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### ***"It's Great To Be A Panther!"***

Dear Panther Parents and Students,

As we enter the month of April and return from spring break we look forward to a season of spring renewal! As winter activities conclude we have much to celebrate! We are proud to have a state champion in Wrestling—well done, Corey Kerkesner! We are proud that our girls' basketball team won the district and continued in the playoffs to become one of the "elite eight" in the state! Chorus earned superior ratings at district MPA and our dance department shined with their production of Alice in Wonderland! Orchestra earned the highest ratings at the district music assessment festival and we had band students earn superior ratings at the state solo and ensemble competition. Congratulations to our A team and STEM team for a season of success! More inside on their achievements...

The School District of Lee County recently announced the Lee County Athletic Conference Hall of Fame inductees for 2015. Cypress Lake had its very own Pat Farrell and alumnus Tyra Turner inducted. The inductees will be honored at a banquet scheduled for Sunday, May 10, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

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

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 strong! I am honored to be the principal at Cypress Lake High School. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school.



Angela Roles,

Principal

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# **CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL**



## "Paws"itive Post Card Recipients

- 3/25/15 Kymara Amisial (12th grade)
- 3/18/15 Flor Garfias-Gonzalez (10th grade)
- 3/04/15 Olivia Young (9th grade)
- 2/25/15 Regan Van Buren (12th grade)
- 2/18/15 Sasha Vazquez (11th grade)
- 2/04/15 Sarahi Jimenez (12th grade)

## Panther PRIDE Winners

- 3/24/15 Kersandra Skippings (10th grade)
- 3/17/15 Shana Jakolew (9th grade)
- 3/3/15 Tatiana Pierre (12th grade)
- 2/24/15 Carlos Villalobos (9th grade)
- 2/17/15 Brittaney Wilder (10th grade)
- 2/10/15 Sebastian Monroy (9th grade)



## Orchestra and Band Concerts

Both groups have been working diligently for months to put together a combined full orchestra piece, something that has not been done at Cypress in years! The piece, Jupiter (from The Planets) by Gustav Holst, will be performed twice. Once at the Orchestra Concert April 23, and then again at the Band Concert April 28. Both begin at 7 pm and admission is \$5. Come out and support the Cypress Lake Center for the Arts Musicians!

## A-Team!

Congratulations to the 2015 A-Team! Our very own Cypress Lake A-Team had an awesome season. After defeating Donahue Academy and Canterbury school the Panthers advanced to the Quarter finals of the A Team Challenge. Cypress lost to LaBelle in a heartbreaker on the final exam wager March 12. You can watch all of the matches at [http://itv.leeschools.net/a\\_team\\_challenge.html](http://itv.leeschools.net/a_team_challenge.html). Our final competition was an on-line national competition called 3-2-1 Quiz Bowl. Teamwork and fast typing made this an exciting match to watch. Sadly we have to say goodbye to the following seniors who brought a multitude of



talent and humor; Cloe Allen, Ian Snow, Hannah Popple, Nick Huston and Stefano Rodriguez. Returning next year are Andrew Gyure, Daniel Whitehouse and Sam Markovich. We look forward to seeing some new faces on the A-Team next year. Go Panthers! Coached by Trish Winrow since 2000.

## Fair Display

Congratulations to Ms. Marguerite Petcher for earning CLHS 3rd place at the Southwest Florida Fair! The display was fantastic.



## Solo and Ensemble Festival

Congratulations to the following students on their fine work at solo and ensemble in February. This is an event where students prepare solos, some quite difficult, for judges and spend their weekend performing for them. There was a lot of hard work put into making a lot of great music! It takes special dedication and talent to be able to prepare solo literature and perform for judges. The following individuals received Superior ratings on their solos or ensemble pieces: Matt Bennett, Darius Warfield, Kaiya Spence, Hunter Daniels, Madalyn Armitage, Kaleb Daniels, Issac Da Silva, Ricky Coughlin, Jacob Robinson.

The following individuals qualified for state solo and ensemble on their respective pieces:

Madalyn Armitage	Flute	Sonata in C Major	Handel
Kaleb Daniels	Flute	Sonata in A Minor	
Isaac Da Silva	Snare	2040's Sortie	Abel
Isaac Da Silva	Marimba	JungleWalk	Jarvis
Jacob Robinson & Isaac Dasilva	Duet	Duet To It	Wooten

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## Art Fest Results

Congratulations to the CLHS Chalk Teams. They did a wonderful job at Art Fest in February. The Art Nouveau Team of Shery Diaz, Timmy Le and Hailey Damschroder received an honorable mention at the Art Fest Chalk Block Competition.



The following students also placed in the Art Fest Art Under 20 competition.



