



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

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Vision

Empowering students to succeed in a changing world.

Mission

Students graduating from CLHS will be independent thinkers and responsible citizens with the skills and knowledge to make quality decisions ensuring future success.

Principal's Message

Panthers,

Let's celebrate a wonderful first semester at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts! As we turn the corner and begin a new semester, we want to thank the students, staff and parents for their support in making the first two quarters successful.

Teachers and counselors are very focused on preparing students for the many assessments that are right around the corner in March, April and May. The new FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) is quickly approaching. Students in grades 9-11 will participate. The state has developed an FSA portal and we encourage students as well as parents to visit this portal to 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>.

Second semester is the time to finish strong! Academics are a priority. Spring can be a busy time with performances, sports, activities and testing. To stay organized, use the Google Chrome Calendar to keep track of assignments. Both parents and students can use Parentlink to monitor grades. For information on how to sign up, to retrieve passwords, or to download the app, visit <http://parentlink.leeschools.net/>.

I am so excited to announce that Ms. Gair, Ms. Bradway and Ms. Turner were recently named Golden Apple Finalists. We are so proud! Good luck to each of them moving forward with the selection process. Classes will be observed and finalists will be interviewed by the Foundation for Lee County Schools' selection team. Out of 31 finalists three are from our school. Panther Pride!

The school calendar for next year was approved recently. The first day back for students after summer break will be August 10, 2017. Many families like to plan trips and vacations ahead of time. The complete calendar for next year is posted on at the parent portal at <http://leeschools.net>.

Great things are happening at our school! It is a privilege to be the Principal at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts. Our staff is hard-working and student focused. The support and commitment from the parents and community means so much to us. Cypress Lake students make us proud to be Panthers each and every day.

Angela Roles
Principal



To download a pdf version of this newsletter, go to <http://www.academypublishing.com/schools/cypresslake/cypresslake.php>

Translation of the newsletter is available in Spanish and Creole. Contact the Main Office for details.

Golden Apple Teachers!

Cypress Lake High School has three Golden Apple Finalists. The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools visited our campus to surprise Patty Gair, Jessica Turner and Roxi Bradway. To have three of the 31 finalists coming from our school is an amazing thing. We wish them all good luck as they advance in the selection process.

We also want to congratulate our three teachers of distinction: Tammy Gleason, Kayla Lisa, and Mandie Rainwater. Cypress Lake had more teachers represented than any other school in the district!




Patty Gair



Jessica Turner



Roxi Bradway



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Cypress Lake is a Five Star School for the 7th Year in a Row!

Florida officials have announced its list of nearly 700 schools that have earned "five-star" status, and 25 of them are from Lee and Collier counties.

The **Five Star School Award** recognizes schools that have excelled at "incorporating family and community members into the school environment to enhance student learning."

"Family and community involvement is essential to student success, and I am grateful for the parents, caregivers and community members who invest their time in our state's schools," offered Pam Stewart, the state's education commissioner. "When school leaders and educators engage the community, the result is higher academic achievement and more students prepared for future success."

Cypress Lake High is one of the 11 Lee County schools that made the list and one of only 3 high schools to earn the award.

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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 classes outside their area of certification, they are required to enroll in additional college credit courses. The Cypress Lake High School ESOL Out of Field teachers that are engaged in training to add the endorsement English as a Second Language to their current certificate are: Lauren Hawley, Anthony Ficarro, Karen Miranda, Elisa Scherff, Renee Stalions, Brittany Camp, Sherry Kelly, and Michael Stout. Teachers that are engaged in training to add the endorsement English as a Second Language as well as a subject area to their current certificate are Rachel Karouzos and Austin Fuchs.




