
Tomlin Middle school



Elijah Dawson, 12, 7th grade, Burns MS



Dominique Dawson, 10th grade,  
Bloomington HS



Kyla Lesley Atchison, Junior,  
Howard W. Blake High  
School of The Arts



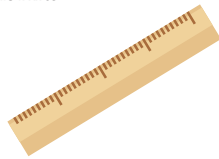
Bryleigh Eden Atchison, 6th grade,  
Orange Grove Middle  
School of The Arts



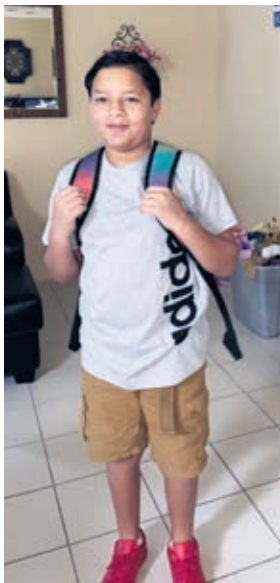
Grace and Tyler Elliott, Sophomores,  
Bloomington High School



Abby and Kenzie Patton, Freshman Abby  
(left) and sister Kenzie Patton,  
a Senior, BSHS



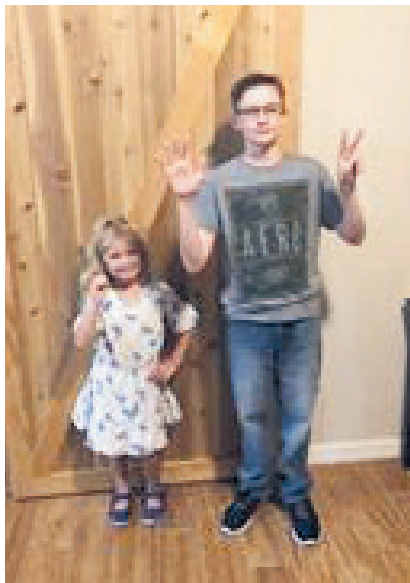
Natasha Luciano, 9th grade, and  
Alondra Luciano 11th grade,  
BSHS



Nathan Luciano, 6th grade,  
Burns Middle school



Zoey Elliott, Kindergarten  
at Corr elementary



Payton - 7th grade at Burns, Brooklyn - Kin-  
dergarten at Alafia



Cole Wloczewski, Sopho-  
more at BSHS and  
4-month-old Rubi



Max Shields, The Village  
Early Learning Center





Lauren Freeman,  
Primrose School of  
Bloomingdale



Jackson, Lucas, and Mason  
Linton, newcomers to Cimino  
Elementary School



Emily (5) and Gabriella (8) Beach,  
Bloomingdale Children's House



Ethan Holderness, 2nd grade,  
Cimino, with his new  
baby sister Maya



Brooke Eustace,  
Burns Middle



Conrad Peacock, Cimino, and  
Zac Peacock, Kinder Care



The Owen Bunch: L. to R. David, 10th grade and  
Thomas, 9th grade, both BSHS; Elsie, Progress Vil-  
lage Middle Magnet, 6th grade; Jon, 2019 BSHS Grad,  
Seattle Pacific University Freshman.

## Hillsborough County Schools Facts, Did You Know...?

- Hillsborough County is the eighth-largest school system in the country.
- In 2009, HCPS received a \$100 million Gates Foundation Empowering Effective Teachers Grant.
- As of August 14, our district has received nearly \$53.5 million from the Half Penny Sales Tax, so far nearly 40M has been spent on repairs and upgrades.
- Grades: Pre K-12, 250 Schools
- Number of students: 206,841
- Teachers: 15,162
- Teachers' unions: Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association
- Superintendent: Jeff Eakins
- Transportation: 91,000 students ride more than 1,000 busses to and from school every day
- Breakfast is FREE for all students. Elementary lunch costs \$2.25, and Secondary lunch costs \$2.75.

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### Hunters Lake



Beautiful David Weekley-built home loaded with upgrades to include espresso hardwood flooring throughout the main living areas//Granite in the kitchen with 42" espresso cabinetry//Brick lay stone backsplash//Large open floor plan all in a small gated community. Home is less than 3 years old.



