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For the Parents/Guardians, Staff, Students, and Community of Cypress Lake High School

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Principal's Message

Panthers,

We started strong and we are keeping our momentum! I'm exceptionally proud to announce that CLHSCA was just named a Florida PBS Model School for the 2017-2018 school year. PBS stands for Positive Behavior Supports. Staff and students have worked hard to show their "Panther PRIDE" by being Prompt, Respectful, Independent, Dedicated and Engaged. Cypress is also hard at work on the "ABCs" mentioned in our last newsletter! Attendance, Behavior and Classroom Success are the focus of Advisement. Advisement groups meet every two weeks to discuss and track the ABCs. Please ask your Panther to see their "tracker". Thank you to our PBS team, staff and students for their constant focus on the positive and school-wide, consistent expectations.

Cypress also has the honor to be a Teaching and Learning school this year. We have been selected to be part of the FGCU Internship program. Eight of our teachers will host a level 1 intern this Fall from FGCU. It is an honor to work on a partnership with the University to grow the next generation of educators.

Parents, we will no longer be using the *ParentLink* system. Beginning in October the District is switching to the *SchoolMessenger Communicate* emergency notification system. This system works in much the same way as *ParentLink*, but it offers a free app so that you can receive text messages. Details about how to sign up for the free account and download the app are in this newsletter and online. Simply go to our webpage (<https://cyh.leeschools.net>) and click on the *Our Families* tab at the top of the screen, and then the *Parent Portal* tab from the drop-down menu.

Our Cypress community is certainly a blessing for our Panthers. I look forward to working with each of you and living the pride, tradition, and excellence that is Cypress!

Stay PANTHER PROUD, PANTHER STRONG, PANTHER POSITIVE!

Angela Roles, Principal



To download a pdf version of this newsletter, go to
<http://www.academypublishing.com/schools/cypresslake/cypresslake.php>

Translation of the newsletter is available in Spanish and Creole. Contact the Main Office for details.

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Stay Connected

If you move during the school year, please remember to send a copy of a utility bill and a copy of the parent/guardian's ID (whose name matches the bill), and the student's first and last name for the NEW address to the Guidance Office to have your contact information updated. It is important for the *SchoolMessenger Communicate* app as well as any mail we may send to you.

Here to Help: Office Hours

Office staff is happy to help you from 6:30am-2:30pm, daily!

New Phone Number?


Please send a note to school with:

1. Your name
2. Your student's name
3. The old number to be deleted
4. The new number

Let us know if it is a work, cell or house number.

View Menus on MealViewer

Anyone can access each school's specific menu by downloading the NEW app for MealViewer to any smartphone. All menus are also available at <http://www.leeschools.net/breakfast-and-lunch-menus>. Every student may have a school breakfast and lunch at no charge.



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Counselor's Corner

HOW DO I SEE MY SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

Students: If you need to meet with your school counselor, please submit a Counselor Appointment Request in Castle. Our counseling department will review the appointment requests at the end of each day and you will be called out of class when it is best for your schedule by your school counselor. Finding the Counselor Request form:

1. Log into Castle
2. On the main page located the Counselor Appointment Request button
3. Select the + next to the button
4. Fill out the form including the reason, your counselor's name and a brief description of your request
5. Select the Submit button

COUNSELORS

- **Kevin Dawson**, School Counselor (Last Name: A-D grades 9th-12th)
- **Betsy Moreno**, School Counselor (Last Name: E-L grades 9th-12th)
- **Rosa Skinner**, School Counselor (Last Name: M-R grade levels 9th-12th)
- **Jessica Owen**, School Counselor (Last Name: S-Z grade levels 9th-12th)

SchoolMessenger Communicate(Emergency Notification System)

The School District of Lee County is moving to a new system to share important information from your child's school and the District. *SchoolMessenger Communicate* replaces the system currently known as *Parentlink*, but works very much the same way and enables us to send you emergency broadcasts, attendance alerts and event reminders. In addition, a companion app allows teachers and parents to directly communicate with each other, individually or in groups.

To sign up for your free account and download the app, visit go.schoolmessenger.com. Once you have an account, you can set your communication preferences for calls and emails.

There is also a way to receive text messages; however, under a rule by the Federal Communications Commission, you must opt in for that service. The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete. Simply text any one of these words—"subscribe," "optin," or "yes"—to the number 67587. You know you were successful in you receive the following reply message:

"You are registered 4 School Messenger notifications. Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg. freq. varies. Schoolmessenger.com/txt."

In addition to performing the opt-in process above, you will want to ensure that the District has your wireless number(s) in our student information database. If you have not already provided that information to your school, please contact them and provide them with that information.

