



**2012 Teacher of the Year, Mr. Bowman!**



Pictured: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Bowman (2012), and Mrs. Cook (2011)

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Dear Parents, Students and Community Members:

As the end of the first semester comes, and 2011 is nearly over, I look back and see what a great year we have had here at Satellite High School. I am amazed at all of the accomplishments, initiatives, and outstanding performances we have enjoyed. Thanks to all of you who have attended a variety of activities, sporting events, and presentations during this first semester.

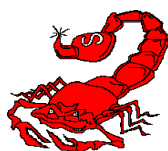
I would like to take this opportunity to offer a special thank you to our front office volunteer staff who have worked together among themselves to provide consistent and professional coverage and assistance to our students, staff and community. I appreciate the time they have so generously donated to us this year. I offer a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who donate their personal time in support of our school.

I would like to congratulate Ms. Sharon McDonald, our Head Custodian, for being selected as Satellite High's School-Related Employee of the Year, and Mr. Kevin Bowman, Social Studies Teacher, for being selected as Teacher of the Year. They are both outstanding employees at Satellite High School.

The final exam schedule is included in this newsletter. It is very important that the students are present and ready to take these exams, as they count for 20% of their semester grade. Please remember that students return to school on Monday, January 9.

I wish all of you and your families a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Mark Elliott, Principal

**2012 Employee of the Year, Ms. McDonald!**



Pictured: Mr. Elliott, Ms. McDonald (2012), and Ms. Barrett (2011)

**Air Force JROTC Academic Bowl Success!**

Please congratulate Collin Irwin, Ethan Hudgins, Rachel Goetz, Jacob Senecal, and Bianca Fuller for their recent success in the 2011-2012 Air Force JROTC Academic Bowl qualifying round. This is a nation-wide online competition where teams must answer a barrage of SAT/ACT prep questions and international current events questions under very challenging time limits.

Our Satellite team will advance to the Level II challenge scheduled for February 1-15. If they succeed in that round, then they will advance to the AF JROTC Academic Championship and JROTC Tri-Service Academic Bowl Championship to be held June 22-26, 2012 in Washington, DC. --See picture on page 3!

# December News

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## **Yearbook**

Parents: The 2012 Scorpio is now on sale. This is your last chance to purchase the yearbook at the current price. Many students wait until their friends are passing yearbooks around for signatures before deciding they want YOU to buy them a yearbook...at the highest price of the year. Don't delay. Reserve your copy today at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com). Please contact Yearbook Advisor Patrick Vickers at ext. 5305 for more information.

Senior Parents: Don't miss your chance to show your grad how proud you are of their four-year accomplishment. A personalized senior recognition page in the 2012 Scorpio will be a lasting memento of their time at Satellite High. This is only available to seniors and there is limited space available. These pages will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Go to [jostensadservice.com](http://jostensadservice.com) and show your senior how much you care. Please contact Yearbook Advisor Patrick Vickers at ext. 5305 for more information.

## **ACT Exam for All Juniors**

All Juniors will be taking the ACT Exam on March 20, 2012 at no charge. If you have a junior who plans to take the ACT, do not register on your own- we have registered all Juniors to take the March 20 exam during the regular school day.

## **Parents: Check Student Grades From the Comfort of Your Home**

Parents can now check student progress through the Edline program online. Stop by the Front Office for your activation code and you are ready to go! It is quick and easy. No more worrying about whether your child is on top of things here at school. Now you can check anytime.

## **Lady Scorps Volleyball**

The Lady Scorps Varsity Volleyball team ended their season with the District 8-3A Runner Up trophy! The team worked hard all season demonstrating their commitment to their teammates and their team goals. We are so proud of our Lady Scorps! The Florida Athletic Coaches Association voted Shannon McGone on to the District 8-3A 2011 All Academic Team and Coach Gomez earned the District 8-3A 2011 Coach of the Year. The Lady Scorps would like to thank all the parents, teachers, and staff for their support. The Scorpions gym was always filled with many fans who were so appreciated with their loud chants and cheers for our Lady Scorps! Thank you fans! A special thank you to Mr. Elliott, Ms. Anderson, Mr Soper and our support coaches, Freshmen Coach Watson and JV Coach Haight for their commitment to all of our athletes. We will miss you Mr Soper! We would also like to congratulate the Lady Scorp team members who are presently competing on the Scorps basketball and soccer teams, as well as their respective volleyball club teams.



