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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY FEATURES A STUDENT AND A CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHER



SCHOOL Biz



Helping Students Reach Potential

Janet Dominis brings the business of figuring and recording numbers to life for Bayshore High School students in four levels of Accounting classes. She also teaches Computing for College & Careers. During each class, Janet practices her philosophy of helping all students reach their potential by differentiating instruction and tailoring it to meet individual student's needs. She reaches out to her students and helps them to strive for success. Janet also supports the BHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. Students participating in FBLA hone their business skills in district, state, and national FBLA competitions.

"Students learn more when it applies to real life and they can have ownership," Janet says. "Ideally each student should have their own checking and savings accounts to help them learn responsibility and to manage money." And that's just the beginning. Her classroom motto is "Accounting is not just a course—it is a career." So if you're skilled at calculating and numbers, you might just find your life's passion in the field of accounting.

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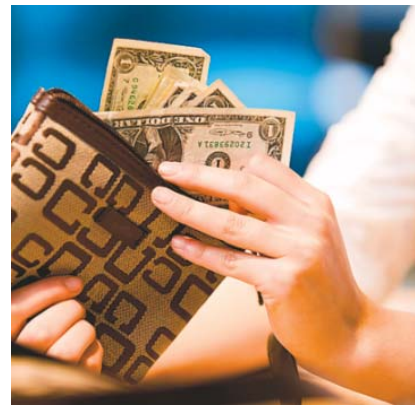
Smart Studies; Bright Future

Lisa Baker is one busy student. She is a member of Bayshore High School's Mu Alpha Theta math club, the National Honor Society, the Culture Club and she still has time for cheerleading. Not only is she a senior at BHS, Lisa is capitalizing on furthering her education through dual enrollment at Manatee Technical Institute's (MTI) Business Technology program. By enrolling at MTI while still in high school, Lisa gains the added benefit of not having to pay for registration or book fees. In another smart move, Lisa is taking pre-calculus at BHS, a course that translates into earning college credits at Manatee Community College (MCC) while still in high school.

Heading into college, this savvy student is the recipient of a Pell Grant scholarship, the Bright Futures scholarship, and a scholarship funded by the Kallins, Little & Delgado law firm. Lisa plans to attend MCC for two years and then transfer to FSU where she will major in Accounting. Her ultimate goal is to combine her interests in law and math to become a forensic accountant. Congratulations Lisa!

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MONEY: GET SMART



Money. It's a loaded word, one that often creates tension. Our capitalist society holds it in high regard; we measure success with dollar signs and the importance of a job by its hourly rate. There is no use denying that money affects everyone. So we must ask ourselves: are we careful or foolish with our money? Find a mirror and look yourself in the eye. Are you a saver or a spender? You are never too young to start making wise choices about money. In the business world, accountants are professionals who handle financial records, statements, and taxes for companies. Without an organized method for keeping track of money, the companies would quickly fail. This idea applies to individuals as well. You are your own accountant, responsible for managing your money in a way that shows maturity, competence, and wisdom—not just for your own sake, but for the sake of your future spouse and family. A budget, or spending plan, is a good place to start. People create budgets by listing income and identifying expenses in detail. Are your expenses more than your income? There are two ways to solve this shortfall: either make more or spend less. Beware of credit cards and the temptation they represent—it's never wise to spend money you don't have. Just ask around; how many people do you know who are overloaded with credit card debt? Don't let money problems rule your life! Get a budget—or spending plan—and spend less than you earn. Save some for the future. Be smart; it will pay off.



Career Pathways in Manatee County

Regional Careers: The following wages represent various accounting and financial occupations in the Suncoast Workforce Region.

Occupational	Entry Level	Exper.
Accountants and Auditors	\$17.82	\$31.59
Budget Analysts	\$20.02	\$33.26
Cost Estimators	\$16.59	\$28.35
Credit Analysts	\$13.26	\$30.13
Financial Analysts	\$20.14	\$32.93
Loan Officers	\$18.50	\$37.76
Tax Examiners and Revenue Agents	\$15.62	\$25.65

Source: <http://fred.labormarketinfo.com>
FL Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics & Wages Program

Career Pathway: Students desiring a related career can find educational programs at these area schools*:

- Bayshore High School
- Manatee Technical Institute
- Manatee Community College
- University of South Florida

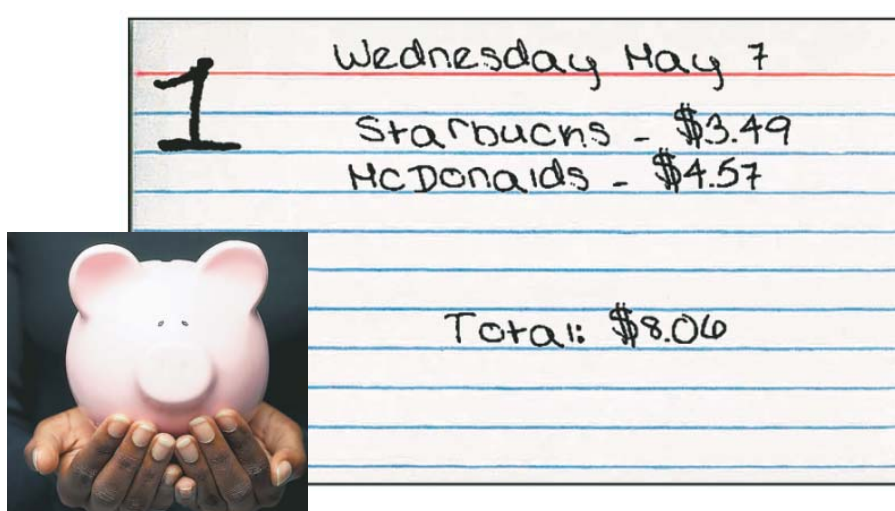
Explore IT

Create a 30 - day Spending Diary

This activity will help you be wise about your money. Sometimes the first step in creating a budget is to track where the money goes. You will need a package of index cards and a pencil.

First, number 30 cards, one number on each card. On day one, take that card with you wherever you go and record each thing you spend money on—the item and the amount. Day two—same thing, and so on for 30 days. At the end of 30 days, add up the total amount and put the items into categories: food, auto, entertainment, gifts, insurance, cell phone, donations, etc. Now ask yourself some questions. Where is your money going? Do you really have to spend that much on snacks?

Keeping track and writing down your expenses will give you a visual awakening to the reality of your spending habits and allow you to see if your financial choices have been wise or foolish. Have the maturity and courage to change things if needed!



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