



CLASS OF 2027

BRADEN RIVER
HIGH SCHOOL

Get to Know Ms. Bilak

Which number below is NOT true about Ms. Bilak?

1. Ms. Bilak grew up in Cleveland, Ohio
2. Ms. Bilak has a cat named Duke
3. Ms. Bilak's birthday is July 4th
4. Ms. Bilak played ice hockey growing up



The Answer is...

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Ms. Bilak does not have a cat named Duke, but she does have a dog named Duke.



What exactly do School Counselors do?

We are a one stop shop....

Class
Registration

Post-
Secondary
Education

Credit
Recovery

Dual
Enrollment

Scholarship/
College
Application

Evaluate
Transcripts

Monitor
Graduation
Status

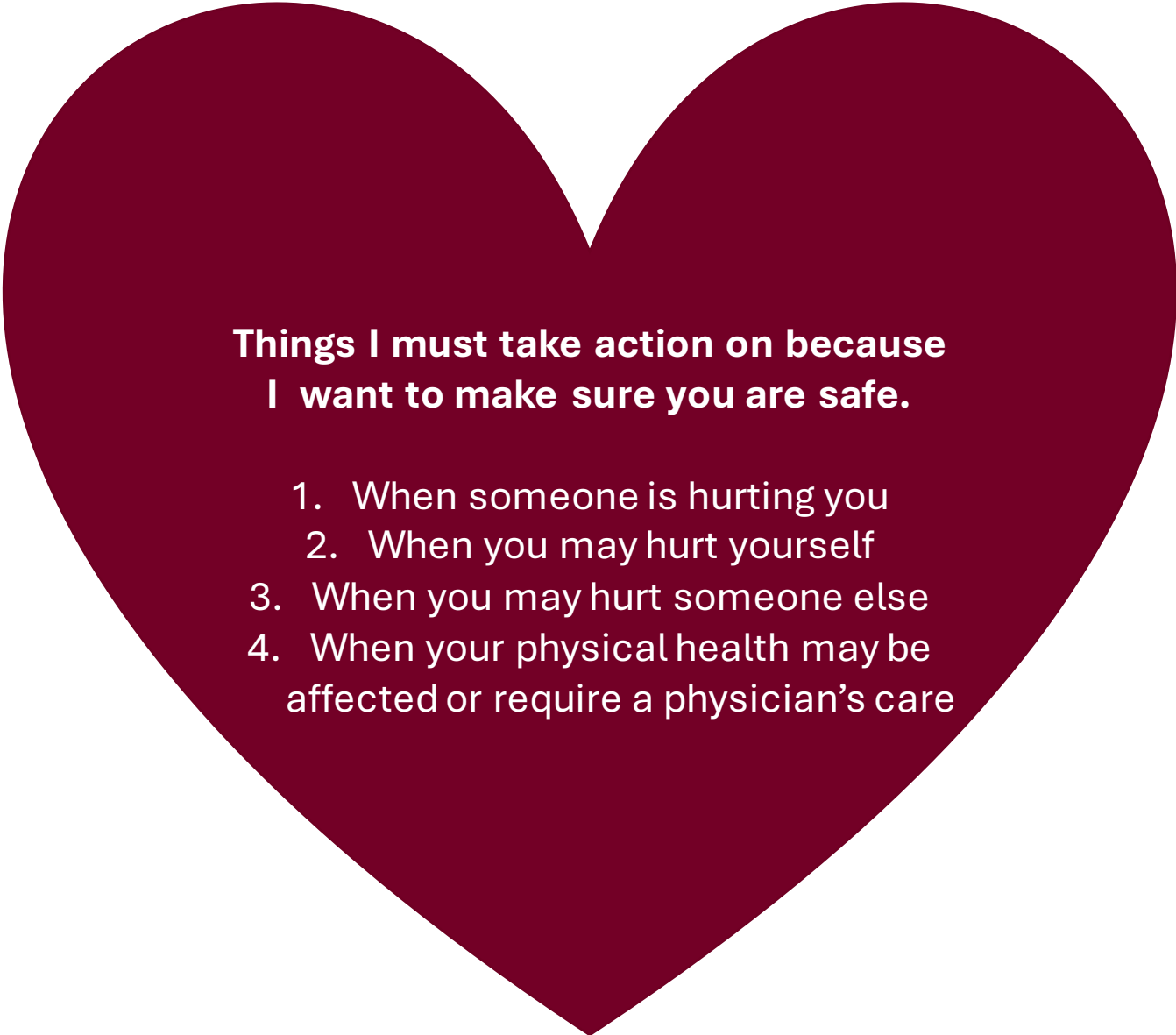
Proctor
Statewide
Assessments

Can I help you with issues that come up?

