



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

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Vision

Empowering students to succeed in a changing world.

Mission

Students graduating from CLHSCA will be independent thinkers and responsible citizens with the skills and knowledge to make quality decisions ensuring future success.

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.

I am so excited to announce that Cypress Lake High School was one of four district schools named a Positive Behavior Model School! More information in this edition of Paw Prints about this wonderful honor for Cypress. Panther Pride!

Second semester is the time to finish strong. Academic focus is a priority. The spring can be a busy time with performances, sports, activities and testing. Use the Google Chrome Calendar and Google Classrooms 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. 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 new state assessment. You may visit this site by going to <https://fsassessments.org/>. Our district recommends using Google Chrome to navigate this site.



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

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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: <https://www.leeschools.net/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=25816151>.

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.

Blessings,

Angela Roles

Non-Highly Qualified Teachers

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: Bente Brauer-Physics, Shannon Schwartz-US History, Jessica Sagastume-Reading, Andie Wagner-Elementary Ed. K-6, Sarah Lee-World History, and Diane Johannes Schwab-Elementary Ed. K-6. In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates: Mollie Breese, Jill Jaskiewicz, Diane Johannes Schwab, Sarah Lee, Jill Poposki, Jessica Sagastume, and Andie Wagner.



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Some Notes from the Office

Recently Moved?

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Have you completed all information in the FOCUS parent portal? This is where you will list anyone that (over age 18) can sign your student out of school should your child be ill and you are unavailable. If you need directions, they are available in English, Spanish and Creole on our district website. https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal.

Signing out your student early from class? Please sign out your student at the **ATTENDANCE OFFICE** located at the Center of the Arts (next to the building marked "Theater") You must be on the students FOCUS account, and provide a current, government issued ID or passport to sign out a student.

Yearbook

We are excited for the 2019-2020 Cypressonian to arrive in late May prior to Seniors departure. We have about 130 remaining for presale and once those are SOLD... there will be no more remaining. So if you want to guarantee your student gets a copy you should purchase yours ASAP. You can order for \$80.00 with cash or check (made out to CLHS) from Ms. Atkinson in the library or online at www.jostens.com. There is still time to order and make 3 small payments if you order online. Don't miss out on a year of memories... order your students yearbook TODAY!



Thrifty Panthers

Thrifty Panthers would like to remind you keep your Box Tops, Soda Tabs, Coca Cola Codes (i.e. caps from 20 oz bottles, codes on 12 or 24 pack cases), and any "points" on packages of Texas Instruments Calculators. In addition, if you have any shoe/clothing donations for our Panther Closet, feel free to drop off your donations at the front office anytime the school is open. Thank you for all donations.

Students are welcome to "shop" at the Panther Closet before/after school. Everything is completely free – take what you can use, donate what you can't.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Gleason at Tammymg@leeschools.net.

Renaissance News

Congratulations to the 904 students that earned a 2nd quarter Renaissance card. These students earned a 3.0 or above or improved their GPA by .5. Students should keep their current Renaissance card with them at all times as they never know when a reward will come. Congratulations Panthers!



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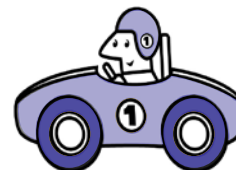
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4 COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Registration Process: Believe it or not, registration is coming up for the 2020-21 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 2020-21 next school year.

SAT/ACT Information:

The 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 14, 2020. The deadline to sign up is February 14th. You can register online at: www.collegboard.org The next ACT exam is on April 4th. The deadline to sign up is February 28th. 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/>

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, presentations or out of the building and we want to make sure we schedule a dedicated time with you to address your needs.

- Kathy Moldwsky, School Counselor (Last Names: A-D grade level 9th-12th)
- Betsy Moreno, School Counselor (Last Names: E-L grade level 9th-12th)
- Rosa Skinner, School Counselor (Last Names: M-R grade level 9th-12th)
- Jessica Owen, School Counselor (Last Names: S-Z grade level 9th-12th)

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PBIS Model School

We are **SO PROUD** to be named a PBIS (Positive Behavior Support Interventions) Model School. (The only high school in our school district to receive this award). Thank you to Dr. Adkins for the presentation and for TAG providing entertainment.

PBIS Model Schools must meet several requirements:

- Exemplify high levels of PBIS implementation fidelity,
- Demonstrate generally low rates of exclusionary discipline rates when compared to similar school types across the state
- Demonstrate equitable student outcomes

The School District uses PBIS to set of clear expectations for student behavior, consistent reward and incentive programs, make data-based decisions, and offer faculty support. The program emphasizes teaching all students desired behaviors that lead to increased academic achievement and a safer more respectful school climate. It also emphasizes the need for school staff to promote appropriate behaviors through explicit direct instruction, modeling, and reinforcement. Minor misbehaviors are viewed as teachable moments rather than discipline opportunities.

Desktop Design Winner

Congratulations to Miss Marchand's Digital Design 2 student, Jason Whitney for winning the school district's Character Education Desktop Design Competition for the month of November. Jason's desktop was featured on student Chromebook's throughout the school district.



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STEM@WORK

STEM@Work students have had the opportunity to visit two workplaces this year: Fluke and the Lee County Department of Transportation Traffic Division. While visiting Fluke, students learned about how technology is making machine maintenance more efficient. They also learned about careers in sales and were able to take part in a sales team meeting. At the Traffic Department, students learned about lane striping, signal maintenance, signage, and mathematical formulas for signal cycles. Students are looking forward to their next trip to Page Field in February.



Be A Buddy

We hosted our 15th Annual Be A Buddy event on December 6th. All 14 Lee County Public High Schools had students participating. Students, staff, families, alumni, and volunteers all worked together to make it an AWESOME day for everyone.



The Arts At Cypress

A Naturally Creative Photo Experience

Mrs. Amos's Creative Photography classes took a field trip to Ding Darling National Wildlife Preserve in December.



Greek Theatre

Students enrolled in Theatre History class presented a production of Antigone outside the Center Campus in December. The students had been studying Greek Theatre and even created their own collection of masks for the production.



Important Test Dates

- April 1st ELA Writing ALL 9th and 10th graders
- May 4th Biology EOC Students currently enrolled in course
- May 6th and 7th ELA ALL 9th and 10th graders
- May 12th and 13th Algebra 1 EOC Students currently enrolled in course
- May 14th US History EOC Students currently enrolled in course
- May 18th and 19th Geometry EOC Students currently enrolled in course

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Winter Arts at Cypress

Talent was abundant throughout the month of December with holiday events including the Winter Band and Orchestra concerts, the Vocal Department's Madrigal Dinner and the Theatre Department's "Holiday Java".

Winter Band Concert



Madrigal Dinner



Orchestra Winter Concert



Holiday Java



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To Addressee or Current Resident

There's No Place like Cypress for the Holidays

The last week of school before winter break was a fun and festive time for students and staff. They participated in Door Decorating and Holiday Dress Up Days. Everyone had a wonderful time getting involved in the Spirit of the Season.



Eat, Sleep Create...

A new gallery, Eat, Sleep, Create... was opened recently by the Visual Arts Department. Many student's creative works were showcased and music was provided for the evening by Orchestra students.