

THE SCORPION SCOOP

Official Brandon Academy News



From the Head of School October 30, 2020

Dear Colleagues, Parents, Students, and Friends,

What an awesome day it was today! The PreK - 3rd grade students looked amazing in their costumes and they were so happy to be able to parade and receive so many treats. The 4th/5th grade and middle school Haunted Houses were frightening for all. Many thanks to the teachers and students who planned and organized today. And to the parents who participated in our Trunk-or-Treat, thank you for believing and supporting our vision and for ALL of the wonderful treats you provided. There were so many beautifully decorated cars and even Carol Baskin made an appearance! :) Pictures to come next week.

I had a wonderful response to our first Coffee with the Head of School yesterday. I spent some time discussing next year, and then I fielded questions from parents. Links from the Coffee are below. Thanks again to all of the parents that joined me. Looking ahead, my next Coffees will take place via Zoom on:

- ❑ Thursday, December 3: I will preview the events during December as well as events during the spring semester.
- ❑ Thursday, January 21: I will preview the new 2021 - 2022 BA Curriculum Guide as well as look at the 2021- 2022 School Year Calendar.

Finally, tomorrow is the Eve of All Hallows day: of course, Halloween. The costumes from this morning's parade are testament enough to the simple satisfaction that these few days can bring. Indeed, many of the happiest times in our families have been spent carving pumpkins, walking around trick-or-treating with friends., or, when I was a young boy, eating all of the candy corn in one sitting that my parents put out for guests. The unforgettable smell of fall scented candles is heavy in the air, reminding us that Thanksgiving, a perennial autumnal favorite, is 3 weeks away. Stay safe, and enjoy the time with your family.

Enjoy your weekend,

Eric Miles
Head of School



Recently, Ella Rohde, grade 5, travelled to St. Augustine with her family. Here's her recap of the trip:

As you know, or if you don't know, I went to St. Augustine over the weekend. It was so much fun! When we got there, we went straight to the beach. It was nice and windy. That night, we went on a haunted ghost tour--spooky! The next morning, we went to the beach again! They had really good waves. After we ate lunch, we met Mrs. Wallen at the Pirate Cruise. It was so fun! The next day, we went to the Fountain of Youth! We actually drank from it. It was quite good. We learned about Ponce De Leon. Later, we went on a chocolate tour with Mrs. Wallen, Alex, and Sam. The chocolate was so good. Sadly, that was our last day there. On Monday, we had to go ☹️. I had such a fun time at St. Augustine, and I can't wait to go back!



News From Around Campus



Coffee with the Head of School

Next Coffee: Thursday, December 3
I will preview the events during December as well as events during the spring semester.

[Here is the Zoom link for yesterday's meeting.](#)
[Here is the Presentation Link.](#)

Fall Open Houses

The BA student is one who strives to achieve in the classroom, on the stage, and on the playing field. BA is committed to shaping and developing the scholar, artist, and athlete within each and every student who walks our halls. At BA, everything we do is in support of developing the mind, spirit, and talent of a well-rounded and civically minded individual.

Monday, November 9 kicks-off Articulation Week, which includes our annual Open Houses. The purpose of Articulation Week is to give parents a preview of what's in store for the 2021-2022 school year. Here is the schedule of the Open Houses for new families:

<p>Tue, November 10 Lower School Open House Zoom Sessions (Pre-K to Grade 5)</p> <p>Open to all new, interested families. Session 1 at 10am Session 2 at 6pm</p>	<p>Wed, November 11 Middle School Open House Zoom Sessions (Grades 6 - 8)</p> <p>Open to all new, interested families. Session 1 at 10am Session 2 at 6pm</p>	<p>Thu, November 12 High School Open House Zoom Sessions (Grades 9 -12)</p> <p>Open to all new, interested families. Session 1 at 10am Session 2 at 6pm</p>
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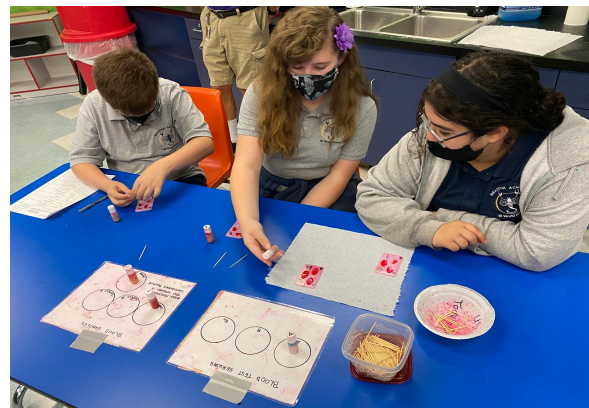
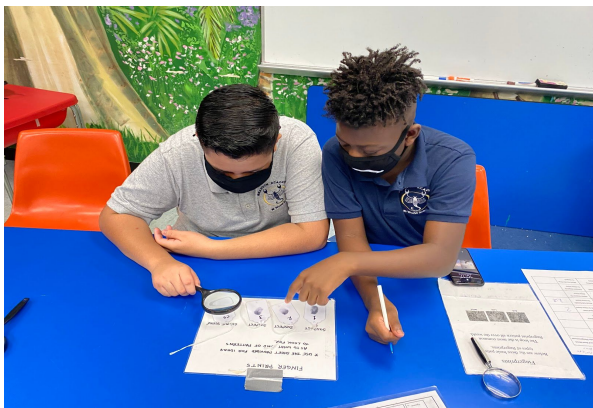
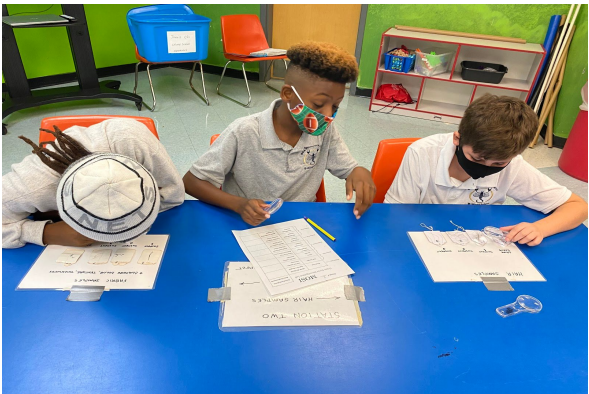
If you have friends who wish to be considered for admission to Brandon Academy in August 2021, please pass on this information and invite them to participate in one of the upcoming Zoom Open Houses. [Here is the link to sign up.](#)

