



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

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### Vision

Empowering students  
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### Mission

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### Principal's Message

#### *It is GREAT to be a Panther!*

Cypress is excited and ready for a new school year! As we welcome Panthers back, we will continue our focus on the ABCs- Attendance, Behavior and Classroom Success. Our goal is that each Panther reaches their full potential.

High school is a time to set goals and work to achieve them. Students develop habits that are necessary for success in high school and in life. Parents, you are our most important partners during this time. Make sure you are signed up for School Messenger and FOCUS.

Please make sure your Panther comes to school every day with required supplies (charged Chromebook, notebooks, calculator, pens and pencils). Make a weekly habit to check FOCUS together. Discuss what is posted for each of the ABCs. Your routine of monitoring daily and weekly will help to keep our Panthers focused on their success for the upcoming school year!

The Panther family extends a special welcome to our new students and their families. You are all about to become part of a remarkable community. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know each of you in the years ahead. We place a special emphasis on the transition of our freshmen students. This new chapter in their lives began last spring with course selection and will continue with *Panther Force*. *Panther Force* is a special orientation day designed to help ninth graders get ready for their first day of high school and learn what it means to be a Panther. We hope all of our freshmen are as excited to start high school as we are to welcome them to Cypress! *Panther Force* is not just freshman orientation, it is the start of a wonderful adventure. Our Panthers will learn, grow, and amaze themselves while at Cypress.

Arts, activities and athletic programs are very important during high school. They create a sense of belonging and bond us to Cypress! We urge all of our students to participate in at least one of these programs each year. Be sure to look at all CLHS has available, and ask yourself: "How can I be involved this year?"

It is important for you to know that my door is always open. Please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is [angelarr@leeschools.net](mailto:angelarr@leeschools.net) and the school phone number is 481-2233. I hope to see all of you at our Back-to-School Open House on Thursday, August 5th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. During Open House, students will walk their schedules, meet teachers, get bus information, lockers, parking permits and so much more. Student schedules will be available before Open House, and we will send communication about that and opening information via School Messenger.

Remember our goal is the TASSEL which symbolizes earning the high school diploma. I hope everyone has had a restful summer and is ready to tackle a new school year at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts!

The official school social media identifiers are below. Facebook: @CypressLakeHigh Instagram: @thecypressonian Twitter: @

Welcome back!  
Angela Roles, Principal



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# CLHS

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### Congressional Art Competition

Congratulations to Hunter Demond for winning the Congressional Art Competition. His work will be on display in Washington DC.



### Digital Lee Showcase

Congratulations to our six winners from the Digital Lee showcase event on May 19, 2021. We had 16 total films nominated. That is a record for our department! This makes the 3rd year, out of the past four, that we have won 1st place in animation! We are so proud of all these talented students.

### Gift Cards & Donations

Throughout the school year, various clubs and groups work to encourage academic excellence, positive behavior, and good sportsmanship. We like to reward this behavior with small tokens to show our students we notice the positive choices they are making and the excellence they are achieving. If you, or someone you know, has a business that is willing to donate gift cards for teenager friendly places or items, we would greatly appreciate it. The involvement of our parents and community are part of what makes Cypress great!

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- Seniors - Class of 2022: y7btffii
- Sophomores - Class of 2024: pfiyu5t
- Juniors - Class of 2023: zqrkv4h
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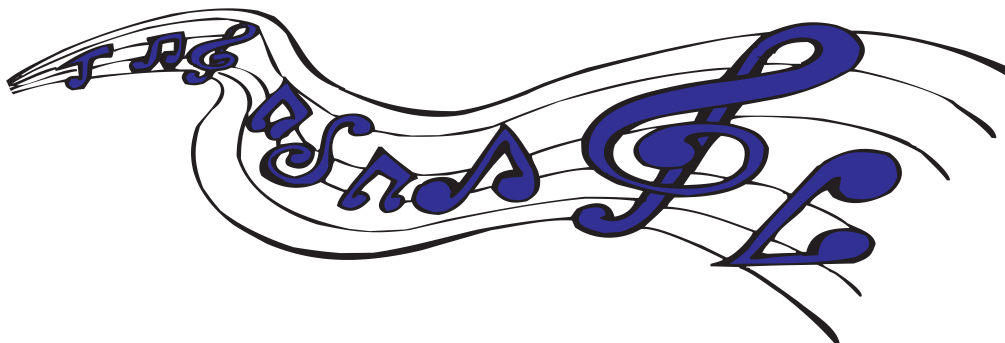
### TAG News

