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Anclote High School

We are a high-achieving, student-focused community of learners exhibiting passion, commitment and unity. Our goal is to make a difference for our students and the community.

The Anclote High School staff is excited about the 2013-14 school year, as we celebrate our 5th Anniversary. The entire Shark family has continuously worked hard in preparing our students as the state has increased expectations of student performance each year. This year will be no different. Our staff is committed to providing students with the academic foundation necessary to meet these challenges. As we continue on our journey in preparing students for College, Career, and Life we are focused on providing students with a rigorous and relevant educational experience that maximizes student engagement and is founded in meaningful relationships.

Shark Family Spirit Night

As an alternative to the traditional Open House, Anclote High School invites you to join us for Shark Family Spirit Night on Friday, August 30th. Kicking off the night will be break-out sessions and school tours from 5:30-6:30, followed by a pre-game tailgate beginning at 6:30 just prior to the Varsity Football team taking on Mitchell High School at 7:30.

Pasco County Orientation Day August 13th

Anclote High School invites students and their families to take a tour of the school, pick up course schedules, and pay student fees during Pasco County's Orientation Day, Tuesday, August 13th from 8:00-1:00. Student emergency cards will be completed in the cafeteria prior to obtaining student schedules. After paying student fees, students will be able to rent lockers and apply for parking tags. Information on athletics, clubs and extra curricular activities will also be available for students. Staff will be available on this date to assist families in completing the 2013-14 Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. Schedules will not be available for pick up outside of this date and time. Students who are unable to pick up their schedules during this designated time must wait until the first day of school. We look forward to seeing you soon!

School Lunches

The District School Board of Pasco County's policy for free and reduced-priced meals and meal prices was approved for the 2013-2014 school year. Families **MUST** complete a new Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application for the upcoming school year. Families can apply online by visiting the Food and Nutrition Services Department website at www.pasco.k12.fl.us/nutrition/free_reduced; or applications will be available on August 1, 2013 from any Pasco County school cafeteria or administration office, at student orientation, and throughout the school year. A new family application **MUST** be submitted at the start of each new school year. Last year's meal eligibility status will expire after the first ten days of school. Go online and complete your application today.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Nominations for Anclote High School's 2013-14 School Advisory Council will take place Orientation Day on Tuesday, August 13th from 8:00-1:00 in the Student Services office. Nominations will also be accepted in the Student Services office until Friday, August 23rd. The SAC meets throughout the year at 7:45 a.m. in the Student Services conference room. Voting for the SAC will take place at Shark Family Spirit Night on Friday, August 30th.

SCHOOL CONTACT INFO

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Main Office: 246-3000
Guidance Office: 246-3000
Registrar's Office: 246-3007
Data Entry: 246-3006
Bookkeeper: 246-3004

School Website: <http://ahs.pasco.k12.fl.us>
Student Hours: 7:30-1:40

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

During the past several years the state of Florida has made considerable changes to the graduation requirements for a standard high school diploma. The requirements are different for each cohort (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors) and can be viewed at <http://www.fldoe.org/students/>. We encourage parents and students to review the document together to have a clear understanding of the expectations for earning a high school diploma.



College, Career & Life Ready

A Message from Mr. Glenn Anderson, Anclote High School Career Specialist

Hello and welcome to the new school year! As your Career Specialist, I am more excited than ever to start a new year– and I'm not exaggerating! There are a lot of changes coming to the Career Resource Center (CRC) this year, and I want to make sure you take advantage of all of them!

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And, in case you are new to Anclote High, if you are wondering what a "Career Specialist" is, here's the short version: I help students prepare for life after graduation. Every student should have a plan for their life after they graduate – especially our seniors. My role is to ensure students understand the options available to them; from further study in college to vocational school opportunities, from military enlistment information to immediate entry into the workforce. Regardless of your plan, there are many resources at AHS. Here are just a few:

My College and Career Resources Blog, found at <http://connect.pasco.k12.fl.us/glanders/> – This site will provide an overview of the services and options available to students and families, along with tips on how to navigate the transition process. There's help finding scholarships, preparing for college testing and requirements for entry into college, along with information on community service and employment assistance using local agencies.

The Anclote High School College and Career Page, on Facebook. – just search for the page, "like" it, and you will get updates throughout the year. It's also a great way to ask questions, because you don't have to catch me in my office to contact me! Send me a message and I will help in any way I can.