## **Varsity Bowling**

High school bowling has made incredible strides in its second year! With the support of local bowling proprietors, Brevard County has excelled in the sport.

The Girls proved to be tough competitors this season. They were excited to compete and finish 7th in the Cape Coast Conference Bowling Championship held on October 24, 2011 at Brunswick Harbour Lanes in Melbourne. They had an impressive finish, taking third place in District competition at Shore Lanes in Palm Bay. Rachael LeCroy advanced to State level in the Girls Individual class. The Boys took us to State finals at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando after finishing second at the District competition. Dylan Byars advanced with the team and as an individual at the State level. Dylan also made the All-County team. It was great to see the students perform in a sport that recognized their individual as well as team accomplishments.

A special thank you goes to Brunswick Harbour Lanes in Melbourne and to all the Bowling proprietors for supporting the Scorpion Bowling teams throughout the season! Coach Clark is looking forward to a strong team next year and another exciting season. All students interested in trying out for the team next year should start working on their bowling skills now. Leagues and coaching are available Saturday mornings at 10 AM at Harbour Lanes, call for details 321-242-2695.

# December Around Campus

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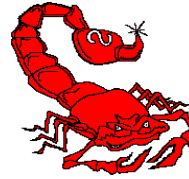
## First Semester Exam Schedule

Exams will be administered on December 15-20

The schedule for Thursday, December 15 is as follows:

Period 7	8:45-10:45	PERIOD 7 EXAM
Period 2	10:50-11:20	
Period 3	11:25-11:55	
Period 4	11:55-1:35	

First Lunch	11:55-12:35
Second Lunch	12:55-1:35



Period 5	1:35-2:10
Period 6	2:15-2:50
Period 1	2:55-3:30

## Report Cards Coming Home

Report Cards will be issued to students on Tuesday, January 17. Parents: Please review your child's Report Card and look at teacher comments. Teachers may request a conference if a student is having difficulty.

Friday, December 16

8:45-11:10	PERIOD 1 EXAM
11:20-2:15	PERIOD 4 EXAM

Monday, December 19

8:45-11:10	PERIOD 2 EXAM
11:20-2:15	PERIOD 5 EXAM

The next evening conference night is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

Tuesday, December 20

8:45-11:10	PERIOD 3 EXAM
11:20-2:15	PERIOD 6 EXAM



School hours on December 16, 19 and 20 are 8:45-2:15 PM. Students are not permitted to sign out of school on exam days. Students will only be permitted to leave campus if a parent comes in to the Attendance Office and signs the student out in person. Phone call dismissals/approvals will not be accepted on exam days. **Students who are absent on exam days will need to schedule make-up exams with individual teachers upon their return to school in January.**

## Florida Comprehensive Assessment Testing (FCAT) begins in March

The FCAT is an assessment tool that is given to all Florida students beginning in grade school. FCAT Assessments measure progress in Reading and Writing. A passing score is a State graduation requirement. Scores will help the school identify students that might benefit from academic interventions. FCAT scores determine future placement in courses and are used to determine placement to the next grade level. Students who score below level 3 on FCAT Reading will be placed in Reading Remediation classes during the coming school year. It is vital that we work together to make sure that each of our students is successful and prepared for upcoming exams. End of Course testing in Algebra 1, Geometry and Biology will also take place in the spring.

**February 28-March 1-** FCAT Writes for students in Grade 10

**April 9-20-** FCAT Retakes for those upperclassmen who have not passed FCAT exam

**April 16-27-** FCAT Reading for students in Grades 9 and 10

**April 23-27-**End of Course Exam Geometry

**April 30-May 4-** End of Course Exam Algebra

**May 7-11-** End of Course Exam Biology

**May 7-17-** Advanced Placement Exams



## Testing Information

December 10 ACT

January 28 SAT

February 11 ACT

# December Guidance News

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First semester is quickly coming to a close. It is time to make sure you have all of your work turned in for your classes and to start preparing for semester exams. Remember, final exams count 20% of your final grade.

## Bright Futures Scholarship (SENIORS)

The application process for the Bright Futures Scholarship begins in December. Guidance counselors will be working with all senior English classes on December 12 and will provide step by step instructions regarding the registration process. If you do not have a senior English class, please see your guidance counselor for the information.