The Annual CARA Awards were announced over the first weekend of May and TAG earned their record tying 11th CARA with a win for Best High School Song for "More" off our album Six Feet Apart. TAG already held the record for high school and college groups with 51 nominations for our 13 albums over the years. TAG is now tied with OneVoice, a high school group from Memphis, TN for most CARA wins.



We were nominated for 6 awards this year. We won 1 and were runner-up for 3 more. Not too bad of a percentage.

- **Best High School Song** - More - CARA Winner
- **Best High School Album** - Six Feet Apart - CARA Runner-up
- **Best High School Arrangement** - Prabh Saini - CARA Runner-up
- **Best Professional Arrangement for Scholastic Group** - CARA Runner-up



### American Computer Science League

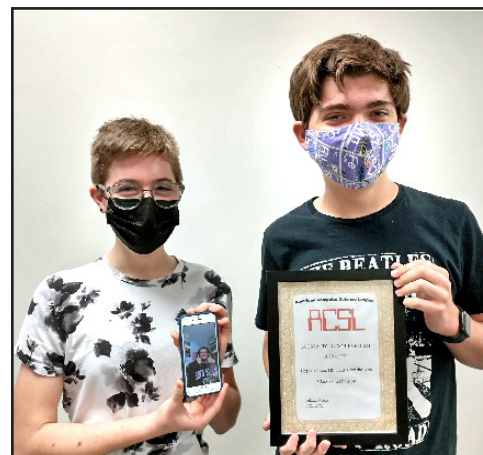


### American Computer Science League Team!

Annabel Crater, Jacob Silver, and Jack Heidrick competed with 75 other students from across the US in their divisions. They all completed a 20-question exam contest based on computer science mathematics and were scored based on their responses.

- Jacob Silver earned the top score with 19/20 correct responses earning a Gold Medal Ranking.
- Annabel Crater scored 17/20 correct responses earning a Bronze Medal Ranking.
- Jack Heidrick scored 15/20 correct responses putting him top 25 scores for the division.

We are very proud of these three for representing Cypress in this competition for the first time and bringing home Gold. The full finals breakdown can be seen here: <https://www.scores.acsl.org/leaderboard/finals/c/all/>



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## Cypress Lake High School JROTC News

### JROTC Celebrates Memorial Day with Jamaica Bay

Memorial Day is a U.S. federal holiday created to honor and mourn military personnel who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their military duties.

Cypress JROTC presented the colors at the beginning of the ceremony and closed the ceremony with the reviving of the colors and the playing of Taps. Females, however, stole the show with the folding of the United States Flag to the reading of thirteen folds. Needless to say, the ceremony was beautiful and sad, with not a dry eye in the event center.

## Cypress Lake High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) 6 May 21, Lee County JROTC Awards Ceremony

The **Founder's Award** was created to recognize the JROTC program that contributed the highest number of community service hours during the school year. This school year, the JROTC Cadets of Lee County donated an incredible **18,625 Total Hours** toward the betterment of our communities. An amazing achievement! The recipient of the 2021 Founder's Award is **Cypress Lake High School JROTC** with a **total of 2,190 hours**.

