



The Monarch High School Freshman Parent Survival Guide

Welcome to Monarch High School!

Entering high school can be stressful, confusing and even scary at times. The greatest tool available to cope with the challenge of starting high school is communication. However, teenager's communication skills often leave a lot to be desired. Sometimes, "I don't know" is not enough information.

This Parent Survival Guide is an effort to assist you in this time of transition. It is designed in the hope of providing a reference guide to give you quick answers to basic questions.

Please save a copy of this guide and mark your calendars with the important dates listed.

Parents are one of the most important factors in a child's education; Monarch High School encourages and supports your involvement. We look forward to welcoming you to the Castle! GO FRESHMAN KNIGHTS!

- **SCHOOL HOURS 7:40am-2: 40pm *You are tardy if you arrive to class after 7:40am.**
- **SCHOOL PHONE 754-322-1400**

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- **ACADEMICS-WHAT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE?**
- 24 credits
- 2.00 grade point average (C or higher)
- 40 volunteer hours – go to <http://volunteerbroward.org/> for non-profit places to volunteer. Find paperwork in guidance to begin to log your hours.
- Passing FCAT-10th grade

- **IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- **INTERIM REPORTS** 9/24, 12/7, 2/25, 5/10

- **REPORT CARDS** 11/18, 2/9, 4/21, 6/28

- **PARENT SURVIVAL TIPS-**

- **PRINT PINNACLE REPORT**-require a print out EVERY FRIDAY before the weekend begins. *Don't have a computer/printer at home, your child can print in the school media center (before school, during lunch, after school). Go to monarchknights.com to register for Pinnacle. You will need your child's student number (located on their schedule & birthdate).

- **HELP ORGANIZE AGENDA/BACKPACK**-High School requires an intensive amount of organizational skills. High school students NEED assistance, to sit down every week and help them organize their academics. How long do I have to assist my high school student with organizational skills? When your child is able to maintain passing grades in their classes on their own, they have the skills. Just a weekly check up on Pinnacle will let you know that they are able to maintain their skills.

- **BE ON TIME/SHOW UP TO CLASS**-Attendance is crucial to your child's success in high school. When your child is tardy to class, they are missing instruction and are also

interrupting the teacher and students in that class. Your child must be in class by 7:40am (last bell), they will be marked tardy after the final bell. High school is a big change in your child's sleep habits; please try to enforce an earlier bedtime.

- **HOMEWORK SET TIME**-Have your child schedule a daily homework time for a minimum of 30 minutes. This time should be TV., cell phone and music free. Try to work your family's schedule around this time to ensure that homework and organization is completed everyday.
- **CELL PHONES TURNED OFF/PUT AWAY**-Cell phones are a big distraction in the classroom and are against school rules. Please discuss with your child that you expect that they turn off their cell phone and place safely in their backpack until the school day ends.
- **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT-JOIN PTSA, SAC, SAF**- Parent involvement helps both you and your child, by informing you of what is happening at Monarch. As a parent, Monarch welcomes your input and feedback. Please find dates and times for our parent groups on the Monarch website, listed under PTSA, SAC, SAF.
- **TEACHER WEBPAGE**-Get to know your child's teachers by visiting their webpage. These pages will give assignments, due dates and expectations for the course. The webpage will also provide you with the teacher's email address for communication. Webpages are found on the **MONARCHKNIGHTS.COM** website.