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Panther Family,

We celebrate a wonderful first semester at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts!

Our hardworking Panthers are to be commended on the way they are progressing through the school year. Students have been busy around campus with arts events, National Honor Society invitations ("tapping"), and athletics. 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 get ready to 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 and stay organized. Grades are posted and parents (and students!) can monitor them by using the FOCUS program. For information on how to sign up and passwords visit <https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/>.

The school calendar for next year was recently approved. Many families like to plan trips and vacations ahead of time. The instructional calendar for next year is posted [here](#).

In closing, we express our gratitude for your continued support this year. We wish all members of the Panther family good health throughout winter. This time of year, brings a greater sense of belonging and a renewed perspective toward all of the values that make Cypress Lake High School such a special place. Thank you for your part in that.

Angela Roles

Principal



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## Awards Season

In November, the School District of Lee County recognized students for three prestigious awards. We are proud to share that the students below were honored and represented Cypress beautifully during the ceremony. We are also PANTHER PROUD to share that Adam was the district winner for his award category. Special thanks to Ms. Atkinson for working on their nomination packets and submissions.

- Jim Nathan Leadership Award: **Annabelle Crater**
- Lee County Sheriff's Office Service to our Nation Award: **Adam Larochelle**
- Al Oerter Award: **Vincent Stoll and Julianne Cunard**

# Kudos



## Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$75 until December 31st. On January 1st the price increases to the FINAL COST of \$80. Buy now and save a little money.

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## Greetings from the Counselors and Career Specialist!

The counselors wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break! This month counselors are working to adjust schedules for all students as we transition to the second semester. We are also deep in the process of College Application season.

The counseling department is happy to provide ACT preparation for students after school prior to each ACT administration. Classes are held from 1:45-2:30 in the guidance conference room and students are asked to register for both days by using the form in their respective class google classroom. **Upcoming dates:** December 7,8; February 8,9; March 29,30. It is strongly suggested that students plan on attending both days. All materials are provided.

### SENIOR NEWS

FSW admissions will be here on our campus in the library to meet with our seniors on December 14. Seniors can sign up to meet with a representative and fill out a FREE FSW online application. Once the application is complete, students will meet with an FSW admission counselor, where they'll review your transcripts, and give you an immediate decision. Students need to know their social security # if they have one. Students that want to take advantage of this opportunity to apply for FREE and get an immediate decision should contact Ms. Atkinson at [Ranaeaa@leeschools.net](mailto:Ranaeaa@leeschools.net) or stop by her office in the library to sign up for a time slot.

- Kathy Moldawsky, School Counselor (A-D)
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We know that this is a busy time of year for your senior, but time spent on quality responses and scholarship applications can equal scholarship dollars!

## ACT/SAT

Here are the ACT/SAT test dates. Seniors have until the June test date to qualify for Bright Futures. It's also a good time for Juniors to take an ACT and SAT to see if they prefer one over the other.

### 2021-22 SAT Dates and Deadlines

SAT Date	International	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (U.S. Only)	Score Release Date
August 28	Yes	July 30	August 17	September 10
October 2	Yes	September 3	September 21	October 15
November 6	No	October 8	October 26	November 19
December 4	Yes	November 4	November 23	December 17
March 12	Yes	February 11	March 1	March 25
May 7	Yes	April 8	April 26	May 20
June 4	No	May 5	May 25	July 13

### ACT 2021-2022 Test Dates (National) & Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021
July 17, 2021*	June 18, 2021	June 25, 2021
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	August 20, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022
July 16, 2022*	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022



## Anastasia

Anastasia was truly a phenomenal show. This project was truly a collaborative effort, not just between Theatre, Dance, Vocal, and Orchestra, but also with our Visual Arts students who did much of the set painting, and with our Digital Media students who created much of the publicity. You could really see the teamwork happening between each discipline at the Center. The arts are alive and thriving at Cypress Lake High. We are so proud of our team and the students.



## CyDroids of Cypress Lake

The CyDroids of Cypress Lake hosted the first live FTC robotics meet since March of 2020.

17 high schools from the west coast came to compete. The day was spent talking with other teams, sharing ideas and design, as well as competing for the highest score. It was a fantastic day of competition and gracious professionalism.

In one round, we outscored 2 of the best teams in our league (one team was World Champions in 2019). We held the top score until the last round where we were outscored by a great alliance team. The CyDroids' robot "Waddles" performed better than expected and the team placed 3rd in the league. It is an excellent start to the season in a league with teams that are usually World ranked.

Congratulations to Miguel Hernandez, Jacob Silver, Adrian Cox, Ben Cooper, Ethan Berges, Kady Trapnell, Mo'Neake Smith, Jakob Holden, Logan Batis for doing such a fantastic job representing CLHS.



## Bowling

Devin Richards set an LCAC record in bowling with a 790, 3 game series to win Districts. Brianna Strunk finished 2nd in the district with a 621 series. Both advanced to state and finished in the top 50. Our Unified bowling team finished 3rd in the State this year. Way to go Panthers!



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## AICE General English Paper Activities

Mrs. Lee's AICE students were discussing wealth and equality in society. Each student started with three coins and had to do a coin toss with a classmate. If they won the toss, they took one of the other person's coins. The objective was to get as many coins as possible. It was a quick way to demonstrate how quickly money changes hands in society, often through no real fault or skill on an individual's part.



Mrs. Lee also had a lesson on censorship and freedom of expression. This lesson was leading into 1984 and the topic of their next essay. Students began with three clothespins each and a list of forbidden words – words such as “time,” “work,” or “what,” and if anyone said the forbidden words they lost a clip. Brittany Curley and Presley McGirt were the big winners.