Each February all the JROTC Programs conduct a food drive to support Community Cooperative's efforts to combat hunger in Lee County. It has had a real impact in our community and all our programs deserve to be congratulated for the outstanding result. The JROTC program that donates the largest quantity of food per cadet takes home the **Fighting Hunger Trophy**. The winner of the 2021 Fighting Hunger Trophy is **Cypress Lake High School**. Cypress Lake JROTC donated an average of **27.3** items per cadet. **Go Panthers!**



### Drone Team

Cypress Lake H.S. JROTC Drone Team won 2nd place in both Zone and District competition yesterday at Fort Myers H.S. against 45 teams. The drone was piloted by Natalie Frabel with co-pilots Jadon Fisk and Annabell Mehrhoff. JROTC instructors will be working on drone licensing this summer in order to assist cadets with instruction so they can obtain their drone license and certification. Drone and robotics training is open to all Cypress Lake H.S. students and does not require enrollment in JROTC.

CLHS JROTC is featured on the U.S. Army Junior ROTC website: [http://www.usarmyjrotc.com/news/21/05/14/cypress\\_awd.php](http://www.usarmyjrotc.com/news/21/05/14/cypress_awd.php)

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## Open House

Back to School Open House  
Thursday, August 5th from 6:00 until 8:00 PM

- **Who should attend:** Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts Students, grades 9-12, and their families.
- **Parking:** Student Parking Lot, in back of campus next to gym. (please follow the signs)
- **Schedule of Events: 6:00-7:30:** New students arrive to pick up student class schedules\* in the cafeteria. Students can visit classrooms, walk the campus, and meet their teachers.
- **Administrative Welcome and Introductions:** Our presentation will be via video. It will play/replay "looping" every 15 minutes in the cafeteria and in classrooms. We hope this will give families flexibility to visit campus as work and other Open House schedules allow, without pressure to be at any one place at a specific time.

\*Students will be able to preview their schedules in FOCUS the last week of July. A phone/email message will be sent out to families when schedules are ready to preview via School Messenger.



## New Students

New Students can go to the Cypress Lake High School web page at [cyh.leeschools.net](http://cyh.leeschools.net) to access information like the dress code, bell schedule, and teacher and staff names and emails.

If you are new to our school district and have been selected to go to Cypress Lake High School, please email a copy of your transcripts to Ms. Kim Hewett at [KimMHe@leeschools.net](mailto:KimMHe@leeschools.net). She is the Secretary in the Guidance Office.



## Panther Force

Welcome Freshmen PANTHERS! Please join us for our *Panther Force* tentatively scheduled for July 27th. More information about registering for this special day will be shared in the Freshmen Google Classroom soon!

We can't wait for you to join us and begin your journey as a PANTHER!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-ONkVt6eZ1wzPwIAg13scvShoXjIKtHk/view?usp=drive\\_web&authuser=0](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-ONkVt6eZ1wzPwIAg13scvShoXjIKtHk/view?usp=drive_web&authuser=0)

## School Counselors

Need to speak with your School Counselor? Call 239-481-2233 to make an appointment. Counselors will be back to work at the end of July. You can email counselors at:

Students with the last names

Mrs. Moldawsky - A-D  
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## P.E. Uniforms Required

ALL students taking a P.E. class will be required to purchase and wear the school P.E. uniform. The cost is \$20 which includes a lock and locker. Uniforms will be available during both Open House on August 8th and the first week of school. Checks payable to Cypress Lake H.S. or cash are acceptable.

**A few spots are left!**



**We need you!**

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## eSports

This past year we were able to establish an eSports program here at Cypress! eSports is essentially competitive gaming, and is just as competitive as traditional sports. In the last few years, competitive gaming has garnered attention worldwide with hundreds of millions of dollars given out every year at competitions, as well as college scholarship opportunities for rising eSports Athletes.

This year, thanks to a grant that was awarded to all high schools in the district, we were able to compete in a league with high schools all along the Eastern Coast of the country in a game called League of Legends. Our students practiced day and night for their matches, and ended up with a season record of 14-2 in the regular season! Because of this, we were ranked in the top group of over 230 high schools in the country and competed in the playoffs.

