



# CANES COUNSELORS



APRIL

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NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

April 3rd - BEST ELA Writing - 10th Grade  
 April 4th - BEST ELA Writing - 9th Grade  
 April 11th - 8th Grade Orientation  
 April 12th - Grad Bash - 12th Grade  
 April 16th - Early Release  
 April 23rd - Progress Reports Posted  
 April 23rd - SAC Meeting 4:45 PM

## MAY TESTING AT A GLANCE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Bio EOC	BEST Algebra	BEST Geometry
6	7	8	9	10
AP Gov (AM) AP Chem (PM)	AP Human (AM) AP Stats (PM)	AP Literature (AM)	AP Enviro (AM) AP Psych (PM)	AP US History (AM) AP Macro (PM)
13	14	15	16	17
AP Calc (AM) AP Pre Calc (PM) FAST PM 3- 9th Seniors 7th Period Final	AP Lang (AM) Seniors 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period Final	AP World (AM) AP Comp Sci (PM) US History EOC Seniors 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Period Finals	AP Spanish (AM) AP Bio (PM) FAST PM3- 10 <sup>th</sup> Seniors 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Period Finals	AP Physics (AM) Makeup Tests
20	21	22	23	24
Makeup Tests	7 <sup>th</sup> Period Finals	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period Finals	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Period Finals	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Period Finals

## SCHEDULING UPDATES

Counselors have started meeting individually with all 9th-11th grade students to review their course selections, graduation requirements and post secondary plans. This will take most of April so students should be patient - they will all be seen. Students **MUST** have turned in a signed and completed course request sheet prior to meeting with a counselor. Students do not schedule the meetings, they will be pulled by counselors. Parents with questions should visit the [Coral Shores Counselor resource page](#) and students should check the counselor google classroom.

## TEST DAY REMINDERS

- Arrive to school ON TIME
- Bring charged Chromebook and charger
- Students cannot leave school early after an EOC/FAST/BEST Test
- Students scheduled to take an afternoon AP test (in May) will need to find alternate transportation if they usually ride the bus, testing will end after buses leave.
- Bring a snack and water (optional)



## SEVEN BEST TEST-TAKING TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Taken from: <https://summer.harvard.edu/blog/14-tips-for-test-taking-success/>

You have gotten a good night's sleep, eaten a healthy breakfast, arrived early, and done your positive test-day ritual. You are ready to start the test! Different types of tests require different test taking strategies. You may not want to approach a math test the same way you would an essay test, for example. And some computerized tests such as SATs require you to work through the test in a specific way. However, there are some general test taking strategies that will improve your chances of getting the grade you want on most, if not all, tests.

**1. Listen to the Instructions** - Once the test is front of you, it's tempting to block everything out so you can get started right away. Doing so, however, could cause you to miss out on critical information about the test itself. The teacher or proctor may offer details about the structure of the test, time limitations, grading techniques, or other items that could impact your approach. They may also point out steps that you are likely to miss or other tips to help improve your chances of success. So be sure to pay close attention to their instructions before you get started.

**2. Read the Entire Test** - If possible, look over the entire test quickly before you get started. Doing so will help you understand the structure of the test and identify areas that may need more or less time. Once you read over the test, you can plan out how you want to approach each section of the test to ensure that you can complete the entire test within the allotted time.

**3. Do a "Brain Dump"** - For certain types of tests, remembering facts, data, or formulas is key. For these tests, it can be helpful to take a few minutes to write down all the information you need on a scrap paper before you get started. Putting that important information on paper can relieve stress and help you focus on the test questions without worrying about your ability to recall the facts. And now you have a kind of "cheat sheet" to refer to throughout the test!

**4. Answer the Questions You Know First** - When possible, do a first pass through the test to answer the "easy" questions or the ones you know right away. When you come to a question that you can't answer (relatively) quickly, skip it on this first pass. Don't rush through this first pass, but do be mindful of time—you'll want to leave yourself enough time to go back and answer the questions you skipped. \*It's important to remember that this technique is not possible on some tests. Standardized computer-based tests often do not allow you to skip questions and return to them later. On these types of tests, you will need to work through each problem in order instead of skipping around.

**5. Answer the Questions You Skipped** - Once you've done a first pass, you now have to go back and answer the questions you skipped. In the best case scenario, you might find some of these questions aren't as challenging as you thought at first. Your mind is warmed up and you are fully engaged and focused at this point in the test. And answering the questions you know easily may have reminded you of the details you need for these questions. Of course you may still struggle with some of the questions, and that's okay. Hopefully doing a first pass somewhat quickly allows you to take your time with the more challenging questions.

**6. Be Sure the Test is Complete** - Once you think you've answered all the questions, double check to make sure you didn't miss any. Check for additional questions on the back of the paper, for instance, or other places that you might have missed or not noticed during your initial read-through. A common question is whether you should skip questions that you can't answer. It's not possible to answer that question in a general sense: it depends on the specific test and the teacher's rules. It may also depend on the value of each individual question, and whether your teacher gives partial credit. But, if you're not penalized for a wrong answer or you are penalized for leaving an answer blank, it is probably better to put something down than nothing.

**7. Check Your Work** - Finally, if you have time left, go back through the test and check your answers. Read over short answer and essay questions to check for typos, points you may have missed, or better ways to phrase your answers. If there were multiple components to the question, make sure you answered all of them. Double check your answers on math questions in case you made a small error that impacts the final answer. You don't want to overthink answers, but a doublecheck can help you find—and correct—obvious mistakes.

### Coral Shores High School Important Requirements\* to attend 2024 Prom & Grad Bash



At the time of the event, the student cannot have 4 or more Tardies to any one period or 4 or more Unexcused Absences beginning March 1, 2024.



At the time of the event, the student cannot have any referrals or discipline issues beginning March 1, 2024.



Students enrolled in an AP course must take the AP exam.  
Students enrolled in an EOC course must take the EOC exam.



Any student that fails to meet this criteria will not be able to attend Prom or Grad Bash and will not receive a refund.

\*See ticketing site for full list of rules and regulations to participate.



### FORTIFYFL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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CORAL SHORES HIGH SCHOOL

## AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

Mondays & Thursdays  
2:45 - 4:00PM

Tutoring is available in all core subject areas and SAT/ACT.

A bus is available for transportation at 4PM.

MEET MRS. RUIZ  
OUTSIDE THE  
CAFETERIA



April Attendance  
Challenge



## SPRING FORWARD WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE



All students who have perfect attendance\* for the month of April will be entered into a drawing to win a fabulous prize! 2 students from each grade level will win!

\*NO TARDIES OR ABSENCES, SPORTS RELATED ABSENCES DO NOT COUNT



Possible prizes include:  
Movie Theater Tickets  
Pinfish Arcade Gift Cards  
Restaurant Gift Cards





# **CORAL SHORES TEACHERS & STAFF ARE STARS!**

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS  
MAY 6-10, 2024**

Do you want to help show our Coral Shores Teachers and Staff how AMAZING we know that they are? We would love to provide daily meals, treats and prizes to our fabulous staff throughout teacher appreciation week! If you are interested in donating or helping please contact Catherine Lozano.

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