### Stunning Fish Hawk Trails Home



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## Cimino Teacher to Open STEM Childcare Center

By Wendy Knipp And Jane Owen

Kaitlin Longworth is a passionate hard-working Kindergarten teacher at Cimino Elementary. With a Master's in Reading Education from USF and over 10 years of experience in Hillsborough County, she is uniquely qualified to assess student preparedness for Kindergarten. And, she believes in the benefit of early education and preparing young children for school.

She said, "I see a lot of students coming in that do not have a quality preschool background and it's unfortunate because they're walking in the door already behind other students."

In addition, as a mom, Kaitlin has had to find childcare in Bloomingdale. In doing so, she noticed another problem. Not all childcare centers in Bloomingdale offer quality programs and the ones that do are simply full, and the waitlists are long.

This dedicated mom and teacher has decided to make a difference. She decided to open Kiddie Academy of Bloomingdale (KAB), which is being built at the corner of Springvale Drive and Bloomingdale Avenue in Valrico and will be open in early 2020.

KAB will be a STEM-based childcare center where students will learn through hands-on play, exploring, and working together. Food will be prepared fresh onsite and served family-style, allowing children to learn to serve themselves proper portions. For fitness, they will have 3 playgrounds and a racetrack.

Kaitlin said the curriculum is focused on character development, as well. "We take every opportunity to teach important life skills such as compassion, sharing, friendship, and manners."

"Our goal is to ensure our students are prepared for Kindergarten and are well-rounded."



KAB had its groundbreaking ceremony on Aug. 13. Pictured left to right is Grant Gary from Woodmont Land Group, Jonathan Longworth, Kaitlin Longworth, and Audrey Hirst from Pilot Bank.



Jonathan and Kaitlin Longworth proudly pose as they enjoyed spreading the word about KAB to the public at the Bloomingdale Library.

### Features of the Kiddie Academy Bloomingdale:

- Watch Me Grow that allows parents to check on their child throughout the day through a secure video feed
- 3 shaded playground systems for outdoor fun
- Spanish is offered for all children ages 3 and up
- Sign language is offered for all children ages 6 weeks-2 years
- Additional Music Program for all students called Kindermusik
- Academy Link-used for daily parent communication including lesson plans, photos and videos, reminders, and assessments/developmental progress
- STEM based curriculum
- After School Program called CampVentures

### Kiddie Academy of Bloomingdale

Opening Date: Early 2020  
Hours: 6:30 am- 6:30 pm  
Ages: 6 weeks-12 years  
Fall 2020, first year of VPK.  
Website: [kiddieacademy.com](http://kiddieacademy.com)  
Phone: 813-540-3446  
Email: [kaitlin.longworth@kiddieacademy.net](mailto:kaitlin.longworth@kiddieacademy.net)

## Laburnum Gardens Ribbon Cutting

HC Press Release, Abbreviated

Hillsborough County's newest housing complex offers a solution to one of the area's toughest problems: the need for more affordable rental apartments for seniors. All 81 units at Laburnum Gardens in Valrico are reserved for seniors with incomes at or below 60 percent of the area's median income. Maximum monthly rent will range from \$502 for a one-bedroom unit to \$904 for a two-bedroom apartment.

Amenities include a clubhouse and community area, elevators in all buildings, nature trail/boardwalk, and shuffleboard court. Laburnum Gardens, 1146 E. Bloomingdale Ave., was developed by Southport Development, Inc. and is partially funded by Hillsborough County. Such public-private partnerships are becoming increasingly valuable as State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) funding has significantly declined in recent years. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place Aug. 1.



