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Principal's Message

Panther Family,

Thank you for your partnership during the 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, clubs, activities and athletics. We thank our students, parents, and community members for all of their support. As we turn the corner and begin a new semester, we want to thank the students, staff and parents for their role 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/>.

The school calendar for next year was amended recently. It was adjusted again for the most recent weather day. The instructional calendar for next semester is posted [here](#).

As the calendar year closes, we express our gratitude for your continued partnership 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 on 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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New TAG Album Drops

We are EXCITED that the new TAG album, STUCK IN YOUR HEAD, recently dropped on all streaming platforms! This is the 15th studio album from The A Cappella Group. Here is the link for YouTube Music. It is also available on Spotify. Go check it out!

https://music.youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_kcx0aC0rE0W8QNcsB-ka_CGnYe1FTbEJ0&feature=share

The ARTS are Thriving at CLHSCA!

On November 4th and 5th, our Panther Theatre Co. participated in the SWFTS District Festival. They performed a One-Act on Friday and presented 31 Individual Events on Saturday. Their One-Act received the highest honor of Best in Room! And out of our 31 Individual Events, we received 24 Superiors and 7 Excellents. Kiara Roman won a SCHOLARSHIP for Acting, and Bryan Dworkin and Brandon Lee won BEST IN ROOM for their Improv piece!

We had FOUR vocal students for earn a spot in the Florida All-State Choir. They will get to travel to Tampa in January to sing with the best singers from around the state.

Gabby Cabai, Alexandra Cooney,
Skyler Manietta and Kristen Noble



National Art Honor Society

Congratulations to the new National Art Honor Society members that were inducted on December 8, 2022.



We had TWO seniors make ALL-STATE BAND
Conner Stroh and Gunnar Augustinsen.

We are so proud of all our students and their teachers!

On Sunday November 11th, our very own Orli Gottesman appeared in her first episode of the Paramount drama, Yellowstone. Orli will appear in multiple episodes as Halie. We are so very excited for her.

The 18th Annual Be A Buddy Special Olympics!

So many smiles.... It's the BEST DAY EVER...

CLHS buddies welcomed friends from all over the Lee County School District on Friday, November 9th for Be A Buddy 2022! Thank you to Rockstar Mr. Dusenberry, his West Wing Team, the administration, the volunteers, the donors, the sponsors, and the students... without everyone's help, this wouldn't be possible!



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Congratulations Female Raiders!

Congratulations to our Female JROTC Raider Team and Coaches on their accomplishment at the Florida State Raider Competition last weekend. Our Raider Team placed 4th overall in the State! Their hard work, training, commitment and TEAMwork paid off!



School Board Honors JROTC

Congratulations to CLHS JROTC for being recognized as a Unit of Distinction at the School Board meeting on Tue., December 6, 2022.



Veteran's Day Festivities

Our JROTC and Vocalists honored all those who served in the United States Armed Forces during Veteran's Day activities.

TAG performed an amazing tribute to Veterans at the Fall Vocal Concert.

In addition to the Lee County School District Veterans Recognition Ceremony, our CLHS JROTC participated in a number of Veterans Day events. They were at the Riverside Veterans Club, Bridgetown Veterans Club, Legends Veterans Club, and Mission BBQ. We are very proud of our Cadets for their hard work and commitment to honoring Veterans for their service.

FAU Surprises 7 Seniors

We had a surprise visit from Florida Atlantic University to hand deliver acceptances to 7 of our seniors. They are a rolling admission school, so seniors should keep watching their inbox!



It's a super busy time as seniors are hitting submit on college applications, deciding to attend a trade school or hitting the workforce! It's a choice they all need to make and there are plenty of options for them post-graduation. Please encourage your senior to keep checking their google classroom for all the opportunities coming their way.

One-Act Festival Win

Congratulations to the cast of *Never Saw Another Butterfly* on winning Best in Room at the One-Act Festival in November! Special shout out to Bella Commorato for being a spectacular student director and to Mali Dennis for filling in as Raja at the last minute. So proud!

