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Principal's Letter

"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 qualifier, Jermaine Teague, and finalist, Jalen Soto, in Wrestling—well done! We are proud that our girls' basketball team advanced to regional play. We are also proud that our boys' tennis team is advancing to regionals. Panther girls' number one doubles tennis team is advancing to state- Good luck lady panthers – we're so proud! The acapella group (TAG) were nominated for 4 CARA awards (contemporary acapella recording awards) and won the Southeastern USA semifinal competition for the ICHSA. They will be going to New York for the finals. Our dance department shined with their production of Peter Pan as well as our theater department with their productions of A Midsummer Night's Dream and SNL Beans and Scenes! At the Concert MPA there were twenty-seven orchestras from Lee and Collier Counties who performed. The advanced group from Cypress Lake HS was the ONLY full orchestra ensemble and prepared the most challenging level of music out of any other school. Both orchestras received the highest rating of superior for their preparation and performance!

Congratulations to Mr. Zimmerman who won a Golden Apple!

More inside on their achievements....

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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Senior Awards Date Change

Please note that the senior awards date was changed. It will be on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30. Students that will be recognized that night will receive an invitation and should arrive at 6:00.

Class of 2016 Senior Timeline SEMESTER II

Cypress Lake High School website www.cyh.leeschools.net click on Senior Timeline

Feb.-April	Submit university acceptances and scholarship awards to Assistant Principal Ms. Kepler in Guidance Department to be announced at Senior Awards Night May 18		
April 23	Grad Bash trip to Orlando Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure 3:00 p.m. charter buses load at Cypress Lake ramp/ 3:15 p.m. leave Return to Cypress Lake at approx. 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 24		
May 14	Junior/Senior Prom 8:00-11:00 p.m. Sydney Berne Davis Art Center		
May 10	Senior Awards Night 6:30 p.m. Cypress Lake auditorium/ 6:00 p.m. seniors arrive		
May 19	All Arts Senior Tribute Night 7:00 p.m. Cypress Lake auditorium		
May 23	Last instructional day for seniors Deadline for online class and E2020 class completion for seniors participating in graduation ceremony on June 4		
May 24-27	Senior final exam schedule / No exam exemptions		
<u>Tuesday, May 24</u>	<u>Wednesday, May 25</u>	<u>Thursday, May 26</u>	<u>Friday, May 27</u>
Period 2 Review	Period 1 Review	Period 2 Final	Period 1 Final Exam
Period 4 Final	Period 3 Final	Period 4 Meeting	Period 3 Senior Check-out
Period 6 Final	Period 5 Final		Begins in Cafeteria
Period 8 Final	Period 7 Final		Exits from Media Center
May 26	8:45 a.m. Senior Class Meeting in Cypress Lake Auditorium Information about senior check-out and graduation		
May 27	LAST DAY – Senior Check-Out 8:45 a.m. begins in Cafeteria Moves to Media Center to pick up caps and gowns Caps and gowns not picked up will be given at graduation practice All books must be returned and fees and fines paid before pick-up Order form available at media table in the Harborside lobby After graduation, order form will be on school's website		

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SENIORS

If you need any assistance completing the FAFSA or if you haven't yet completed your Bright Future Scholarship application, please see your school counselor. Senior Awards Night is scheduled for May 10. Please bring awarded scholarship and college acceptance letters to us no later than May 6 so that we can recognize these achievements.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN DUAL ENROLLMENT

This is an excellent opportunity to challenge yourself, demonstrate college-readiness, and earn college credit. To be eligible you must have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.00 as well as specific PERT, ACT, or SAT scores. Registration for fall 2016 classes at FSW begins April 25. See your school counselor for additional information.

JUNIORS

We will be visiting your English classrooms after Spring Break to begin the course registration process for your senior year. Don't forget to sign up for your SAT/ACT this year. If you qualified for free or reduced lunch last year or if you think that you may otherwise qualify for a testing fee waiver, please see your school counselor.

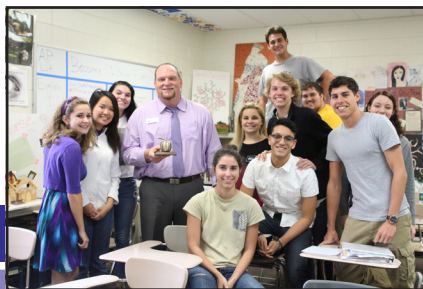
SOPHOMORES/FRESHMEN

We will be visiting your Language Arts or Information Technology classes soon to begin the course registration process for next year. We will also be working with those of you who did not earn required credit in one or more core academic classes in order to get you signed up for Lee Virtual School to recover those credits over the summer.