Reminder: Bright Futures Community Service hours have changed:  
100 hours for the Academic Scholars  
75 hours for the Medallion  
30 hours for the Gold Seal



All hours MUST be completed by graduation.

Another NEW REQUIREMENT FOR BRIGHT FUTURES IS THE MANDATORY COMPLETION OF FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). NO FAFSA, NO BRIGHT FUTURES. [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

## Second Semester Schedules

Second semester schedules will be distributed during the week of December 12.

## Dual Enrollment

BCC has begun the dual enrollment process for the Spring term. To register for any class, students must first meet with their guidance counselor for paperwork and to verify qualification. Check [www.brevardcc.edu](http://www.brevardcc.edu) for a complete listing of classes. In addition, please return your BCC 1st semester books at the conclusion of exams. Deadline to pick up 2nd semester BCC books is January 27, 2012.



## Seniors

Final deadlines are fast approaching for most four year colleges. Applications for admission should be in the mail by now. Seniors need to be reminded that even though they may have been accepted to the school of their choice, final admission is contingent upon successful completion of senior coursework. It is very important to keep grades and grade point average up so as not to jeopardize college or state scholarships. Now is not the time for senioritis!

## Juniors

This is the year that everything heats up for college bound students. Choose your classes wisely, keep your grades up, consider dual enrollment and take the SAT/ACT in the spring. In addition, narrow your list of prospective schools to between three and five by the end of the year. Assemble your application materials, check into financial aid and arrange campus visits.

## Sophomores

Hopefully last year gave you a great foundation on which to build. Tenth grade is the time to keep things moving along. Take classes that let you explore a career interest or help you meet admission requirements for the college you are interested in. Keep your grades up and make a list of colleges that interest you. It's never too early to start those campus visits. Additionally, keep track of your achievements and work on time management skills.

## Freshmen

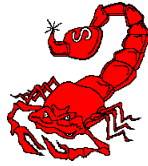
In addition to good grades, colleges consider participation in extra-curricular activities for college admission. Participation demonstrates several positive character traits that make applicants more attractive to admission counselors. Freshmen should review clubs and activities offered and attend those of interest. A reasonable goal is to participate in 2-3 activities during the year. It is also an excellent time to begin community service hours for the Bright Futures Scholarship. Proposals are available in the guidance office.

As always, we are here to help you and your child meet with success. Please make an appointment to meet your child's guidance counselor and see how we can be of assistance. The Guidance Department wishes everyone a Happy Holiday!

# December Information

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## AFJROTC Academic Bowl Winners!



## IPS Meetings

9th grade IPS meetings will conclude by December 14.

11th graders: Counselors are ready to meet with 11th grade students either now or after Winter Break. Please call to set up your appointment today. 779-2000

Attention all 10th graders: Beginning in January, Counselors are ready to meet with 10th grade students. Please call your counselor to set up your appointment at 779-2000.

## SHS Toy Drive

The Beta Club, Junior Class and Peer Counselors will be sponsoring Satellite High School's Toy Drive to benefit "The Haven". The toys will go to children in the Brevard County foster care system (children who have been removed from their home due to abuse, neglect or abandonment) living at "The Haven".

We are looking for new toys for boys and girls ages 6-14 years old. The Toy Drive will take place in your 4th period classroom beginning Thursday, Dec 1 through Monday, Dec 12 at 1 p.m., but we will gladly accept additional donations, not included in the competition for the remainder of the day. Peer Counselors will collect toys from your 4th period classroom on Monday, Dec. 5, Wednesday Dec. 7, and Monday Dec. 12 and total the amounts collected each week. The class who collects the most toys will be treated to a Pizza Party on Tuesday, December 13 (or a date of your choosing) sponsored by the Junior Class. If you have a box, please place it in your room where toys can be kept out of the way. If you need a box, please email me. Any questions please see Mrs. Cook, Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Clark or Ms. Hendley.

Thanks!

Santa's Elves,  
Eden, Linda, Gina and Missy



## A Key to Preventing Illness

As the weather changes, the incidents of colds and flu rises. Thorough hand washing is the key to preventing sickness. Many people rush through the simple task thinking they are doing a good job when they are actually leaving their self at risk. It is the combination of warm soapy water and scrubbing that actually gets the job done. Listed below are the steps for proper hand washing and suggestions of appropriate times to wash:

1. Wet hands with warm water
2. Help yourself to a generous amount of soap.
3. Lather it up, rubbing hands together vigorously paying special attention to fingernails and between fingers. This should last 15 – 20 seconds minimum.
4. Rinse well.
5. Dry thoroughly.
6. Always wash hands BEFORE you eat.
7. Always wash hands after you use the restroom.
8. Always wash hands after you take out the trash.
9. Always wash hands after you sneeze, cough, or blow your nose.
10. Washing your hands is appropriate anytime throughout your day.



