

FRESHMAN YEAR: WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Bartram Trail High School 9th & 10th Grade Counselors

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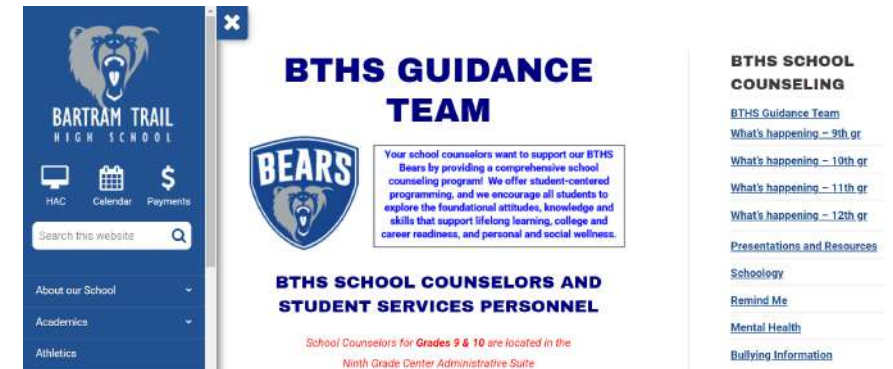
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****Open door policy during your lunch****

SCHOOL NEWS ...

Check the BTHS Website and Schoology Group

- School Counseling Information
 - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>
- Daily Announcements
 - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/news/>
- Schoology Group
 - School Counseling for BTHS Students
 - Access Code: VXTV-WZ8T-KXHHV



The screenshot displays the BTHS School Counseling website. On the left is a dark blue navigation menu for Bartram Trail High School, featuring icons for HAC, Calendar, and Payments, along with a search bar and dropdown menus for 'About our School', 'Academics', and 'Athletics'. The main content area features the 'BEARS' logo and the heading 'BTHS GUIDANCE TEAM'. Below the logo is a text box stating: 'Your school counselors want to support our BTHS Bears by providing a comprehensive school counseling program! We offer student-centered programming, and we encourage all students to explore the foundational attitudes, knowledge and skills that support lifelong learning, college and career readiness, and personal and social wellness.' Underneath this is the heading 'BTHS SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND STUDENT SERVICES PERSONNEL' and a note: 'School Counselors for Grades 9 & 10 are located in the Ninth Grade Center Administrative Suite'. On the right side of the page, there is a 'BTHS SCHOOL COUNSELING' section with links for 'BTHS Guidance Team', 'What's happening -- 9th gr', 'What's happening -- 10th gr', 'What's happening -- 11th gr', 'What's happening -- 12th gr', 'Presentations and Resources', 'Schoology', 'Remind Me', 'Mental Health', and 'Bullying Information'.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STANDARD 24 CREDIT DIPLOMA

Assessments (Algebra I EOC and Grade 10 FAST ELA)



2.0 Cumulative, **Unweighted** GPA



One full length online course credit



24 specific credits

- Must pass two assessments to graduate with a diploma (otherwise you earn a Certificate Of Completion)
 - Algebra I EOC (level 3 or above) or
 - ACT Math – 16 or
 - SAT Math – 420 or
 - PSAT/NMSQT Math – 430 or
 - Geometry EOC - 499
 - Grade 10 FAST ELA (level 3 or above) or
 - ACT Reading and English average – 18 or
 - SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing - 480
- If you earn a COC that means you did not graduate from high school and your post-secondary options are limited



ASSESSMENTS

GPA AND ONLINE CREDIT



**GPA - 2.0 cumulative
unweighted or higher**

2.0 is a “C” average

Check HAC regularly to keep track of grades



**Must complete one full length
online course**

Right now, in St Johns County, the required
HOPE course will count for the online course

- 24 credits must be earned in all the following categories:
 - English 1, 2, 3, and 4
 - Algebra, Geometry, and two additional math courses
 - Biology and two additional sciences
 - World History, US History, Government, and Economics
 - 1 Practical/Performing/Fine Arts
 - HOPE
 - 8 elective credits
 - If you're planning to attend college, you will need two credits in the SAME world language taken consecutively



CREDITS

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

9th to 10th Grade

- 5 credits

10th to 11th Grade

- 11 credits

11th to 12th Grade

- 17 credits

12th Grade to Graduation

- 24 or more


COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Not needed for graduation
- Needed for \$\$ (scholarships, including Bright Futures)
- Community service can be turned into Ms. Richards in the school counseling area of the main building or emailed Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Your goal should be to finish 100 hours of community service by the end of 11th grade
- How to find community service opportunities -
 - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service-hours/>
- We suggest students keep a copy of the community service hours they turn in
- Can check your hours on HAC

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- New rules for Bright Futures and community service...
 - Hours can now be earned through volunteering or through paid work
 - All hours must either be volunteer OR paid; cannot combine types of hours
 - If paid, you need 100 hours regardless of scholarship level. If volunteer, 100 hours for FAS, 75 hours for FMS, or 30 hours for FGS
- Paperwork to turn in...
 - For both volunteer or paid: Service Plan Form
 - For volunteer: verification letter on official letterhead from the organization
 - For paid: copy of your pay stubs

- GPA's update after every semester:
 - In January, after semester 1 grades post
 - In the summer, after semester 2 grades post
- AP, Dual Enrollment, and honors counts towards your weighted GPA
- Only unweighted GPA counts towards graduation and qualifications for Dual Enrollment



WHAT YOU
NEED TO
KNOW
ABOUT
GPA:

CALCULATING UNWEIGHTED GPA

Point Scale:

A – 4 points

B - 3 points

C - 2 points

D – 1 point

F – 0 points

Add up your points and divide by 7

Course	Grade	Point Value
English I	B	3
Algebra I	A	4
World Cultural Geography	C	2
Env. Science	D	1
HOPE	A	4
2-D Studio Art	B	3
Digital Info Tech	C	2
	Total Points	19
	Total Classes	7
$19/7 = 2.71$	Unweighted GPA	2.71

WHAT DO COLLEGES LOOK FOR?



Well rounded student



GPA (grade point average)



Test scores (ACT and SAT)



Community service hours



Rigorous courses taken (Dual Enrollment, AP, Honors)



Extra-curricular and leadership activities – **Quality, not Quantity**

UPCOMING 10TH GRADE REGISTRATION

- Registration begins on January 23 and will take place through your English class
- Electives! Have backups and backups to your backups
- Review the Course Catalog to see descriptions of courses and to make sure you meet the prerequisites
 - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022-2023-BARTRAM-TRAIL-High-School-Course-Catalog.pdf>
- Take a look at the Course Progression charts to see what classes come next
 - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/22-23-Progression.pdf>
- Honors and AP/Dual courses are based on teacher recommendation, grade in current course, and test scores