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Principal's Message

Panthers,

Let's celebrate a wonderful first semester at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts! As we turn the corner and begin a new semester, we want to thank the students, staff and parents for their support in making the first two quarters successful.

Second semester is the time to finish strong. Academic focus is a priority. Spring can be a busy time with performances, sports, activities and testing. Use Google Chrome Calendar where assignments are posted to stay organized. Grades are posted and parents (and students!) can monitor by using the Focus program. For information on how to sign up and passwords visit <https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/>.

Teachers and counselors are very focused on preparing students for the many assessments that are right around the corner this spring. These include the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) and End of Course (EOC) assessments. Look for information about the FSA portal in this newsletter.

I am so excited to announce that Brittany Camp was recently named a Golden Apple Finalist, one of only 30 in the District. We wish her good luck in moving forward with the selection process as the Foundation for Lee County Schools selection team observes classes and interviews all the finalists. Congratulations to Nancy Burnham and Tammy Gleason, who are our Golden Apple Teachers of Distinction. We are so proud! The school calendar for next year was approved recently. Many families like to plan trips and vacations ahead of time. The complete calendar for next year is posted at: <https://www.leeschools.net/calendars>.

Great things are happening at our school! It is a privilege to be the principal at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts. Our staff is hard-working and student focused. The support and commitment from the parents and community mean so much to us. At Cypress Lake our students make us proud to be Panthers each day.

Angela Roles, Principal



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CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

CENTER FOR THE ARTS


KUDOS to...

- Kelsey Demps, who made the state of Florida North vs. South All-Star Football Game!
- Our very own Coach Maureen Cannon, who was named the News-Press Boys Golf Coach of the Year!
- Jin YuHan Burgess, who was a finalist in the Foundation of Lee County Schools Rising Star category!
- Hannah Dawson, who made the first annual LCAC All-Star Volleyball Game!
- Yariel Diaz, who traveled to Arizona to play in the Baseball Under Armor All American Game!

Yearbooks:

Time is Running Out

There are about 150 more yearbooks for sale. The final cost is \$80. There will not be extras ordered so if you want a copy of the 2018-2019 memories... preorder yours today! Order forms are in the library and can be paid with cash or check made out to Cypress Lake High, or you can order with credit card at www.jostensyearbooks.com.



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- Thursdays after school
- In the Media Center
- Tutoring: 1:50-3:50
- Homework Haven: 3:50-4:55
- Make sure you have a ride home or take the activity bus to a school near your home at 5:00 PM.

Mrs. Cathy Scholarship at SWF Community Foundation.

This \$1,000 scholarship is for a current CLHS senior who wants to pursue a career related to assisting people with special needs. Preference will be given to those who have participated in the Special Olympics and who have aided in ESE. Check out the website for other scholarships that are available based on merit or need: <https://floridacommunity.com/scholarship>.

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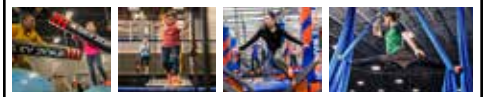


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Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Cypress Lake High School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation: Bailey Reed-Reading, Christine Johnson-Math, Tyler White-Math. In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates: Jill Poposki.

STEM @ Work

Thank you Gulf Coast Hospital and Lee County Career & Technical Education for an amazing STEM trip. Students toured various departments and discovered just how many diverse job opportunities exist in the medical field.



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Center for the Arts

THEATRE AT DISTRICT 6 COMPETITION

The Theatre Department and Troupe 5341 had a very successful day at the District 6 Competition. We took a grand total of 44 events, spanning several different performance categories! Of the 44 events that were performed, 33 received Superior Ratings, and the remaining 11 received the rating of Excellent.

The following performers received Best In Room for their categories, meaning out of the 30 to 40 (sometimes more) pieces shown in a particular room, these were chosen as top performances.