Of course! I am here to assist you with problems that may arise throughout the school year.

BUT

My main priority is to make sure you are always safe.



**Things I must take action on because
I want to make sure you are safe.**

1. When someone is hurting you
2. When you may hurt yourself
3. When you may hurt someone else
4. When your physical health may be affected or require a physician's care

Graduation Requirements

Four Years in High School

1. Earn a minimum of 24 credits
2. Minimum Cumulative Unweighted GPA of 2.0 or higher
3. Earn a 3 or higher on the B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC & Grade 10 FAST Reading Assessment

24 Credit Requirement

YOU MUST HAVE....

- English – 4 Credits
- Math – 4 Credits (Algebra 1 & Geometry)
- Science – 3 Credits (Biology)
- Social Studies – 3 Credits
- Financial Literacy – 0.5 Credits
- Practical/Performing Art – 1 Credits
- Health/PE – 1 Credits
- Electives – 7.5 Credits

Items to Note

- If you participate in JROTC or a sport for 2 seasons, you qualify for the HOPE Waiver
- If you participate in JROTC for 2 years, you do not have to take a Practical/Performing Art Credit
- Students interested in attending college, we recommend taking at least 2 years of a foreign language

Middle School VS High School

Class Activity

Middle School

High School



Middle School VS High School

Middle School

- Emphasis on Core Classes
- Makeup Work – Optional
- Adults Monitor Grades/Progress
- Quarter Grades on Record
- Promotion Based on Points



High School

- Emphasis on **ALL** Classes
- Makeup Work – **EXPECTED**
- **STUDENTS** Monitor Grades/Progress
- **SEMESTER** Grades on Record
- Graduation Based on **GPA**

How are my grades calculated?

Score Range	Letter Grade
100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
59-0	F

Semester Grades

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Semester Exam
40%	40%	20%

Semester Grades (EOC Course)

Quarter 3	Quarter 4	EOC Exam
35%	35%	30%

How to Calculate my GPA?

Grade	GPA Points
A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0
D	1.0
F	0

Honor courses add 0.5 to each grade except the "F"
AP/DE courses add 1.0 to each grade except the "F"

Course Name	Grade	GPA Points
English 1	A	4.0
Algebra 1	B	3.0
World History	B	3.0
Biology	C	2.0
HOPE	A	4.0
Commercial Art	B	3.0
Theatre	A	4.0

Semester GPA – 3.28

Community Service

Mrs. Hedgepeth - College & Career Advisor

Important for College Applications, Job Applications, Bright Futures, and Scholarships

Step 1

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Community Service

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Community Service Requirements

Activities That Count

Activities That DON'T Count

How do I check my hours?

Community Service Forms

Step 2: Pre-Approval Form

Step 3: Log & Evaluation Form

Before you start a community service project, make sure you've read and understand the new policy. Check out these helpful pages if you missed them before.

[New Community Service Requirements](#)

[What activities count toward community service?](#)

[Activities that DON'T count...](#)

Step 1 - Sign up for updates!

Join our community service group on [Remind101](#) and I'll let you know when you're project is approved and you can begin work. The community service class code is Coming Soon.

Step 2 - Complete the pre-approval process.

Download the Service Approval Request Form.

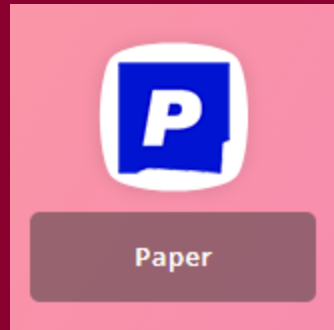
Turn in the application to **Mrs. Hedgepeth** in Student Services. Please allow 24 hours for processing. If your project takes place over the summer, please bring the form to the front office during business hours. You may also email your form to [hedgepeth@bradenhigh.org](#). Do not begin your project until it has been