Any additional questions can be directed to Cindy Strickland for the Lower School or Eric Miles for the Upper Divisions. Thank you!



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Ellie Smith, grade 3, was named Reserve Champion Market Hog and Champion Junior Showman at the 2020 Hillsborough County Fair. Congratulations, Ellie!



Members of the BA Forensic Science Elective visited MOSI this week. The students solved a crime by experimenting with a variety of evidence in their CSI:Tampa program, and then the students had time to explore the rest of MOSI.

Spirit week

November 2-6th



TEAM JERSEY
MONDAY



PATRIOTIC
TUESDAY



PAJAMA
WEDNESDAY



DECADES
THURSDAY



1950'S- GRADES 2ND, 6TH, 9TH

1960'S- GRADES 3RD, 7TH, 10TH

1970'S- GRADES 1ST, 4TH, 11TH

1980'S- GRADES 5TH, 8TH, 12TH



SCHOOL SPIRIT
FRIDAY

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Our 2nd grade class is needing large, empty Clorox bottles. If you have any, please bring them into the Main Office. Thanks!



Per our handbook, students need to be in class by 8:15 am. If your child is dropped off after 8:15 am, a parent must accompany the child into the office and sign them in.



Congratulations to Lauren and Cade Rivard on the birth of their son, Colt Alexander Rivard, on Wednesday, October 28. Lauren (Miss K) taught first grade at BA last year.

Scholarship Opportunities

The scholarships listed below do not encompass all available scholarships—they are merely a comprehensive list of every scholarship of which we have been made aware. Please note: for any scholarship where counselors need to complete a recommendation form or letter, we ask for three weeks' notification to allow us ample time to complete the recommendation.

[Middle District of Florida 2020 High School Essay Contest](#)

High school students living in Hillsborough, Pasco, & Pinellas County are invited to submit an essay celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Awards ranging from \$50 -

\$2,000 will be given to students at a special awards ceremony. Submissions must not exceed 1,000 words. Deadline is noon on November 2, 2020.

[Brooks Law Group Community Scholarship](#)

Seniors who complete a 700 – 1,400-word essay on the assigned topic are eligible. Two scholarships will be awarded: first place winner will receive \$1,000 & second place winner will receive \$250. **Essays are due by November 6.**

[Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#)

High School students who have engaged in volunteer activity within the past 12 months are eligible to apply. Awards range from \$1,000 - \$5,000. **Deadline is November 10, 2020.**

[Elks Lodge “Most Valuable Student” Scholarship](#)

Seniors who are planning on pursuing a four-year degree on a full-time basis are eligible to apply. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. **Deadline is November 15, 2020.**

[National Honor Society Scholarship](#)

Seniors who are active members of NHS are eligible to apply. Awards range from \$3,200 - \$25,000. **Deadline is December 1, 2020.**

[Profile in Courage Essay Contest](#)

Students in all grade levels are eligible to apply. Essay should be 700 – 1,000 words describing an act of political courage by a US elected official who served during or after 1917. The official may have addressed an issue at the local, state, or national level. Essays must have a minimum of 5 sources. **Deadline is January 15, 2021.**

Sources:

FastWeb.com
CollegeData.org
MyScholly.com
CollegeXpress.com
Chegg.com/scholarships
GoingMerry.com

AIE.org
StudentScholarshipSearch.com
BigFuture.CollegeBoard.org
Cappex.com/scholarships

Upcoming Athletic Games

Monday, November 2 - Middle School Soccer

Silver Team (Grades 4 & 5) at 3:30 pm

Navy Team (Grades 6, 7, & 8) at 4:30 pm

Thursday, November 5 - Middle School Soccer

Silver Team (Grades 4 & 5) at 3:30 pm

Navy Team (Grades 6, 7, & 8) at 4:30 pm



Friday, November 6 - Varsity Football - Homecoming Game & Senior Night

Kickoff at 7:00 pm