FSW Acceptance

Congratulations to the 60+ seniors that applied to FSW on November 16th and found out the same day they were accepted for the fall!



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Powder Puff Football and Cheer

SENIORS get the WIN!!

This is BACK2BACK titles for the Class of 2023!

CLASS of '23 also took home the W in boys' volleyball! The Sophomores beat Juniors. Then, the Seniors beat Sophomores!



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Dress-Up Day Winners

4th Place - Sophomores
2nd Place - Freshmen

3rd Place - Juniors
1st Place - **Seniors**



**Powder Puff
Volleyball Winners**

4th Place - Freshmen
3rd Place - Juniors
2nd Place - Sophomores
1st Place - **Seniors**



Powder Puff Winners

Runner-up - Juniors
Winners - **Seniors**



**Hallway & Banner
Decorating Winners**

4th Place - Sophomores
3rd Place - Juniors
2nd Place - Seniors
1st Place - **Freshmen**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!
YOU ALL DESERVE IT!!



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Homecoming Week 2022 - GAME ON!

Our Homecoming week was a blast! It was great watching our kids have fun all week and make memories that will last a lifetime. We had dress-up days such as PJ Day, Mr. Kurtz in the Dunk Tank at lunch, Hallway Decorating, boys' Volleyball, Powder Puff Football and Cheer!



It was a great week for our Panthers!

2022 HOMECOMING COURT

Congratulations to all the court representatives.

King Zach & Queen Julia

Freshmen - Luccia Lieze-Adams & Gus Lessinger

Sophomores - Abigail Buckley & Nicholas Schrijver

Juniors - Meadow Stanley & Michael Coffman

Seniors - Sophia Carlo & Dante Kimpland
Makayla Rivas & Corbin Maus
Carissa Humphrey & Matthew Bohl
Carli Cary & Nicholas Joyce
Julia Best & Zachary Bocchino



Parent of SENIORS

Parent of SENIORS... remember that SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS are on SALE! Limited space remains, so order soon at BuyTheYearbook.com.

All photos for the ads can be uploaded to the yearbook site or e-mailed to ranaeaa@leeschools.net. We will need the photos by mid-January. Then the yearbook staff will create the ads. Once the ads are completed, you will get a proof to make changes or approve.

Your senior should have brought home a Class of 2023 Senior Year of Essentials magazine from Herff Jones. This magazine includes an order form to purchase their cap, gown, tassel, announcements... as well as other items if interested.

Herff Jones was on campus to take orders on Tuesday, December 6th during lunch. If your senior did not make purchases then, you can also order online at <https://www.gradproinc.com/> or in person at their location on Andrea Lane in Fort Myers.

IMPORTANT DATES!!!

- * Early Bird pricing NOW until 1/15/23
- * 1/16/23 - 2/15/23 +\$10 more
- NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER 2/15/23

THANK YOU!

We need to give a BIG PANTHER THANK YOU to Round Table Provisions, a locally owned purveyor of the Boars Head Brand, who donated fresh deli sandwiches and water for faculty and staff in October. Round Table has donated thousands of sandwiches to first responders and victims of Hurricane Ian and wanted to do something to support our Cypress Lake HS Staff.



Thank you to Round Table Provisions and our Panther contact Kathy Moldawsky for arranging this!

We also need to shout out and thank Stuff-a-Bagel for the bagels and delicious bread ALL from Sweet Bean Cafe'. We appreciate all the from our community to our staff.

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Congratulations to the following students for earning PERFECT SCORES on EOC's! It was great to celebrate them and their achievements.

- E. Dube-Garrett - Biology and Geometry
- C. Holcomb - grade 8 Science Assessment
- C. Rimes - Biology
- H. Allensworth - US History
- A. Jones - US History
- A. Whyte - US History
- A. Hubbard - US History
- B. Lee - US History



The School District of Lee County & The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools


Seniors: Bring your parent/guardian to ask questions about financial aid and for help completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application!

