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Principal's Message

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Dear Panther Parents and Students,

As winter concludes and we enter the month of April, we look forward to a season of spring renewal. We have much to celebrate! More than half of the All County Orchestra students selected were Panthers. TAG (The Acapella Group) is getting ready to compete at The South Semifinals. TAG is up against eleven other groups for a single spot in the National Finals. Good luck to them! We are excited to have athletes signing for college scholarships and Tyson Eveque qualifying for state wrestling! We are also proud to have the spring performances, such as our musical **Little Shop of Horrors**, happening. Our staff and students work so hard to follow all COVID protocols and keep everyone safe. They truly go the extra mile to make special experiences happen in arts, activities, and athletics despite the pandemic.

So much to be proud of as spring calls us to summer!

We thank our families for your March donations to thank our staff with a special lunch! More inside on that special day. It means so much because they have worked so hard during a very challenging year. We look forward to teacher appreciation week in early May. Please contact Mrs. Bond if you would like to donate to help thank our teachers during this time. You may also send her a specific thank you note for a specific staff member and we will deliver it with a special treat during Teacher Appreciation Week.

April is also the "Month of the Military Child" where we celebrate our students whose families are in the military. We know these parents make great sacrifices. It is an honor to have your parents or guardians serving our country. The Panther family thanks each of our military parents for your service. We recognize and thank you.

Please keep encouraging our Panthers to do their absolute best in their studies, in respecting themselves, and in their treatment of one another. Fourth quarter is the home stretch, and we will work to finish Panther strong! I am honored to be the principal at Cypress Lake High School.

Thank you for your support of our students and our special school.

Angela Roles
Principal



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Counselors' Corner

The school counselors are meeting individually with students grades 9 through 11 during quarter 4 to complete the registration process for the 2021-22 school year. Graduation requirements, academic course placement level and elective choices will be reviewed at this time.

Seniors who plan to qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship need to apply for the scholarship at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org before graduation. The scholarship requirements are available on this site as well. Completed paperwork for volunteer hours to qualify for the scholarship must be turned into the school counselors and students should do this as soon as possible.

Students should continue to check their grade level google classrooms for important announcements and information. Let's finish the school year strong Panthers!



Our Own American Idol

16 years ago, one of our vocal department members made it on American Idol. Vonzell Solomon, who was one of the nicest, most likeable students that we have ever had, made a splash on season 4 of American Idol and made it all the way to the top three. Carrie Underwood won that year, but the whole city was going crazy with Baby V fever. Fast forward 16 years and another member of the vocal department has started her American Idol journey. Casey Bishop, a sophomore member of the vocal department and TAG., has made it into the top 24 contestants and is competing for the title. We can only hope that it turns out as well for her as it did for Vonzell.

In case you missed it, here is Casey's audition.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHR5mt2gBjo>

Staff Luncheon

We are so thankful that we could treat our Panther staff to a delicious lunch catered by **MISSION BBQ!** We are shouting THANK YOU to all the Panther families that donated to help make this possible! We are so appreciative of our Admin, faculty, staff, students, and families for all the support this year.



Speech and Debate Competition

Freshman Carolina Solomon placed second in the state Speech and Debate competition in January and will go on to compete (virtually) at the national competition in May.

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Orchestra Awards

In February, 5 of our orchestra students participated in our district Solo & Ensemble event:



- Ashley Walters, 12
- Trevor Kates, 12
- Emily Silver, 11
- Dulce Ponce-Rosales, 10
- Isabella Moon, 9

They prepared and performed solo pieces for a judge and received high ratings in a combination of 3 Superiors and 2 Excellents.

All County Orchestra

The following students auditioned and were accepted into the 20-21 All County Orchestra!

- Keelie Thomas, 12
- Melissa Gomez, 11
- Isabella Moon, 9
- Emily Silver, 11
- Ashley Walters, 12
- Mia DeAlmeida, 9
- Vincent Plank, 11
- Anna Jones, 9
- Jamison Abertorio-Acevedo, 9



There were 16 students accepted in total, and 9 are from CLHS.