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Golden Apple Winner!

Congratulations to Mr. Zimmerman! He was recently named a GOLDEN APPLE TEACHER! We are so very proud of him. Mr. Zimmerman teaches 9th and 12th grade English, coaches wrestling, is the English department head, and sits on various school committees. He is always there for his fellow teachers; whether it is participating in pep rallies, helping with homecoming, or mentoring new teachers, Mr. Zimmerman is truly a team player. It is so wonderful to see someone so truly dedicated to the school and so truly purple through and through be recognized!



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Read Across America

A big thank you to Dr. Hromiak and Coach Rode for coordinating this event! Members of our baseball and football teams traveled to Villas Elementary School to read to students for Read Across America Day. This was another great opportunity for us to show off how great Cypress Lake and our students are.



Helping Hands

Helping Hands raised \$1,038 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Ms. Bradway's class was the winner raising \$500 and will enjoy the delectable Olive Garden lunch! Mrs. Stallion's class came in second place with \$237! Great job! Thank you to those who participated in helping find a cure for blood cancer.

Helping Hands' next project is to collect toiletries to give to the homeless. Items needed: toothbrushes, tooth paste, soap, brushes, new socks, wash cloths, make up, etc. Give items to Ms. Van Netta in room E216 along with a receipt and every dollar spent earns a community service hour.

Cross-Curricular Activity

Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Stallion's students participated in an essay writing contest on "My Favorite Teacher." Entries were submitted to Barnes and Noble. Kiana Pinder, one of Mr. Zimmerman's students, had her essay selected as the store winner. This essay will be sent to the regional competition, then possibly on to nationals. If she wins she will earn \$5000 along with the teacher she wrote about. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Garcia. The Barnes and Noble Community Business Development Manager, Lynn Hunt, will be coming to the school after break to congratulate students and teachers with a certificate and a cake celebration. All participants will be invited to attend this recognition. Congratulations to Kiana, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Zimmerman!

National Honor Society

Newly elected officers for the 2016 - 2017 school year are: President NingJing Wang, Vice-President Michael Joseph, Secretary Lovena Basquin, Treasurer Bridget Macpherson, Historian Mitchell Hellmann and Parliamentarian Crystal Estrada Perez. Congratulations to these fine young adults!

The final meeting of the year will be Thursday, April 14 in the library. Seniors must have all dues paid and volunteer hours turned in on that date in order to wear a stole and tassel at graduation.

Volunteers are needed to be hosts/hostesses at the Senior Awards Night on Tuesday, May 10 at 6PM. Please see Mrs. McCarthy in Room E103 if you are interested.

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Stemtastic Event

Five of our students were seen in action at the school district's Stemtastic day event at Harborside Event Center. The students worked with younger students to help discover some basic ideas about electricity. They did a fantastic job of working with the younger students and it was a joy to see them do their thing! The students were Andrew Gyure, Isabel Daher, Sydney Wallace, Tiffany Liu and Ambyr Fisher. If you see these students, thank them for doing a great job of promoting science and Cypress Lake



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Congratulations Mrs. Rainwater

Congratulations to Mrs. Rainwater for winning the FGCU Soaring Eagle Distinguished Alumni Award.

In addition, she was selected as one of twenty-five teachers from Florida to participate in the Justice Teaching Institute, held annually at the Florida Supreme Court.

The Institute provides a unique opportunity for Florida teachers to explore the state courts and the administration of justice using a case study approach. Teachers begin the institute on opening night by participating in a simulated Supreme Court oral argument activity serving as attorneys and Justices. Teachers learn throughout the week about the structure, function and jurisdiction of the state courts, the role of judges in our constitutional structure, judicial decision-making, case precedent and the appellate process, and many other substantive topics. This was an exciting opportunity for Mrs. Rainwater and we are so proud of her.

SWFL Fair

Special thanks to Marguerite Petcher and Ranae Atkinson for working on our booth. We placed 3rd in the overall competition.

Take Stock in Education

Three of our students were surprised during school with the news that they won the Take Stock four year college tuition scholarship! This is a great accomplishment and something they should be very proud of. The students are Jacob Samson, Jalen Stewart, and Jasmine Cubillon.



Boston Red Sox Winner!

Congratulations to Luke Turner for winning this scholarship! It is valued at \$5000! He officially received this at a pregame awards ceremony on March 19th. Way to go Luke!