Text Alerts! Each graduating class and their parents can sign up for text alerts containing info pertinent to their class. Of course, standard text rates apply, but you won't get spammed with texts – only important info will be sent along. To sign up just text the appropriate code below to (727) 217-2616:

The Class of 2014 – text @ahsco2014
The Class of 2015 – text @ahsco2015

The Class of 2016 – text @ahsco2016
The Class of 2017 – text @ahsco2017

Student "Lunch & Learns" – students will be able to come to my office (now located in room 1-123 in Student Services, the CRC) during select lunch periods to work on college applications, scholarships, job applications, or just exploring options after graduation. A schedule will be available once school starts, so be on the lookout for times when you can get the assistance you need!

This year, Anclote High School is more committed than ever to offering students assistance with making the leap from high school to the world that awaits them. Send any questions through Facebook, or email me at glanders@pasco.k12.fl.us. Regardless of your grade level, it's never too early or too late to start planning! I hope to see you in the CRC!

Important Websites

BRIGHT FUTURES

The Florida Bright Future Scholarship Program is an exciting opportunity for students to receive additional financial support as they pursue post-secondary educational endeavors. However, many families are surprised to find out the requirements change for each graduating cohort. Check out <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/> for the latest information. Seniors, and parents, are expected to carefully monitor their Bright Futures eligibility. Pay close attention to the new requirements for documented volunteer hours.

ACT/SAT

Registration information for the SAT or ACT can be picked up in Student Services. Students can also go online to register directly. Visit www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org for information.

FLVC.ORG

Looking for one site with all the information you need? Want to know about Bright Futures, Career Planning, Financial Aide, College and Career Readiness, Military Careers, and search Colleges and Universities for Degree Programs? Log on and create an account today – you might be surprised to find your academic history and transcripts are all right there at <http://www.flvc.org>.

Student Expectations

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are expected to follow the district electronic use policy. It is the expectation of Anclote High School that all electronic devices remain off and out of sight throughout the school day unless authorized for classroom educational purposes, as determined by the teacher. In addition, students will be permitted to access personal electronic devices during the lunch period.

DRESS CODE

Students and parents are encouraged to review the District School Board of Pasco County's Rules of Dress and Appearance in the Student Code of Conduct. The following are common violations and should be reviewed with students prior to the start of school.

- tops must have strap/sleeve of at least three fingers in width
- shorts and skirts must be of modest length (modest length will be considered at the end of a student's fingertips when arms are at their sides, in a relaxed position)
- blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit (this includes, front, back, and sides of garments)

A student in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing before returning to class. If necessary, the student will contact parents to provide the appropriate clothing. Failure to do so, or repeated violations, will result in a discipline referral.

FOOD/DRINKS/HATS

Parents and students are reminded Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave for lunch. In addition, meals may not be brought to students during the

school day. If an emergency arises, please contact the front office to make necessary arrangements.

Anclote High School is a hat free campus. As stated in the District Code of Conduct, students shall not wear hats or head coverings on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities as determined by the principal.

Parents are asked to review these expectations with their students prior to the start of the school year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

LOP LIST

AHS will be maintaining a LOP (Loss of Privilege) List related to unexcused absences. As stated in the District Code of Conduct, if a student has unexcused absences in 3 or more periods a day in five or more days, or 5 unexcused absences in any one course within a quarter or ten (10) unexcused absences in any one course within a semester, the student may lose the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities until the end of the following quarter. In addition, the privilege to drive to campus may be revoked until the end of the following grading quarter. Additional clarification on LOP is located in the General Information section of the newsletter.

Aug 13	Orientation Day
Aug 19	First Day of School
Oct 22-25	Homecoming
Mar 17-21	Spring Break
???	Grad Bash
May 5-15	AP Exams
???	Prom
May 21	Last Day for Seniors
May 29	Grad Practice
May 30-June 1	Graduation

VARSITY FOOTBALL 2013	
Aug 30	JWMHS
Sept 6	LOL
Sept 13	@ SLHS
Sept 20	@ RHS
Sept 27	FHS
Oct 4	RRHS
Oct 18	@ GHS
Oct 25*	WCHS
Nov 1	HHS
Nov 8	@ CCC
* Homecoming	

ACT Dates	
	Sept 21
	Oct 26
	Dec 14
	Feb 8
	Apr 12
	Jun 14

SAT Dates	
	Oct 5
	Nov 2
	Dec 7
	Jan 25
	Mar 8
	May 3
	Jun 7

Ready for the First Day of School?

Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions...

Q: Where does my student go on the first day of school?

A: Lists of first period classes will be posted in the commons areas. Students will report to the indicated room to receive a copy of their new schedule. Some students received a tentative schedule on orientation day and may experience changes in their schedule. Numerous schedules are adjusted to balance classes in attempt to meet the mandates of Florida's Class Size Amendment. All students must follow the new schedule received on the first day of school.

Q: How can I find my student's bus schedule?

A: Your student's bus assignment will be indicated on the class schedule received orientation day. Bus schedules will also be available on the district website at www.pasco.k12.fl.us.

Q: Does my student really need to take a class in order to get a parking permit?

A: Yes. All students interested in driving to school must complete a Safe Driving course available through the Sheriff's Department. Students will only be issued a parking permit after attending the class. More information is available through Corporal Winthrop, our School Resource Officer.

Q: What if my student has a schedule problem?

A: A schedule help table will be located in the gym during orientation day. School staff will be available to answer questions and address concerns on this date. Corrections, when appropriate and possible, will be made prior to the first day of school.

Q: What if my student does not like the schedule?

A: Each spring, students and parents are involved in the selection of classes for the coming year. Students were expected to choose their courses very carefully after discussions with their teachers, counselors, and parents. As a result, very few schedule changes will be approved. Anclote High School's Master Schedule has been developed based on student requests. Due to the Florida state-mandated Class Size Amendment, schedule change requests will be granted on a limited basis during the 2013-14 school year. The following circumstances will result in an approved schedule change:

- student already received credit for a course
- student does not meet the prerequisite for a course
- senior student requires a course for graduation

Every effort was made to give students the courses selected during online registration. However, not all students were able to receive their chosen electives. Other changes were made based on student data.

Q: When can my student see a guidance counselor?

A: Counselors will be registering new students on Orientation Day. Students who are already registered can schedule an appointment with their counselor through the guidance secretary in Student Services beginning the second week of school.

Q: Why does my student have an Intensive Reading class?

A: Students are assigned to reading classes based on a variety of data, including FCAT scores. These classes are required by state law and cannot be waived.

Q: Why does my Senior have an English/Math class they didn't choose?

A: The state of Florida has passed legislation requiring seniors who have not demonstrated post-secondary readiness through PERT/SAT/ACT be placed in English 4 College Prep and/or Math for College Readiness to receive additional academic support.

Class Schedule

Period 1	7:30-8:30
Period 2	8:35-9:25
Period 3	9:30-10:20
(A-Lunch 10:25-10:55)	
Period 4A	11:00-11:50
Period 4B	10:25-11:15
(B-Lunch 11:20-11:50)	
Period 5	11:55-12:45
Period 6	12:50-1:40

COMMUNICATION: STAY CONNECTED

At Anclote High School we understand the importance good communication plays in the successful education of our students. It is our goal to communicate with parents in a variety of formats, including newsletters, eSembler, School Connects, and our school website. In order to assist us in this process, please be sure to update your contact information as changes occur. Parents can contact Anclote High School's data entry operator at 246-3006 to change or verify contact information.

ESEMBLER

The best method of communication is through the use of eSembler where families can monitor student academic progress as well as attendance. eSembler also provides a convenient way to email teachers with questions or concerns. Once school starts visit Anclote High School's website at <http://ahs.pasco.k12.fl.us> for directions on how to set up an eSembler account and stay connected to your student's performance.

Access for eSembler 2013-14 begins late August 2013. Students and parents need to register once each school year. Please visit the eSembler website at <https://grades.pasco.k12.fl.us/> after August 26 to update, or create, an account.

General Information

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in making good grades. It is also an important quality for success in the job market. All absences are considered unexcused unless the student presents an excused note to the front office within 2 school days of the absence. Students must submit a note signed by a parent/guardian stating student name (first and last), reason for and date of absence, and phone number of parent/guardian to the front office. An excused absence allows the student to make up work at full credit. Following an excused absence, a student will have two school days to request make-up work.