**New  
Affordable Housing  
for Seniors**

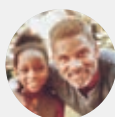
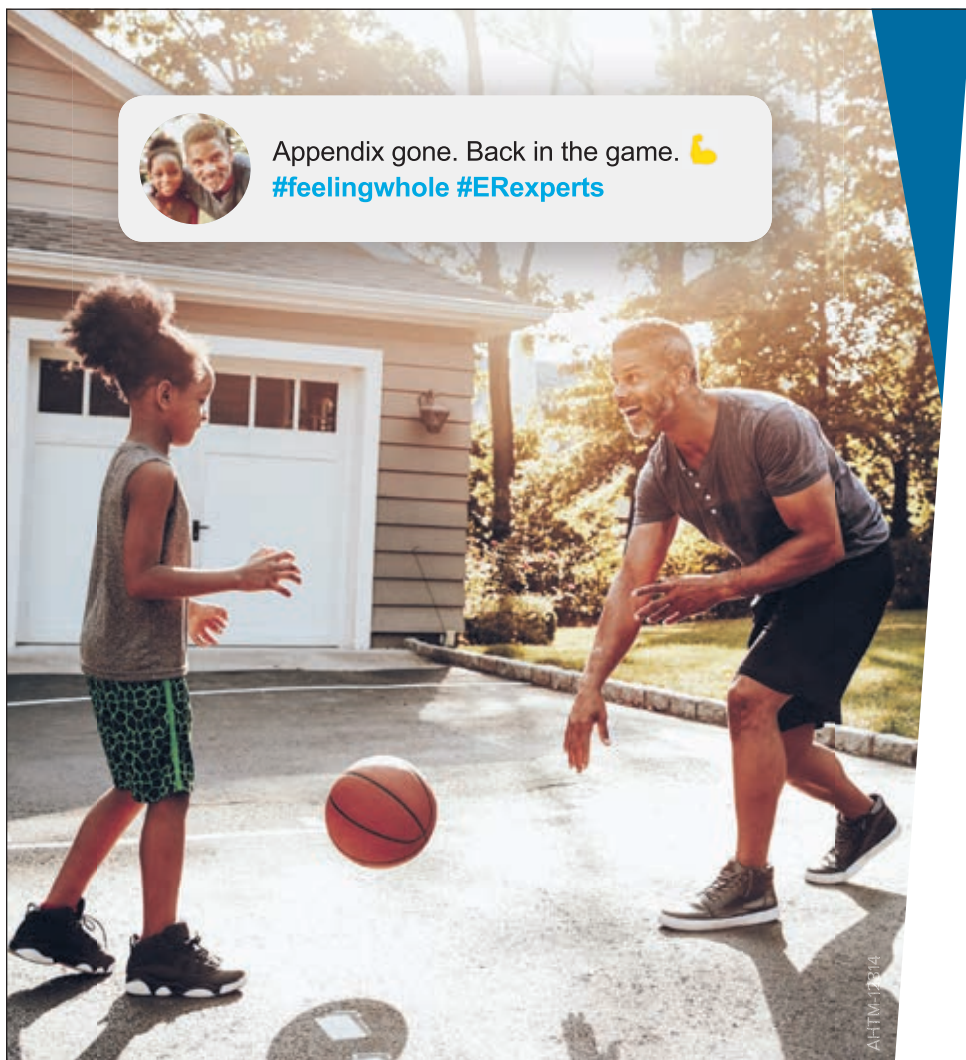




# Times Square Pizza Gets Artsy

By Wendy Knipp; Photos: Pamela Reeves, BMS Art Teacher

At Times Square Pizza, the food is always delicious. Now this beloved pizzeria is helping local students by adding an art gallery. Owner Shane Obedzinski, teamed up with Burns Middle School and Bloomingdale High School to host a revolving display of original student artwork. Customers can peruse the gallery and even purchase prints of their favorite pieces. Times Square Pizza is located at 927 East Bloomingdale Avenue in Bloomingdale Square.



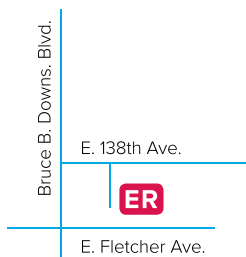
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# BLOOMING IN BLOOMINGDALE

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By Gwen Graverson

## ...HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

(Editor's Note: A column for our green and brown thumb gardeners penned by local garden enthusiast Gwen Graverson. Have a gardening question? Contact Gwen at [inbloominglenews@gmail.com](mailto:inbloominglenews@gmail.com).)

### The Monarch Migration Is Upon Us

Now that Fall is upon us, it's time to look up in the sky and catch a glimpse of majestic monarch butterflies returning south to their winter homes.