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Class of 2017 Senior Timeline

Cypress Lake High School website: cyh.leeschools.net. Click on Senior Timeline
Join Class of 2017 Google Classroom with code 81mc3c

February 2017

- Feb. 6-10 Sale of tickets Grad Bash 2017 in Orlando (one week only)
Cypress Lake Media Center 6:40-6:55 a.m. and 1:40-2:00 p.m.
Cost \$135 cash or check paid to Cypress Lake High School
First come, first served; limited seats on charter buses
April 29 trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure
- Feb. 20 OFF School Presidents' Day
- Feb. 21 OFF School teacher in-service day

March 2017

- March 16 End of third quarter
Final day to turn in baby pictures for senior memories video
Collection box in Media Center or electronically to Mr. Gair at GordonGA@leeschools.net
Final day to buy cap and gown at \$75 to walk at graduation
Order online at www.highschool.herffjones.com
- March 17 OFF School teacher duty day
- Mar. 20-Apr. 28 .. Sale of honor cords to seniors with weighted GPA 3.5 and above
\$10 cash or check paid to Cypress Lake High School
Panther Den School Store only purple days all lunch shifts

April 2017

- April 5 Deadline to submit copies of scholarship offers to Assistant Principal Mrs. Boyle to be announced at Senior Awards Night on May 9
- April 10-17 OFF School Spring Break
- April 22 Prom at Sydney & Berne Davis Art Center downtown 8:00-11:00 p.m.
- April 29 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 30

May 2017

- May 1 Deadline for completion of online classes and E2020 classes for seniors participating in graduation ceremony on May 20
- May 8 Last instructional day for seniors
- May 8 Senior Meeting in Cypress Lake auditorium 9:30-10:07 a.m.
Information about senior check-out and graduation
- May 9 Senior Awards Night in Cypress Lake auditorium
6:30 p.m. ceremony/Seniors arrive at 6:00 p.m. in cafeteria for lineup
- May 9-12 Senior final exams and Graduation Class of 2017

<p><u>Tuesday, May 9</u> Period 1 Review Period 3 Review Period 5 Exam Period 7 Exam</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 11</u> Period 1 Exam Period 3 Exam</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, May 10</u> Period 2 Review Period 4 Exam Period 6 Exam Period 8 Exam</p> <p><u>Friday, May 12</u> Period 2 Exam Period 4 Senior Check-out begins in Cypress Lake cafeteria and exits from Media Center</p>
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- May 11 All Arts Senior Tribute Night 7:00 p.m.
Cypress Lake auditorium
- May 12 Senior Check-out begins in Cypress Lake cafeteria 8:43 a.m. Period 4
Moves to Media Center to pick up caps and gowns
Gowns not picked up will be distributed at graduation practice May 19
All books returned and fees and fines paid before gowns are given
- May 15-17 ... Seniors only on campus to make up final exams. Required check-in at lobby desk
- May 17 Senior grades and graduation walking list finalized
- May 19 MANDATORY Graduation Practice
Cypress Lake gym 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- May 20 Graduation Class of 2017 at Suncoast Arena
Florida SouthWestern State College
2:30 p.m. ceremony / Graduates and guests arrive at 1:45 p.m.
- May 20 Sale of two-disc set video of graduation and senior memories \$20
Order forms in lobby at Suncoast Arena and on school's website



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If you would like to donate or help next year please contact Mr. Dusenberry at Toddld@leeschools.net.

Poetry Out Loud

Prior to winter break, we held our first Poetry Out Loud Competition. We were very proud of our contestants, who were strong in their presentations and grew so much during the process. They were truly all winners! We were fortunate to have Dr. James Brock from FGCU, Brittney Brady from Ghostbird Productions and Venese Williams from Lehigh Senior High as our judges. They gave the students great feedback and were complimentary of their work.

Please congratulate:

Areyana Mizhir – Winner (Advancing to Tallahassee)
Wedler Lordeus – Runner Up

Participating

Emily Nguyen	Rachael Dominguez
Christian Raimonde	Rachel Lukes
Katherine Sosa Rosales	Maya Olinyk
Chandler L'Hommedieu	

Poetry Out Loud is something the English department has talked about for at least the last two years. Patty Gair took the reins and created something truly wondrous for our students and their parents. From ESE students to AP students, all took away something special. Christian Zimmerman was honored to MC the evening and offered his coaching expertise. Kudos to Mrs. Gair and Mr. Zimmerman for once again turning a dream into a reality.

Special Olympics

A huge Panther ROAR for Special Olympics! What a powerful and amazing event. Principal Roles was extremely proud of our staff and students. Special thanks and recognition goes out to Mr. Dusenberry and the entire ESE Department. Our teachers and our buddies worked together to ensure this was a world class event.

Panther pride and great community relationships -- this is what our Special Olympics are all about!