LOSS OF PRIVILEGE

In an effort to support the significant roll attendance plays in academic performance, Anclote High School will be enforcing a Loss of Privilege system. Pasco County School District outlines procedures whereby students lose the privilege of participating in extra-curricular activities and/or events based on attendance. These include but are not limited to field trips, dances, special events, club activities and participation in athletics and interscholastic extracurricular activities. Interscholastic extracurricular activities are those organized student activities between, among or within schools that are carried on outside the curriculum or regular course of study in school. These activities may involve displays of talent that include, but are not limited to, sports, speech, debate, and fine arts interscholastic competitions or festivals and career and technical student organization activities.

EARLY DISMISSAL

When a student must be released early from school, the student will need to:

- Bring a signed note from home stating the reason for the dismissal, requested release time, and a phone number where the parent/guardian may be reached for verification.

- Present the note to Student Services PRIOR to the start of school. Notes presented just prior to the dismissal time may need to wait for verification before dismissal.
- A parent/guardian or other authorized person must sign out students in Student Services or, in the case of illness, the clinic.
- Students are to wait in the office until their ride arrives and they have been signed out appropriately.
- Parents are not authorized to give students permission to leave campus without following proper sign-out procedures. Students leaving campus without following sign-out procedures may be subject to disciplinary action.

SENIOR GRADUATION INFO

Balfour will be on campus during the student orientation day for students who would like to order their graduation cap and gown. The cost will be \$70, which includes cap, gown, tassel, medallion, and graduation expenses.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL/DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students interested in participating in alternative course options such as FLVS, e-School, or dual enrollment as part of their regular school day must meet with a guidance counselor. Parents and students must then return the signed Virtual School/Dual Enrollment agreement along with a schedule change request. Requests for alternative course options will be reviewed on an individual basis. Students are to follow their assigned schedule unless a new schedule is approved and provided to the student.

PARKING

Parking in a school lot is a privilege. Students will park only in lots designated as student parking and will display a current parking permit. Vehicles that are not registered or that are inappropriately or illegally parked, or parked so as to cause a safety hazard, may be warned, booted, or towed at the owner's

expense. Students are not permitted in the parking lot during the school day. Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave campus during the school day without permission. Students who leave campus without permission will be subject to disciplinary action. A vehicle, upon reasonable suspicion, may be searched for weapons, drugs, or other items which are illegal, or against School Board policy. If any of these items are found in the car, appropriate legal action will be taken and the parking permit will be revoked.

LOCKERS

Lockers with combination locks will be issued through student services during the first week of school to those who pay the locker fee. Students are not allowed to change the locks unless approved by administration. Lockers are issued for the storing of school supplies only, and routine inspection of lockers can be expected. The school is not responsible for items in the lockers. Students who share their locker or who give their locker combination to others will be held responsible for lost/stolen items, including textbooks. All physical education clothing must be kept in P.E. lockers.

LUNCHES

FREE breakfast is served daily in the cafeteria from 7:10–7:25. Lunch is served daily in the cafeteria. All students can purchase their lunch in one of the serving lines in the cafeteria. Eating areas are available in the main cafeteria, the patio area located adjacent to the main cafeteria, and the picnic area. Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave for lunch. In addition, meals may not be brought to students during the school day. If an emergency arises, please contact Student Services to make necessary arrangements.



Welcome Back Sharks!

A message from principal ...

As the summer weeks pass swiftly, the Anclote staff has been busy planning for an exciting 2013-14 school year. As we prepare for the new school year we will be adding several new staff members and are pleased to welcome Alondra Beatty-Woodall and Donna Haff to our administrative team.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with the most up to date information regarding the opening of school and any changes you should be aware of as you transition back into the school schedule. Communicating effectively with families is a priority for the staff at Anclote High. To meet that

goal, it is important all contact information for parents/guardians is accurate for our students. Now and as the school year progresses, any changes to this information should be updated through the data entry operator.

Please mark your calendar for Friday, August 30th to join us for our first Shark Family Spirit Night. This will be an opportunity to preview the school and participate in a pre-game tailgate, followed by our Varsity Sharks taking on the Mitchell Mustangs at 7:30.

Go Sharks!

August

- 13 Orientation Day
- 19 First Day of School
- 30 Shark Family Spirit Night

September

- 2 Labor Day
- 20 Progress Reports

October

- 16 PSAT Testing
- 21 Teacher Planning Day
- 22-25 Homecoming Week
- 28 Report Cards

November

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 20 Progress Reports
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 23-1/3 Winter Break

January

- 6 Teacher Planning Day