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WELCOME BACK FIREBIRDS

BY: GABRIELLA BEHAR

Halloween is long gone and Thanksgiving is inching closer. Between the long break, and the events leading up to it, November has and will continue to bring lots of new things to Doral Academy. Like most of this year, this month has had its fair share of twists and turns. We've had a day off due to a tropical storm just before Veteran's day. There's also been FSA testing for some students early this month. This doesn't mean good things won't come: Thanksgiving break is just around the corner, students and teachers alike are looking forward with excitement. This week-long break is the ideal time to unwind and spend time with family. It is not clear what the rest of this year will bring but for the foreseeable future, November seems to be ending on a positive note.

CALENDAR



NOVEMBER 2ND - 6TH

- SPIRIT WEEK

NOVEMBER 5TH

- JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT
 - 6:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 7TH

- VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

NOVEMBER 10TH - 16TH

- WRESTLING TRYOUTS PRACTICE
 - 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 23RD - 27TH

- THANKSGIVING BREAK



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MIRIAM TRUJILLO: SPARKING CHANGE IN THE CLASS OF 2023

BY: PAOLA BAEZ

Miriam Trujillo is a very well-known name in the student government of Doral Academy. Ensuring that every day students are given the voice they deserve as well as securing those votes for the upcoming year, Miriam prides herself with the title of Class President for the Class of 2023, striving to bring about change for the student body as a whole. Over the course of October, we at Firebird Digital had the opportunity to speak with her and get to know how Trujillo has kept herself motivated to work hard and ask about her experiences with the position.

When she originally ran in her freshman year and won, she knew immediately what she wanted to work on. Trujillo, along with the rest of the student government, hoped to involve the underclassmen with more fun activities to raise funds. She wanted to create a fun and safe environment for the underclassmen by kick-starting new groups, organizing pep rallies, sales events, etc. Trujillo also hoped to better unite the students with the administration in hopes of more students voicing their opinions and concerns. She always tried to get herself involved with all sorts of social groups or clubs in order to get the opinions of 'those who normally stayed silent,' as she put it. "I try to be understanding... I put myself in other people's shoes and try to understand that everyone is different." By being an understanding president, Trujillo would gain the trust of the student body as well as make new friends, learn new things, and further educate herself on what the people wanted.

Outside of the student council, Trujillo is consistently motivating others to be their best selves. She has spoken out about her own internal doubts-as president as well-making it known that she is human and isn't perfect. Trujillo emphasizes the importance of making mistakes and trying your best. "No matter what you do, try to be your best at it. Even if it's [as simple as] chores or helping someone else." She insists that trying your best at everything will help you when you do reach those leadership positions in the future, as people will truly value your work ethic. "Ms. Ladron [Doral's Biology Teacher] and Mr. Delvalle [Doral's Robotics/Engineering Teacher] were probably my biggest help in coming to terms with how I wanted to treat other people and how I present myself professionally as well as socially. They always pushed me to be a good student and an even better person, I can go to them for everything, and they support me through everything."

Trujillo anticipates stirring up some passion for school spirit among all of the students, and she hopes to make a mark in her remaining time at Doral Academy. Along with the work she's done with the leadership position, she is very fervent on "making wherever we are and whatever we do a better place and helping other people." Trujillo encourages everyone to be more involved with school groups, clubs, or even politics. She is always making it clear that she can't make everyone happy, but she does want the best results and feedback from her peers.



BUILDING AN IDEA INTO A BRAND

BY: SARAI CARDENAS

As high schoolers, we are constantly limited in what we can do. We are confined to a set of classes we must take, hours we have to sit at a desk doing schoolwork. But beyond the walls of our classrooms or your bedroom walls, lives creativity within our minds. This is your calling to start a business. Whatever you maybe passionate about, turn that idea into a brand. It may seem intimidating at first and even impossible, but as a fellow entrepreneur currently going through the process, I can confidently tell you that it is rewarding. Learning the ropes of starting a business can be quite challenging and Google can only take you so far in figuring out where to begin. I've been lucky enough to have amazing mentors lead me throughout my journey of starting a non-profit, and I'm here to share some of the knowledge I've acquired this year.

When I started my organization in January, I expected to launch at the end of the school year in 2020; it's now October, and my team and I are prepared to launch in March of 2021. These setbacks are constantly appearing while forming a business and while they may seem monumental at the moment, every company has had to face them. It's crucial to not allow these events to discourage your efforts though. When building a business it all starts with an idea, and if you're passionate about your mission no setback could pull you away from your goal.

