

Hive Highlights



College. Can You Afford It?

By: Max Meza

Parents want to be prepared for their child to attend college so learning ways to save money is a concern. Here are some tips on how to save for your child's future.

The first thing parents need to do is understand the options available for investing. One way to invest is educational IRAs which are tax-deferred, where you can save up to \$2,000 a year per student. These earnings can be withdrawn tax-free for college. Another option is a custodial account in the student's name that is taxed at the student's tax bracket, not the parent's. There are also

prepaid tuition plans which rise in value at the same rate as college tuition. Another option would be a 529 College Savings plan which is a tax-deferred account, with high contribution limits, and no parental income restrictions.

Start Now

Pay yourself first. When you pay bills, write a check to yourself and deposit it into a savings account.

Direct Deposit

A predetermined amount is deposited into your savings account automatically each pay day.

Information

Talk to your financial advisor, accountant, banking institution or credit union.



Message From The Superintendent

Recently the Superintendent explained how the economic stress on our state affects our public schools. She stated that the impaired economy causes decreased funding and trouble for our state revenue. As addressed, "When revenues are down, so is the funding source to educate our students." Operating budgets for Polk County Schools

shows more than \$42 million decrease in funding. Lately, some of the financial loss has been offset by the increases in local property taxes as determined by state legislators. The school board has gone to great lengths to compensate for shortfalls in their budget. Eliminating a contingency fund and reducing departmental operating budgets are only two examples of what the board has done to

manage stability in the school system. Our schools are facing even more cuts in the upcoming school year. You can help by writing or calling our legislative representatives. Go to <http://capwiz.com/nea/fl/issues/> Click on "Budget Cuts are Hurting Florida's Students" and email our government your thoughts on the recent financial downfall in our school system.

WHAT'S THE JIVE:

January 5-6

Bartow vs. Lakeland Christian (Girls Basketball)

Teachers Return

Students/Paras Return

Bartow vs. Haines City (Girls Soccer)

January 8, 9

Bartow vs. Ridge (Boys Soccer)

Bartow vs. Spoto (Girls Basketball)

Bartow vs. Lake Wales (Boys Basketball)

January 12

Bartow vs. Santa Fe (Boys Soccer)

January 14, 15, 16

Bartow vs. Ridge Community (Girls Basketball)

Bartow vs. Tenoroc (Boys Basketball)

End of Semester

Bartow vs. McKeel (Boys Soccer)

January 19-21

Student, Teacher, Para Holiday

Bartow vs. Lakeland (Boys Basketball)

Teacher Workday

Grades Due

Bartow vs. Mulberry (Girls Basketball)

January 22, 23

Bartow vs. THS (Wrestling)

Bartow vs. Mulberry (Boys Soccer)

Bartow vs. Winter Haven

January 24, 26, 27

SAT

Bartow vs. Lake Region (Girls Basketball)

Bartow vs. George Jenkins (Boys Basketball)

Varsity District Tournament 26-30 (Boys Soccer)

SAC- 7:30

January 27, 29, 30

Bartow vs. Avon Park (Girls Basketball)

Report Cards

Bartow vs. Ridge (Boys Basketball)

FCAT TUTORING TO BEGIN !

Please note the following sessions for **FCAT Tutoring** beginning Saturday, January 10th and run through March 7th, 2009.

Saturdays 9 am to 11 am

Math- Room 204
(Mrs. Culverhouse)

Reading- Room 202
(Mr. Ouzts/Ms. Marmon)

Mondays and Wednesdays

Reading- Room 709 (Mrs. Burkey)

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Math - Room 707 (Mrs. Roberts)

Important Points:

A \$100 gift certificate is being offered as an incentive for both Saturday and weekday sessions. In order to participate, students who have not passed FCAT (including freshmen and sophomores) may take advantage of the tutoring sessions. Each time they attend an entire session (start to finish), a ticket will be entered for a chance to win. Students attending both Saturday and weekday sessions double their chances of winning.

Tutoring sessions for students who need help with their classroom assignments are as follows:

Mondays

Media Center
Sponsored by the National Honor Society Students
2:30-3:30

Tuesdays

Media Center
Sponsored by the Spanish Club
2:30-3:30

Thursdays

Media Center
Sponsored by CAS
2:30-3:30

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE NAMES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAWINGS.