## Hand Sanitizer

During the cold and flu season tissues and hand sanitizer is a needed staple in the classroom. Any donations you can give would be greatly appreciated. Please drop items off at the school Clinic.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

# December Sports News

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### **Boys Basketball**

Boys Basketball is off to a good start to the season with the Varsity squad defeating Cocoa, Edgewood, and Westshore, all away games. Players on the Varsity team are seniors Tommy Arnold, Vance Bindley, Casey Connors, Mark Elliott, Daniel Jacobs, Danny Murrin, Cody Talbot, and JT Washington; juniors Charlie Zilaitis, Joey Hibbard, Cole Schell, and Brandon Tapasak; and sophomore Chase Green. Coaching the Freshmen team is Greg Gage, JV Coach is Dan Green, Varsity Assistant is Ben Crafton, volunteer varsity coach is Brian Stahl, and Varsity Head Coach is Paul Bindley. Managers for Basketball this year are Jessica Simpson, Beth Willet, and Johnny Gomez.

### **Girls Tennis**

Try-outs for the girl's tennis team will begin on January 19, 2012. Satellite has six well-maintained courts and sufficient room to practice and play. The girl's team has six returning players and we welcome all girls interested in playing tennis to become a part of a very good team. Please stop by Coach Law's room and pick up medical forms so they may be completed prior to stepping on the courts. Are you athletic, competitive, and interested in a life-long sport? Join the Satellite High School girl's tennis program.

### **Track and Field - Boys and Girls**

All athletes interested in joining the SHS track team should attend our informational meeting. This 30-minute meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec 14 starting at 3:45 p.m. in the theater so please be prompt. This important gathering will give athletes the opportunity to meet the coaching staff, preview the meet schedule, learn about our practice plan and ask questions. We will discuss everything that is required to be successful in track and field at Satellite High School.

The first day of track practice begins on January 17, but now is the time to set goals and prepare physically for the challenges ahead. The best way to create goals for the upcoming track and field season is to reflect upon the previous year. Evaluate your performances in each meet as well as analyze your mental and physical preparation for competition. How will you adjust your training to meet these new goals? What can you do now to help prepare? The answer is to begin the pre-season with a resistance training program. The weight room will be open during the winter break from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday – Thursday. Coach Carter will be there to provide pre-season work outs and instruction to all track athletes.

### **Boys Tennis**

Tryouts for the Boys Tennis Team will start Tuesday, January 17, at the DeSoto Tennis complex between 3:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you want to tryout for the team please show up with your EL2 and EL3 forms. You must have the forms with you. The team meeting scheduled for mid-October had to be rescheduled to December. Please listen to the announcements for time and location. We have three returning starters; Sam Stember, Dan Morris and Matt Morris plus six returning lettermen. Coach Crane

### **Boys Soccer**

The Boys Varsity soccer season began with a rough start against some quality opponents but goalkeeper Luke Chandler and the defense anchored by Nick Namba, Jefferson Packer, Austin Downie and Chris Shaffer have posted shutouts in two of the last three games. The teams current record is 2-3-1 but the recent addition of the football players has strengthened the team which posted a 6-0 win against MCC, a 1-1 draw with Merritt Island and a 5-0 win against Palm Bay. Captains Colton Johnson and Carrick Bell are leading an offensive attack that has started to click with 7 and 5 goals respectively. The varsity is getting excellent midfield play from Brandon Ledene, Alexander Ferguson, Oban Cooper and Mark Namba. December features four district matches and matches against strong squads from Montverde Academy, Sebastian River and Melbourne. Come on out and support the team!

### **Boys Golf**

The Satellite Boys Golf Team is looking to rebuild its roster with new golfers with the graduation of three senior golfers. If you are interested in playing golf next fall with the Golf Team, see coach Ziccardi in room 8123. Go Scorp!

# December Sports News

# Scorpions

## Wrestling News

The wrestling team began the 2012 season with a decisive 53-23 victory over Melbourne. We have since competed in 5 other matches, and currently have a 3-3 record. We have two undefeated wrestlers so far, each with a record of 6-0: Julien Pinelli and Dean Porreca. Right behind them, Josh Bess and Bobby Christopher both have a 5-1 record. Our next home match will be Dec.9,10 when we host the 7th annual McBride Memorial tournament. We'll be competing against Viera, Bayside, Titusville, Merritt Island, Heritage, and Port St.Lucie. Come out and support your scorps!

## SHS Lacrosse

Shopping online? You can help fund SHS Lacross by shopping at this website first! The Satellite High School Lacrosse Booster Club has secured affiliations with Amazon.com,Expedia.com,and Cafepress.com. Online sales made through these vendors will reward the booster club with a percentage of each purchase.This does not increase the cost of products to you,the consumer.Simply log-in to the "Friends of Brevard (FBL)" website: [www.fblacrosse.com](http://www.fblacrosse.com) and select the Satellite High School link on the left margin of hte age. Click on the logos on the right side of the SHS page and shop.You must login through the FBL website for the teams to receive the reward from the affiliates.

## Girls Basketball Honors Heroes

The Lady Scorpion Basketball program opened up its season a couple weeks ago with wins over Eau Gallie and Rockledge High School. Head Coach Bill Stanley is excited about the continued outlook of the season and is pleased with the girls progress in spite of some bumps in the road against Heritage and Cocoa Beach. The team is still coming together and should be able to compete for the 4A District 8 title in February. The team is rich in talent including Juniors Hannah Stahl and LuLu Sardina as well as 5 Seniors including team captains Jennie Carmody and Kiersten Colgan.

New for the Scorps this season is the Home Town Heroes segment between the first and second quarters. Each home game they honor an individual from one of the branches of US military service as well as first responders such as police, fire and rescue workers. One of the most touching moments of the season was during the Rockledge game the team honored one of their own, Sergeant First Class Henry Covington who is the father of Senior guard LaTasha Covington. At Satellite Basketball family really means something and they are as honored to highlight these heroes who have sacrificed so much for us. Next up for Satellite is the Daytona Beach Sunshine Classic on December 27-30. The girls will be playing teams from Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and from around Florida.



## Girls Golf

The 2011 Girls' Golf team ended their season with an 8-3 record; best in three years. Congratulations girls!! Much appreciation goes to Mick Barker and Ellie Turner for volunteering to help the athletes learn the game and leading them to a successful season. Graduating 4 seniors leaves next years team wide open for new golfers. If you are interested in learning a sport you can play your entire lifetime contact Mrs. Manuel.

## Baseball

The Satellite Baseball Team will begin tryouts and practice on 1/16/12. All students trying out for the baseball team must have a current EL2 physical form and EL3 parent permission and insurance form on file with Ms. Anderson or turned in to Coach Ziccardi prior to trying out. Tryouts will conclude 1/18/12. If a student is currently participating in a winter sport, he will be given the opportunity to try out for the baseball team at the conclusion of the season. The team has been conditioning since the beginning of October, and we would like to have all interested students participating in our conditioning program. For more information on the conditioning program, see Coach Ziccardi in room 8123 or contact him at 266-1703. Have a great winter break! Go Scorpions!

# December Honors and Information

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## NHS Induction Ceremony

Each school year, National Honor Society honors deserving students who have excelled in the four qualities for which the society stands: character, leadership, scholarship, and service. The following students will be inducted into Satellite High School's National Honor Society:

### Class of 2012

Madison de Klerk                      Katiya Smith

### Class of 2013

Emily Beck	Deborah Carey	Connie Choe	Bella Damiani
Abigail Fenton	Scott Fenton	Jamie Frazier	Hana Hamilton
Tara Matta	Bryan McKeone	Sky Morrison	Reagan Jackson
Tristan Rhodeside	Kyle Rollman	Sara Santora	Sara Sawyer
Piper Slattery	Brandon Tapasak	Kayla Vigliotti	Katie Williams
Emily Zeck			

### Class of 2014

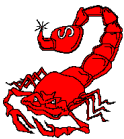
Tyler Allen	Justin Bell	Aleyna Brown	Katelyn Caldwell
Megan Comunale	Kendra Craigie	Rachael Curtain	Rachel Davis
Georgia Denning	Alexander Ellison	Christine Haworth	Briana Hoover
Matthew Hosken	Rachael Jorgenson	Cristian O'Brien	Victoria Packer
Tanner Parrish	Jackson Reed	Andrew Robineau	Christian Seguna
Chris Shaffer	Lynden Smith	Joseph Stuckey	Dalton Tate
Jennifer Tom	Hannah Wait	Katie Ward	Zoe Windfelder

The NHS induction ceremony will be held on Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Satellite High School Theater (inductees should arrive at 6 p.m.). Contact Mr. Greg Smith with further questions.