Theater Competition

In February, Cypress Lake Theatre participated in its first competition with the Southwest Florida Theatrical Society, a newly established organization for theatre competition in our district.

On Friday, at Lehigh Senior High School our Seniors presented a Student Directed One Act and received Superior ratings from both performance and technical theatre judges.

On Saturday, at North Fort Myers High School the group performed exceptionally well with 19 Superior Ratings as well as 10 Excellent Ratings in a large range of categories.



We also received 4 Best in Room Ratings for the following Categories:

- *Duet Acting*: Isabella Commorato & Isabel Isenhower
- *Solo Musical*: JJ Fuentes
- *Costume Construction*: Tatum Bates
- *Ensemble Acting*: Sophia Gurule, Emerson Atunes - Black, Declan Ireland, Brandon Lee, Guinevere Bortnick-Kiniry
- Tatum Bates was also awarded an Acting Scholarship for \$600.

This two-day festival was a very large undertaking and our students truly rose to the occasion, please congratulate any theatre students you see today, we are incredibly proud of them!

T.A.G. News

So excited to announce that our latest album, from our a 'Capella group TAG, received 6 CARA nominations this year. We have also kept our streak of 13 albums released and each one has been nominated for Best High School Album. This raises our total nominations to 51; more than any high school or college group in CARA history.

This year's nominations

- Best High School Album - Six Feet Apart
- Best Scholastic Original Song - Driving by Isabella Sbarra Michelland
- Best High School Arrangement - Prabh Saint for Republic Pennsylvania
- Best High School Song - More
- Best High School Solo - Isabella Sbarra Michell and & Wedler Lordeus for More
- Best Professional Arrangement for Scholastic Group - Tom Anderson for More

Check out the album if you haven't yet - The A Cappella Group - Six Feet Apart

<http://linktr.ee/TAGCypress>

In other news, TAG bested eight other groups from around the South and won their quarterfinal of the International Championship of High School A Cappella on Friday, March 12. The format this year was a 4-minute video that was entirely student and director produced. Not only did we win, but Makayla Sawyer won the award for Best Solo and Prabh Saini won the award for Best Sound Mixing. Even though our song appeared on our most recent album, we could not use that audio because it was professionally produced. We rerecorded the piece and Prabh came very close to matching the sound of our original studio version. The Semifinals will be on April 10, with our video going against the Top 2 videos from the 5 quarterfinals. TAG is up against 3 other Florida groups, 4 Texas groups, 2 Tennessee groups, 1 Georgia and 1 North Carolina group for a single spot in the National Finals.

We hope that you will check out our video. It is best if you have headphones.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cePyO9y_Y4

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Drone Match

Out of 23 teams in the zone drone match, Cypress Lake placed 2nd (Piloted by Cadet SFC Frabel, N, Co-Pilots Cadet Corporal Mehrhoff and Cadet Private Jadon). They will be competing in the Lee County District Drone Meet on April 21 at 4:00pm at Fort Myers High School.

Cadet Major Anderson, J, was the top Pilot after four matches with a top time of 9 minutes four seconds. Way to go Panthers!



JROTC Service Project

Each year, Cypress JROTC selects a project to support the needs of the community. The project must include three components: Orientations and Training, Meaningful Service, and Structured Reflections. This year our cadets chose "Feed the Hungry" as the focus of their project. They contacted several food banks in the community and Harry Chapin was selected. The plan was to raise \$2,000.00 and collect 500 pounds of food and we exceeded both goals, with \$2,030.00 and 1,010 pounds of food.



Because of COVID 19, other students were not allowed to attend, but the Brigade Commander (Cadet Colonel Franke) attended and presented the check.

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Autism Awareness Day

Staff members celebrated Autism Awareness Day on Thursday, April 1st by lightening up our Panther Hallways with blue.



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Fort Myers Beach Art Association Scholarship Show

Some of our Visual Arts Seniors participated in Fort Myers Beach Art Association Scholarship Show. This is a long-standing tradition for Cypress and we are so lucky to have the support of the Fort Myers Beach Community. At the reception, they received awards and had their walls critiqued by the two judges.