Students of the Month - Danny Leckie

By: Michael Bonney

12th grader Dannie Leckie was selected to be student of the month for his hard work and dedication to his studies. He was selected by Mrs. Frost, who happens to teach his AP English Literature class. We pulled Mr. Leckie aside and asked him a few questions. In the interview, one couldn't help but notice how devoted he was to school. His desire to maintain his 4.2 GPA and move onto FSU is for one to admire. Mr. Leckie plans on

majoring in Pre-Med/ Biology. Besides his grades and future plans, he spends his time working on poetry. He's now in the process of creating a poem discussing his first kiss and date experience. He's hoping the poem achieves a lot of recognition from his peers and faculty. He begins to describe how golf is one of his passions in life. As the Co-Captain of the Varsity Golf Team, Dannie is one of the most skilled players. We asked him how he man-

ages it all and he simply stated, "Having a hard work ethic and good time management is my only strategy." He ended the interview with a quote from his coach. "GPA before PGA." He then explained school before golf, that's what's important.

Guidance - College Tips For Juniors

By: Zach Seay

Your junior year is the best time to explore future possibilities with your guidance counselor and prepare for college. You should review your PSAT scores if you took the PSAT in October, junior year is also the best time to start researching colleges for schools that meet your criteria, and to learn about possible criteria to consider.

Your junior year is often the last academic year that colleges see on your high school transcript, so it's important to keep your grades up. It would also be helpful to get organized by keeping important documents such as applications and financial aid forms—you should schedule all important deadlines on a calendar, including registration and test dates for the ACT and SAT and open house dates for colleges. All these tips will help better prepare you for your future beyond high school.

Tips for Studying– Get Organized!

Let's face it studying is not what student's would put first on the "list of things to do", but to be successful, taking time to study is a must. One of the easiest ways to ensure quick and effective studying is to stay organized. Here are some tips to keep everything organized.

Set up a specific spot to do homework every day. Make sure it is somewhere free of distractions.

Keep a calendar where you study and mark down test days on a calendar so you are aware of upcoming test dates.

Keep folders for each class with returned tests and assignments to help you study for tests.

Use different colored binders for each class. Color-code everything whenever possible

By: Angel Vazquez

Write the current date on the upper corner of your notes. This process helps you know what to study when the teacher gives specific notes to study. This also comes in handy when a friend needs to borrow notes.

Prioritize tasks. Complete the short-notice tasks first while continuing to complete parts of long-term tasks.

Community Corner - Darb's Quick Copys

Many people do not know that there is a copy shop right in down-town Bartow. It is called Darb's Quick Copys. The owners used to work out of their home, but when business picked up, they moved to their present location at 415 East Main. They opened their doors

on August 26th. Some of the services they offer are: drawings copied from actual drawings or from plot files, enlarging and reducing copies, scanning, and laminating. They also do some architectural

By: Courtney Kierce

drawings! They use every basic size for their work.

Website & Downloads
www.darbsquickcopies.com
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Athlete Spotlight-Trey Williams



Trey Williams

Trey Williams, an 11th grader, is a member of the Bartow

High School Wrestling and the Swim Team. In Swimming, Trey qualified for post-season regional action in the 200 meter freestyle. As a wrestler, he is a team leader and has helped his team get off to a great start with a 4-1 record. Trey competes in the 140 pound weight class. In his spare time he enjoys playing tennis and hanging out with friends.

Spring Sport Tryouts

- Softball– Jan.19
- Track– Jan. 26
- Tennis-Feb.2
- Weightlifting– Feb.3
- Baseball– Jan. 19



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- Resource Officer 534-5060



Character Trait of The Month

PERSEVERANCE

Pursuing worthy objectives with determination and patience, while exhibiting fortitude when confronted with failure.

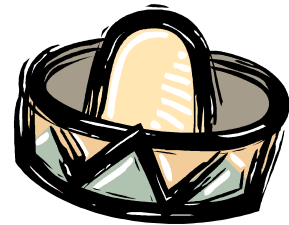
You must believe in yourself-even if all those around you doubt you and your ability to rise from within the insanity in which your life now finds itself and to stand tall against the obstacles and challenges within your life-and you will conquer all that you believe cannot be conquered and all that which you believed you had lost within your life.

El Ranchito– Mexican Restaurant

By: Michael Castro

El Ranchito Jalisco is one of the newest restaurants in Bartow. You can enjoy authentic Mexican cuisine and a live mariachi band at El Ranchito. It includes a full service bar with authentic mixed drinks including tropical mango, strawberry, and lime margaritas or a traditional piña colada. They serve all sorts of authentic Mexican dishes including tacos, fajitas, chimichangas, and many other dishes. El Ranchito also offers many daily specials . The El Ranchito staff has more than 10 years of cooking and their restaurant has been opened since December 2005. They offer a variety of salsas with their own blend of ingredients ranging from mild to hot! El Ranchito is conveniently located at 210 E Van Fleet Drive right next to

Beef O’ Brady’s and Blockbuster. You can contact them at (863) 804-0152 or at their website www.elranchitojalisco.com. Their family dining restaurant and



bar is a wonderful setting for your next meal, so stop by and experience great food in their inviting atmosphere!