Madison Brewer 3rd Place in Painting



Dania Rodriguez received the Bruce Tyson Award in Painting

Nadeshka Ramirez 1st Place in Painting



Chelsey Rios Honorable Mention in Painting



Shery Dian 2nd Place in Mixed Media



## FGCU STEM Competition

The Cypress Lake STEM team placed 5th overall at the FGCU STEM competition yesterday. Cypress Lake came in 3rd place in the team round, Ian Snow placed 3rd in chemistry, Sydney Wallace placed 5th in chemistry, Darius Warfield placed 4th in Engineering, and Chris Mailloux placed 6th in Engineering.

### Team Members:

<u>Last, First</u>	Mailloux, Chris
Benton, Chris	Popple, Hannah
Cote, Kyle	Ramos, Elda
Craig, Dara	Snow, Ian
Daher, Isabel	Wallace, Holt
Gyure, Andrew	Wallace, Sydney
Herndon, Christian	Warfield, Darius
Huston, Nick	Zumbo, Marissa



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## Yearbook!

**HURRY... GET YOUR 14-15 YEARBOOK!**

Less than 100 yearbooks remain on sale. Be sure to get yours today. Order forms are in the library, main office and attendance office. You can pay with Checks made out to Cypress Lake High School or cash. Either can be turned in to Mrs. Atkinson in the library.

## Helping Hands

Helping Hands collected \$1627.57 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help find a cure for blood cancer. Mr. Dusenberry's class was the winner with \$537 and enjoyed a delicious Olive Garden lunch as the prize!

## Be A Part of Panther Force

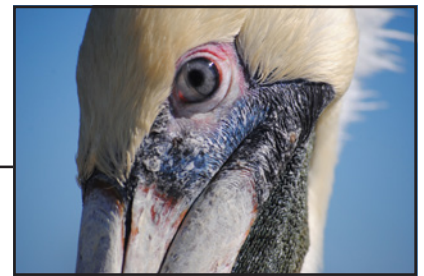
Panther Force is a club that gives the CLHS upperclassmen the opportunity to assist the incoming freshman with acclimating to life at CLHS. This a week-long event culminating in the big day, Friday Aug. 14. On this day, the incoming freshman will spend the day at Cypress and learn from these upperclassmen. Panther Force will be the week of August 11-14

## "Ding" Darling- Theodore Cross High School Photography Contest

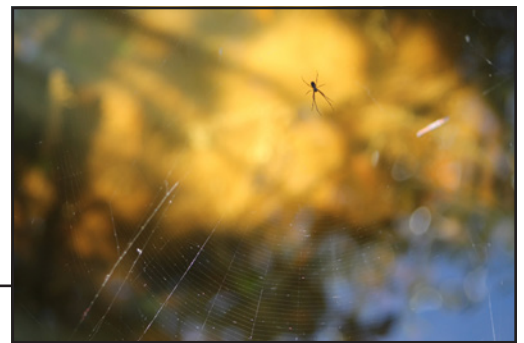
With a total of over 430 entries, Nolan Nowak, Maya Miller and Madison Brewer have been chosen as finalists in the "Ding" Darling- Theodore Cross High School Photography Contest!



Nolan Nowak



Maya Miller



Madison Brewer



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### District Music Assessment Festival

The advanced orchestra group went to the district music assessment festival to perform in front of a panel of judges. Cypress Lake was the only school, in both Lee and Collier counties, that entered and prepared music at the most challenging level of difficulty. The students performed beautifully and were given the highest ranking of superior from all 3 judges and are now eligible to perform at the State Assessment in April.



### Ringling's Creative Awards Contest

Congratulations to Diana Talavera for placing second in illustration in Ringling's Creative Awards Contest. Her prizes were a \$100 Gift Card, Ringling t-shirt, and bag. The contest theme was based on the film adaptation of the revered novel, *The Giver*. The students were asked "What theme in *The Giver* relates to you personally, your community, your goals, or other aspects of your life? You can identify a theme from the book, the movie, the trailer, or a synopsis of the book or movie." Contestants were judged in two grade ranges, 7 through 9 and 10 through 12, for each of the three contest categories



### Young Artist Awards

What a great night of ARTS at the Young Artist Awards. Cypress had a total of 8 students (1 alumni) involved. It was a great way for all of them to showcase their AWESOME talent and earn scholarship money.

#### Contemporary Voice

- 17-21 Bryanna Walker finalist \$600
- 17-21 Martina Long - runner-up \$250
- 13-16 Callie Atkinson finalist \$600
- 13-16 Gillian Marino - runner-up \$250

#### Instrumental Music

- 13-16 Stephanie van Duijn runner-up \$250

#### Classical Voice

- 17-21 Bryanna Walker Age/Overall Category winner \$1,000
- 17-21 Tommy Short finalist \$600

#### Drama

- 13-16 Callie Atkinson Finalist \$600
- 13-16 Courtney Camarillo Age/Overall Category winner \$1,000
- 17-21 Jena Whitesman Finalist \$600
- 17-21 Martina Long runner-up \$250



A few spots are left!  
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## Painting 1 Landscapes in the Library

Beginner Painters were out painting and drawing the Cypress Lake. It was a monumental task for "newbies" and they did an awesome job. A selection will be on display until the end of April.