- **1st Place Art Excellence Award** Averi Roes Kern. \$1200 College Tuition Scholarship + \$175
- **2nd Place Art Excellence Award** Zoe Fountain. \$1000 College Tuition Scholarship + \$125
- **3rd Place Art Excellence Award** Nayeli Ruiz. \$800 College Tuition Scholarship + \$75

The following students received a \$50 Artistic Merit award: Olivia Bevillard, Cristian DeJesus, Hannah Lynch, Gabrielle Morris, Aleena Pagan, Jacinto Parra De Lao, Hannah Scott, Allison Welker, Elisa Williams.



Judges critiquing the wall of Christian De Jesus

Scholarship Nominees

It is our pleasure to announce that **Ashley Walters** and **Junior Sylvestre** have each won \$2,500 from the Hillmyer-Tremont Student Athlete Foundation! The criteria are posted below and we couldn't be prouder of the two winners we put forward to represent themselves, their families, and Cypress Lake!

Each school in Lee County was allowed 1 male and 1 female nominee to represent their school. They competed among approximately 24 other student athletes in their gender for the opportunity at a total of \$24,000 over the course of 4 years. This is a wonderful opportunity that will help make the difference for them in their educational aspirations!

We have also nominated two very deserving student-athletes for the 2021 Rotary South Scholarship Award. Our Nominees are **Jarianna Gonzalez** and **William Constantine**. Congratulations on being successful in and out of the classroom, as well as out in the community.

The Rotary South Scholarship requires that the candidates have a minimum of a 3.2 GPA, be involved in multiple sports/activities in school, and be involved in the community. Our nominees will be interviewed and have their applications reviewed by a board for the potential to receive scholarship assistance with their future college aspirations.

Tyler Uecker has also been nominated for the Al Oerter Award through Drug Free SWFL. This award will be presented on April 20th at 7:00pm. Tyler was nominated for his outstanding academic achievements as well as playing an individual sport (tennis). Good luck Tyler!

Digital Lee Logo

Congratulations to Rowan Heathercoat and Mr. Fetterhoff. Rowan is our Second Place Digital Lee Logo Winner!



Competition was tough this year with over logo 90 entries, and votes between 1st & 2nd place were very tight. Great design. Keep up the fabulous work!

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PBIS Information

In the month of April, CLHS students who demonstrated perfect attendance, including no tardiness, were recognized during lunch time with a special treat. Additionally, this quarter, we also recognized the following students for demonstrating our school PRIDE (Prompt, Respectful, Independent Thinker, Dedicated, Engaged):

- Morgan Norris
- Lilian Fear
- K'ylia Mesidor
- Cameron Walker
- Allison Welker
- David Bellman
- Payton McCabe
- Jacob Carter
- Kyah Geisler-Pascuzzi
- Amber Rainey
- Shayla Metzger
- Amin Rodriguez
- Dilcia Agüero Soto
- Liam Hutt
- Mali Dennis
- Payne Guidry
- Estrella Flores-Perez
- Anthony Tripi
- Rihanique Gelin
- Anthony Miller
- Chevenica Thomas
- Jakob Bickford
- Kaylah Hargett
- Nico Prisco
- Samuel Crome
- Alyssa Durelli
- Layla Bradley
- Tra'zaria Martin
- Luis Ortiz
- Ian Butzler
- David Bellman
- Sean Montecalvo
- Ethan Mathusa
- Hanna Lehmann
- Dario Amador Rodriguez
- Eddie Miguel-Marcos
- Ayah Abuijaq
- Rosario Mostacero

Thank you, Panthers, for making CLHS PROUD!



Boys Weightlifting

On April 8th, Coach Harding took our Boys Weightlifting team to Charlotte High School to compete in the regional tournament. Our boys competed well and placed 9th out of 20 teams in the region. Tyson Eveque won his weight class with a total of **600lbs** lifted and will be headed to the **STATE FINALS!!!** Tyson set a PR of 340lbs. on the Bench Press and 260lbs. in the Clean and Jerk. The other boys on the team are Connor Amos, Christian Badger, and Nicholas Joyce.

We are proud of our boys weightlifting program.



