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

### School Phone

239-481-2233

### School Website

<http://cyh.leeschools.net>

### Vision

Empowering students  
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### Mission

Students graduating  
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Panthers,

We have had a wonderful first semester at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts! We've had our very own Patty Gair named as a Golden Apple finalist, our varsity girls' basketball team won our district championship, our a cappella group, TAG, earned the highest rating of any previous TAG album, and our students have won multiple other awards for art, athletics, and academics. This has been an outstanding first half of a fantastic year on our campus.

As we move forward into the second semester, we will continue to focus on academic success in all areas, preparation for state and district tests, spring athletics and major art shows and performances.

The new FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) is right around the corner in March, April and May. Students in grades 9-11 will participate. The state has developed an FSA portal and we encourage students and parents to visit the portal and try the "training tests." The purpose of these training tests is to become familiar with features, functionality and item types. The tests are not intended to be instructional. This is an excellent opportunity to get comfortable with the "look and feel" of this new state assessment. You may visit this site by going to <http://www.fsassessments.org/training-tests>. Our district recommends using google chrome to navigate this site. We will post updated assessment information from the state under the "academics" link under the top banner of our school website at <http://cyh.leeschools.net>.

The 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 planner to stay organized. Grades are posted for parents (and students!) to monitor by using Parentlink. For information on how to sign up and get a password visit <http://parentlink.leeschools.net/>. Information about using the Parentlink app is posted at <http://cyh.leeschools.net/UserContent/Documents/ParentLink%20Signin.pdf>.

The school calendar for next year was approved recently. The first day back for students after summer break will be August 24, 2015. Many families like to plan trips and vacations ahead of time so, for your convenience, the complete calendar for next year is posted at: [http://www.leeschools.net/calendar/15-16/2015-16\\_Instructional\\_Calendar.pdf](http://www.leeschools.net/calendar/15-16/2015-16_Instructional_Calendar.pdf).

Great things are happening at our school and we continue to be a school that excels in a variety of areas. It is a privilege to be the principal at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts. Our staff is hard-working and the students are focused. The support and commitment from the parents and community mean so much to us. Cypress Lake students make us proud to be Panthers each day.

There is truly no place we'd rather be!

Angela Roles  
Principal



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## Academic Success Recognized

Six hundred and fifty CLHS students earned Renaissance cards for the 2nd quarter of the school year. Renaissance cards were distributed during the week of February 9th. We are proud of these students for maintaining a 3.0 or above for the quarter as well as the students who improved their GPA by .5 from the prior quarter. We are always looking for community sponsors that can help us reward our students for academic achievements. Contact Ranae Atkinson at [ranaeaa@leeschools.net](mailto:ranaeaa@leeschools.net) if you can help.

### "Paws"itive Post Card Recipients

1/28/15 - Audrey Curada (10th grade)  
1/7/15 - Elizabeth Ganim (12th grade)  
12/17/14 - Taylor Breidigan (10th grade)  
12/10/14 - Tori Davis (12th grade)  
12/3/14 - Johnson Thomas (9th grade)

### Panther PRIDE Winners

2/3/15 - A'Lonna Clark (9th grade)  
1/27/15 - Chelsey Rios (10th grade)  
1/6/15 - Andrew Dyen-Shapiro (10th grade)  
12/9/14 - Alonna Clark (9th grade)  
12/2/14 - Madison Tidwell (11th grade)



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Haley Thomas ---Treasurer  
Mikayla McMahan --- Secretary

## 2014-15 A Team Members

The following students earned a spot on the Cypress Lake A-Team through their dedication to their studies and direct competition with each other. The A Team competition uses a Jeopardy format to answer questions in Math, Science, Language Art, Social Studies, and current events. We will compete with schools in a five county area. Competitions will be streamed on the District website beginning in February. Our first competition will be February 11 against Donahue Academy of Naples.



*Ian Snow, Cloe Allen, Andrew Gyure, Daniel Whitehouse, Stefano Rodriguez, Sam Markovich, Hannah Poppo, Nick Huston*

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## Attention Class of 2015!

