



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

### School Phone

239-481-2233

### School Website

<http://cyh.leeschools.net>

### 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!*

We thank our students, parents, and community members for all of their support during these challenging times. Our school community is all about supporting each other and helping each other. As we move forward, student engagement is critical whether Face to Face or via Lee Home Connect. 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. The spring can be a busy time with performances, sports, activities and testing. Use the Google Classroom, along with monitoring FOCUS, to see 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/>.

In order to ensure the welfare of all, we ask that everyone review the safety protocols posted on our school website and welcome back messages. We need to wear masks properly, practice physical distancing at all times, wash our hands, and follow safety routines each and every day.

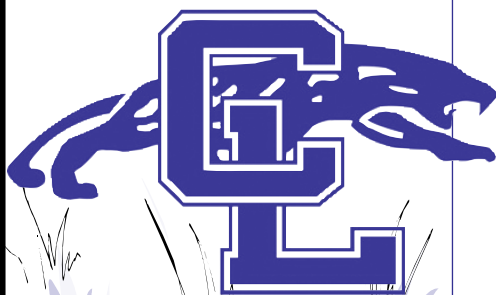
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# CLHS

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## Principal's Message

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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 on at:

<https://www.leeschools.net/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=31893061/>

In closing, we express our gratitude for your continued support this year. We wish all members of the Panther family good health throughout winter. As we all return together, it has been with a greater sense of belonging and a renewed perspective on all of the values that make Cypress Lake High School such a special place.

Angela Roles  
Principal

## Thank You to The Bridge Fund!

The Bridge Fund has donated \$500 to our school in order to start up a small food pantry on campus. They started their agency in order to bridge the gap in funding and assistance that other community agencies weren't able to help. The members are a group of retirees who have many fund raisers and enjoy seeing how their donations can help those in need in the community.

**We thank them for their donation!** If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, please reach out to Mrs. Zak by calling the school at (239)481-2233.



## Speech Competition

Freshman Carolina Solomon won 2nd place in the Declamation category at her very first competition! She memorized and delivered a 10-minute speech by Mindy Kaling.

**Way to go Carolina!**

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## LEAD Like A Girl

The following young ladies attended the annual LEAD Like A Girl conference via Zoom on December 9th. This conference is sponsored by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and it is intended for students in middle and high school. This symposium is for students to share ideas and learn from strong leading ladies in the SWFL community. Its goal is to foster a spirit of leadership in our young woman.

Emma Paux	Guerdine Augustin
Janorria Arnold	Kayli Sanchez
Lovely Eveque	Katelyn McVety

## Volunteers

Thank you so very much to all of our volunteers for all of their help and dedication to Cypress Lake. The school is grateful for your time and energy.

Austin Hayman	Bonnie Cunard
Charles Hayman	Jennesse Morauski
Rick Little	Steve Morauski
Justin Robbins	Pamela Torres
David Sherrod	Antonio High
Maria Bahruth	Jerry Ridley
Christine Carver	

# Kudos

## Kudos for Showing Your Panther Pride!

The following students were recognized for exemplifying the 5 traits of a Cypress Lake Panther. These are prompt, respectful, independent thinker, dedicated, and engaged. Each student and staff member received a small token of appreciation.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS!

Alexander, Samuaril	Marmolejos, Amber
Baskin, D'Von	Michel, Graberil
Braham, Donte	Miller, Anthony
Bravo-Vasquez, Josiah	Ortega-Arano
Brueckner, Andrew	Ricardo, Carrasquillo Parr
Carter, Jacob	Sarmiento, Samuel
Casalduc, Kristalyn	Smith, Jameson
Esterlin, Edrice	Worden, Trey
Evers, Jordan	Yurjevich, Athena
Florence, Ja'various	<b>Staff kudos:</b>
Fox, Kamar	Todd Dusenberry
Joseph, Flaurise	Amanda Innarelli
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Sponsor has agreed to the program and understands that all artwork must be approved by Cypress Lake High School. Submit your artwork in JPEG or PDF format via e-mail to: [KimLa@LeeSchools.net](mailto:KimLa@LeeSchools.net). Any questions please contact Kim Laine at (239) 481-2233.