Pi Day

On March 14th, Mrs. Gleason's and Mrs. Roeth's classes actively participated in lessons about the number pi, 3.14. This was a great opportunity for students to have fun with math and to look at items with a different perspective.



Movement/Sensory Room

Mrs. Ceilley, our school Behavior Specialist, applied for a grant to develop a Movement/Sensory room for our students with special needs. She was awarded \$500.00 from the Greater Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce. We are excited about this program as it will benefit a large group of students. Congratulations!



AP Biology in Action

Ms. Bradway's AP Biology students, Haddasah Jean Phillippe and Rachel Dominguez, explore the pathway of blood through a cow's heart. In this picture they are tracing blood through the left ventricle, aorta, and semilunar valve until their fingers meet.



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Senior Art Show

The seniors put together an amazing show of their best artwork. The artwork has been on display in the gallery since the second week of March. Please congratulate the following students on their awards from the Southwest Florida Craft Guild: Adrian Cruz, Kelly Ward, Sydney Hoff and Vladimir Brown.

Young Artist Awards Recipients

Four CLHSCA students and one alumni competed in the Young Artist Awards on Sunday, March 6th. Together they received more than \$5,000 in scholarship money. Way to go Panthers!

2016 WINNERS

Drama ages 13-16

Overall winner - Callie Atkinson

Finalist-Sarah Heidrick

Drama ages 17-21

Finalist-Tommy Short, FGCU

Age category winner - Courtney Camarillo

Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre ages 13-16

Runner-up-Callie Atkinson

Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre ages 17-21

Finalist-Bryanna Walker

Classical Voice ages 13-16

Age Category winner - Callie Atkinson

Classical Voice ages 17-21

Runner-up-Bryanna Walker



Commissioner' Academic Challenge

Commissioner' Academic Challenge will take place April 21-23 at Disney World. This is the 31st year of the competition which pits the best and brightest students from around the state in a team competition. Congratulations to **Andrew Gyure**, class of 2016 and **Rachael Dominiquez**, class of 2018 for making Lee County's six member team. They will be joined by students from Island Coast, North Fort Myers, and Riverdale high schools.

(TAG) Acapella Group

The Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts Acapella Group (TAG) has once again done it! Saturday, February 13, 2016 they won the Southeastern USA Semi-final competition for the ICHSA. This is the high school version of the competition featured in the Pitch Perfect movies. We were one of 11 groups competing. They are now heading to NYC in April to compete in the finals! Brittany Russell also earned Best Soloist for Burn It Down.

This is the group's second trip to the Finals in New York, the last one coming in 2007. In the nine years since last winning we have finished second 5 times, third 2 times and had a couple of years that we didn't compete. It felt great to finally get over the hump. Last year we finished second by a single point to a group from Winter Park High School. This year we won by 70 points.

This just after their cd was named #1 and they were nominated for four CARA (Contemporary Acapella Recording Awards). These are 23 talented high school voices led by the incomparable Gary Stroh and they deserve our applause!

You can see their semi-final performance at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFN7vrEcuoE>

Thespian State Festival

Please congratulate members of our Thespian Troupe 5341 on a great representation at the Thespian State Festival in Tampa! We had 6 events competing and received 3 Superior ratings as well as 3 Excellent ratings.

SUPERIOR

Courtney Camarillo & Callie Atkinson - Duet Musical

Sarah Heidrick - Monologues

Gillian Marino - Solo Musical

EXCELLENT

Liam Fisher and Cameron Rogers - Pantomime

Tova Neuwirth and Melody Cameron - Duet Acting

Martina Mausser and Jacob Garcia - Duet Acting



Students also had the opportunity to participate in workshops and master classes on Acting, Vocal, and Dance performance. Congratulations Troupe 5341!

All County Dance Competition

We are so proud of the Dance Department! These Panthers were shining at All County at Lehigh Senior High. They featured the only piece that was **student choreographed**.... In addition, the best middle school group had an instructor that came from The Cypress Lake Center for the Arts Dance Department! Way to go dancers!

Chorus Excels!

This year at MPA our various choral groups brought home the victory with mostly superior ratings! We are so very proud of the hard work and dedication these students put in to their performances.

