



Weekly Update

Good Evening, Baldwin Family,

I've known a long time that there's a difference between "head knowledge" and "heart knowledge". Head knowledge is something you know about and try to believe. Heart knowledge...its that unshakeable belief that you KNOW something.

I've known that we're a school family at Baldwin. Heck, half the staff are parents that I hired as principal and a lot of them are married! We tell every tour and every new family that we have at least 70 "staff kids" and then when I'm on the tour the new family is meeting all my adopted nieces and nephews in the hallway (better have that hall pass!).

But I think it's the pictures this week on Facebook, and from looking around at Wrestling Senior Night or Girls Weightlifting Regionals, that has moved me finally from head knowledge to heart knowledge that BALDWIN IS A FAMILY. I'm like oh there's the Freeman's. There's the Kemps. Got to get a picture with the Crider's. Hey, Elson's! Oh man, that picture of the Pitts in Orlando has me crying. I see you Iris and Jazzy freezing at the Donna. Heck no, I'm not going to the beach on Sunday morning. Is that Roger Emery smiling in a photo?

On and on and on it went this week. That's why I try to get every parent to get their student involved with something. I know that the busyness of life is trying to attention frack us all, but please move into the heart knowledge territory with our Tribe. We're not a perfect family. We definitely screw up. We're also all a little weird. But what we all need in our life is an extended family to celebrate with, cry with, and to learn to be a little better with at this thing we call life.

Mike



Notes from
the Principal
Desk





Celebrations

We were completely blessed and blown away by the No Hate Tour on Thursday. From back flips over Mr. Jackson (who was way more scared than Mr. Townsend) to such a positive message about having a dream, working hard, being kind, and leveling up, it was right on message with our school mission. ALL of us will graduate with a plan. ALL of us will treat each other like family. #BTownPride #LevelUp



Celebrations

How about #1 IN THE WORLD for Competition Cheer!!!!!! That's right, WORLD CHAMPIONS. And hopefully by tomorrow, National Champions as well!!! Years of work. 10 months of practice, 5 days a week, 3+ hours per day. Team, IT WAS WORTH IT!!!!

#LevelUp

Celebrations

Friday was a busy day for Baldwin. Middle School Comp Cheer competed at All Out in Orlando and came in with a Superior Rating and 3rd overall. Meanwhile, we were still being thankful for an amazing financial sponsorship from Tru-Fi earlier in the week that paid for our video scoreboards in the gym. Thanks again, Amber. You're Tru-Fi team is the best! #BTownPride #LetGO





Celebrations

It was our first year in a LONG time of participating in the spelling bee, and our 1st year with the amazing Mrs. Shores as sponsor, and our very own Caitlin Heil took 2nd place out of 33 schools that participated. Right now we're waiting to find out if she will move on to Regionals, but even if she doesn't, AMAZING job, Caitlin! #GirlPower #LevelUp #BaldwinStrong



Celebrations

Our cadets killed it at the Annual Drill Competition. Cadets Lena Goodman and Klowie Yawn earned 1st Place in Dual Drill Exhibition. In individual events, Cadet Klowie Yawn secured 1st Place in Single Drill Exhibition, while Cadet Lena Goodman earned an impressive 2nd Place in Single Drill Exhibition. Our Female Color Guard Team achieved 1st Place. The team members were Zoe Donahue, Makenzie Sherman, Taylor Harrison, and Madison Andre. #LevelUp





Celebrations

Middle School Soccer keeps doing their thing with more dominant wins this past week. The girls beat Lakeshore 8-0 and the boys 5-0. We had 6th, 7th & 8th graders all getting in on the goal scoring action. Hope to see you this week at our home and away matches!#LevelUp



Celebrations

Congratulations to Christopher Hansen for being selected to and performing with the High School Nomination Band. Combined with students from Duval and Nassau county schools they performed a concert on Saturday with only 15 hours of rehearsal. #LevelUp



Celebrations

Varsity Wrestling Senior Night was a huge successful with our team taking down Riverside 47-30. Seniors Taylor Davenport, Meinah Decker and Charles Kapp winning their matches. Underclassmen Liam Pellicer, Antonio Walker, and Dominic Camchola also had wins. The team followed it up with Saturday competition at Stanton. Caleb Ingham took 4th, Antonio Walker took 2nd and Taylor Davenport took 1st. #BaldwinStrong #LevelUp



Celebrations

From Marathon High runners and volunteers at the Donna in sub-arctic temps, to Girls Weightlifting at Regionals, how could we even do any of this without our amazing parents, friends, coaches & staff?! Thank you all for making Baldwin such a special FAMILY! #AllMeansAll #WeHaveThat #LevelUp