#### Migration

Monarch butterflies simply cannot survive cold winters. Also, the change of seasons results in a decline of their primary food source, milkweed. During migration, monarchs can travel between 50 – 100 miles per day. Their full journey can take up to two months to complete. In Spring, monarchs return north. The monarch is the only insect known to make a two-way migration as birds do.

#### Annual Life Cycle

The annual life cycle of all monarch butterflies consists of four generations, with the fourth generation being slightly different than the other three. The first three generations will die after two to six weeks. The fourth-generation butterflies are the ones that migrate south in the Fall to warmer climates and will live for six to eight months. The cycle repeats, and the fourth generation returns North in the Spring.

#### Butterfly Festival

On Oct. 26, St Mark's National Wildlife Refuge will hold its annual Monarch Butterfly Festival. Admission to the refuge is \$5.00 and the Festival is free. The Festival offers educational demonstrations, wildlife exhibitions and entertainment. An ongoing activity for children is monarch tagging. The tags and tagging process do not harm the butterflies, and the data collected have the potential to answer many important questions about monarch biology and conservation. St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge is located at 1255 Lighthouse Road, St. Marks, Florida (<http://www.stmarksrefuge.org/>).

If you find a tagged monarch, you can report it to Monarch Watch at the University of Kansas. They have been collecting data since 1992 (<https://www.monarchwatch.org/>).

#### Butterfly Gardening Seminar

Kerby's Nursery offers a butterfly gardening seminar on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10am. Kerby's Nursery is located at 2311 Parsons Avenue, Seffner (<http://www.kerbysnursery.com/>).



### RECYCLED YARD ART COMPETITION

The Hillsborough County Fair will hold a

Recycled Yard Art Contest on Oct 17-20 & 24-27. Pieces will include two- and three-dimensional yard art created from items already used for their original purpose. Participants can be individuals or groups from four categories: Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Adult. For an entry forms and rules, visit [www.hillsboroughcountyfair.com](http://www.hillsboroughcountyfair.com).





## Teachers Head Back to School Too

By Deidre Morgan; Photos: Deidre Morgan

Bloomington High School was the host for the Valrico Fishhawk Chamber of Commerce Back to School Teacher Luncheon held on Aug. 7.

Allison Kropff, award-winning anchor for 10 News, and Dr. Dakeyan Graham, 2019 Teacher of the Year and 2020 Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year were keynote speakers.

The Bloomington Orchestra provided music and the Air Force ROTC department did a presentation.

Lunch was provided by Chick-Fil-A. Some of the sponsorship members were Spectrum Business, Duffey Tree Care, Cardinal Roofing, Mosaic and Snively State Farm Insurance, just to name a few.

This is the third year that the Chamber has sponsored the luncheon. Established in 2013, the Chamber is one of the premiere business organizations in Eastern Hillsborough County. It is made up of roughly 250 members representing businesses of all sizes – from work-at-home solo-preneurs to corporations with many employees. The organization advances its membership business agenda through advocacy, leadership, education, charitable giving and networking opportunities.

Good Luck to all the Teachers for a very successful 2019-2020 school year!



C. Leon King High School's Dr. Dakeyan Graham, a Brandon native, was named the 2019 Teacher of the Year and the 2020 Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year. Graham currently serves as King HS's band director, which is also his alma mater.

To the returning teachers, Graham said never count out the hard-to-reach kid because that kid may turn out to be your best student. Graham ended his speech and wowed the crowd with his vocals by singing a few verses of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."



Allison Kropff, award-winning anchor for 10News talked about change and how her husband's death from cancer forced her to change. "Nothing changes if nothing changes." She equated that to the new procedures teachers and students now must adapt to because of recent school shootings.



Cimino Elementary School Principal Joanne Griffiths and Cimino teachers attended the Back to School Luncheon.



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## September School News: A Look at What's Happening

Events listed may be subject to change. Check with your school to confirm event dates and times prior to attending.