- Best in Room for Original Pantomime – The Movie Channel – Wedler Lordeus, Julianna Zeltman, Andres Palacio, Cameron Ransaw, Jalen Stewart, Julianna Zeltman, Brice Kingsley and Luis Calderon
- Best In Room for Duet Acting – The Drivers Test – Julianna Zeltman and Jalen Stewart
- Best In Room for Make Up Design – Medea – Annie Vardanyan
- Best in Room for Ensemble Acting – Baby With the Bathwater – Alyssa Lawrence, Danielle Van Pelt, and Jocelyn Watkins

Ryleigh Plank was also awarded a \$1000 Musical Theatre Scholarship for her performance in the Scholarship Audition Category.

Finally, we are very proud to announce that we received the CRITICS CHOICE AWARD, which went to Julianna Zeltman and Jalen Stewart for their Duet Acting Scene from The Drivers Test. They were chosen out of every best in room performance from all of the participating schools to represent the entire District with a performance of their scene onstage at the Straz Center in Tampa during the opening ceremonies of the State Thespian Festival! This award goes to one performance out of the hundreds that are shown during the entire day at the district event.

Congratulations to all!

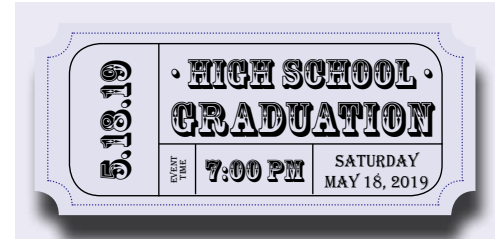
ALL-STATE HONORS ORCHESTRA

Raphael Ruiz performed with the All-State Honors Orchestra in January at the Florida Music Education Association Conference in Tampa. He rehearsed for 3 days with some of the best musicians around the state and performed as the principal chair of the second violin section. We are very proud of him!



ARTFEST 2019

Come see our Cypress Lake Center students' work at ArtFest, downtown Fort Myers, February 2nd and 3rd. We have 34 students participating this year!



The graduation ceremony for the Cypress Lake High School Class of 2019 will take place at the Suncoast Arena at FSW, Fort Myers, on Saturday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m.

All District of Lee County schools require tickets for graduation ceremonies due to limited seating. All seniors automatically receive up to a total of six (6) tickets to give to their family for attendance to the graduation ceremony. Seniors will receive a form to fill-out regarding the number of tickets they need. This form should be sent to Melissa Gadaleta, Secretary to the Principal, and must be signed by the parent. If you need more than 6 tickets, there is a place on the form to circle the number of extra tickets you are requesting. Be sure to include your student's name and ID number. Requests will be granted in the order received until the extra tickets run out.

Please contact Ms. Gadaleta at 239.481.2233 if you have questions or need any assistance with this process. We will do our very best to accommodate the needs of the families that are requesting additional tickets.

Please send requests to Melissa Gadaleta no later than Feb. 28, 2019.



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Registration Process: Believe it or not, registration is coming up for the 2019-20 school year! Registration packets will be given to students this spring. Counselors will be meeting with all students individually to help them select courses for the 2019-20 next school year.

SAT/ACT INFORMATION:

Spring is a great time for juniors to get signed up for the ACT and SAT tests. We suggest that students take both tests to see which test they feel most comfortable with. The next SAT exam is March 9, 2019. The deadline to sign up is February 8th. You can register online at: www.collegeboard.org. The next ACT exam is on April 13th. The deadline to sign up is March 8th. You can register for the ACT online at www.actstudent.org. **Colleges will accept scores from either the SAT or ACT.**

Tips for Seniors: One word: "Senioritis." Our advice to you is to try your hardest to beat it. Remember, your senior grades count. Seniors should be checking the Senior Google Classroom for important information, including scholarship opportunities. If you are still unsure about your postsecondary plans, be sure to put in a request to talk with your counselor - we are here to help!

