



**Weekly Update**

Good Evening, Baldwin Family,

I am so proud of how our students are responding to our “level up” initiative when it comes to technology and attendance. Change is hard. Change isn’t fun. That’s why we all tend to avoid it if we are honest with ourselves (keep that in mind you folks that do New Years Resolutions). I do believe that we can get better at most things *if we commit* to getting better.

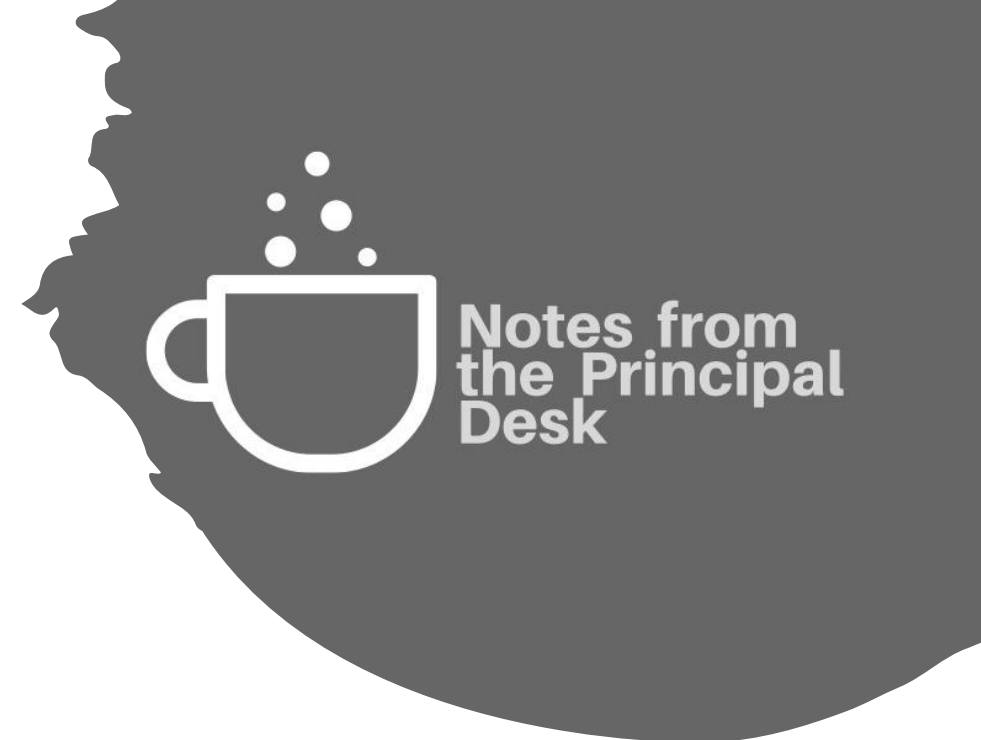
One thing I have been challenging my teachers with is making sure that every instructional class, every day, matters. Since the pandemic I have heard it too often said by students that “I don’t need to be there, we’re not doing anything anyway.” I’ve challenged my teachers to level up their lessons & tasks especially right before breaks (Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring & Summer) to ensure that meaningful work is happening daily.

That means that YES your student needs to attend every day this coming week. Even if gradebooks for Q2 are closing, there is a LOT of mid-term/end of semester testing still happening in almost every class.

Class work or quiz grades will still be given this week. The resolution to level up our academic expectations at Baldwin is going to stick this year...because I know that while we all might be ready for a break, we’re committed to real academic improvement. Parents, please help us out. Students get 16 days off for Winter Break. Let’s make sure that break starts Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, and not a day before.

Principal Townsend

#AllMeansAll #LevelUp





# SCHOOL TOUR

Prospective families please join us  
**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**44**

**Athletic Programs**

**27**

**Extracurricular &  
Leadership Programs**

**10**

**Major Academic  
Programs**

**9:00am - 12:30pm**

**Tours led by our amazing students • No RSVP required • Admin on site for questions**





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🌳 At TRU•FI Credit Union, community partnerships matter. We're proud to sponsor the new banner for the Baldwin Middle Senior High School JROTC and celebrate their commitment to leadership and service.