It will especially feel overwhelming when first starting a business but you must stay organized at all times. Project management software lays out a blueprint for your business and helps keep track of important dates and tasks. You can easily share information and documents with your team remotely. Base Camp is a great software that offers its services for free to students and teachers with limited uses. By readily keeping track of all documents related to your business, you will significantly reduce your stress later on and be easily able to access information.

Knowing all the information about your company and its field is only half the journey of starting a business; a successful entrepreneur uses their connections to build a brand. It is essential to reach out to peers, teachers, family, really anybody who can help your business in any aspect to expand. Whether it be a friend who has started their own company or a teacher with experience building a website, the people surrounding us are our best assets. Their expertise will serve as a much greater tool than what Google can provide. In this digital age that our generation has grown with, it is also important to be able to connect with others. Just taking an hour out of your weekend to speak to a mentor or figure who can guide you, gains you respect not only on a personal level but as a leader. It never hurts to reach out and if you're lucky, you'll find a lifelong mentor.

Social media is essentially free marketing for businesses, so take advantage of it across all platforms as an entrepreneur. By growing your pages even before the launch of a service or product, your initial audience will grow driving a solid customer base. It's especially necessary to connect with your audience by sharing more about your mission and targeting the interests of different demographics.

It may seem impossible to start a business as a high schooler right now, but these tips are sure to help you manage your way across the long road ahead. Remember that setbacks are normal and it's all a part of the plan ultimately. Your passion for starting a company should never draw you away from your ultimate goal, so stay organized to manage stress throughout the year. Lastly, go contact those around you who can give you some advice and open social media pages for your business. Whether your business creates a high tech solution to global warming or a clothing line with a social cause, you can make an impact even as a student today.

MR. JEFFERY DEARING: THE GROWTH OF WRITING

BY: TAYLOR HODGE

Mr. Dearing has taught at a multitude of schools including Ronald Reagan Highschool, Miami Springs Senior High, Miami Dade College, and was requested to teach at SAS (School Advanced Studies) in Miami Dade. After teaching at Miami Springs for six years, he moved to teach at Doral Academy and has been for three years, teaching classes such as AP English Language and Composition, Creative Writing, and Great Books. Explaining that the shift in energy from his previous schools did not feel the same way that Doral's did, he expressed, "The energy just felt right." Anyone who has a conversation with him or sits during a lecture of his will be able to understand how much of a passion Dearing has for teaching. Aside from the fact that he has been teaching for about twenty years, Dearing is one of the teachers that takes pride in his position, explaining that his teaching philosophy is, "If it's not interesting to me, it could not possibly be interesting to the kids." What makes him stand out as a teacher is that he offers a sense of understanding and compassionate attitude towards his students, while still being able to communicate and give his lessons effectively. He explains that the circumstances of the Coronavirus, it has allowed him to realize how important a good rapport is with his students and how reliant it is on in-person conversations.

"Everything in life is about relationships, we're social creatures and your life's journey is a solitary one, but we need other people. They help to shape who we are."

He is also the sponsor for Doral Academy's SLAM Poetry club that is focused around acceptance and allowing young artists to express themselves, free of judgement. SLAM board members Gianna Infante and Sebastian Isaza expressed how Dearing helps and inspires them as their club sponsor.

After having taught at a variety of schools across Florida, Dearing has witnessed a collection of different writing styles throughout his teaching experience. During his time as a teacher for the last 20 years, the growth of social media has occurred as well. Due to this, information becomes more accessible through social media and the internet thus making plagiarism easier to get away with. From one perspective, it can be perceived that no writing is original anymore and it is all influenced or stolen from others. On the other hand, it can be viewed as a greater opportunity to get their work out there.

Popular apps such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have all provided people with another outlet to express themselves through writing, photography, etc. Alongside that are the downsides, as Dearing puts it, "It's a black hole and it can warp priorities and self-reception." Continuing to explain how it is designed to make the users feel vulnerable so they give up pieces of information about themselves and in turn is given to marketers. He believes that it has two very clear positives and negatives, but from a writer's perspective, it has transformed the way students write. From exposing them to certain topics they would not have seen, or by changing the way they convey their emotions.