Graduation will be Saturday, May 30th at 7:00 PM at Harborside Event Center. Each senior will receive 6 tickets for graduation. If a family believes they will need more than that, the parent will request the total number of tickets needed in writing. The request should be sent to Melissa Gadaleta, Secretary to the Principal. Requests should be written and signed by the parent. Requests will be granted in the order received until the extra tickets run out. Please contact Ms. Gadaleta at 239.481.2233 if you have questions or need any assistance with this process.

Senior intent forms will be sent home later in the year. The intent forms will check for accuracy of the student's name on the diploma and request feedback regarding the total number of tickets needed. If families will not be using all six tickets, the forms will be used to address requests for additional tickets. We will do our very best to accommodate the needs of the families that are requesting additional tickets. Families will complete intent forms in addition to their written request to Ms. Gadaleta.



## Golden Apple Finalist

We are so proud that we have a Golden Apple Finalist! On January 20th, the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools visited our campus to surprise Patty Gair and announce her achievement. We wish her the best of luck as she advances in the selection process. There could not be a more deserving teacher for this recognition.

## FGCU STEM Competition

Cypress Lake is sending 3 teams to the 4th Annual FGCU STEM Competition March 2nd where they will compete in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We wish them the best of luck. The students participating are Chris Benton, Kyle Cote, Dara Craig, Isabel Daher, Andrew Guyre, Christian Herndon, Nick Huston, Chris Mailloux, and Hannah Popple.



## Happy Birthday Center for the Arts!

Cypress Lake Center for the Arts is celebrating its 20th birthday! The Center 2 ceramics class celebrated with creating relief projects that were inspired by art, dance, theater and music from the Roaring Twenties era.

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# Class of 2015 Senior Timeline

## SEMESTER II

Cypress Lake High School website <http://cyh@leeschools.net> click on Senior Timeline

### FEBRUARY 2015

- 9-13 ..... Sales of tickets for Grad Bash 2015 to Orlando on April 24  
One week only 6:40-6:55 a.m. and 1:40-2:00 p.m. Cypress Lake Media Center \$130 cash or check made payable to Cypress Lake High School  
First come, first served limited bus seats
- 12..... FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop  
6:00-8:00 p.m. in Cypress Lake Computer Lab S107  
Open for seniors and parents / Bring 2014 income tax information
- 16..... Presidents' Day OFF School
- Until Feb. 20 Sales of 2014-2015 Cypressonian yearbook \$70 until Feb. 20, 2015  
\$75 after Feb. 20, 2015  
Order online at <http://jostensyearbooks.com>
- 27..... Final day to turn in baby pictures for senior memories video  
Pink collection box in Media Center or electronically  
to Mr. Gair at [GordonGA@leeschools.net](mailto:GordonGA@leeschools.net)

### MARCH 2015

- 1-31 ..... Sales of honor cords for seniors with weighted GPA of 3.5 and above  
\$10 cash or check made payable to Cypress Lake High School  
Panther Den School Store only on purple days 10:07 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
- 10..... Mr. Cypress practice 1:45-3:00 p.m. Cypress Lake Auditorium
- 11..... Mr. Cypress competition 7:30-9:00 p.m. Cypress Lake Auditorium
- 26..... End of Quarter 3  
FINAL day to buy cap and gown at \$84 to walk at May 30 graduation  
Order online at [www.gradproinc.com](http://www.gradproinc.com)
- 27..... Professional Duty Day – Students OFF school
- March 30-April 6 . Spring Break

### APRIL 2015

- Until April 21 ..... Submit copies of scholarship offers to Assistant Principal Ms. Kepler in Guidance Department to be announced at Senior Awards Night on May 13
- 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

May 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

**Wednesday, May 20**

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

**Thursday, May 21**

Period 2 Final Exam  
Period 4 Senior Meeting  
Begins in Cypress Lake Cafeteria and exits from Media Center

**Friday, May 22**

Period 1 Final Exam  
Period 3 Senior Check-out

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

Order forms available at media table in the Harborside lobby  
After graduation, pick up order forms at school's main office

**Scholarships?**

Seniors, please submit copies of any and all scholarships that you have been offered to Ms. Kepler in Guidance. Whether you accept them or not, we would like to recognize you at Senior Awards Night, May 13th. -CLHS Counseling Department

**AP Capstone Applications**

If you are interested in becoming a part of our AP Capstone program, the deadline for applications is Feb 12, 2015.