## JROTC Officer Training

Cypress Lake High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), participated in a Veterans Breakfast at Peace Lutheran Church. There were veterans represented from each service (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard).



*Pictured from left to right...  
 Cadet Major Lucken,  
 Cadet Captain Mencarelli,  
 Cadet Command Sergeant Major Frabel, V.,  
 Cadet Master Sergeant Frabel, N.,  
 Cadet Major Mehrhoff and  
 Cadet Private Marcos.*



Ladies provided a color guard for the event and sat on a panel and answered several questions for the group... What made you decide to join High School JROTC? What are your future goals? ETC.

## JROTC Academic Team

JROTC Academic Team (all Freshman) will compete in the District Championship, 9 December 21. Congratulations to Rebecca Borges, Olivia Parks, Julia Ryan, Amy Seaton and alternate Andres Ruiz. Cypress Academic Team placed third out of 16 JROTC teams.

Also, Leadership Team (all Juniors) will compete in the District Championship, 9 December 21.

Congratulations to Jasmine Anderson, Cole Cowdin, Annabelle Mehrhoff, Natalie Frabel and alternate Valeria Sosa. Cypress Leadership Team placed first out of 16 JROTC teams.

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## Theater Competition

Panther Theatre Company had a successful two days of adjudication! They took 34 total events to SWFTS and earned the following awards... 13 Excellents, 20 Superiors, Superior One Act in both Performance and Tech, Best One Act Performance, Best In Room for Small Group Musical, Standout Performance in a One Act Award for Jack Heidrick.

Way to go Panther Theatre!!



## PERFECT Scores

Congratulations to the following PANTHERS for their 2020-2021 PERFECT SCORES.

- Ezekiel Dube-Garrett - Perfect score on the Algebra 1 EOC
- Kathleen Ireland - Perfect score on the Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment
- Emma Morris - Perfect score on the Grade 10 English Language Arts Assessment
- Caleb Rimes - Perfect score on the Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment
- Jacob Silver - Perfect score on the US History EOC Assessment
- Ari Zindell - Perfect score on the Civics EOC Assessment



## Class Bell Schedule

Parents, please review our class times as you help your child get to school on time and as you schedule doctor's appointments or other out of school activities. It is important for them to be in class as much as possible.

**Period 1/2**  
7:05 - 8:28

**School News**  
8:28 - 8:36

**Period 3/4**  
8:42-10:05

**Period 5/6**  
10:11 - 11:41

**Period 7/8**  
12:12-1:35

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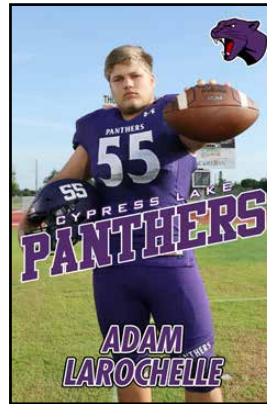
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Big congratulations to our Football All County Players! Adam Larochelle is 1st team offensive lineman. Zion Chase is 1st team linebacker. Jarvis Smith is 1st team DB and 5A Player of the Year. Four of our players were also nominated as Honorable Mention. They are Clayton McCleary, Chris Cayton, Lucuis Slobozion, and Kris Stefanic.



**GO PANTHERS**

**Swimming at States**

Declan Kelly swam to a 19th place for a personal best time of 4:57.24 in the 500 free and placed 23rd in the 100 breaststroke.

Ricky Riley swam to 11th place in the 50 free with a personal best time of 21.95 and placed 5th in the 100 free with another personal best time of 47.29!



**Girls State Golfer**

Cypress Lake is extremely proud of freshman, Jamie Lowry, for placing 18th out of 96 girls at the 2A State golf tournament November 12th and 13th. Jamie capped off the final round, and the end of the season, with another birdie. We can't wait to see what she accomplishes over the next 3 years.



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## Panther Varsity Raiders

Lady Panthers (Jasmine Anderson, Valarie Frabel, Natalia Frabel, Annabelle Mehrhoff, Faith Haynes, Moriah Anderson, Leah Blackwell, Zoe Lucken, Karynna Santiago, Kailany Klabunde).

Male Panthers (Adam Larochele, Cole Cowdin, Vito Savino, Jesus Baca, Joel Santana, Harrison Small, Jameson Smith, Eddie Marcos, Samuel Ramirez, Allen Redfield, Michael Torregrosse, Jaylen Mikels)

They were very successful on Saturday 30 October 21 during the Lee County District Varsity Raider Meet. The competition is divided into five events; Cross-Country Rescue, 5K run, Rope Bridge, Raider Fitness Challenge and Tire Flip. Lady Panthers earned 2nd in Rope Bridge and Raider Fitness Challenge and 3rd in Tire Flip and Cross-Country Rescue. Male Panthers earned 3rd in Cross-Country Rescue, Raider Fitness Challenge, Rope Bridge and Tire Flip.

This event earned the Lady Panthers a most competitive 3rd place team out of all categories and a slot to the Florida State Raider Meet, 13 November 2021. Male Panthers will continue to practice for Florida Best Raider competition (2-person team) 4 December 2021.

Go Panthers!





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## They're Playing in College!

We are PANTHER PROUD to have our first two student-athletes sign to compete at the next level on Tuesday, November 16th!



Justine Robbins will be playing softball at Geneva College and Grant Kaminer will be running Cross Country at Florida Atlantic University!

We are thankful for their dedication in the classroom, in their sport, and are excited about their future!



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