

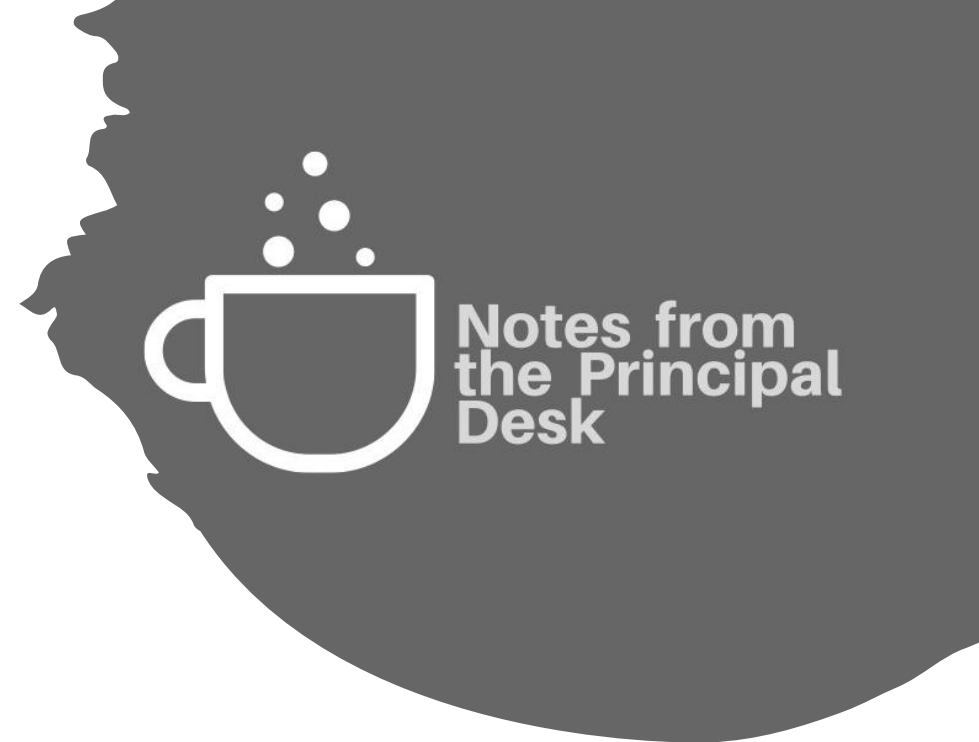
**Weekly Update**

Good Evening, Baldwin Family,

I've been saying for years that teens remind me of the raptors in the original Jurassic Park...always looking for weakness in the fence. No matter what you are told, no matter what excuse they may give about no reason to go, it is important for your student to be present every day between now and our Winter Break. That's 10 more school days. There's tons of testing going on, and plenty of students need to work on bringing up their grades. There's also some great in-school events coming up that we don't want your student to miss. PLEASE do your best to ensure that your student arrives on time, with their backpack and laptop, ready to work. Let's finish strong!

It's also time for me to clearly say that starting tomorrow, any senior that commits a class 3 referral, or multiple class 2 referrals, will lose all senior privileges (Grad Bash, Prom, Senior Week etc). It's been an ugly past 2 weeks for seniors making really bad choices. The real world is right around the corner, time to grow up and realize that consequences become increasingly worse the older you get. I hate doing this...but unfortunately every year I have to take away what makes senior year great from some students. Class of 2026, please be the first graduating class that does not have this happen to anyone. You are all on track to be a great graduating class. Again, let's finish strong! ~ 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**



## Celebrations

Baldwin FFA Girls State Team had a great experience participating in the State Citrus Identification Competition. For a new club participating in this competition for the first time, our team did SO amazing overall! Looking forward to seeing continued growth in this amazing club at Baldwin. #LevelUp

## Celebrations

Congratulations to Caitlin Heil who won our spelling bee for this school year!!! She will move on to district competition. Way to go!! #LevelUp



2025-2026

Baldwin Middle Senior High School  
Spelling Bee

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in recognition of

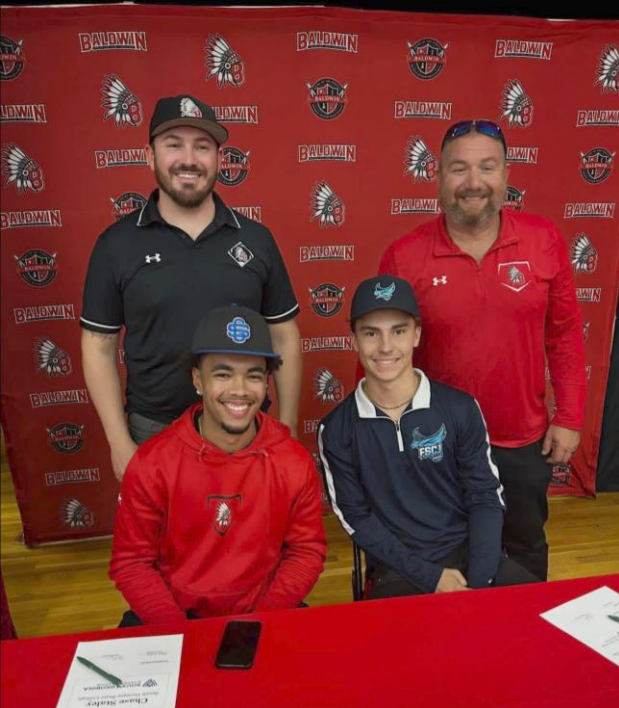
*Caitlin Heil*

**School Champion**

Presented by

**Mrs. Gina Shores**

on behalf of the  
Scripps National Spelling Bee®



## Celebrations

Our National Signing Day event on Wednesday afternoon was amazing. We had a packed house and got to watch 5 amazing student-athletes sign with college programs. We are so proud of you all. Keep using those talents to pursue your passion! #BaldwinStrong