"Taking our time and giving some thought to what we say to whom we're saying it, and how we're saying it, means that we tend to take more care with what we say." What he says not only shows his attitude towards social media but shows his attitude towards his teaching and how he treats it.

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SOCIAL REFORM CLUB: A PLATFORM FOR FUTURE ACTIVISTS

BY: FEDERICO ALVARADO

With an increasing wave of activism in the past decade, a younger demographic has become visibly prominent in the many efforts for reform and justice. Here at Doral Academy, a new club has been formed known as the Social Reform Club which seeks to do just that, social reform. Led by its president Mariana Cortes, the club wants to better tomorrow and inspire others in doing the same.

Recently, we at Firebird Digital had the time to talk to her and explore some of the things she wants to achieve with the help of the establishment of this club. Cortes believes it is vital to "...listen to ideas presented by the members and begin social change through at a smaller level because we believe ideas should gradually be expanded into society, so there is time to reach a middle ground in controversies within movements. Through informing about these movements and how to achieve activism in a healthy manner we encourage our members to participate in societal changes."

The social reform club also allows for students to attain a platform to be vocal about social issues. Cortes explained that in their meetings, they "...discuss with the club members different ways that we can take actionable steps to solve issues within our school community. For example, we plan on working with outside organizations in order to get free menstrual products in all the bathrooms in every building, and we are pushing to rewrite the student dress code to be non-gendered." This exemplifies how they seek to tackle issues from a lower level to eventually be expanded into the larger societal structure. Furthermore, the club seeks out to teach its members how to be socially active in a beneficial way that furthers the efforts of social movements.

Mariana explained: "We encourage our members to approach every controversial issue from both sides in order to understand multiple perspectives and eventually reach a middle ground that can then be taken to the point where we create actionable change. This benefits our members because they can take these skills and put them out into the real world where they talk about issues that aren't discussed as a club." This allows for there to be an actual conversation about the issues at hand instead of there being a polarized argument in which the middle ground she speaks about can't be reached.

With the rise of social media as a fundamental aspect that has taken part in the spread of ideas and information that has allowed people all around the country to converge around social issues, a problem also presents itself – performative activism. This is activism done to increase one's social capital rather than because of one's devotion to a cause. However, Cortes and the other board members of the club advise their members against this. She explained: "We are discussing with our members different ways in which social media can be used so that it helps bring multiple perspectives together rather than split them further. We are actually encouraging members to communicate with people around them about controversial issues by bringing in experienced speakers to inform our members on these topics so they become more familiarized with them and can speak about them on social media with a more educated approach."

The legacy the social reform club would create at Doral Academy is undeniable. Promoting collaboration and discussion is key for change, according to Cortes. Members are encouraged to take action and make decisions, whether it may be small or large. Cortes explained that she and the club as a whole "strives for members to take in ideas and, as they move through their lives, spread them further out of the community and teach others how to act on these issues along with them."

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARTS

BY: ANA GARRO

At some point or another during our time at Doral Academy, we have all watched Firebird TV's daily morning shows or have seen the jazz band and Firebird Rubies perform at football games. We have all, at least once, gone to @firebirdtv or @doralacademy Preparatory on Instagram to check out the school's latest news and updates. By now, searching the TikTok page to get some laughs out of the administration's skits has become part of the Doral culture. All of these talented students, whether they play an instrument or act out a monologue, share one thing in common: they are our very own Performing Arts students.

Our Visual/Performing Arts program began fifteen years ago with three middle school students participating in an after-school art club. As their artistic passion spiked popularity, a foundation began to form through donations and fundraisers. This is what kicked off the school's official art program. Since then, Doral Academy began to grow even more with new expansions into both the Performing and Visual Arts fields, including Band, Orchestra, Guitar, Chorus, Dance, Photography, TV Production, Yearbook, Social Media, Theatre, Visual Art, Ceramics, Digital Art, and Keyboard. With time and the aid of new facilities as well as the help of our highly qualified teachers, the program was able to produce new opportunities for its pupils and graduates who went on to study art-related careers and were even able to develop highly respected jobs.

Currently, our students have been able to achieve not only outstanding artistic performance in competitions such as Young Arts, Scholastics, FSPA, and other statewide and national contests but have also attained important academic acknowledgments, being named a Blue Ribbon school in 2014.

