

# Hive Highlights



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## Countdown to FCAT

February is here and we are on a Countdown to FCAT! Our teachers are working diligently to prepare our students for the FCAT Writes coming up within the next couple of weeks and for the FCAT Reading, Math and Science in March. Our Saturday Academy is now underway for FCAT tutoring along with after school sessions for FCAT Prep as well as for assistance with classroom assignments. Several teachers have made themselves available for after-school sessions for those students who want to receive extra help with a particular course assignment. We are excited about these opportunities and request that you encourage your students to take advantage of the extra instruction they can receive through these sessions. Details are available from your child's teachers as well as listed on the Bartow High School website.

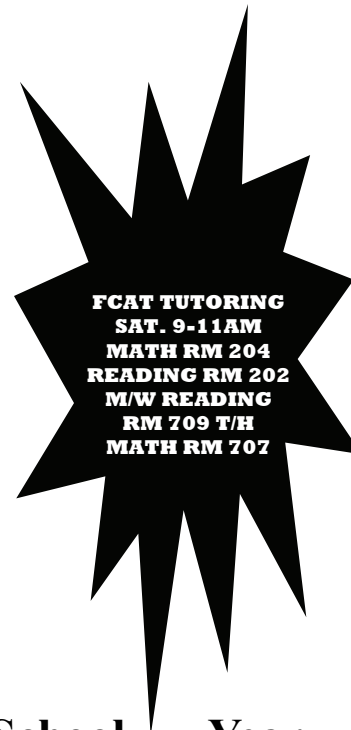
Counselors have begun talk-

ing with students about registration for the 2009-2010—I know that it hardly seems possible that we are already looking toward the next school year! The 2009-2010 Curriculum Guide listing Bartow High/IB/Summerlin Academy available courses has been posted on the school website and I encourage you to review those courses with your students. Contact your child's counselor for questions regarding your child's graduation status or for more information about the registration process. Jan Crawford, our College and Career Counselor, is available to assist you and your child with scholarship questions.

We appreciate the confidence that you have placed in Bartow High School as we work with your students to prepare them for graduation and "life after high school" whether it be college or career. Do not hesitate to contact us and let

us know how we can be of assistance to you.

**Emilean Clemons**  
Assistant Principal for Curriculum  
Bartow High School



## Changes for the 2009-2010 School Year

The fallen economy has drastically affected public schools during the 08-09 school year, although there will be no further reductions other than the ones that were planned prior to the beginning of the year. The outlook for next year is bleak.

The projections for the 2009-2010 school year are falling to negatives.

Schools will face at least an additional 10% reduction. For Polk County that is \$60-\$65 million. In order to avoid this situation, you must communicate prior to and during the March Regular Session.

Lastly, just a reminder that there is NO recommendation to the School Board that the district close any traditional, magnet, or choice schools. The district has not

experienced any appreciable decline in enrollment that will trigger these actions. You can get information on whom to talk to about this situation and be heard at [www.polk-fl.net/districtinfo/departments/busin\\_essservices/default.htm](http://www.polk-fl.net/districtinfo/departments/busin_essservices/default.htm)

### WHAT'S THE JIVE:

- 2/3**  
BESTT @ 2:15
- 2/06**  
Boy's Basketball Mosaic Shoot-out begins
- 2/7**  
ACT Testing.  
Softball Pre-season Classic
- 2/10**  
FTE Week  
**FCAT Writing Assessment.**
- 2/11**  
JV Softball V.S Auburndale @ 7:00.
- 2/12**  
Varsity Baseball Pre Season Classic @ 7:30.
- 2/13**  
Valentine's Dance.  
Varsity Baseball Pre Season Classic @ 7:30.  
Softball V.S Lake Wales
- 2/16**  
Student, Teacher Holiday.  
JV Softball @ 7:00.
- 2/17**  
CPT --selected 11th graders  
Prom Ticket Sales Begin.  
Varsity Baseball @ 7:30.  
Varsity Softball @ 7:00.
- 2/20**  
Academic Pep Rally Gym  
Varsity Baseball @ 7:30.  
Varsity Softball @ 5:30/7:30.
- 2/23**  
Varsity Softball @ 7:00.
- 2/24**  
NAEP testing-- selected 12 graders  
Varsity Baseball @ 7:30.
- 2/25**  
Interims.
- 2/26**



## Creative Valentine Gift Ideas



Valentine's Day is important to all of us. It's a time to celebrate the love you share with that special someone. Many people believe that buying expensive gifts will ensure your love and commitment to your loved ones. Now, the point we're trying to make here, is that you don't need expensive gifts to let your loved ones know you care!

Listed below are gift ideas that might be inexpensive, however, at times the best gifts come from the heart!

### *For Your Sweetheart:*

- Jewelry
- Flavored Coffee with a personalized coffee mug
- Handmade photo collage to remind your loved one of your time together

- Basket of fruit
- Chocolate
- Pen set
- Romantic movie
- Music (CD'S)
- Bath sets (body wash, lotion, beads, etc.)
- Valentine hearts (use construction paper, crayons, pens, markers, etc.)

### *For your Children:*

- Chocolate candies
- Stuffed animals
- Action figures or dolls
- Card/ gift card
- Heart pin (wooden heart, paint, glitter, etc.)