Helpful links:

- Occupational Handbook Outlook: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>
- Job Corps: <https://www.jobcorps.gov/>
- Bright Futures: <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>
- College and Financial Aid Resources: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

Please remember that the counselors at Cypress Lake High School are available to meet with you to discuss high school graduation requirements, to help support your child to be more successful at school and to plan for the future after high school. Please be sure to email or call for an appointment to ensure the counselor will be available to meet with you. We are often in meetings, giving presentations or out of the building and we want to make sure we schedule a dedicated time with you to address your needs.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS:

- Kevin Dawson, (Student last names: A-D, grade level 9th-12th)
- Betsy Moreno, (Student last names: E-L, grade level 9th-12th)
- Rosa Skinner, (Student last names: M-R, grade level 9th-12th)
- Jessica Owen, (Student last names: S-Z, grade level 9th-12th)

2019 SAT ADMINISTRATION DATES AND DEADLINES

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 9	February 8	February 19 (for mailed registrations)
		February 27 (for registrations made online or by phone)
May 4	April 5	April 16 (for mailed registrations)
		April 24 (for registrations made online or by phone)
June 1	May 3	May 14 (for mailed registrations)
		May 22 (for registrations made online or by phone)

2019 ACT ADMINISTRATION DATES AND DEADLINES

ACT Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
April 13	March 8	March 9-25
June 8	May 3	May 4-20
July 13	June 14	June 15-24



FSA PREPARATION

The state developed the FSA portal and we encourage students and parents to visit the portal and try the "practice tests." The purpose of this is to become familiar with features, functionality and item types. This is an excellent opportunity to get comfortable with the "look and feel" of this state assessment required for graduation. You may visit this site by going to <https://fsassessments.org/>. Our District recommends using Google Chrome to navigate this site.

The FDOE also has updated PowerPoint presentations that parents may use to help prepare students for testing. The presentations contain much of the same policy and testing information found in the administration scripts and practice tests, to ensure students understand what to expect on testing days. The presentations can be found on the FSA portal at <https://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/studentpowerpoints.shtml>.



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UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Kudos to our unified basketball team, who, during winter break, became the first Lee County team to win a unified game! Sponsored by Special Olympics Florida, unified basketball teams are composed of 3 ESE students and 2 regular education students. Team members practice once a week and play teams from all over the state. Most recently our team played in Orlando and Naples. Special Olympics covers costs for these athletes, from travel, to uniforms, to referees. These teams are recognized by the FHSA, and have the chance to win a State championship in Basketball.

Cypress is now considered a Unified School since we have unified sports and are socially inclusive (and have been for many years). There are less than 40 Unified High Schools in the state, and we are one of only two unified high schools in Lee County.

WRESTLING

Over winter break the wrestling team travelled to Suwanee, GA for a tournament at Lambert HS. This is third year that the team has made the trip to Suwanee, and junior Aryeh Mehl upheld the standard of previous teams. Aryeh beat a Georgia state place winner en route to the finals. Aryeh finished 2nd in the 24 man field. Other wrestlers earning wins for the Panthers were Darius Rodriguez, Pedro Santiago, and Garry Lafalaise.

ALUMNI NEWS-- HALL OF FAME

We are pleased and excited to announce that Caitlin Farrell was selected to be inducted into the Lee County Athletic Conference Hall of Fame for 2019.

THE 2019 MARCH 5K SHRIMP RUN

It's time to put those New Year's resolutions to work and begin training for our Annual Shrimp Run 5k on Fort Myers Beach, March 9, 2019. The Shrimp Run has become one of the most popular races in Southwest Florida and precedes the Lions' Shrimp Parade. The festive route takes close to 500 runners over the Fort Myers Beach Bridge twice! Each runner will receive a T-shirt and there are prizes for the top 3 runners in each age group. All proceeds benefit Cypress Lake Athletics. In addition, every Cypress Lake athletic program either volunteers or participates, so, at every water station, mile marker, turn and table you will see a purple-clad familiar face cheering you on! The cost of the race is \$35, with discounts for teams. For more information, contact Liam Farrell, at 481-2233, or Liamcf@leschools.net.



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