#TFCUCommunity #BaldwinIndians #JROTC



Thanks, Tru-Fi!!!

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Scholar Bowl



Scholar Bowl team members Caitlin Heil, Jeremiah Kemp, and Austin Koonce, led by coaches Mrs. Branch and Ms. Holmes, won 7 of their 8 matches on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Springfield Middle School. The trio defeated teams from Westview K-8, Matthew Gilbert MS, Westside MS, Chaffee Trail MS, Southside MS, Dupont MS, and Lake Shore MS. Way to go team!





## Celebrations

Varsity Boys & Girls Soccer is off to another amazing start as these two programs continue to build off of prior year's success. Our boys are 3-3-1 on the season and our girls are 4-3-1. Great job players and coaches! #BaldwinStrong #LevelUp





## Celebrations

JV & Varsity Boys Basketball are also off to VERY strong starts this year after facing some tough competition. JV is currently undefeated at 7-0 and Varsity is 5-2. Hope to see you all in the gym this coming week supporting your Tribe! #BaldwinStrong





## Celebrations

Competing with 40 different schools, our Varsity Wrestling team had a great showing at the Bobcat Round Robin Tournament. Every member of the team got at least 1 match win during the tournament, while senior Taylor Davenport took 4<sup>th</sup> place in his weight class. Great job, everyone, and thanks Coach Vetter, Coach Mumbulo, and our amazing parents for all your extra support in this growing program. #BaldwinStrong





## Celebrations

Both our middle school and high school competition cheer teams had a great showing this weekend at the UCA competition. Our Varsity team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and earned an automatic bid to UCA Nationals. Keep working, ladies! #BaldwinStrong





## Celebrations

We know that December can be a very busy time of year for families, so thank you to all that participated in or came out to support our band's Winter Concert on Friday. #BaldwinStrong



# Events This Week

Monday Dec 15 A Day	Tues Dec 16 B Day	Wed Dec 17 A Day	Thurs Dec 18 B Day	Friday Dec 19 A Day
Semester 1 DEOCs	Semester 1 DEOCs			
DMA #2 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics, US History, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Biology)	DMA #2 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics, US History, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Biology)	Semester 1 DEOCs	Semester 1 DEOCs	Quarter 2 Attendance Meetings
In School Wiffle Ball Tournament (11:00am, Participants go to 1 <sup>st</sup> lunch)	JROTC Semester 1 Awards	DMA #2 Makeups	DMA #2 Makeups	Semester 1 DEOCs
Varsity Girls Weightlifting Home vs Raines (5:00pm)	SAC Meeting (2:15pm, Room 102)	Blood Drive on Campus	JV & Varsity Girls Basketball Home vs West Nassau (5:30pm/7:00pm)	DMA #2 Makeups
Varsity Girls Basketball at Ridgeview (6:00pm)	JV & Varsity Boys Basketball at Atlantic Coast (5:30/7:00pm)	Varsity Girls Basketball at Sandalwood (6:00pm)		JV & Varsity Boys Basketball Home vs Baker (5:00pm/6:30pm)
				End of Semester 1

Save the Date: Winter Break Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Students Return Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