Compiled by Deidre Morgan



### ALAFIA ALLIGATOR ALLEY

Sept. 1-12 – Gold Card Fall Fundraiser  
 Sept. 3-13 – Gator Yard Signs, For more information go to <https://alafiapta.membershiptoolkit.com/store/product/FUND-GATOR>  
 Sept. 12 – Grandparents Breakfast, Kindergarten, 2 & 4 grades, 7-8 a.m.  
 Sept. 13 – Grandparents Breakfast, VPK, 1, 3 & 5 grades, 7-8 a.m.\*Information has been sent home. If Grandparents have grandchildren to visit both days, they can choose 1 date to eat with everyone\*  
 Sept. 13 – School Dance, 6 p.m., more information coming soon  
 Sept. 13 – Gold Card Forms Due  
 Sept. 17 – Chick-Fil-A Family Night  
 Oct. 1 – Kona Ice, 1:50 p.m. in the Hart parking lot  
 Oct. 8 – Fall Pictures

#### Alafia PTA Information

Please sign up for updates and information at: [alafiapta.membershiptoolkit.com](https://alafiapta.membershiptoolkit.com). Also download the mobile app: membership toolkit

#### Alafia Gator Store

Open on Mondays for K-2 grade, Wednesdays 3-5 grade, 7:10-7:35 a.m.

#### Gator Spirit Wear

Wear your School Spirit shirts on Friday's and get a Gator Buck. School Spirit items can be purchased online <https://alafiapta.membershiptoolkit.com/schoolstore> Items purchased will be sent to your student's classroom.



### CIMINO COUGAR CENTRAL

Sept. 6 – Cougar Spirit Shirt Day  
 Sept. 11 – 9/11 Memorial Remembrance Day, Wear Red, White & Blue in remembrance  
 Sept. 13 – Cimino Cougar Challenge Kickoff, 8-9 a.m.  
 Sept. 17 – SAC Meeting, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 19 – Fall Picture Day  
 Sept. 24 – Cougar Cool Cats Awards, RESPECT, 8 a.m.  
 Sept. 25 – Green Team meeting, 2-3 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 – All Pro Dads, Wear Gold for RESPECT, 6:30- 7:30 a.m.  
 Oct. 4 – Cougar Challenge, Details to come

#### Spirit Wear

Wear your Spirit Shirt every Friday!  
 Order your new 2019-2020 school year Spirit Wear at [www.ciminopta.ite-morder.com/sale](http://www.ciminopta.ite-morder.com/sale) Order deadline is Sept. 30 and quantities are limited.

#### Media Center

The Media Center needs volunteers! Please fill out a District volunteer form to get started. You may access the application at <https://community.sdhc.k12.fl.us/wps/portal/community/sdhc.home/sdhc.volunteer/sdhc.applyvolunteer/#/Volunteer>.

#### School Website

<http://cimino.mysdhc.org>



### BURNS BRUINS BANTER

Sept. 10 – AVID USF Field Trip, 9:30 a.m.  
 Sept. 12 – Relay for Life Area Meeting – 5-7 p.m., Media Center  
 Sept. 12 – Girls & Boys Basketball vs Rodgers, 6 p.m.  
 Sept. 12 – PTA General Assembly, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 16 – 20 - Book Fair, 9 a.m., Media Center



Sept. 17 – Girls & Boys Basketball @ Barrington, 6 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 – Band Booster General Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 146  
 Sept. 25 – Girls & Boys Basketball vs Randall, 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 – Girls & Boys Basketball @ Shields, 6 p.m.

