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

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Mission

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Welcome back, Panthers!

As we begin a fresh start to the 2015-2016 school year, we extend a special welcome for the first time to our newest Panthers, the freshman "Class of 2019"! I hope all Panthers had a restful summer and that you are ready to tackle new learning, new challenges and new opportunities here at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts! The Panther family extends a warm welcome to our new incoming students and their families. You are 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 focus 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 on Friday, August 14th. Panther Force is a special program designed to help ninth graders get ready for their first day of high school and learn about what it means to be a Panther. We look forward to seeing all of our freshmen students on August 14th.

All four years of high school are extremely invaluable, with each year addressing important developmental, academic and social/emotional needs. The foundation years – freshmen and sophomore - are in many ways the most critical. During these years, habits of work solidify and the vision and direction for life after high school begins to take shape. Many students need guidance and support in developing the behaviors and habits of work that are necessary for success in high school and in life. Parents are our most important partner during this time. Simple steps and habits carried out with consistency are essential. For example, please make sure that your child comes to school every day with required supplies such as notebooks, a calculator, pens/pencils, and books. You should expect to see your son/daughter completing homework or reading every night. Getting to class on time is key and regular daily attendance is a must. Finally, learning the skill of self-advocacy is essential for every high school student. That means he/she must learn to get help from a teacher when grades are slipping or when extra support is needed. Strong foundational years make for a great senior year!

Arts, activities and athletic programs are very important. These create a sense of belonging and bond us to Cypress! We urge all of our students to participate in at least one of these each year, every year. Research indicates that

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CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Back Panthers!

Principal's Message

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students who are involved in their school achieve more academically. How can you get involved this year?

Cypress has been quite "alive" over break. Custodians have been cleaning rooms, stripping and polishing floors, and preparing the learning environment for the return of our students. Teachers have been arranging rooms, reviewing assessment data, counting and organizing textbooks, planning instructional units and creating bulletin boards. I would especially like to thank the staff for how hard they have worked to make our opening successful.

A world class education continues to be our district's vision for our students, parents and the community we serve. We have high expectations for our teachers and support faculty, who provide an excellent educational environment for all of our students. 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 and the school phone number is 481-2233.

Administration, teachers and staff are enthusiastic and ready to guide your student through a successful school year. I hope to meet all of you at our Saturday Spectacular Open House on August 22nd, from 9:30am-1:00pm. This is our back to school open house. Students will receive schedules, meet teachers, get bus information and so much more!

Here is to a wonderful new school year at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts!

Go Panthers!

Angela Roles
Principal

Panther Force ~ All Incoming Freshmen

Panther Force will be held Friday, August 14th from 8am-1pm, for all incoming freshmen. This is a fun day for students to get to know the campus, make friends, and meet some of our teachers and staff members. Registration forms are being sent out over the summer. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Bengston at Daniellelbe@leeschools.net.

Back to School Open House

Our Back to School Open House will be on **Saturday, August 22nd from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm**. All new and incoming 9th grade students should arrive between 9:30am and 10:00am. You may pick up your schedule in the cafeteria and proceed to the auditorium for a greeting and introduction to our administration, which will begin promptly at 10:00 am.

Our returning students may arrive at 11:00 am and pick up their schedules in the cafeteria.

National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs

The Community Eligibility Program through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs was reviewed with our school board members and we will be moving forward with this program in August for the 2015-2016 school year. 77 of the 84 school locations in Lee County will be participating. Cypress Lake High School will be one of these schools.

What does this mean? For the 77 Community Eligibility qualifying locations:

- All students will be eligible for our USDA reimbursable breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.
- Free and Reduced meal applications will no longer be required for these school locations.
- Ala carte sales will continue as current. (parents can continue to utilize the prepay system)
- Students will still be required to input their student ID numbers into the food service point of sale system.
- All required meal "components" are still required for each meal in order for the District to be reimbursed for the meal.
- Eligibility letters will still be available. (Comcast/summer camps)

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Alumni Spotlight

Chris Wittman, who graduated from Cypress in 1995, has been a charter fishing captain and outdoorsman for the past 20 years and it is finally paying off for him in a big way. Starting in July, 2015 Chris will have his own reality television show "Wild Instinct Outdoors" on the Destination America channel. This is an outdoor adventure program filmed all across the United States.

Please check your local listings for the Destination America channel to find times and dates. Huge congratulations go out to Chris Wittman for this amazing achievement.