Events This Week

Monday Feb 2 A Day	Tues Feb 3 B Day	Wed Feb 4 A Day	Thurs Feb 5 B Day	Friday Feb 6 A Day
<p>WIDA Testing</p> <p>Lock Down Drill (8:45am)</p> <p>Middle School Girls & Boys Basketball at Westview (5:30/7:00pm)</p> <p>Middle School Girls Soccer at Westview (5:00pm)</p>	<p>WIDA Testing</p> <p>Middle School Boys Soccer at Westview (5:00pm)</p> <p>Varsity Girls Tennis at Ribault (3:30pm)</p> <p>Varsity Boys Tennis Home vs Ribault (3:30pm)</p>	<p>Voter's Registration (High School Lunches)</p> <p>National Signing Day</p> <p>Middle School Girls & Boys Basketball Home vs Chaffee Middle (5:30/7:00pm)</p>	<p>A/B Celebration</p> <p>Varsity Girls Tennis Home vs Ed White (3:30pm)</p> <p>Varsity Boys Tennis at Ed White (3:30pm)</p> <p>Middle School Boys Soccer at Chaffee Middle (5:00pm)</p>	<p>12th Grade Meeting (9:00am, Café)</p> <p>8th Grade Meeting (1:00pm, Café)</p> <p>Middle School Girls Soccer at Chaffee Middle (5:00pm)</p> <p>Varsity Wrestling at Interlachen (5:00pm)</p> <p><u>Saturday, February 7</u> Feeding NE Florida Food Distribution (10am, Main Parking Lot, THANK YOU to our local Churches who help our community each year with this).</p> <p>Varsity Westling Home vs Westside (9:30am)</p>

Class Meetings

Friday February 6th

Seniors

Class of 26 meet @ 9:00am
in the cafeteria

8th grade

Class of 30 @ 1:00pm
in the cafeteria

We want you to truly enjoy the Spring semester. However, **negative behavior, poor attendance and/or course failure WILL result in you NOT being able to participate** in Grad Bash, Prom, Gradventure etc. More details will be given at the meeting.

8th Grade Parents

We need you to complete the QR below to help plan the 8th grade end of year events 😊



Please vote by Friday Feb. 6th



Baldwin JROTC Booster Color
Guard
Sunday, March 15, 2026
3:00 PM EST



Join the Baldwin JROTC Booster Color Guard on Sunday, March 15, 2026, as the Icemen take on the Florida Everblades at 3PM!

The Baldwin JROTC Booster Color Guard will present the colors, helping kick off a special afternoon at the arena.

All tickets purchased using the link or QR code below will raise \$5 per ticket to go back to the school in a fundraising effort! See you all at the Arena!



TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Baldwinjrotc2>

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as the Jacksonville Icemen
take on the Florida
Everblades at 3:00 PM.**

**Each ticket purchased
raises \$5 for JROTC!!**

SENIOR CLASS OF 26 DEADLINES

- SHIRT & HOODIE PAYMENT DEADLINE JAN 21ST
- SENIOR SIZES DUE ASAP ON TEAMS
- GRAD BASH PAYMENT DEADLINE FEB 13TH
- CAP & GOWN PAYMENT DEADLINE MARCH 1ST
 - ORDER ONLINE HJJAX.COM

QUESTIONS EMAIL KIRKA@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG



In Florida, the DMV links truancy to driving privileges. We have had several students lose their license recently for chronic absenteeism.

Key Truancy Triggers & Consequences

- **Trigger:** 15 unexcused absences in 90 calendar days for students 14 and older.
- **School Action:** Reports the student to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).
- **DHSMV Action (Licensed Teens):** Driving privilege suspended.
- **DHSMV Action (Unlicensed Teens):** Ineligible to apply for a license.
- **Reinstatement/Eligibility:** Requires proof of 30 consecutive days of school attendance or graduation.

Opportunity can come from anywhere

- Focuses on what's next, seeing options in messy situations, and reframing problems into creative solutions.
- Seizing opportunity involves more than luck; it needs clear goals, evaluation of risks, and taking calculated steps, not just reacting impulsively.
- Challenges, problems, and crises are often disguised opportunities to innovate, grow stronger, and find new paths.



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YEARBOOK!**

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\$80!

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yearbook

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

- 6th – 7th , 8th A-M Grade School Counselor – Mrs. Griffin – griffins2@duvalschools.org
- 8th N-Z, 9th – 10th A-M Grade School Counselor – Ms. James – jamesf2@duvalschools.org
- 10th N-Z, 11th – 12th Grade School Counselor – Mrs. Fry – fryk@duvalschools.org
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