Financial Aid Nights 22-23

Seniors are invited to attend on any of the dates from the list below.

Join us and...

- Start the FAFSA application process
- Get support completing the FAFSA
- Learn actions to take after applying



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November

- 11/2 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Island Coast High School
- 11/9 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Bonita Springs High School
- 11/15 (Tuesday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Ida S. Baker High School
- 11/28 (Monday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - North Fort Myers High School

December

- 12/1 (Thursday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Lehigh Senior High School
- 12/5 (Monday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Gateway High School
- 12/7 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Island Coast High School

January

- 1/18 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Fort Myers High School

February


- 2/8 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – South Fort Myers High School
- 2/15 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Ida S. Baker High School

March

- 3/8 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Estero High School



Seniors who would like to complete the FAFSA application at the event must bring the following:

Charged computer or Chromebook, student & parent(s)' driver's license number(s), student and parent(s)' social security number(s), alien registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen, parent(s)' date(s) of birth, parent(s)' federal income tax return from 2021 (if filed), student's federal income tax return from 2021 (if filed), parent/student income information (if tax return was not filed), current bank statements, student & parent FSA ID (username and password).



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- Aggressive Driving
- Driving Exercises

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2023 DATES (RAIN OR SHINE):

- Saturday, Feb. 11
- Saturday, May 13
- Saturday, July 1
- Saturday, Nov. 4

TIMES FOR ALL DATES:

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After School Tutoring

After school tutoring began on Monday, November 28th.

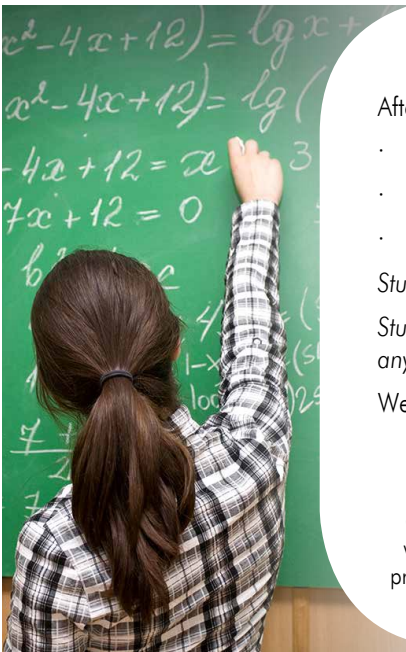
- Monday through Thursday
- In the Media Center
- 1:50 PM - 5:30 PM

Students must be picked up by 5:30 or take the activity bus

Students must come prepared with a charged Chromebook and any homework or classwork that needs to be completed.

We must have a permission slip on file for students to participate.

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To Addressee or Current Resident

UPDATED District Calendar

The School District of Lee County's Instructional Calendar has been revised.

Hurricane Make Up days as previously identified on the calendar will be implemented as full school days for students and school staff on the following days:

- February 17, 2023
- May 5, 2023

Early Release Days previously designated for Professional Development for teachers will become full school days for students and staff on the following days:

- February 22, 2023
- April 26, 2023

Pep Rallies Return! WHAT A GREAT DAY TO BE A PANTHER!!

We held our 1st PEP RALLY since the fall of 2019 and it was AmAzInG! All Fall sports were introduced, performances by CLHSCA Newton's Law, Cheer, class games, the color shout.... and SENIORS WIN THE SPIRIT STICK!! This is all part of the high school experience and FUN was had by ALL!



Thank you to Mrs. Knudsen and the Panther Pack for planning and running it.

**The School District of Lee County
2022-2023
REVISED Instructional Calendar**

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- Holiday - Schools Closed
- Professional Duty Day - No School For Students
- Preschool Days - No School For Students
- First and Last Student Day
- Early Dismissal Days
- Hurricane Make-Up Day - Full Day for Students and Staff
- Full Day for Students and Staff

Special Notes

* All Jewish Holidays begin at sundown the day before they are listed