The District will be officially launching the new *SchoolMessenger Communicate* service in October, so until then you will not receive any further text messages.

Please note, although the District does not charge you for this service, it does not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by you for sending or receiving text messages. Check with you wireless carrier for possible charges.

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Focus Parent Portal Account

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College Scholarship Opportunity for 9th Graders

This is a special message for the parents of our 9th grade students. The Take Stock in Children College Scholarship applications are now available for qualifying 9th grade students. This program is coordinated by The Foundation for Lee Public Schools Inc. Take Stock in Children was established in 1995 as a non-profit organization in Florida that provides a unique opportunity for low-income and at-risk students to escape the cycle of poverty through education. Please review the **income eligibility requirements listed below**. Applications will not be processed without proof of income. Applications are available on our website or you may pick up a scholarship application from Ms. Abbott in the guidance department. Completed applications with copies the necessary documentation must be returned to Ms. Abbott by **Monday, October 29, 2018. Late applications will not be considered by the Foundation.**

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
For each additional family member, add	7,992	666	333	308	154

Reminder: Total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.

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Underclassmen Photo Retake Day

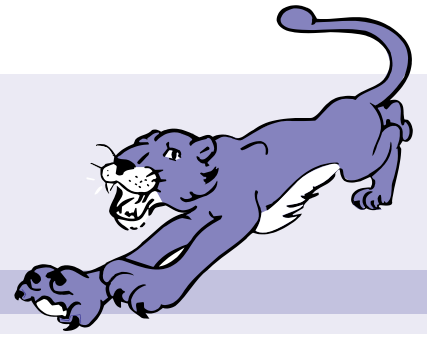
If your student is new to CLHS as of September 6th or was absent on that day, retake day will be on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th. Photos are taken for the yearbook and for student IDs.

Renaissance

Renaissance cards were distributed to 10th-12th graders for their 4th quarter grades from the 17-18 school year, and 530 students earned a 3.0 or above-- or improved their GPA by .5%-- for 4th quarter last school year. Renaissance is a movement that rewards students for academic achievement. Students can earn a different card each quarter based on their GPA for the quarter. Cards are:

- Purple - 4.0+
- Gold - 3.5-3.99
- Silver - 3.0-3.49
- Bronze - .5 improvement from prior quarter

Class of 2019



Senior Yearbook Ads

Place your order for your senior's personal ad for the yearbook by e-mailing Ranae Atkinson at ranaeaa@leeschools.net to reserve your space. You supply the photos (hard copies/digitally) and the message. Ms. Atkinson and the yearbook class will create the ad for you. All photos need to be submitted by Friday, November 16th.

- Full page \$300 discount \$240
- 1/2 page \$150 discount \$120
- 1/4 page \$75 discount \$60
- 1/8 page \$40 discount \$32

Feel free to contact Ms. Atkinson if you have further questions.

Senior Timeline Link

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kvRV1bR6XfNWxSL2ELF6ma5ZxAVpufPHPCm0_ooDRpg/edit

October is HOMECOMING Month

Homecoming week is October 16th – 20th, 2018. This year's theme is Classic Disney. Seniors will represent Cinderella, Juniors- The Jungle Book, Sophomores- Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, and Freshmen- Peter Pan. On Wednesday, October 17th we will have our Powder Puff football game followed by Panther Prowl night-time pep rally. On Friday, October 19th we will host our PBIS Homecoming Carnival before the game at 5:30pm, and the Homecoming game will follow at 7:30pm as we take on Clewiston. The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, October 20th from 8:00pm to 11:00pm in the school gym.

Need to Sharpen Your College Skills?

If you're interested in world affairs as well as improving both your skills and resume for college, Model United Nations (MUN) is for you! We meet Fridays from 1:45-2:30 in room W162. For more information contact Ms. Stutz or Ms. Camp, or just show up to a Friday meeting!

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Panthers Supporting Panthers

What's a team? For cross county, the definition is five girls, minimum. Unfortunately, we have only three girls for cross country at Cypress, which means they weren't able to qualify as a "team." Our varsity cheerleaders heard about this dilemma, and volunteered to show up and compete so our three runners (who have worked SO hard) could qualify. Our cheerleaders didn't just show up—these girls ran their hearts out. Their selflessness was truly inspiring. Now, THAT'S a team!



Cypress Dance Department

Cypress Lake Dance Department students participated in the annual *Crop Walk* event at their welcome back party on August 10th. The single day event raised \$387 to help combat hunger. Congratulations to the dancers and their first service event of the year.

Math Team

Our first math competition will be Friday, December 14th at FGCU. Please attend math team meetings to participate. Check us out at our Google Classroom, code: ryz9w9o.