#### School Website

<http://burns.mysdhc.org>

### BLOOMINGDALE HIGH BULL BUSINESS

Sept. 9 – Girls/Boys Golf @ Spoto, 2:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 10-13 – FSA Writing/Reading Retakes  
 Sept. 10 – JV/V Volleyball vs Hillsborough, 6:15 p.m.  
 Sept. 10 – Swim Meet vs Riverview @ BSAC, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 11 – Girls/Boys Golf vs East Bay, 3:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 12 – JV/V Volleyball @ Leto, 6:15 p.m.  
 Sept. 12 – JV Football vs Armwood, 7p.m.  
 Sept. 13 – Varsity Football @ Durant, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 14 – Jr. Bulls Cheer Camp, 1-4 p.m., Cafeteria \*\*See flyer\*\*  
 Sept. 16 – JV/V Volleyball vs East Bay, 6:15 p.m.  
 Sept. 17-20 – Fall EOC's (Algebra 1, Geo, US History & Biology)  
 Sept. 18 – Girls/Boys Golf vs Spoto, 3:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 19 – Senior Class Picture, 8:45a.m., Gym  
 Sept. 19 – Girls/Boys Golf @ Riverview, 10 a.m.  
 Sept. 19 – Swim Meet vs Plant City & TBT @ Plant City YMCA, 6 p.m.  
 Sept. 19 – JV/V Volleyball @ Strawberry Crest, 6:15 p.m.  
 Sept. 19 – JV Football @ Strawberry Crest, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 – Varsity Football @ Plant, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 – Girls/Boys Golf vs Brandon, 2:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 – Western Conference Diving @ Copeland Park, 3. p.m.  
 Sept. 24 – JV/V Volleyball @ Brandon, 6:15 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 – Swim Meet vs Newsome @ BSAC, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 – Girls/Boys Golf @ Strawberry Crest, 3:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 – JV/V Volleyball vs Sickles, 6:15 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 – JV Football @ Newsome, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 – Swim, Federal Division WC Meet @ BSAC, 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 27 – Homecoming Varsity Football vs Plant City, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 2 – Girls/Boys Golf @ Brandon, 3:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 – Girls/Boys Golf @ East Bay, 3 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 – JV/V Volleyball @ TBT, 6:15 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 – Swim Meet vs EB/Lennard @ BSAC, 6:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 – Swim, WC Championship @ Bobby Hicks, 1 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 – Varsity Football vs TBT, 7:30 p.m.



### BULL BRIEFS

#### Homecoming Volunteers Needed

Homecoming is around the corner. Parents, we need volunteers to sell homecoming tickets during lunch periods. Please see the sign-up genius below to sign up for times and days you would like to volunteer. <https://www.signup-genius.com/go/904084DAFAE2A1-homecoming1>



## Junior Bulls Cheer Camp

All Students Kindergarten through 8th grade

September 14, 2019 1pm-4pm

Bloomington High School Cafeteria

Come meet the Bloomington Cheerleaders, learn cheers and sideline dances.

\$30 pre-registration • \$35 day of the event

Receive: one Bulls Cheer T-shirt, snacks & drinks during the camp & entrance into the Plant City vs Bloomington Home game to cheer in the stands with Bulls Cheerleaders during the game. If you have any questions, email Coach DiPrima at [tracy.diprima@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:tracy.diprima@sdhc.k12.fl.us)

Cut out & return section at time of registration.

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child's T-shirt Size (circle one): YS YM YL YXL AS

Child's Current Grade (circle one): K-2 3-5 6-8

Return this form to Bloomington High School Attention: Tracy DiPrima  
1700 E. Bloomington Ave. Valrico, FL 33596. Pay via cash or check,  
made payable to BSHS Athletic Boosters.

## Bloomington High School Academic Foundation

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## Back to the Books

Brief and Photos By Deidre Morgan

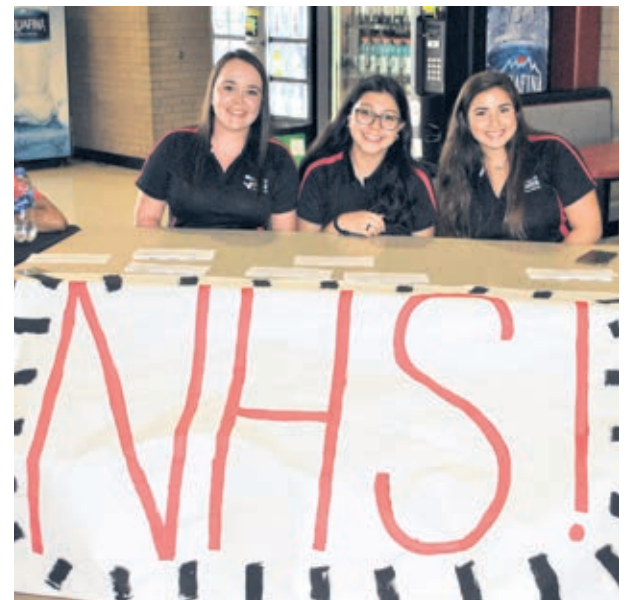
On Aug. 8, Bloomingdale High School held its Freshman Open House. Principal Sue Burkett, Assistant Principals and Guidance Counselors welcomed new students and parents to the new school year with an orientation in the Auditorium. During open house, students purchased spirit wear, yearbooks and joined various clubs and organizations that were set up around the cafeteria. The class of 2023 also had the chance to get familiar with the layout of the school and meet their teachers for the upcoming year. Good luck to all the students this year!