### Go Valerie!

Valerie Hernandez, Visual Arts Senior, was awarded The President's \$80,000 Scholarship from Ringling College of Art and Design. Her application is among the top 1% of 1,500 applications from around the world and the largest merit scholarship awarded by the college. Valerie is the top applicant in the Department of illustration. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards recognized 4 of her works from 300,000 entries. She was presented with 2 gold Keys for her Portfolio and Illustration and 2 Honorable Mentions for Drawing and Painting.

### F.G.C.U. Visit

Juniors and seniors were invited to visit the University for a campus tour and student exhibit. They enjoyed a 'meet and greet' with faculty and students and an extensive orientation of the Art Studios. The event was informative and a great confidence builder for the students.



### Senior Show 2015

The Visual Arts Senior Show was a great success due to their excellent art exhibits and outstanding team work. The event is the culmination of 4 years of as a Center student and is a professional experience exclusive to the Center for the Arts. The Florida Craft Guild gave scholarship awards to Nicole Rawson, Valerie Hernandez, Kira Schargorodski and Haley Damschroder.

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# Class of 2015 Senior Timeline

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## SEMESTER II

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### APRIL 2015

- 21 Deadline to submit copies of scholarship offers to Assistant Principal Ms. Kepler in Guidance Department to be announced at Senior Awards Night on May 13
- 22-May 1 Ticket Sales for Junior Senior Prom at Barbara B. Mann Hall on May 9  
Cypress Lake Cafeteria \$25 seniors / \$50 juniors and all guests
- 24 Grad Bash 2015 at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure in Orlando  
3:00 p.m. charter buses leave Cypress Lake bus ramp  
5:30 a.m. Sat., April 25 charter buses return to Cypress Lake

### MAY 2015

- 9 Junior/Senior Prom  
8:00-11:00 p.m. Barbara B. Mann Hall
- 13 Senior Awards Night  
6:30 p.m. Cypress Lake Auditorium/6:00 p.m. senior recipients arrive
- 14 All Arts Senior Tribute Night  
7:00 p.m. Cypress Lake Auditorium
- 18 Last instructional day for seniors  
FINAL deadline for online class and E2020 class completion for seniors participating in graduation ceremony on May 30
- 19-22 Senior final exam schedule / Exams taken in regular class periods  
Seniors may choose to attend only classes with exams / No exemptions

#### Tuesday, May 19

- Period 2 Review
- Period 4 Final Exam
- Period 6 Final Exam
- Period 8 Final Exam

#### Thursday, May 21

- Period 2 Final Exam
- Period 4 Senior Meeting

#### Wednesday, May 20

- Period 1 Review
- Period 3 Final Exam
- Period 5 Final Exam
- Period 7 Final Exam

#### Friday, May 22

- Period 1 Final Exam
- Period 3 Senior Check-out
- Begins in Cypress Lake Cafeteria and exits from Media Center

- 21 8:45 a.m. Senior Class Meeting in Cypress Lake Auditorium  
Information about senior check-out and graduation
- 22 LAST DAY – Senior Check-Out 8:45 a.m. begins in Cypress Cafeteria  
Moves to Media Center to pick up caps and gowns  
Caps and gowns not picked up will be distributed at graduation practice  
All books must be returned and fees and fines paid before pick up
- 25 Memorial Day OFF School
- 26-27 Senior make-up exams / Required check-in at lobby desk
- 27 Senior grades and graduation walking list finalized
- 29 MANDATORY Graduation Practice 8:00-10:00 a.m. Cypress Lake Gym  
Guest tickets for graduation will be issued at practice
- 30 Class of 2015 Graduation 7:00 p.m. Harborside Event Center  
Graduates arrive 6:15 p.m.
- 30 Order graduation DVD and senior memories DVD  
\$20 package of two videos – cash or check payable to Cypress Lake  
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## ATHLETICS

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### District Tennis

Congratulations to the boys' and girls' tennis teams. Over spring break, they competed in the district tennis tournament. Freshman, Jose' Camacho, made it to the finals of the #1 singles competition, taking second in the district. Sophomore Kameron Smith took second in the #3 singles competition and the #1 Doubles team of Camacho and Smith took second in the #1 doubles division. The girls' doubles team of Sarah Greenwell and Rebecca Morse played in the #1 doubles final and came in second to Lely. Rebecca Morse remained undefeated in the district with her win in the #1 finals at districts. She will be moving on to states the week of April 15th. What a great way to end the season! Go Panthers.



### State Wrestling Champion

Congratulations to Coach Rothenberg and Coach Zimmerman for taking two wrestlers to the State Finals and having both place in the top 3. Jalen Soto took 3rd place, as a freshman, and Corey Kerkesner was crowned state champion, as a senior. These young men both put in a huge amount of time, hard work, dedication, and heart to accomplish what they did. Outstanding job gentlemen!