Tutoring Services

Paper

For all Subjects

- Go to your Single Sign On (SSO), click the app pictured below

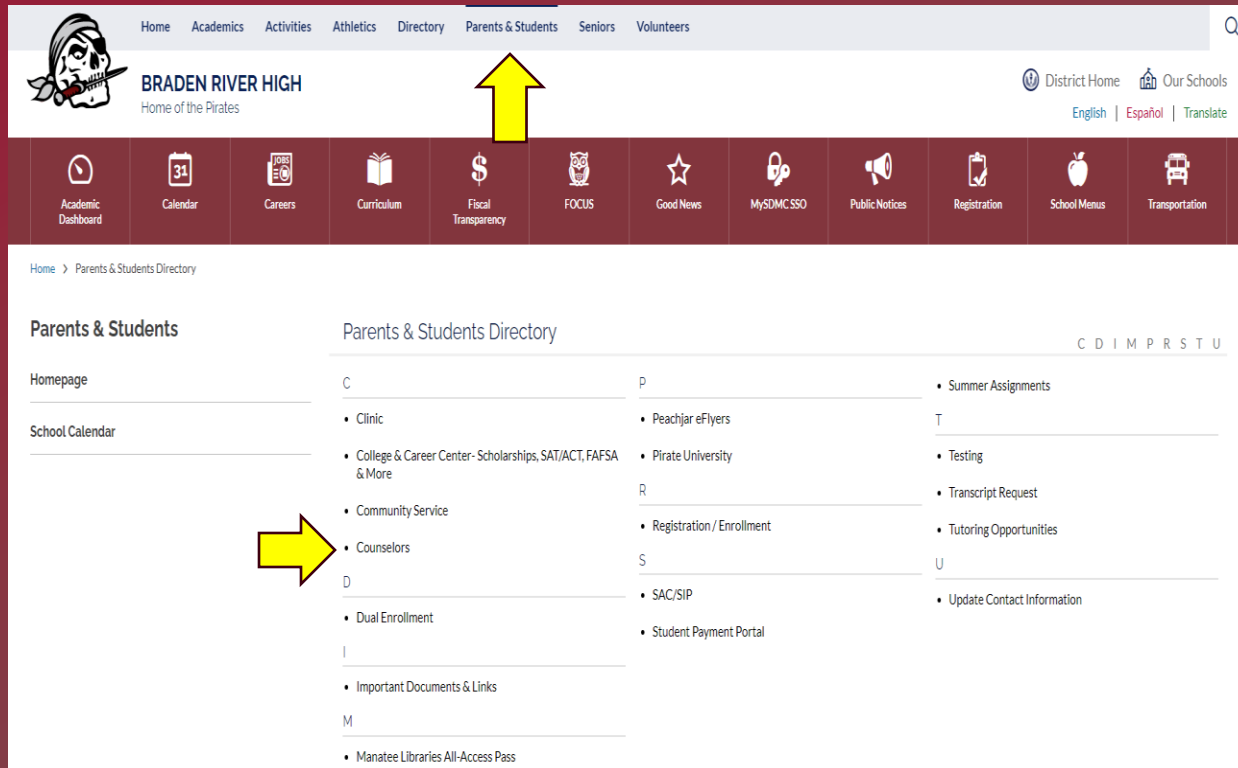


Math Tutoring

- When? **Every Wednesday**
- What Time? **2:30-3:30pm**
- Where? **Room 722**

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Step 1



The screenshot shows the Braden River High School website. The navigation menu at the top includes Home, Academics, Activities, Athletics, Directory, **Parents & Students**, Seniors, and Volunteers. A yellow arrow points to the "Parents & Students" link. Below the navigation menu is a row of icons for various school services. The "Parents & Students Directory" page is displayed, showing a list of links for parents and students. A yellow arrow points to the "Counselors" link under the "C" section.

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Step 2

School Counseling

Welcome to the School Counseling Department. We are located in Student Services and the office is open 7:25-2:55 daily. Appointments may be set up by contacting Mrs. Pandelo at 751-8230 x31019.



Students are assigned to a counselor by their last name. Our counselors for this year are...

Students in Grades 10-12 Last Names A-F

Kevin Swann swannk@manateeschools.net x31029

All students can request to meet with Mr. Swann by completing the form at this link: [Click Here!](#)

Students in Grades 10-12 Last Names G-M

Meg Durshimer durshimerm@manateeschools.net x31101

All students can request to meet with Mrs. Durshimer by completing the form at this link: [Click Here!](#)

Students in Grades 10-12 Last Names N-V

Kirsten Lawlor lawlork@manateeschools.net x31004

All students can request to meet with Ms. Lawlor by completing the form at this link: [Click Here!](#)

Students in Grades 10-12 Last Names W-Z & ALL STUDENTS IN 9th GRADE

Kelsey Bilak bilakk@manateeschools.net x31157

All students can request to meet with Ms. Bilak by completing the form at this link: [Click Here!](#)

THINGS TO REMEMBER...

2.00 GPA is
required
for Sports
and
Activities

Look at MTC
programs for
Junior and
Senior Year

Get involved
in activities

Ask your
teachers for
help

Check Focus
& Schoology
daily

Go to
tutoring or
use Paper
on your SSO

Advocate
for yourself

Turn in work
for
full/partial
credit

TIME TO PLAY A GAME

1. Go to www.Kahoot.it
2. Enter the Game Pin listed on the board.