Patti Rendon (left) and Amy Lee greeted parents and provided them with information about the Student Advisory Council and the Academic Foundation.



Gina Baxter & Kendale Robertson are ready to "Aim High" and talk all things Air Force at the JROTC table.



National Honor Society members from left, Emma Reynolds, Luisa Navarrete and Morgan Robertson were on hand to answer questions about what it takes to be a NHS member.



## Meet the Bulls

By Deidre Morgan

It's that time again! Time when Fall sports takes center stage at Bloomingdale High School. On Aug. 9, the annual Meet the Bulls/Red & White football game was played. This is a game where the Offense and Defense get to show off their skills against each other, and display what they have been practicing all summer.

The Rajun' Bull Band also gave a preview of their upcoming show theme. The Varsity Cheer squad showed their Bull pride moves and the JV and Varsity Volleyball teams were introduced on the field.

New Head Coach Jake Coulson is ready for the regular season and excited for the year ahead. The Bulls are off to a great start to the year with a 35-2 win over Winter Haven and beating cross town rivals Newsome, 38-13. Go Bulls!!

Photos: Deidre Morgan (unless otherwise noted)



The Rajun' Bull Band and Crimson Dolls head to the stadium for the first time.



Head Football Coach Jake Coulson keeps a watchful eye over his players as they take the field.



Varsity Cheer squad get ready to fire up the crowd.



The offense and defense play against each other to show off their skills.



The Red Sea never disappoints and always fills the stands.





## Bloomington High to Host High School Music Festival

By Kelly Ford, Communications Volunteer; Photos: Timothy Boone

Local music fans have an opportunity to see young musicians from the entire county perform at a music festival this fall. On Nov. 2, Bloomington High School's Rajun' Bull Band hosts Hillsborough County's Marching Performance Assessment (MPA) at their stadium. Every high school marching band in the county will perform their half-time show for spectators and a panel of judges.

The MPA festival is like a final exam grade for marching band programs. The bands will not be competing against one another. Instead, the panel of judges will rate each performance according to benchmarks set by the Florida Bandmaster's Association (FBA), which is the governing body for all middle and high school programs in the state.

Two judges will assess musical performance, with a third judge grading the percussion section. Dance teams and flag corps will be graded by a judge for their contribution to the visual performance. Two more judges will assess the visual performance and the overall effect of the show. All bands will be looking to match or improve scores earned during last year's festival.

Bloomington's Director of Bands, Jon Sever, keen to welcome the public to witness the shows, said, "[The MPA] gives the public a chance to see how hard these kids have been working. Spectators will be able to enjoy a wide range of marching styles during the performances."

Showcasing all of the bands in the county will be an all-day event. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event for \$10 or less. Spectators will be able to choose from a variety of concessions items and food vendors during the festival. Starting performance time will be around 1 pm. Interested spectators can keep informed via Bloomington Band's Facebook page: BSHS Rajun' Bull Band.

The Rajun' Bull Band is asking for additional support from the community in the form of sponsorships and donations. Anyone interested in contributing to Bloomington's MPA Festival can contact Jon Sever or the Bloomington Band Boosters at [jon.sever@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:jon.sever@sdhc.k12.fl.us) or [2019MPABloomington@gmail.com](mailto:2019MPABloomington@gmail.com).



## Bulls + Cougars = An Awesome First Day of School!

The Bloomington Drumline surprised Cimino Elementary teachers on Friday, Aug. 2 with a surprise Teacher Pep Rally.



Photos: Jane Owen

*"Special Thank You to our very own Bloomington High School Football Team."*

These fantastic young men helped with Carline, greeted our students, and were also caught reading to our young ones. Students made comments that these young men, in uniform, were "Real Life Superheroes." Doesn't get any better than that! We are so proud of our community and the amazing young adults that continue to give back. Bravo!!!"  
Cimino PTA FB Page



Photos: Courtesy of Cimino Elementary and BSHS Football



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