Tommy Jardas Memorial

The public was invited to take part in the dedication of the Cpl. Tommy Jardas Memorial at Cypress Lake High School on Saturday, January 14th. Tommy was a 2011 graduate and was one of 12 Marines killed in a helicopter crash last January.

The memorial features a 30-foot flagpole that is surrounded by brick pavers, landscaping and benches, as well as a piece of granite that tells the story of the Marine. Jardas left his mark on Cypress, where he was a cadet in the JROTC program, a varsity swimmer and sports reporter for Panther 4 News.

The event included a U.S. Marine Corps Flag Raising Ceremony, the Cypress Lake JROTC and the presentation of the Cpl. Tommy Jardas Scholarship. There were additional performances by the Guns n Hoses Pipes n Drums as well as the Cypress Lake dance team and jazz band. Lunch was provided by Mission BBQ.

Principal Roles stated, "Words fail me in my desire to express the pride I felt watching the dedication of the Tommy Jardas memorial. Our students and staff were amazing. The level of performance was truly world class. Special thanks to Patty & Gordon Gair and Adam Kurtz for their work coordinating the ceremony with the family."



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Character Ed Design Winner

District honors Lou Vaughn in Mr. Gair's class for the winning Character Ed word of the Month digital design! Mr. Gair has produced two winners so far this year ... Way to represent our school and showcase Panther talent!!



Just Take 20 Minutes to Read

The Just Take 20 site has been revised. You can now access resources for by visiting our *JRF!* Website at <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/> or by typing in <http://www.justtake20.org>. We can't wait to hear about the success your students are having using the Just Take 20 resources during the 2016-2017 school year.

TAG Album Reviewed

Over the holiday break, the review of TAG's latest album was published on the Recorded A Cappella Review Board. The album received a perfect score of 5 from two of the reviewers and a very high score of 4 from the third. They had some amazing things to say about the album. You can check out the reviews here - <http://www.rarb.org/reviews/albums/1608-part-of-me/>. If you haven't purchased the album, it is available at the school for only \$10.

Center for the Arts Calendar

FEBRUARY

9th.....	Vocal Department Cabaret	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5
9th-11th.....	Bus Stop.....	7pm.....	CLHS Black Box Theater..	\$10
10th.....	Visual Arts "Red" Opening Reception	5:30-7pm	Gallery.....	Free
11th.....	Int Championship of HS Acapella			
	South Quarterfinal	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$15
17th – 18th..	Beans and Scenes	7pm.....	CLHS Black Box Theater..	\$10
23rd-25th....	Cinderella – The Ballet	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5
28th.....	Pre-MPA Concert	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5

MARCH

1st.....	Mr. Cypress.....	6:30pm..	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5
9th.....	Orchestra Pops and Children's Concert	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5
10th.....	Senior Art Show – Opening Reception.....	5:30-7pm	Gallery.....	Free
30th.....	Newton's Law & New Vision Dance Concert ..	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5

APRIL

1st.....	The A Capella Group in concert.....	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5
20th.....	Band Prism Concert.....	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5
20th, 21st,&				
23rd.....	All My Sons.....	7pm.....	Black Box Theater.....	\$5
25th.....	Spring Orchestra Concert	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5
27-28th.....	Dance...And It's Hot, Hot, Hot.....	7pm.....	CLHS Auditorium.....	\$5

Math Team Competes for the First Time

Six of our students from our newly formed Math Team attended our first competition on December 12th at FGCU. We had students compete in both the Algebra 2 and Calculus rounds. We earned 32nd place overall.

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Wrestling Goes to Georgia

Over the Winter break, Coaches Rothenberg and Zimmerman took members of the Cypress Lake wrestling team to Lambert, Georgia. Competing in a rigorous 40 team tournament, the Panthers placed 8th and brought home two individual champions: Jalen Soto and Cole Lewis. Soto also collected his 100th High School career victory to begin the year.

2017 is off to a promising start for the nationally recognized program with victories over Naples, North Port, Sarasota Military Academy, and Sebring!

On another note, junior wrestler Jermaine Teague was nominated for the News Press Athlete of the week award. Jermaine won the 170-pound weight class at the Spiegel Memorial tournament in Sebring, beating Venice's Luke Veigel to avenge two prior losses to the fourth-place finisher at states last season. