

# Freshmen Connection

*"A newsletter specifically created for Freshmen students"*

## Welcome to High School...

Greetings, class of 2022 my name is Ms. White and I am your 9th grade counselor. Let me first begin by saying how excited I am to be with you on this journey. You and I will both embark on many "firsts" together as I am also new to Deland High School. I look forward to the connections and relationships that we will build upon as you matriculate each year.

A little about me... I am a former Academic and Career Advisor from Bethune-Cookman University. I am a graduate from the University of Central Florida and Webster University. I have four dogs (Diamond, Kofi, Cobra, and Storm), I love decorating and fashion but most importantly I have a strong passion for making sure all students succeed academically.

Now, I am sure you are wondering what this is all about... the purpose of the "*freshmen connection*" will be to provide you with helpful tools for academic achievement, useful resources, outline important dates and information, and also create a positive buzz among the freshman class. The newsletters will be accessible to you on the Deland High School website and updated on a quarterly basis. This will be **OUR** conversation piece... **NO UPPERCLASSMEN ALLOWED!** If there is anything that you wish to share with your peers (academically), please let me know as I will do my very best to disseminate that information to your classmates.

Hopefully, by now you have settled into your classes and have begun developing many meaningful rapport with your teachers. This is the time to enjoy every minute of high school as the next four years will be filled with learning, growth, and much excitement! I look forward to continuing our newsletter discussions and hope that you too will find it meaningful and a valuable resource. If you need to reach me, feel free to stop by Student Services - building 12 to schedule an appointment or email me - [nnwhite@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:nnwhite@volusia.k12.fl.us)

Here's to a **SUCCESSFUL** year!

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### Important Dates:

September 3: Labor Day (No School)  
September 15: Homecoming Dance  
September 17: Professional Development Day (No School)  
September 18-21: Homecoming Week  
October 15: Teacher Duty Day (No School)  
October 24: Report Card Distribution  
November 12: Veterans Day (No School)  
November 19: Thanksgiving Holiday Begins  
November 26: Classes Resume



### 10 Helpful Tips for Academic Achievement:

1. Go to class prepared and ready to work
2. Manage your time wisely
3. Avoid procrastination
4. Develop good study habits
5. Take notes
6. Maintain excellent attendance
7. Get plenty of rest
8. Pay attention in class
9. Utilize campus resources (i.e., tutoring)
10. Communicate with your teachers

