



# PANTHER NEWS

Heritage High School Newsletter

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## Panther Pride

Welcome back, Panthers! Hope you all had a restful break. Holidays and the New Year are always a time for reflection, and I hope that you all found time to recharge and reflect. We are so excited for all that we have in store for 2024!



### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 1st-5th: Winter Break—NO SCHOOL
- January 8th: Back to School
- January 9th: Second Semester Starts
- January 11th: Choice Night—6PM-8PM
- January 12th: Winter Pep Rally
- January 15th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL
- January 23rd: Go Higher, Get Accepted
- January 25th: Horus Scholar Night at Rockledge High School
- January 31st: EFSC Information Night—5:30PM-8PM in the Auditorium

Huge shoutout to our faculty for winning our first Faculty/Student Basketball Game! The faculty was victorious—with a 55-54 victory. Coach Carl Hall made the winning free throw with no time remaining to seal the victory. The best news was that our students acted amazingly and had a great time!

We hope to have more opportunities with building a positive culture and community at Heritage. Starting January 19th, we will have game Fridays during lunch. Look for a host of games in our courtyard during all lunches!

We are now in our second semester, and I hope our students continue to excel. I love seeing our students involved and I hope to provide more opportunities to showcase our students' talents.

## Go Big Blue!

*Stephen Link*

Principal, Heritage High School

**School Advisory Council News:**

Check back here for School Advisory Council (SAC) throughout the school year for important updates, meeting dates, and information.

Find us on: **facebook**

We are now on Facebook—Heritage High School (@HHSGoBigBlue) Please like and share our page!

Let's Laugh & Play with Friends

SOURCES OF STRENGTH'S **GAME FRIDAYS**

EVERY FRIDAY DURING ALL LUNCHESES PROMOTING HEALTHY HABITS AND POSITIVE FRIENDS

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For more information or game suggestions Contact Mrs. Kahanbach: kahanbach.heather@brevardschools.org

Referral Sources for Children and Families QR Code

**PANTHER-PREP**

Monday – Thursday  
3:45pm – 4:45pm

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# SCHOOL INFORMATION AND EVENTS:



## IMPORTANT COLLEGE/CAREER INFORMATION

**If you are going to college or trade school, there is financial aid available if you fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).**

In preparation, please make sure that both the student AND the parent create your FSA IDs BEFOREHAND, since it takes 1-3 days for the account to be activated before you can start the FASFA.

You can create those accounts at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>.

You can access FAFSA here: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fasfa>

EFSC will be here January 23 to help you fill out your EFSC application, as well as **FAFSA** (even if you're not going to EFSC). Parents, this is a great opportunity to have **financial aid experts** help you fill out FAFSA – **bring your SSN and 2022 tax returns.**

If you have problems or questions, please call 1-800-433-3243.

## Free and Reduced Lunch Information:

Please [click here](#) for the online application for Free/Reduced Lunch. This application **MUST** be filled out every year. Students that participated in the Free or Reduced Lunch Program may eat for the first few days of the school year on the prior year status, but it is important that all eligible students fill out a new application as soon as possible.

10% IS DONATED TO THE CLASS

# Texas Roadhouse Night

Support our Heritage High School Advanced Water Technology program!

## January 23rd

4 - 8:30 PM

## CTE News

Congratulations to the following students who have earned their CTE Industry Certification:

**AutoDESK AutoCAD Certified User:** Daniel C., Edwin H., Brandon L., Auston M., Dylan R., Clara R.

**AutoDESK Fusion 360 Certified User:** Kishawn A., Daniel H.

Congratulations to Kailey G. She was named Florida State Champion and selected to compete in Certiport's 2024 Microsoft Office Specialist US National Championship at the Hilton Lake Buena Vista Hotel in Orlando, June 17th-19th.

## Club Updates:

Crochet Club will meet January 17th at 3:45-4:45 in room 6-101.

Black Student Union (BSU) will now meet on Thursdays in room 6-101.

## Out of Field Teachers:

Shernette Alaman, ESE  
Kathryn Betcher, Math  
Gregory Gage, School Counselor  
Richelle Lierman, School Counselor  
Jennifer Moton, ESE

## ESOL Out of Field Teachers:

Luke Brix  
Natasha Chamber-Collins  
Matthew D'Avis  
Victoria Kain  
Rebecca Morgan  
Amee Peck  
Shonda Peller



# FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

## QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP

By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

### Anonymous or Non-Anonymous

You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.

### Convenient

Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.