Cypress Lake High School will handle the production and installation of the fence sign.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature Date

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## Yearbook News

The Yearbook staff is busy covering events outside of school and activities during school. Our 2020-21 book is on track and we're excited about our theme and design. We are currently about 60% SOLD OUT. The current cost is \$80 until it is sold out. You can still purchase online with 3 easy payments at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) or through Ranae Atkinson in the library.

## TAG Receives Rave Reviews Once Again

The Recorded A Cappella Review Board (RARB) published their review of TAG's new album *Six Feet Apart* on Dec. 31 and for the second year in a row the album received a perfect over score of 5 on a scale of 1 to 5. Considering how last year ended, the fact that we were able to make an album at all is amazing.

### SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS –

"Hot dang, *Six Feet Apart* is a Covid dream of crazy success."



"I absolutely love what I'm hearing from the annual TAG carousel ride. Overcoming unreal odds and producing music that is nearly in its own category of excellence? Get it while it's hot, friends."

"TAG albums have historically been a highlight for us at RARB, and *Six Feet Apart* is no different. It's a true testament to the strength of the program at Cypress Lake High School that the pandemic seemingly didn't affect the quality of this group's vocals or recordings, despite a lack of group rehearsals and an unusual recording setup."

"Starting at the top of the album, the energy given by the opening two tracks is unreal. *More* has a slick up-tempo groove that is headlined by soloists Isabella Sbarra Michelland and Wedler Lordeus. There is an amazing juxtaposition between

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the heavily rhythmic patterns followed by large jazz chords that make it impossible to not move while listening. *Break My Heart* is a more club-like up-tempo, but still a phenomenal display from soloist Annie Vardanyan. The energy from these songs is dripping through the speakers, and it's clear just how excited the group is to be singing these songs."

If you haven't yet checked out the album, it is available on all streaming services – The A Cappella Group – *Six Feet Apart*

If you would like to read all of the reviews in their entirety, here is the link - <https://www.rarb.org/reviews/albums/1819-six-feet-apart/>.

Shannon Knudsen • [ShannonMKn@LeeSchools.Net](mailto:ShannonMKn@LeeSchools.Net)



### Butterfly Garden(*Selena's Garden*)

Students and staff are in the process of building a butterfly garden in memory of one of our special needs students, Selena Jennings. Her joy at seeing butterflies and her love for nature will be reflected in this beautiful garden. With the help of a \$1,500 grant from The Foundation for Lee County Schools, Mrs. Lori Ceilley, Mrs. Katrina Dekoff, Mrs. Shannon Knudsen, and Mr. Michael Meehan are working with students to bring this idea to life. Although we were awarded a grant, to make this garden truly special we could use a little help from our community. If anyone is willing to donate mulch, pavers, a bird bath, flowering plants, or their time to help, we would be most appreciative. Please contact Lori Ceilley at [LoriCE@leeschools.net](mailto:LoriCE@leeschools.net) or phone the school at (239)481-2233.



## Glory Days

Thank you Glory Days  
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## Out of Field 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.

Jessica Sagastume -Reading

Kimberly Wright – Mathematics

Martin Byrd – Mathematics

Thomas J. Nelson- Elementary Education

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates.

Ginger Casey

Jill Poposki

Molly Breese

Jessica Sagastume

Jill Jaskiewicz

Thomas J. Nelson

Diane Johannes-Schwab

## Renaissance Cards

On Tuesday, January 19th 886 students received their new renaissance cards. These reflect their quarter 1 grade point average and allow the kids to receive a treat or privilege while on campus. The "reward" is always a surprise and something our students look forward to. If you would like to donate gift cards for our students, please contact Ranae Atkinson at [RanaeAA@leeschools.net](mailto:RanaeAA@leeschools.net).

- Purple cards earned a 4.0 or higher
- Gold cards earned a 3.5-3.99
- Silver cards earned a 3.0-3.49
- Bronze cards improved their GPA by .5 from the prior quarter.



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