Furthermore, part of this remarkable group of students has taken the initiative to organize events for the entire school to enjoy, including the renowned Art Rev show organized by the National Art Honor Society, Fright Night by FirebirdTV, and the Winter Show by the music program among various others.

Most of all, this program has made it possible for our students to explore different mediums that express their thoughts and feelings while simultaneously showcasing their talents. As for those who do not consider art a priority but rather an interest, they still have the opportunity to learn and enjoy their peers' artwork and performances without being part of the curriculum. While FBTV, Photography, FB Digital, and yearbook report on the school's events, the performing arts put on shows and performances that not only demonstrate their skills but entertain us as well. Essentially, the constant inclusion of art is what makes our school such a diverse and well-rounded environment.

Overall, it also builds a sense of community, providing an experience of what it's like to take on a responsibility that goes farther than just taking a class. Visual and Performing Arts is all about building bonds with people that share the same passions as you and learning to appreciate all creative forms. So, next time you notice artists throughout the school, support them because their talent is a significant part of what makes Doral Academy's high school experience worthwhile.

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JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT

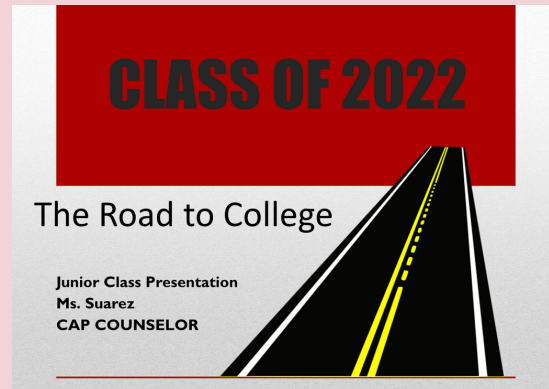
BY: GABRIELLA BEHAR

Doral Academy wants to ensure that their juniors are well taken care of, that is why our administration goes above and beyond to ensure that our juniors are ready for college.

They focus on three important things for junior year: grades and extracurricular activities, SAT/ACT, and Information. Doral and the college board provide a junior year checklist. We likewise have a set checklist to make sure we are taking important exams like the PSAT, ACT, and SAT.

It is almost very important the juniors start looking into what colleges fit them best. A good college match offers an academic program of study to match your interests and needs, provides a level of academic rigor to match your abilities, and provides a style of instruction that is well suited to the way you learn best. They also provided information on federal, state, institutional, and other scholarships.

Juniors have a lot to look forward to and should definitely check out the powerpoint they provided to stay informed.



JUNIOR RING APPOINTMENTS

BY: GABRIELLA BEHAR

Juniors have been racing to get their junior rings. The last day to set your appointment is October 31st and the last day to order a ring is November 7th. Make sure to follow the Class of 2022's instagram and join their groupchat.

 @FIREBIRDS2022



NATIONAL STRESS DAY

BY: GABRIELLA BEHAR

There is a common misconception that we cannot admit to being “not okay”. It is so easy to reply with “I’m fine” instead of confronting what it is you are facing. Whether this may be because you don’t want to bother someone or you don’t even know how you feel, that is okay. The problem is that we don’t want to be considered “abnormal”. Uniqueness is ideal, until you’re left feeling alone. And the one thing the teenage population can agree on as a is we fear loneliness. We, especially in times like these, dread feeling alone. We yearn for our classmates and regret any moments in which we wished we could spend the whole weekend in bed isolated from the world around us. But if you take a second to pause and breathe, and think about your fellow classmates, you’d realize there is a lot you don’t know about them.



Scan our QR code using your smart phone's camera to see how Doral's TV Production students handle everyday stress



FSA RETAKES

BY: VICTOR GIRALDO

In recent weeks, students have begun taking their FSA's and EOC's that they were due to take last school year. They have resumed their ELA and Writing exams from the previous year. Although students have not heard about their other exams such as their geometry EOC, updates will be posted soon. Good luck to all the students and have a wonderful Thanksgiving break, Firebirds !!



IMPORTANT!

FSA ELA WRITING RETAKES

FSA Writing and Reading Retakes that were scheduled for Monday, November 9th and Tuesday, November 10th will be postponed to next week.

Those students scheduled for these two dates will now test:

- Monday, November 16th
- Tuesday, November 17th

BOOK CLUB

BY: GABRIELLA BEHAR

Doral Academy's book club presents Abe the Service Dog a story time about gratitude perfect for the fall season. All ages are welcome for this experience.