## Student of the Month - Patrice Carter

By: Bianca Velez

The student of the month is Patrice Carter. Patrice is a senior who participates in many extracurricular activities at school including the Special Olympics. When asked what her favorite event in the Special Olympics was, she stated that bowling was her favorite event. She is proud and happy to have the chance to participate in the Special Olympics. She also works in the school cafeteria for a non-paid job experience class. Her favorite subject in school is reading. When asked what she will remember most about Bartow High School, she replied, "All of the friends

that I have made at BHS and how everyone has been so helpful to me." Patrice's main goal after high school is to have a job and eventually own her own house and car.

Patrice was very happy to be nominated for student of the month; she deserves it!

Thank you Mrs. Edmonds, for nominating Patrice for Student of the Month.



## Black History Month Essay Contest

By: Jaelyn Haygood-Perkins

The month of February is known as Black History Month. This month Governor Crist has announced some Black History Month Contests. One of the contests is an Essay Contest for Florida students in fourth through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. For this essay the question that you are asked to answer: What would you do to contribute to a brighter future for Florida and all its citizens? A winner will be chosen from each of the three- grade level categories, elementary ( grades 4-5 ) middle ( grades 6-8 ) and high school (grades 9-12 ). Winner may receive a full four-year tuition scholarship to a Florida public college or university of their choice, provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

Any entries must be e-mailed to [essay@myflorida.com](mailto:essay@myflorida.com) or mailed to Executive Office of the Governor: Black History Month Committee, 400 S. Monroe Street, Suite LL 10, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Winners will be awarded their scholarship at the Governor's Black History Month celebration held in Tallahassee in February 2009.

For more information on the essay contest visit this website: [www.floridablackhistory.florida.com](http://www.floridablackhistory.florida.com).

## Teacher Highlight! Mr. Poole

By: Rina Hardin



Mr. Corey Poole was nominated as Teacher of the Month. He is known for his great work in the drama and chorus department. Mr. Poole has been teaching at Bartow Senior High School for three

years. He has taught seven years in Polk County. When Mr. Poole was young he was always singing and acting and always knew that he was going to major in music and drama. Mr. Poole is the Advisor for the Drama Club at Bartow High. Under his direction this club has grown to 25 students. How does Mr. Poole juggle teaching and advising both the Drama and Chorus clubs? Mr. Poole plans out his schedule by having a large calendar where he

puts dates and goals for all the events he works on over the school year. Using the calendar helps his students to prepare and be ready for the big performances! Speaking of performances, the Drama Club has an upcoming performance called “Bye Bye Birdie”. They are currently holding auditions. Also, if you need a gift for your special someone, the chorus classes will be offering singing telegrams for Valentine’s Day.

## Seniors, Get Your Graduation Announcements

Bartow High Schools’ own student-based business “Jacket Connections” is selling custom designed graduation announcements, thank-you cards and address labels for our seniors! We have a catalog on campus with samples to choose from, or we can design a custom made announcement with a picture of the

graduating senior! Our prices are very economical, and we are here to serve your needs with any type of publication you may need. Jacket Connections also offers business cards, personalized letterheads, Greeting cards, and more. Our Mission in Jacket Connections is to provide the faculty, students, staff, and the

community with quality products while learning entrepreneurial skills. Please call 534-7400, ext. 2700, or stop by Rm. 501 for more information!



## Athlete Spotlight— Joshua Garvin

By: Joe Black

Leaning towards signing with FAU, All County football star, Josh Garvin plans to take his talents from the football field to the track. This will be his first year participating in Track and Field, but he plans to make a big impact! Josh Garvin feels that practice and determination is very vital to his success. Josh

plans to compete in he shot put and the discuss. He feels his biggest competition is himself.



**TUTORING  
FOR CLASS  
ASSIGNMENTS**

**Mondays-  
Sponsored by  
NHS**

**Tuesdays-  
Sponsored by  
the Spanish  
Club**

**Thursdays-  
Sponsored by  
CAS**

**\*Held in the  
BHS Media  
Center  
\*2:30-3:30PM**

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**Helpful Phone Numbers:**

Main Office 534-7400  
IB Office 534-0194  
Guidance 534-7405  
Attendance 534-7452  
Resource Officer  
534-5060



## Character Trait of The Month

# RESILIENCE

**The capability of a strained body to recover its size and shape after deformation caused especially by compressive stress.**

*“People can’t do things themselves, they want to tell you that you can’t do it? You want something? Go get it.”*

-The Pursuit of Happiness

*“In order to succeed, people need a sense of self-efficiency, struggle with resilience inevitable obstacles and inequalities of life”*

-Albert Bandura

**Example:**

Despite the injustice inflicted against the African Americans, they were still determined to fight for their rights.

## Community Corner-Andy's Gyro's

By: Adrian Brackins

New to town, Andy's offers a different type of cuisine, not seen in Bartow before. The menu consists of items such as gyros, sub sandwiches, and seafood. If you are not sure what a gyro is, it is lamb, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes and sauce wrapped in a warm pita. The most popular item so far is the steak sandwich, and the gyro. Andy's is located in front of Publix on the corner of HWY 60 and N. Wilson Ave. Hours of operation are from 10 am to 12 pm. Andy's is a family run restaurant.



## Planning For The Future

The Guidance department has been talking with 9th and 10th graders about “e-pap’s”.

This is a program designed to help students plan a path for their course selections through high school. Students have been given a password to login to FACTS.org. There, they can track their progress in high school, seeing credits earned and classes needed to graduate.

For more information call the guidance department at 534-7405

**Spring Sport  
Tryouts**

Tennis Tryouts:

Feb. 2nd

Track Tryouts:

Feb. 2nd

Weightlifting Tryouts:

Feb. 3rd