## Celebrations

Varsity wrestling continued a strong start to the season with some wins at Baker County. Congrats to both Dominic Canchola and Taylor Davenport for winning their matches, and for many others coming super close. Keep working! #BaldwinStrong

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## **Celebrations**

The amazing Ms. Menendez made DCPS News thanks to a staff shout out from Mrs. Dixon! #BaldwinStrong

# Events This Week

Monday Dec 8 B Day	Tues Dec 9 A Day	Wed Dec 10 B Day	Thurs Dec 11 A Day	Friday Dec 12 B Day
<p>Semester 1 DEOCs</p> <p>DMA #2 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics, US History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Biology)</p> <p>Senior Instant Decision Day (Atlantic Coast High School)</p> <p>JV &amp; Varsity Boys Basketball at Beaches Chapel (5:30/7:00pm)</p> <p>Varsity Girls Basketball at Wolfson (6:00pm)</p>	<p>Semester 1 DEOCs</p> <p>DMA #2 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics, US History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Biology)</p> <p>JROTC Semester 1 Awards</p> <p>SAC Meeting (2:15pm, Room 102)</p> <p>JV &amp; Varsity Boys Basketball at Middleburg (5:30/7:00pm)</p>	<p>Wellness Wednesday (Modified Bell Schedule)</p> <p>Semester 1 DEOCs</p> <p>DMA #2 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics, US History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Biology)</p> <p>Financial Aid Night (Room 102)</p> <p>Middle School Fall Sports Banquet (Café, 6:00pm)</p>	<p>Semester 1 DEOCs</p> <p>DMA #2 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics, US History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Biology)</p> <p>Varsity Girls Basketball Home vs (6:00pm)</p>	<p>Quarter 2 Attendance Meetings</p> <p>Semester 1 DEOCs</p> <p>DMA #2 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Civics, US History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Biology)</p> <p>Band Christmas Concert</p> <p>JV &amp; Varsity Boys Basketball at First Coast Christian (5:30/7:00pm)</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, Dec 13</u></b> ACT Testing at Baldwin</p>



XGS9 Hoodie (Unisex)

\$45.00



X26 L/S Quarter Zip (Unisex)

\$45.00



XGS Fan Quarter Zip Hood (Unisex)

\$45.00



XGS9 Full Zip (Unisex)

\$45.00



X22 Long Sleeve Pullover (Unisex)

\$43.00



X22 Short Sleeve Pullover (Unisex)

\$40.00

**Looking to buy Baldwin gear or Holiday presents?** Hoodies, jackets & polos available now from the Boys Basketball Boosters! Store 1 (Hoodies, Bags, etc): [\[https://stores.inksoft.com/WS129876\]](https://stores.inksoft.com/WS129876) Store 2 (ONLY - T-Shirts & Polos): [\[https://stores.inksoft.com/WS129880\]](https://stores.inksoft.com/WS129880) **Stores close on Dec 11, 2025.** Orders delivered to school in mid-January.



# DON'T WRECK IT, FIX IT!

EVERYONE MESSES UP SOMETIMES, EVERYONE FEELS DIFFERENT SOMETIMES, BUT WE ALL DESERVE RESPECT. INSTEAD OF "WRECKING" PEOPLE WITH RUDE COMMENTS, RUMORS, OR JOKES, CHOOSE TO "FIX IT" BY BUILDING OTHERS UP.

- **Labels don't define you**

Ralph was called the 'bad guy' but he wasn't a bad person. Same with students who get judged off rumors and stereotypes.

- **Inclusion matters**

Vanellope was treated like a 'glitch,' but she just needed one person to believe in her.

- **Everyone has a story you don't see**

Just like Ralph didn't actually want to hurt anybody, students may act out because they feel ignored or misunderstood.

YOU  
MATTER!

KEEP  
GOING!

YOU ARE  
ENOUGH!

# 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

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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.



**ATTENTION**

**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The deadline to buy an  
AD in the yearbook will be

**December 10<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

If you have any questions  
please email Mrs. Ross  
[rosss4@duvalschools.org](mailto:rosss4@duvalschools.org)



*Limited Time*  
**YEARBOOK  
ADS**

**ADS FOR BALDWIN'S 25-26 YEARBOOK  
ARE NOW ON SALE!**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

**GET YOUR STUDENT AN AD IN THIS YEAR'S  
YEARBOOK TO COMMEMORATE THEIR AMAZING  
SCHOOL YEAR!**

**ORDER ONLINE AT [YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](http://YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM)  
SCHOOL CODE: 15751**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, EMAIL MRS. ROSS  
AT [ROSSS4@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:ROSSS4@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG)**

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**FULL PAGE: \$250**

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

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