## NHS Relay for Life Team

SHS National Honor Society will be raising funds for its Relay for Life team throughout the spring semester. Want to donate? Visit: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY12FL?pg=entry&fr\\_id=37641](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY12FL?pg=entry&fr_id=37641).

Want to join our team? See Mr. Greg Smith, NHS advisor.



## Grateful Hearts in Scorpland Preschool!

The children of Scorpland Preschool and their high school student/teachers celebrated a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast by inviting their families for a huge meal of traditional Thanksgiving foods. The parents, siblings and grandparents were entertained with turkey songs and our traditional favorite, the Tooty Ta! Katie Sprosty's dad generously donated a 22 pound turkey which Mrs. Schmid roasted very early that morning. The hallways abounded with the wafting smells of roasting turkey! No one left with an empty tummy! Rumor has it that a very special visitor will pop in to the preschool in December! HoHoHo!!!



Child Care 2-3 students are busy prepping for their DCF exams in late January while finishing up all the requirements for completing their BCC dual enrollment coursework to earn their FCCPC credential.

# December Final Word

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## Collegiate High School News

What is Collegiate High School? Collegiate High School is a program designed for students to obtain their AA degree and High School diploma at the same time.

Are you interested in becoming a collegiate student? To be considered for next year, you must be an incoming sophomore and have a 3.00 GPA and have passed both the Math and Reading FCAT. If you qualify you will be notified through the mail and invited to our Satellite High School Collegiate presentation in February.



"The High School Collegiate program offered by Brevard County Public Schools and Brevard Community College is the most unique program that any high school can offer. Becoming a high school collegiate student has proven to be extremely beneficial for my future success in college. It has helped me to

stay on track towards my goals and I would highly recommend this program to any college bound student," Mark Namba 11th grade



Are you a current Collegiate High School Student? Become more active at BCC by checking out the BCC court yard for current events and clubs. If you are interested in posting a testimonial about your experience at BCC please stop by the guidance office at SHS to share for our next news article. Contact information: Ms. Lucas- Guidance Counselor 321-779-2000 ext 2004

Reminder to current Collegiate and DE students: Last day to pick up books for second semester is January 27, 2012. Second semester at BCC starts on January 9, 2012.

*Please drop off BCC first semester books to the Media Center following your BCC exams as this will alleviate the wait for second semester books.*

## AFJROTC

Our 2011 year kicked off with our fantastic cadets all coming together as a family. As the semester is coming to a close, we are jetting through the sky to reach many goals within our corps and in our community. This last month has been filled with thanks to men and women who risk their lives for our freedom. For our annual Founder's Day Parade, FL-035's family marched through nearby neighborhoods. The following week, our Awareness Presentation Team went to DeLaura and Hoover Middle School to provide classroom presentations designed to raise awareness about Veterans Day. On Veterans Day, a handful of cadets supported local veteran organizations at the BCC Massing of the Colors ceremony. To support families in need within our community, our cadets collected and donated over 1,500 items to a local food bank. On December 10, JROTC's holiday spirits are shining bright and will be marching in the Melbourne Light Parade at the Melbourne Auditorium on Hibiscus. So families, come out and feel the holidays rolling in. On December 13, our cadets will be volunteering to make calls to children. Cadets will be playing roles as either one of Santa's elves or Jolly 'Ole Saint Nick himself.

## Media Center goes Wild for 10th Grade Students

Mr. DiPeppe's 10th grade students read *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. Students discovered the Alaskan wilderness as they explored the life of Christopher McCandless as he traveled through the U.S. On October 31st, Mrs. Clark and the media center staff hosted a Wilderness celebration and prepared an event in which students enjoyed a variety of stations to show how much they really understood the details of the book. We tested their trivia knowledge of Chris's travels using an electronic game system in which students selected answers using clickers. We explored the wilderness as we hunted for big game to survive, and tested our will to survive with a Fear Factor eating contest. Students won prizes and celebrated reading in wild way!