Cypress Chorale

On Stage – Superior Superior Superior

Sight Reading – Superior

Overall Rating - Superior

Women's Choir

On Stage – Superior Superior Superior

Sight Reading – Superior

Overall Rating - Superior

Intermezzo

On Stage – Superior Superior Excellent

Sight Reading - Superior

Overall Rating - Superior



Orchestra News

For the last few months, the orchestra department has been working hard preparing for our district music performance assessment where the students perform 3 pieces in front of 3 judges and receive comments and ratings. We had two orchestras participate in this event held at Gulf Coast HS. Our first group was an intermediate group made up of students who've been playing anywhere from 1-4 years and the second group was a full symphony orchestra comprised of a combination of both the advanced string and band musicians. The symphony opportunity was volunteer based and students diligently showed up to afterschool rehearsals and put it all together.

There were 27 orchestras from Lee and Collier Counties who performed. The advanced group from Cypress was the ONLY full orchestra ensemble and prepared the most challenging level of music out of any other school. Both orchestras received the highest rating of superior for their preparation and performance!



Orchestra Concert

The orchestra students, along with students from the Gulf Coast Music School, had a successful children's concert on March 22nd! Attendees and performers were encouraged to wear pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal to watch the show. The performers played a selection of Disney Tunes and "The Teddy Bear's Picnic" which included a teddy bear parade. 32 teddy bears were donated and given to the Children's Hospital.

Band News and Accomplishments

The CLHS Band Program has some incredible things happening! Before the break, we had four students participate in a phenomenal All County Jazz Band. Under the direction of their clinician, Dr. Mark Belfast from SEU, they performed a varied and very difficult show.

Over the break, we had a record number of students, 12 participate in State Solo and Ensemble. They did a great job preparing and performing some incredible difficult literature. We had a great time and even better results this year.

SUPERIOR WITH DISTINCTION

Rochelle Lunsford

SUPERIOR

Kaylie Genton, Tanner McCormick, Kaleb Daniels, Amber Widner

EXCELLENT

Brett Bissell, Jasmine Adams, Carter Popple, Sam Markovich, Will Owens

Coming up, on April 28, we will be hosting our annual Prism Concert and Silent auction. Our Prism concert is a non-stop musical spectacular. We will be showcasing our ensembles, soloists, and much more. The theme for the evening is; Phantom of the Opera. The auction begins at 6:00 pm and the show at 7:00 pm. This is an event you don't want to miss!

We are currently accepting donations for the silent auction. If you would like to help support our band program, please consider making a charitable donation to the CLHS Band Boosters. This is a 501c3 organization and your donations would be tax deductible.

And a final congratulations to the students who participated in the All-County Jazz Band for a job well done! Out of the 14 high schools in Lee County, we had 4 students make it into a 20 person ensemble. Those students were Isaac DaSilva, Hunter Daniels, Tanner McCormick, and Carter Popple.



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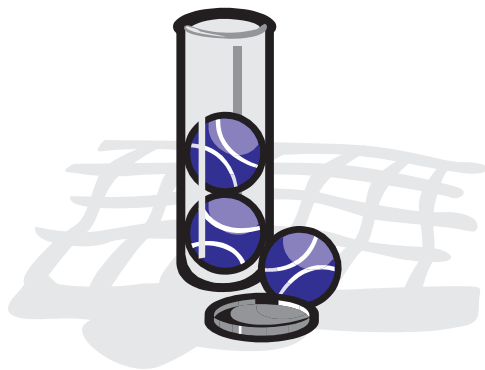
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District Tennis Results

The boy's team took first place in the district with a total of 27 team points. The second place team from Cape Coral earned 21 and Gateway Charter placed third earning 12 points. The team will now host the regional tournament as they hopefully, make their way to the State tournament.

In a much closer battle, the girl's team came in third place with 16 points behind Cape Coral with 19 and Bishop Verot with 21. With their victory, the #1 doubles team of senior, Sarah Greenwell and sophomore, Bruna Barros have earned a spot in the state tournament in Orlando this month.



Shrimp Run Roar!

For the second year in a row, Cypress Lake Athletic Boosters have sponsored the 5K Shrimp Run on Ft. Myers Beach. The run is immediately prior to the Shrimp Festival Parade. This year we had approximately 400 runners and walkers. The weather was perfect and the crowd was supportive! Thank you to all who attended and/ or worked to make this a great success. So wonderful to see this renewed tradition growing stronger each year!

And, if you missed the kids Shrimp Run Mile you missed out! There were many teachers out there with their kids running and the Cypress Lake athletes were awesome. The community was in great support with approximately 100 kids participating.

The booster club was amazing and of course... THE KIDS! We anticipated lots of kids in the water, but even the pre-K kids finished the race without building sand castles on the course! Thank you, Mr. Farrell, booster club, coaches, and CLHS athletes. Great tradition to bring back!