Soccer Seniors

We have 6 players who participated in the SWFL Senior Allstar Game on March 10th

- James Owen
- Eric Castellanos
- Hannah Sparacio
- Alex Totoreanu
- Madison Alward
- Nikki Delucia

The game was hosted at Fort Myers High on March 10th.



Basketball Highlights

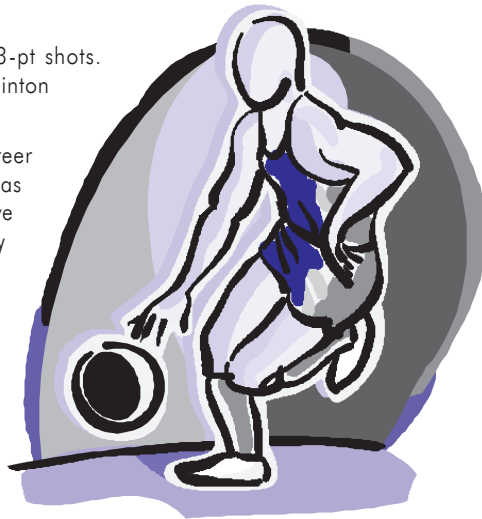
Senior Kaleb Ferreira scored over 100 career 3-pt shots. This has not been accomplished since Larry McClinton in 2001.

Senior Junior Sylvestre scored over 1,000 career points. This has not been accomplished since Jonas Petitdo in 2011. Only six players at Cypress Lake have ever scored 1,000 career points. Junior is currently the 2nd leading scorer in Florida 5A basketball with 545 points on the year.

Junior Sylvestre was named to two different all-star teams:

- The SWFL Public School All-Star Team (public schools of Charlotte, Lee, and Collier)

The SWFL All-Star Team (private and charter schools as well in the same tri-county area)



Wrestling

Adam Larochelle qualified for the FHSAA State wrestling championships in Kissimmee, FL at the 285 lb. weight class. In the first round, Adam dropped a heartbreaking overtime match to the eventual 3rd place finisher. Adam gained valuable experience that he will carry with him into his senior season.

Our wrestling program sent 7 out of 8 wrestlers to Regionals:



- Jarnell Livingstone,
- Ismael Coira
- Kayah Bonilla-Mas - Kyah is a first year wrestler with less than 2 months experience and made it to the regional playoffs!!!
- Caleb Brown
- Tyrone Livingstone
- Pedro Santiago
- Adam Larochelle finished 4th at regionals and is **Went to STATES!!!**

This is Coach Rothenberg's 12th consecutive year sending a wrestler to the state competition!!!!

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, Molly Breese, Jill Jaskiewicz, Diane Johannes-Schwab, Jill Poposki, Jessica Sagastume, Thomas J. Nelson



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May 2021 Senior Calendar

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May 3-14	AP Exams!	Wednesday May 26 Period 1 Review Period 3 Exam Period 5 Exam Period 7 Exam	Friday May 28 Period 1 Exam Period 4 Exam Period 3 Senior Check-out: begins in Cypress Lake Cafeteria and exits from Media Center
TBD	Senior Awards Night 6:30 p.m. ceremony Seniors arrive 6:00 p.m. in cafeteria for lineup	May 28	Senior Check-out begins in (Cypress Lake Cafeteria or curbside) 8:43 a.m. All books must be returned and fees and fines paid before gowns are given. Gowns not picked up are available in the Main Office - See Bookkeeper Mrs. Laine. Seniors only on campus to make-up final exams Required check-in at Main Office
May 15	Deadline for completion of online classes and E2020 class for seniors participating in graduation ceremony	May 31-June 3	MANDATORY Graduation Practice: 8AM - Cypress Lake Gymnasium Graduation Ceremony Alico Arena, Pkwy E, Fort Myers, FL 33913, 7PM 2 tickets per graduate will be mandatory Graduation Rehearsal on 6/4 at 8AM in the CLHS gymnasium
May TBD	Senior class meeting. Information will be recorded and sent out on Senior Google Classroom and School Messenger Information about senior check-out and graduation	June 4	
May 24-28	Final exams for seniors only / Exams taken in regular class periods Summary of Senior Final Exam Exemption can be found in your google classroom.	June 6	