**Yearbook News**

The Cypress Lake High School 2014-2015 Cypressonian Yearbook is on sale for \$70.00. The FINAL DAY to purchase the yearbook on-line at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) AND order PERSONALIZATION is on Monday, February 16th. On Saturday, February 21st the yearbook price increases to \$75.00. Hurry and get your Yearbook NOW!

We thank the following businesses for their advertising support in the 14-15 yearbook:

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**ATTENTION**

**Update Email Addresses:**

Parents/guardians, please detach and return this slip to the school with your current email address. Cypress Lake would like to notify you of important events, dates and reminders throughout the school year and email is one of the easiest ways to keep in touch.

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## 2014-2015 Cypress Elite Has Been Announced

On Friday, January 23rd twelve seniors were awarded the title "Cypress Elite." They were treated to a luncheon provided by CLHS Yearbook. There were 40+ students nominated and a committee chose the 12 pictured for their academic achievements, school involvement, and community involvement. It was a very challenging decision from all the wonderful nominees we had to choose from. We are proud of all our seniors!



Back (L to R): Joseph Gorrell, Kelly Turner, Timothy McCormick, Matt St. Hubin, Nick Huston, and Cory Kerkesner. Front (L to R): Rory Medley, Erica Olsson, Dara Craig, Tricia Garmager, Marissa Zumbo, and Cristina Hernandez.

## News Press Contest Winners

Congratulations to Hailey Damschroder. She is the high school art winner for the News-Press 130 years Art Contest. Also, kudos to Mr. Zimmerman's student Jake Kalisik. His essay titled "What Florida will look like in 130 years." Both students' work was published in the News Press on Sunday, November 23rd.

## All-County Orchestra

On January 23rd, CLHSCA orchestra students participated in the all-county orchestra program. These students auditioned and were accepted to perform with other musicians from around the district. This prestigious honor had students working very hard rehearsing for a total of 14 hours and following it up with a concert, all within three days. This year, Cypress had the honor of having the most students accepted from any school in the county as well as holding leadership roles by being principal chair of almost every instrument section. Congratulations to our outstanding musicians!



## Sand Sculpting Contest

Three Sand Sculpting Teams from Cypress Lake High School competed in the Amateur Division on Sunday 11/23/14 at the Holiday Inn on Fort Myers Beach:

### Team One

Madison Brewer  
Nolan Nowak  
Chloe Pallack  
Haley Thomas  
Gina Ridichi

### Team Two

Chelsea Rios  
Erika Sherwood  
Nicole Rawson  
Vladimir Brown

### Team Three

Rebecca Casmir  
Alina Castalanos  
Katja Redes  
Kelsey Santini  
Kira Scharodoroski



The Visual Arts Department is pleased to announce that the following students placed 3rd in their division in the Amateur Sand Sculpting Contest at Fort Myers Beach:  
Madison Brewer  
Nolan Nowak  
Chloe Pallack  
Haley Thomas  
Gina Ridichi

## The Marching Pride

The CLHS Band program is in full swing! We've already had some great successes this year. Our 3rd annual Sprint for Music 5K, held at Lakes Regional Park on January 24th, was a huge success and turned out more runners than ever before! Look out for our 4th annual 5K, coming up next year! Our Jazz band did a tremendous job at their MPA on February 3rd and we are looking forward to Concert MPA on March 5th.

There are a number of events coming up in the near future if you would like to see us perform. On March 7, 2015 we will be holding our 2nd annual Music and Musical Car Show and fundraiser at the Bell Tower Plaza. We will also be marching in the Edison Parade of lights on February 21st and the Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14th. In addition, we have several more concerts. We will be holding our Music Box Concert and Silent Auction in the Black Box Theatre on April 16th and our Prism Band concert in the auditorium on April 28th.

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## Cypress Lake High School's AP Capstone Students.

Last year Cypress Lake High School had 36 students who were recognized for their achievement by the College Board!