Best of Brand Award

For the 2nd straight year, Cypress Lake Wrestling was named as a finalist in the National Wrestling Coaches Association's prestigious Best of Brand Awards. We are one of 15 finalists in the Open Division's "Gold Standard" category which recognizes overall achievement in marketing and branding. Last year we finished 3rd overall in the "Gold Standard" category and were the Voter's Champion in the "Better Than Good Graphics" category.

The Best of Brand Awards program is an initiative designed to honor wrestling programs for their investment in marketing. By honoring high school, youth, and club programs, the Open Division is designed to inspire coaches to engage in branding initiatives at all levels to grow the sport.

<http://www.nwcaonline.com/nwcawebsite/news/2015/05/18/15-programs-named-finalists-for-gold-standard-award-in-best-of-brand-open-division>

Girls' Lacrosse

Girls' lacrosse was somewhat quiet this year but it's time to give recognition where it is due.

Junior, **Felicity Ross** was named **First Team All-Area** by the *News-Press* for her unbelievable talent and accomplishments this year playing for Cypress Lake. Sophomore, **Madison Anton** made the **Second Team All-Area**, and Juniors, **Mackenzie Jenkins** and **Tori Ormsby** were awarded with **Honorable Mention** titles. These girls are the top of the pack in Lee County!

The school is very proud of these girls for their accomplishments. It is a huge honor to be recognized by not only our girls' lacrosse coaching staff, but also the coaching staffs of all of our opposing schools. Keep an eye out for them! We're doing big things and next year we're going to fill these elite teams with even more Cypress Lake Panthers! Congratulations girls!!!

Spring Football Victory!

Congratulations to Coach McCray and the team for their 38-7 win over Bishop Verot at the spring game! We are so proud of the way they played! Thank you all for your continuous support! Nothing we accomplish as a football team is absent of your support and commitment to improving the life of young men

"Paws"itive Postcard Recipients

4/15/15 Jose Sanchez (10th grade)
4/22/15 Kevin Rivera (9th grade)
4/29/15 James Stewart (10th grade)
5/13/15 Tauri Griffin (9th grade)

Panther PRIDE Winners

4/21/15 Courtney Colson (9th grade)
4/28/15 Liam Fisher (9th grade)
5/12/15 Sarah Anderson (12th grade)
5/27/15 Brian Greene (9th grade)



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High School Administrator of the Year

Shelley Kepler was named the Lee County School Counselor Association's High School Administrator of the Year! Congratulations to her on a job well done. This recognition is well-deserved.

Summer READING Assignments :

All **10th grade thru 12th grade** students are **required** to complete a summer reading assignment for their English class. The assignments vary based on level of class and current grade level, but will count as a major grade for the 1st quarter in all English classes. Please check out the link on our school web-site or type in the following link for more information. http://cyh.leeschools.net/_cache/files/264b9677-0ece-4fba-92f0-e0a262616e37/B56231FE752DB63CD8D32E1980EAF8EB.summer-reading-assignment.pdf

Advanced Placement/ AP Summer Assignment information (have to scroll down):

<http://cypresslakehigh.sites.thedigitalbell.com/ap-capstone>

Any **AP Literature** students that did not pick up their summer assignment on 6/3/15 should email Mr. Zimmerman ASAP at christianlz@leeschools.net.

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P.E. Uniforms

ALL students taking a P.E. class will be required to purchase and wear the school P.E. uniform.

- Cost is \$ 20. Uniforms will be available during the Saturday Open House on 8/22 and during the first week of school.
- Checks payable to Cypress Lake H.S. or cash are acceptable.

Marching Band Camp

Who: All Marching Pride members (ALL Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble members are required to participate in marching band.)

What: Students learn the fundamentals of marching and music and begin to learn the marching show for 2015! This camp is mandatory for students to receive their "dot" in the marching show. Students who do not attend band camp may be designated as alternates, and/or placed in Concert Band.

Dates: July 28-30 Drumline/Color Guard/Leadership

- August 3-7 All
- August 10-14 All Band/Guard Members

Times: On the Band Calendar

Please check the website regularly for updates, and contact Mr. Phelps with any questions.

Band Website: www.cypresslakeband.com
Mr. Phelps' email: RogerPP@Leeschools.net

Summer Arts Auditions for the 2015 – 2016 school year

Did you miss the spring auditions? Are you still interested in becoming part of our exciting media arts, theatre, visual arts, dance, or music departments?

Our auditions are scheduled for Monday, August 17, at 2 pm at the Center for the Arts. Audition packets are available on our school website, at the Center for the Arts office, and at the main office of the school. Don't miss out! Summer arts audition info: <http://cypresslakehigh.sites.thedigitalbell.com/audition-application-process>

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National Honor Society

The first meeting of the National Honor Society will be a "Welcome Breakfast" in the cafeteria on Thursday, September 10, 7:15 – 7:45. Please see Mrs. McCarthy if you cannot make this meeting.