### Include Photos and Video

You can also include photos or video with your tip report.

## QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES

FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



### Your School Officials

The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

### Local Law Enforcement

Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

### State-Level Officials

State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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# TESTING INFORMATION:

## SAT Test Dates for 2023-2024

U.S. deadlines apply to students testing in the United States and U.S. territories.

U.S. registration materials that are mailed must be postmarked by the U.S. deadlines. The deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, U.S.

[Additional fees](#) apply if you register late, change your test center, change your test date, or switch from taking the SAT to taking a Subject Test after registering. Find out [how to make registration changes](#) and get deadlines.

Your registration options will be limited if you aren't [taking the SAT for one of its main purposes](#).

| Test Date               | Deadline          | Late Deadline            |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| March 9, 2024 (Digital) | February 23, 2024 | Check College Board Site |
| May 4, 2024 (Digital)   | April 19, 2024    | Check College Board Site |
| June 1, 2024 (Digital)  | May 17, 2024      | Check College Board Site |

## ACT Test Dates for 2023-2024

Here are the future ACT dates, registration deadlines, and photo upload dates for 2023-2024

All of the test dates are according to ACT, Inc. (though they are subject to change); the deadlines and score release dates are based on PrepScholar projections.

| Test Date         | Deadline        | Late Deadline    | Photo Upload Deadline |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| February 10, 2024 | January 5, 2024 | January 19, 2024 | February 2, 2024      |
| April 13, 2024    | March 8, 2024   | March 22, 2024   | April 5, 2024         |
| June 8, 2024      | May 3, 2024     | May 17, 2024     | May 31, 2024          |
| July 13, 2024     | June 7, 2024    | June 21, 2024    | July 5, 2024          |

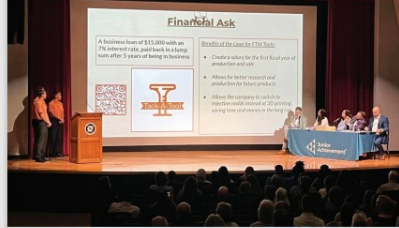
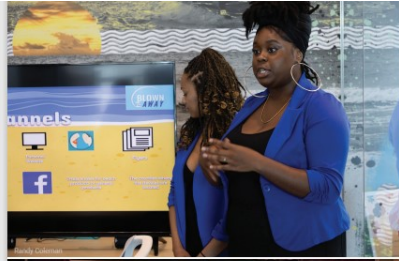
### Need SAT Help? Khan Academy is Here!

If you are in need of some SAT prep, please visit Khan Academy. Khan Academy can provide you with practice problems based on the subject areas of SAT. You can link your College Board account with Khan Academy and get targeted help. Visit [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) for all your SAT practice needs!





# FLYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**THE CLASS** JA Be Entrepreneurial is a reimagined, modular program that teaches students about the mindset and the skillset needed for success by entrepreneurs and innovators. Module one teaches students to learn and apply Design Thinking, an innovative process for problem solving and brainstorming customer-centric ideas. In module 2, students develop a mindset that enables opportunity identification, innovation, value creation, and problem solving. In module 3, students learn about Lean Canvas by developing a streamlined, one-page, business plan. Participating students can compete in a national virtual competition as well as our local challenge.

**BPS teams have taken 2nd place at the JA USA National Competition twice in the past three years! Open to every team, invited finalists will travel to Washington, DC, to compete in person.**

**THE WHY** Challenge winners, Garth Savage and Vance L. Mcleod Jr. took advantage of the Florida Tech scholarships. They had this to say about their experience. "The Challenge has changed our lives tremendously. Along with giving us the drive to start our own business, we've had with the opportunity to attend Florida Tech with the scholarships we won. In our eyes, it was not only a gift, but an open door we faced and charged through. Your students will learn so many aspects of the business world."

**The JA Social Innovation Challenge actively encourages students to play to their strengths, to work in a team, to better the world, and to create and defend intellectual ideas in a public forum.**

**THE CHALLENGE** Students will compete for Florida Tech scholarships, a Women in STEM Scholarship, a National Estuary Prize for innovation focused on the Indian River Lagoon, cash prizes, billboards from Clear Channel Outdoor, a pro bono patent attorney consultation from Wideman Malek, a marketing consultation from Rock Paper Simple, and the opportunity to work with some of Brevard's premier business and community leaders.

**FIRST ROUND** EFSC, March 7, 2024, 8am-1pm

**FINAL ROUND** Florida Tech, March 13, 2024, 6pm-9pm

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