### AP Scholars:

Juan Diaz, Joseph Gorrell, Ellen Gressman, Victoria Hirsherg, Nicholas Huston, Mattia Imponenti, Griffin Janelli, Jake Kilgore, Christopher Mailloux, Caitlin Marks, Timothy McCormick, Indigo McDonald, Rory Medley, Charles O'Rourke, Linsey Passarella, John Peterson

### AP Scholars with Honors:

Brian Benton, Austin Dailey, Jacob Davis, Kendall Hampton, Sophia Jacques, Daniel Jones, Andie Kunkel, Annette Navarro, Marissa Zumbo

### AP Scholars with Distinction:

Christina Aulino, Sierra Condon, Dara Craig, Charles Griffin, Johanna Gyure, Conor Hodges, Chase Jones, Emily Moser, Ravella Raker, Ian Snow

### National AP Scholars:

Johanna Gyure, Conor Hodges, Chase Jones

## A Day with Dali

The Visual Arts' students attended the Dali Museum in Tampa. Students were guided through the museum by two extremely knowledgeable docents who had exclusive information about the paintings and Dali. Actual subjects from the paintings have visited the exhibits and given the museum the "inside scoop" on some of the work. This was a great experience for the students, parents and teachers.



## Healthy Living

Congratulations to the following students for placing in the Healthy Living Lab's "Who's Your Farmer" poster contest.

- 1st place winner – Haley Keller 10th grade - \$100
- 2nd place winner – Chelsey Rios 10th grade - \$50
- 3rd place winner – Nolan Nowak 10th grade - \$25

## A Cappella Stays Gold

The Recorded A Cappella Review Board has released their review of the latest TAG album, Stay Gold. The album earned the highest rating of any TAG album and even scored the elusive perfect score of 5 from one of the reviewers.

The Board also released their picks of the 2014 on January 13th and the latest TAG album, Stay Gold, was selected by two reviewers as their favorite album of the year for 2014. This selection is out of all of the professional, college and high school albums that each reviewer has heard. In addition, the song Stay Gold, was selected as favorite track of the year by one reviewer and second favorite track by a different one. This is possibly the greatest honor that The A Cappella Group has received to date and we were surprised and stunned to be included in this list. One other album, by a professional group, was named favorite album by three reviewers. All of the others on the list were selected by just one. To be singled out among all albums, not just high school, is an incredible honor.

For the full story visit: <http://www.rarb.org/picks/2014/>

## 2nd Annual, 'Lighting Your Way to Success' Award

Fort Myers, FL., December 17, 2014. Torchlight Productions pairs with Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts to announce the winners of the 2nd Annual, 'Lighting Your Way to Success' award. The founders of Torchlight Productions, Matt Hurley and Steven McIntyre, are both graduates of Cypress Lake High School and have a desire to provide opportunity for deserving students that are pursuing a career in Media, Web Design and Journalism. The recipients will receive a brand new laptop installed with the entire Adobe Creative Suite package, a plaque and the opportunity to visit Torchlight's headquarters for the day.

Congratulations to the following student winners and their facilitating teachers:

Jade Nance-Jackson/ Gordon Gair / Digital Design, TV Production  
Madison Brewer/ Ranae Atkinson / Yearbook, Art  
Josh Autera/ Ben Ward/ Web Design, TV Production

## Florida State Fair Award Winners

Jared Batiz, Nolan Nowak, Kira Schargorodski and Paola Diaz have been selected to exhibit their work at the State Fair in Tampa in February. Valerie Hernandez' senior portfolio was also accepted into the fair. Hers was the only one selected from Lee County. This is a very competitive arena and we are very proud of all their accomplishments.





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## ATHLETICS

### Varsity Girls Basketball – District Champs!

The girls' basketball team won the district title by beating Cape Coral 54-48 on Friday, January 30th in the Panther Pit! The Panthers now have record of 20-6 and are ranked 6TH IN THE STATE in 5A heading into regional play on February 5th. Good luck to our team!



### Cheerleading Tryouts

Cheerleading tryouts will be Monday, April 17th from 3-6 in the gym. Tryout clinics will be April 13th, 14th, and 16th from 2-5pm. All athletic paperwork must be completed prior to attending the clinics.

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### Non-Highly Qualified Teachers

Florida Statute 231.095 recognizes that teachers may be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which they are certified. If they are assigned to one or two areas outside their area of certification, they are required to enroll in additional college credit courses. ESOL Out of Field teachers that are engaged in training to add the endorsement, English as a Second Language, to their current certificate are Jeannine Amodeo, Lauren Hawley, Karen Miranda, Sunshine Pluff, Renee Stalions, and Christian Zimmerman.