# TRIBEALTALK

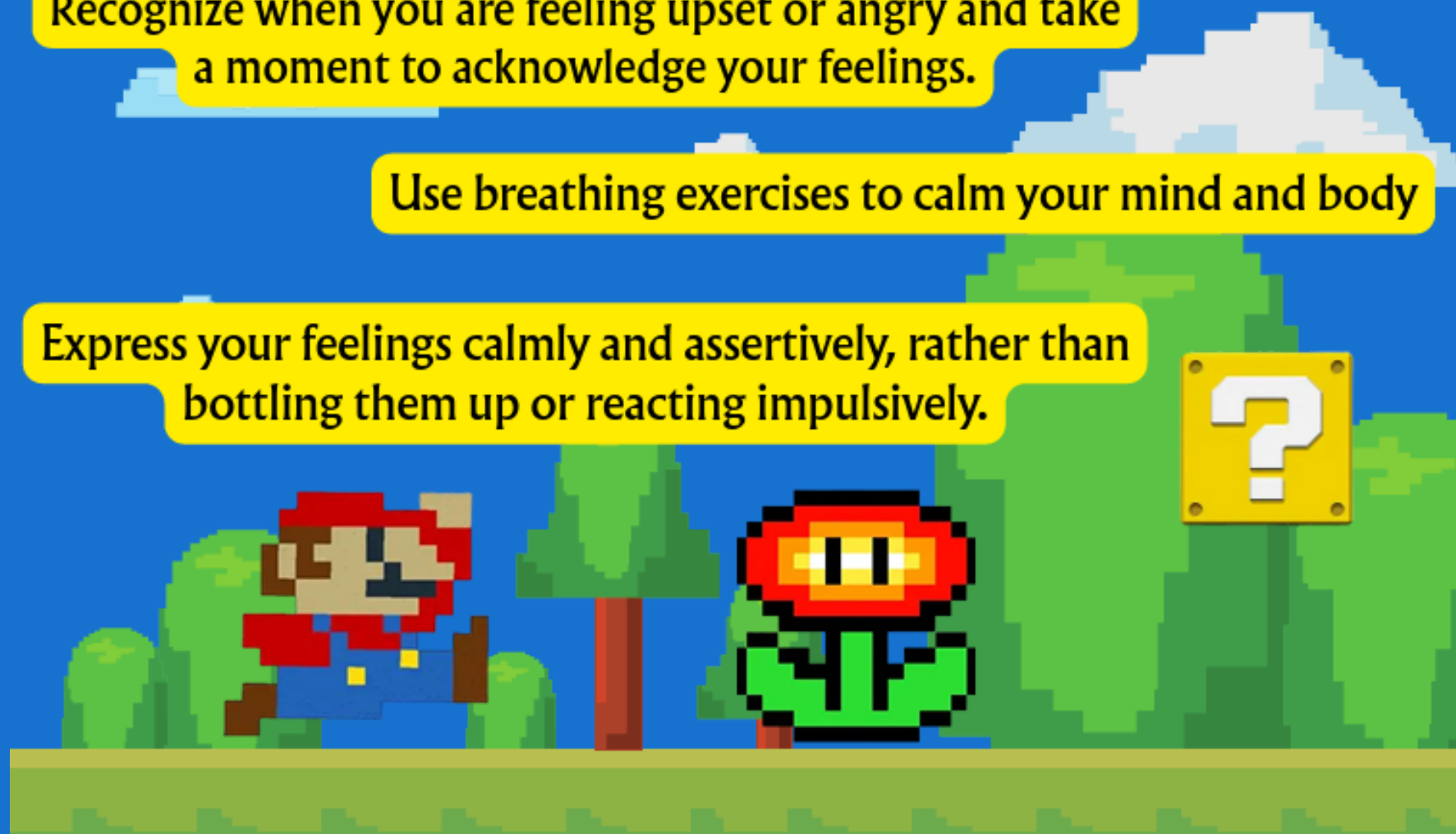
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HOW TO REGULATE YOUR EMOTIONS AND BEAT THE GAME

Recognize when you are feeling upset or angry and take a moment to acknowledge your feelings.

Use breathing exercises to calm your mind and body

Express your feelings calmly and assertively, rather than bottling them up or reacting impulsively.