The following students worked extremely hard to make the school proud.

- Robert Apicella
- Brendan Boggs
- Benjamin Cooper
- Logan Key
- TJ Perkins
- Caio Pitiguari
- Nayeli Ruiz

Special thanks to Evan Simmons for his expertise in coaching and AD Rodriguez for helping to set up this great opportunity for our students!

If you are interested in participating during the 2021-2022 school year, please contact Mr. Monty Stobb, in the media department.



## Cypress Lake High School Hires Head Varsity Football Coach



Cypress Lake High School is excited to announce Joseph Mendes has been promoted to Head Coach of the Varsity Football Team. Coach Mendes has been on the coaching staff since 2016, most recently as Defensive Coordinator.

"We are so excited about Coach Mendes taking over the program!" says Principal Angela Roles. "He has been a huge part of building the football culture that exists now. We are so lucky to have someone on the current staff to step into the role. He brings continuity to the program. He knows what it means to do the work... he loves his players but expects a lot from them in the classroom and on the field."

In 2018, Coach Mendes' defensive unit was ranked in the Top 5 in Florida Class 5A Varsity Football. In 2019, Cypress Lake won its first District Championship in 25 years and in 2020 won its first playoff game in school history. Mendes also served as head coach for the Junior Varsity team at Cypress Lake High School and finished with 13-1-2 record.



## Welcome Coach Wallace

Let's give a BIG welcome to Darrin Wallace!

After two years as the Riverdale Head Coach, we are excited to have him join the Panther Family and lead our team in The Panther Pit as our new Varsity Head Coach!

## Athletic Paperwork

All students wishing to participate in Athletics must complete the FHSAA paperwork. This is now done electronically by following these steps:

1. Go to [www.athleticclearance.com](http://www.athleticclearance.com)
2. Select the state of Florida
3. Be sure to watch the video and follow the instructions for registration.

The Consent and Release page must be printed and notarized and the original must be returned to the Athletic Department with the clearance form that you receive when the process is completed. Please be sure to use the FHSAA physical form when you go to the doctor. There is a notary available at school during school hours, from 6:45-2:15. Students are still required to provide their birth certificate and proof of insurance. If you are a non-traditional student such as a Home School or International student, please see the Athletic Department as there may be additional paperwork needed. If you have any questions, please call the Athletic Department at 481-2233.



## Girl's Golf

Girl's golf begins the first week of school. If you are looking for a sport you can play for the rest of your life, look no further! Golf is that sport. Little or no experience? It's alright! Coach will teach you the basics and getting you paying in no time. If you are interested, please contact Coach Knudsen at [Shannonmkn@leeschools.net](mailto:Shannonmkn@leeschools.net) and make sure you have all your athletic paperwork completed when school begins.



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2. Make an appointment at the leonards studio for summer
3. If you can't make summer at the studio, we will have 2 sessions on campus, but... there are limitations...
  - a. Senior formal photo only August 26th in the library- 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. CASH or card only - **MUST** choose a photo for the yearbook online within 3 weeks.
  - b. Senior formal photo only October 19th in the library - 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. CASH or CARD only - students can NOT choose a photo for the yearbook. Leonard's will choose for you **TOO CLOSE TO DEADLINE.**
4. About 3 weeks after you take your photo, you'll need to go online to your Leonard's portal and select the heart above the one you want in the yearbook. If you **DO NOT DO THIS** in a timely manner, Leonard's will choose it for you

Girls need to wear a thin strap tank top to wear under the black drape and boys need to wear a plain white t-shirt under the tux. If you have ANY questions about senior photos, please contact Ranae Atkinson at [Ranaeaa@leeschools.net](mailto:Ranaeaa@leeschools.net). Thank you and we look forward to seeing all our seniors get photographed!