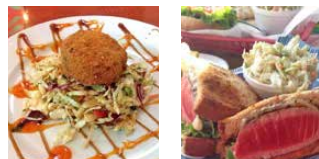
Non-Highly Qualified Teachers

Florida Statute 231.095 recognizes that teachers may be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which they are certified. If they are assigned to one or two classes outside their area of certification, they are required to enroll in additional college credit courses. The CLHSCA out-of-field subject area teachers that are currently engaged in training to add endorsements are: Sara Zakrajsek-Science, Kristopher Onstad—Math. The CLHSCA ESOL out-of-field teachers that are engaged in training to add the endorsement "English as a Second Language" to their current certificates are Brittany Camp, Rachel Karouzos and Jill Poposki.



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Sports

BOYS' GOLF

The Boys' Golf Team defeated Fort Myers H.S. on August 23, 2018. Outstanding performances were turned in by Junior Co-Captain Tyler Humphrey with a two over par round!

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The girls' volleyball Home Opener was a win over Dunbar: 25-8, 25-8, and 25-15. Cierra Bedwell led the team with 25 assists. Hannah Dawson contributed with 6 aces and 10 kills. Jessica Robitzek added 6 aces and 6 digs as well as 7 kills and 6 digs by Bella Ramos.



TIM JAGO 2018 GOLF SCRAMBLE

The annual Tim Jago Golf Scramble will be held on October 13th, 2018 at the Forest Country Club. Your day will include 18 holes of golf, a cart, food, awards, a raffle and a silent auction—all for \$90.00 per golfer. Register online at: <https://gofan.co/app/events/34210>. Please make checks payable to the Cypress Lake Athletic Booster Club. Return completed forms to the Cypress Lake High School Athletic Department.

Hole sponsorships are available. Please contact Liam Farrell at LiamCF@LeeSchools.net or at 481-2233 for more information.

All proceeds benefit Cypress Lake Athletics!



FOOTBALL STARTS STRONG

Cypress' football team has started off the season undefeated at 2-0. Due to inclement weather the Panthers had to play 2 games in 4 days during the first week, but the team responded and outscored their opponents 81 – 14! Panther Pride!!



AP Capstone Breakfast

The annual AP Capstone breakfast was held in September, with bagels, cream cheese, and friends. Freshmen received their T-shirts, and the Junior Class won the Trivia competition this year! A huge "THANK YOU" to **The Bagel Factory** at 8841 College Pkwy for their generous donation of bagels to the AP Capstone Breakfast.

14th Annual SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2018 Needs YOU!

Cypress Lake High School's "Be A Buddy" program integrates students with disabilities with mainstream students through their involvement in the activities and events with the Special Education Department. This year, we are holding our 14th Annual Lee County Special Olympics High School Field Day. We will host all (14) high schools in Lee County. After the events, we host a lunch for the approximately 1,600 people who participated and donated their time to help make the Special Olympics Field Day possible.

We would really appreciate any donations of food (wings, pizza, mac & cheese, hamburgers, hotdogs), drinks, gift cards, money or other items needed to have lunch after the events. The event will be December 7th 2018, and all donations can be picked up by student volunteers.

If you are interested in donating any of these items please contact Todd Dusenberry at CLHS (481-2233 ext. 5165), via his cell (239-699-0129), or through email (toddld@leeschools.net).

To show our appreciation, your company's name will be posted around the track the day of the event and put in the quarterly newsletter that goes to all the parents, guardians, local community leaders and businesses. Thank you in advance for your generous donation.



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To Addressee or Current Resident

Thrifty Panthers Club: Keep Them Coming!

The Thrifty Panthers Club hosted their first fundraising event at Culver's! However, they still need your support! Please continue sending in Box Tops, Coke Caps, Walmart Receipts and any extra Sunday coupon inserts. Club members are planning to use money raised to purchase items for students in need and teachers who need supplies for their classrooms.

Show your Panther **PRIDE** by being



- Prompt
- Respectful
- Independent
- Dedicated
- Engaged



Club Rush

The second annual Club Rush was held in September. CLHS Clubs had tables with information about their club's purpose and how to join. Be a Buddy, Spanish Honor Society, French Honor Society, Latin Rhythm, JROTC, GSA, National English Honor Society, Model United Nations, Speech, Debate, Helping Hands, Mock Trial, Scholar's Club, Film Club, Fencing, Art, A Team, School Store, SSSHS, SGA, and Class tables were visited over three lunch periods by students who wanted to get involved with campus life. TAG provided entertainment, and Cheer showcased their Panther Pride. Adding to the festivities was the dunk tank with AP Adam Kurtz taking a plunge in the name of PBS, as student PBS ticket-holders honed their pitching skills!