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6:30 P.M.

NO SCHOOL: HURRICANE WARNING

BY: ISABELLA VEGA

Florida is very known for getting hurricanes and losing power and for the streets to get flooded. Due to Hurricane Eta, school was closed on Monday. The hurricane was short notice and contained heavy rain with strong winds. Doral closed the school for the safety of the students that attended physical school. The roads were very dangerous and too risky to drive or even walk. Streets were flooded and power went out in some parts of the city so for the safety of the students at Doral Academy, the admin decided to close schools on Monday.



60 mph
Fri 1:00 PM EST

Doral Academy Preparatory will reopen and classes will resume tomorrow physically & RLI, **November 10, 2020.**

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Tuesday, November 10 is an "A" Day and a RED day.

FSA ELA Testing
Testing will be postponed to November 16th & 17th, 2020

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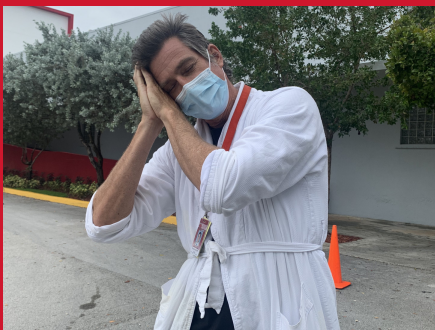
SPIRIT WEEK

BY: VICTOR & GABY B.

Spirit week is a week in which various themed activities happen around school usually meant to promote school spirit, or bring awareness to a specific event or cause. Students are encouraged to wear outfits that correspond with the theme. For Doral Academy it is completely free to dress up for each day, but still abide by dress code rules. However, the goal most importantly is to have fun and get creative with each costume. This year Doral Academy's Spirit week consisted of: Monday, "Make

Yourself at Home Day" in which students wore pajamas. Tuesday due to the presidential election there was no school. Wednesday was "Blast from the Past", in which students wore any clothes they felt constituted decades' attire. Thursday was "No place like home" spirit day, in which students wear the color assigned to their grade level; grades 6-8 wore blue, 9-11 wore white, and seniors wore red. And lastly, Friday was "No Cap day", in which students wore their craziest hat.

YOURSELF AT HOME™ PAJAMA DAY	NO SCHOOL DAY	BLAST FROM THE PAST™ DECADES DAY	"LIFE TIME™" SPIRIT DAY	NO CAP DAY™ CRAZY HAT DAY
 <p>You're ALLOWED to wear: Sweatpants or Joggers Girls may wear sweats or joggers that are loose.</p> <p>NOT ALLOWED to wear: NO Jeans NO One-shies or tight bottoms NO leggings NO Tights with shorts on top NO bikini tops or bottoms NO halter tops NO tank tops NO Caps NO Shorts or Bermuda's NO Spaghetti Straps NO Skirts nor Dresses NO Down-brags</p>	 <p>You're ALLOWED to wear: Jeans that are not ripped. Sweatpants or Joggers</p> <p>NOT ALLOWED to wear: NO Ripped jeans NO Tights with shorts on top NO funny paint on hair NO complete face paint NO bikini tops or bottoms NO halter tops or tank tops NO low cut shirts for girls NO Skirts nor Dresses NO muscle leas NO Shorts or Bermuda's</p>	 <p>You're ALLOWED to wear: Jeans that are not ripped and assigned color t-shirt.</p> <p>6th - 7th - 50's 8th - 60's 9th - 2000's 10th - 90's 11th - 80's 12th - 70's</p> <p>NOT ALLOWED to wear: NO Ripped jeans NO Tights with shorts on top NO funny paint on hair NO complete face paint NO bikini tops or bottoms NO halter tops or tank tops NO low cut shirts for girls NO Skirts nor Dresses NO muscle leas NO Shorts, Caps or Bermuda's NO Spaghetti Straps</p>	 <p>You're ALLOWED to wear: Jeans that are not ripped and assigned color t-shirt.</p> <p>12th: Red 11th: White 10th: White 9th: White 8th: Navy Blue 6th and 7th: Gray</p> <p>NOT ALLOWED to wear: NO Ripped jeans NO Sweatpants/Joggers NO Leggings NO Tights with shorts on top NO funny paint on hair NO complete face paint NO bikini tops or bottoms NO halter tops or tank tops NO low cut shirts for girls NO Skirts nor Dresses NO muscle leas NO Shorts, Caps or Bermuda's NO Spaghetti Straps</p>	 <p>You're ALLOWED to wear: Hats, Caps, Senior Crowns, Headbands</p> <p>Students must wear full uniform if you will be on campus. Students who are ALL must wear school polo.</p>