# ATTENTION!!!!

## YEARBOOK AD EXTENSION THROUGH THURSDAY DECEMBER 18TH

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS  
THIS IS THE FINAL AND LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE  
AN AD FOR YOUR STUDENT IN THE YEARBOOK  
DEADLINE IS THURSDAY DECEMBER 18TH!!!  
NO ADS WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE YEARBOOK AFTER  
DECEMBER 18TH

# ATTENTION!! PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A  
HALF PAGE AD OR SMALLER IN THE  
YEARBOOK FOR YOUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
GRADUATE, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!!!!

WE ONLY HAVE A FEW PAGES LEFT!  
PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](https://yearbookordercenter.com)  
SCHOOL CODE: 15751  
**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 18TH**

\*Please keep in mind that 8<sup>th</sup> grade Ads are only half pages or smaller. Any full page submissions will be not be printed in the yearbook and a refund will be initiated.

Please email Mrs. Ross with any questions:

[RossS4@duvalschools.org](mailto:RossS4@duvalschools.org)

# Communities In Schools Now at Baldwin!

Communities In Schools of Jacksonville has kept students on track to graduate for 35 years, helping more than 111,000 individuals. C.I.S. exists to serve students and families to help them overcome obstacles ranging from academic and social struggles to food insecurity and chronic absenteeism.

Mrs. Carrie Cooley (Baldwin parent!!) is our new site coordinator and will be with us full-time, Monday-Friday. If you would like to donate OR you are a family in need, she can be reached at [cooleyc1@duvalschools.org](mailto:cooleyc1@duvalschools.org) or [ccooley@cisjax.org](mailto:ccooley@cisjax.org)

## Now collecting in the Main Office!!

- New or gently used socks & shoes (ages 11-18)
- New or gently used sweatshirts or jackets (size XS to XL)
- New or gently used T-shirts (size XS to XL)
- New or gently used jeans (ages 11-18)
- Non-perishable food items (peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal packets, ramen noodles etc)
- Hygiene products
- School supplies (pencils, pens, notebook paper, 2-3" binders, highlighters, bookbags)



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# SENIOR CLASS OF 26 UPDATES

- GRAD DATE 5-26-25 7PM
- GRAD BASH APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>
  - NEW PAYMENT DEADLINE JAN 15\*
- PROM APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>
- SHIRT & HOODIE ORDER DEADLINE DEC 15<sup>TH</sup>
- PARENT MEETING FOR ALL THINGS SEENIORS JAN 13<sup>TH</sup> @ 6PM

QUESTIONS EMAIL [KIRKA@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:KIRKA@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG)



Baldwin Middle Senior High  
Class of 2026

## Graduation Commencement



26 May 2026  
at 7:00 pm



Jacksonville Center for the  
Performing Arts  
300 Water St  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Save the date for GRADUATION!  
More details will be shared over the next  
few months.

# Who to ask?! We are committed to great communication!

- 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> , 8<sup>th</sup> A-M Grade School Counselor – Mrs. Griffin – [griffins2@duvalschools.org](mailto:griffins2@duvalschools.org)
- 8<sup>th</sup> N-Z, 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> A-M Grade School Counselor – Ms. James – [jamesf2@duvalschools.org](mailto:jamesf2@duvalschools.org)
- 10<sup>th</sup> N-Z, 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor – Mrs. Fry – [fryk@duvalschools.org](mailto:fryk@duvalschools.org)
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Dean Hodges [hodgesb@duvalschools.org](mailto:hodgesb@duvalschools.org)
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- Student Attendance & Parking – Mrs. Young – [youngd6@duvalschools.org](mailto:youngd6@duvalschools.org)
- Student Busing & IDs – Ms. Kaitlyn – [costleyk1@duvalschools.org](mailto:costleyk1@duvalschools.org) or Mrs. C. Brooke ([daughtryc@duvalschools.org](mailto:daughtryc@duvalschools.org))
- School Health Aide/Hazel Health, Student Medicine – Ms. Brandon – [brandona@duvalschools.org](mailto:brandona@duvalschools.org)