Please remember to keep track of your community service hours during the summer and bring them to Mrs. McCarthy once school resumes.

NHS applications will be given out in late October. You should receive one if you are a junior or senior with a 3.50 GPA and a clean discipline record. If, however, you do not receive one and you think you should, please see Mrs. McCarthy in Room E103.

Scholars Club

Scholar's club is open to all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors as new members and freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors for existing CROP or Scholar Club members. There are no fees to join and membership does come with rewards! Members in good standing will have the opportunity to: visit FGCU in our College For A Day program, apply to spend a week on the FGCU campus during the summer to get a more well-rounded college experience, learn about the hidden costs of attending college and how to plan for them, get advice on major choices, school choices, learn how to search out scholarships, gain a better understanding of financial aid, and may even be selected to receive a scholarship to FGCU in your senior year! The Club is also service oriented and members will participate in a number of volunteer/fundraising opportunities throughout the year. Please see Mrs. Rainwater in room W161 for applications and meeting dates when school starts!

Cool, Hot and Jazzy

Tuesday, May 19th, it was "Cool, Hot and Jazzy" but for two decades it has been polished, professional and prestigious.

The celebration of the AIM grant work and our 20th anniversary of the Center at The Sidney Berne Davis Art Center was magnificent! The performances and displays were through the lens of 1920's and 30's culture and history.

Mrs. Gair- thank you for the vision for this event. Special thanks to the teachers at the Center for making it come alive! And, to all the teachers who have integrated their content area with the arts in one form or another...WAY TO GO! The crowd was amazing and our students took over downtown with their creativity and passion.

1st Annual Poetry Slam

April 22nd was a night filled with self-expression and emotion. A crowd of more than 100 students, family members, and faculty sat under clear skies to enjoy poems and performances by Cypress Lake students. Over 30 entries were received and shared with the crowd as they lay under the stars. Congratulations go to Mr. Zimmerman, Mrs. Gair and all the students involved. It truly was a night to be remembered.

JROTC Change of Command

Wednesday April 29, marked the inaugural Cypress Lake High JROTC Change of Command. The event was executed by our student leaders (cadets) as they both celebrated and reflected on the contributions of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Mailloux and welcomed Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kaley Wright as their next commander.

This serves as an excellent jumping off point for subsequent events and it is only fitting the oldest JROTC program in Lee County Schools tell its story by honoring our traditions.

On behalf of the Senior Army Instructor, Maj McMillion and Army Instructor MSG Todd Scott, and myself SGM Levi Bennett we would like to thank Ms. Roles and the administration for their support. We would also like to thank all of the teachers for allowing our students to participate during what is arguably the busiest time of the year. We appreciate your continued support.



Dali Museum's Surrealist Exhibit

Congratulations to the following students for having their work accepted into the Dali Museum's statewide student surrealist exhibit: Aracelly Peralta, Nadeshka Ramirez, Maria Felix, Giles Gaspar, Thomas Goldberg, Deanna Craig. The exhibit will be open from June 12 - August 30, 2015. If you have the chance to visit the museum in St. Petersburg, it is a wonderful experience.

Panther Pride Relay for Life

Team Panther Pride was recognized by the American Cancer Society with awards for the following:

- spirit award
- monies raised

Teachers Jennifer Robinson, Nancy Petro, and Jason Loete co-chaired our team and raised a great deal of money for this very worthy cause.



Renaissance

More than 800 CLHSCA students earned Renaissance cards for 4th quarter grades. This means that students earned a 3.0-3.49 (silver), 3.5-3.99 (gold), or 4.0+ (purple) for the 4th quarter or improved their gpa by .5 (bronze) from the prior quarter.

We are looking for sponsors for our Renaissance Rewards Movement. We would love to have sponsors for each quarter that can reward our students with local discounts, free coupons, and/or donations that we could distribute each quarter. If you are able to help, please contact Ranae Atkinson at ranaeaa@leeschools.net.

Keep Lee County Beautiful

Congratulations to the following students for placing in the Keep Lee County Beautiful "Leave the Scene Clean" calendar contest:

- 10th Grade – FIRST PLACE – Haley Keller



- 10th Grade – Honorable Mention – Aracelly Peralta
- 11th Grade – FIRST PLACE – Timmy Le
- 11th Grade – Honorable Mention – Nadeshka Ramirez
- 12th Grade – Honorable Mention – Dania Rodriguez



Yearbook

The yearbook staff loves to feature what our students did over the summer: travel, work, camps, concerts, volunteering... please share your best photo with our staff. You can upload to the REPLAY app (downloadable free in the APP store) or you can e-mail your photo to Mrs. Atkinson at ranaea@leeschools.net.