PEPRALLY

BY: VICTOR GIRLADO & GABRIELLA BEHAR

On November 6th, Doral Academy held its first-ever virtual pep rally. One of the performances was none other than our very own dance team, the Firebird Rubies! They performed an upbeat, energetic hip hop routine featuring a mash-up of songs including Walk It Out, Pon De Replay, Teach Me How To Dougie, and Money. They choreographed the dance using some of our hip hop audition combos, dance team intensives combos, and brand new choreography created by our captains and coaches. The Rubies put all 3 teams together and highlighted each team with each part of the dance. It was a very difficult process, yet the end result was so worth it and made the crowd hyped. Along with edited graphics following their movements it was definitely one of a kind.

Legacy played a huge role in this year's pep rally. FirebirdDigital, Doral's revolutionary social media team, played a huge role in this pep rally. They were able to come up with multiple hype videos for the fall sports, rubies and cheer choreography, along with a never before seen twist on family fued. Firebird Fued had our most iconic seniors dress as some of the student body's favorite administration and staff ranging from Coach McDonald to Steve Iglesias. This new twist is going to bring a new tradition for every firebird to look forward to.

in the end, a lot of effort was brought to make our vision into a reality. We would love to give a special thanks to all of our administration, FirebirdDigital, FirebirdTV, and the Rubies & Cheer team. Make sure to scan and rewatch this once of a lifetime event.

SPORTS

BY: PAOLA BAEZ

Golf:

Our Golf team has completed their season with our Girls ending in 1st place in the 3A District 8 region with an Overall score of 314. Our boys placed 2nd in the 3A District 8 region with an overall score of 303. Special shoutout to our ladies Giuliana Gomez and Mia Caraballo for placing in the top positions. In the FHSAA 3A Girls state championships, our ladies placed in the 9th position with an overall score of 667. Congratulations to our Doral Golf team for a great season.

Cross Country:

For our Cross Country team unfortunately the team did not move on to states, but our Athletes Julianna Riveros and Bruno Medina have qualified for Regionals which will be coming up shortly. The rest of the team continues training hard for the upcoming Track and Field season.

Volleyball:

As for our Girls Volleyball team, our ladies recently had their Senior Night on October 27th commemorating the Seniors for their last season. Their season was short but sweet as they advanced to district semifinals but unfortunately lost, ending their season.

Swimming:

As for swimming, the season was pushed much further back than expected and was also cut very short. Our firebirds competed at a total of 4 meets this season which included districts, regionals, states, and one dual meet. In regionals, they came out 3rd overall. In states, sophomore Sebastian Pacheco competed in finals for 200 IM and junior Juan Mora came out 5th for 100 flies and second for 100 breasts.

Football:

Moving onto our football team who welcomed a new coach, coach Delgado, to the team this year and are currently still in season. Due to a coronavirus scare within Mater Academy, our firebirds' game has been postponed until further notice where they will be competing in playoffs. Our firebirds senior night was supposed to be held at the game against Mater, but will now be held after practice this week.

As for the rest of the sports that will begin their season very shortly, they continue practicing hard to have a successful season in these upcoming months. While much information is still in the air due to the circumstances our Doral Athletes continue to strive for the best.

Thank-You

By: Lauren Cordero

This year has been chaotic to say the least. With all these new protocols to follow, and the constant updates regarding the pandemic, we thank Doral Academy and its fellow firebirds for their continuous efforts to normalize these new procedures, get everyone informed, and make school a safe environment. With the constant cleaning at the school, the use of masks, and the new

technology for the teachers, learning via zoom and in person has been a much better experience than what we believed it to be. We thank the administration for placing and practicing these protocols to keep the teachers and students safe. We thank the custodians who make sure all firebirds are in a clean and safe learning environment. We thank the teachers for getting adjusted so quickly to our new normal, and putting forth their best efforts to make the

students feel as comfortable as possible. And we thank the students for being so patient during these abnormal times, and being present in their classes every day, ready to learn something new.

STAYING GRATEFUL

NOVEMBER 2020