Congratulations to the following students for placing in their age category:

- Haley Keller 2nd Place
- Audrey Kenny 2nd Place



- Dania Rodriguez 3rd Place
- Deanna Craig Honorable Mention
- Timmy Le Honorable Mention
- Nolan Nowak Honorable Mention
- Jennifer Balliet Honorable Mention
- Chelsey Rios Honorable Mention
- Sydney Hoff Honorable Mention
- Sara Miller Honorable Mention

Fort Myers Beach Art Association Scholarship Exhibition

The Visual Arts Seniors participated in the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Scholarship Exhibition. The Association flew down Pat Fair, director of an art gallery in Maryland to judge the Show.

The three winners were;

- 1st place Kira Schargorodski: \$1200 scholarship plus \$175 cash
- 2nd Place Valerie Hernandez: \$1000 scholarship plus \$125 cash award
- 3rd Place Gina Radicci: \$800 scholarship plus \$100 cash award
- All the other students received \$50 cash.

"Young Artists Juried Visual Arts Show 2015"

Out of 200 works our students won the following awards:

Computer Art

- 2nd place Katja Redes,
- Mixed Media
- 3rd place Paige Llorens,
- Painting
- 2nd place Valerie Hernandez
- 3rd place Kira Schargorodski
- Painting Juror's Choice Award: Nolan Nowak

Student Film and Television Awards

Congratulations to students in the media department for five awards presented on May 6th, at the 2015 Lee County Student Film and Television Awards. Freshmen Joshua Autera, Keven Carnevale, Ali South, Cameron Sprole and Jaden Williams won First Place for their supernatural drama, "Reflections." Second place awards went to sophomores Maria Giles Gaspar and Brinlee Lambert for their animation – "Twin's Perfect Picnic" promoting good nutrition, to Juan Herrera for his documentary - "Lippman Farms" and also to Molly Chase for her PSA – "Distracted Driving." Third place also went to Juan Herrera for his comedy production of "Panther of Cypress." Supporting crew and cast included. Adrian Bourgeois, James Corbett, Tristin Hill, Topher Macarthur, Eric Ordaz and Eli White. Look for these students' names in the years to come in all sorts of media communications programming around the world.

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ATHLETIC PAPERWORK!

If you plan to participate in ANY athletic activity during the coming school year, you MUST complete ALL athletic paperwork and have a valid physical examination on record prior to any participation, including tryouts. The paperwork may be obtained in the school office and online on the school website. ALL questions regarding athletics should be directed toward our Athletic Director, Liam Farrell, at liamcf@leeschools.net.

BOYS GOLF

Practice begins Tuesday August 25th at 2:15 pm at Cypress Lake Country Club. Call Coach Cannon: cell # 239-691-3799 for more info.

GIRLS GOLF

Practice begins Tuesday August 25th at 2:15 pm at Seven Lakes Golf & Country Club. Call Coach Knudsen: cell # 239-850-0086 for more info.

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2015-2016 season will be held in early September. A current physical is needed and athletic paperwork can be found on the school website. Any questions, please email Coach Bengston at daniellelbe@leeschools.net.

FOOTBALL SUMMER CONDITIONING

Conditioning for incoming freshmen and new players began on July 6, 2015, but it's still not too late! Practices are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8am-10am. Please bring football cleats, running shoes, purple shorts and a white or gray t-shirt.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball workouts will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30pm in the school gymnasium. Varsity volleyball tryouts will be held on August 3rd. All athletic paperwork must be turned in before coming out. For more information please call the athletic department.

DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

Congratulations to the following student-athletes who participated in the District Track and Field Championship Meet at Charlotte High (top four advance to the regional championship):

- Saintcyrin, Peterson (10th grader) - 2nd place 800m Run

- Peterson Saintcyrin (10th grader) finished 7th overall at the Regional Track and Field Championship. Peterson posted an elite national and state time of 1:59 in the 800 meter race. Way to go Peterson!
- Yasir Abdullah (9th grader) - 6th place 100m and 8th place 200m
- 4x800 Relay Team 6th place – Relay members: Peterson Saintcyrin (10th grader), Brandon Higdon (11th grader), Reese Novella (9th grader), and James Robinson (11th grader)
- 4x100 Relay Team 5th place – Relay members: Eddie Teague (9th grader), Yasir Abdullah (9th grader), Herbert Riggins (10th grader), and George Broughton (11th grader)
- 4x400 Relay Team 6th place – Relay members: Eddie Teague (9th grader), Peterson Saintcyrin (10th grader), Jadarius Ashley (10th grader), and Timothy Addison (9th grader)
- Honorable Mention: Terrell Simmons (9th grader); Ethan Higdon (9th grader); Brian Green (9th grader); Dwenksy Hyppolite (11th grader); Richard Bacallao (10th grader); Najir Scott (10th grader); Bernard Laster (10th grader)

Coach McCray said "it was a pleasure working with our "young" track and field team this year. Let us all hope they stay here at Cypress Lake to do some real special things in the future! I'd also like to congratulate to Coach Martinez for doing an outstanding coaching job with the distance and mid-distance runners this year." The boys track and field team finished 9th overall in the district out of 13 schools.

Thank you all for your continuous support!

HILLMYER TREMONT RECIPIENT

Haley Carter was one of only four Lee County student athletes to be awarded the Hillmyer Tremont scholarship. She will be given \$2,500 per semester for 4 years. A total of \$20,000!!

ROTARY SCHOLAR ATHLETE BANQUET

Cypress Lake Athletes went two-for – two last night at the Rotary scholar Athlete Banquet. Nyree Mahone won the \$1,000 service above self scholarship and Corey Kerkesner won the \$5,000 Rotary Scholar Athlete Award!

LCAC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Patrick Farrell (soccer coach) and longtime Cypress Lake teacher, along with alumnus Tyra Turner (Harper) c/o '94 (Volleyball player) were inducted into the Lee County Athletic Conference Hall of Fame this past spring. Congratulations to them both. This is a fantastic achievement.



All-Area Sports Banquet

The All-Area Awards include all athletes, public and private, from Lee and Collier County. Corey Kerkesner won All-Area Wrestler of the year!! Rebecca Morse and Jack Parker were finalists in tennis and lacrosse, respectively. The class they showed toward their fellow contestants, even when they didn't win, was great to see! The A Capella group also did a wonderful rendition of The Star Spangled Banner! VERY proud to be a PANTHER!

"Stay Gold" is Golden!

The album Stay Gold earned more honors when the 2015 Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards were announced in Boston. The A Cappella Group won two CARAs out of the four categories that they were nominated for. The song "Stay Gold" won the CARA for Best Original Song by a Scholastic Group. Gabrielle Macafee, Cypress Lake High School Alumni, was the writer of the song. All of the other nominees in that category were college groups. "Stay Gold" also took home the award for Best High School Song.

The album was edged out for Best High School Album, but was named runner-up in that category.

Congratulations to the Group and to 2014 alumnus Gabrielle MacAfee for writing an amazing song.

Over the years and seven albums, TAG has now won 6 CARA awards and has been nominated for 22 awards.

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Panther Baseball Alumni Club Annual Fishing Tournament

The Panther Baseball Alumni Club will be holding our annual fishing tournament on August 15th, before we come back to school. If you are interested in fishing or helping with raffle and auction prizes, please check out our web-site at www.PantherBaseballAlumni.org. You may also just attend the event for the weigh-in ceremony, free food, raffle, and auction at Doc Ford's on Ft. Myers Beach.

Tournament Info:

August 14 - August 15, 2015

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- \$50/team ~ 50/50 payout
- Register at www.PantherBaseballAlumni.org

Friday, August 14th 6:30 pm Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille

- Mandatory Captain's Meeting (one team member must attend)
- Food, soft drinks, long sleeve shirts, bags, party and tournament material provided.

*Saturday, August 15th Doc Ford's
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- 7am Honor Start
- 2pm Scales Open
- 4pm Scales Close & Live Music Starts
- 5 - 6pm Dinner, soft drinks & 2 drink tickets for anglers Silent Auction & Raffles
- 6 - 7pm Awards & Prizes

All are welcome for the dinner, auction, awards and entertainment

This is a tremendous organization which not only helps support our baseball team, but also supports other fundraisers here on campus, helps distressed families within our community and among our Panther family, and gives out scholarship money to graduating seniors. We have given out over \$12,000 in scholarships over the last 4 years!

Any help is much appreciated. No prize too big or small. You can register and pay on-line at www.PantherBaseballAlumni.org or contact Rick Little at cypressbaseball@comcast.net throughout the summer. Please mark your calendar for a good time and a great cause.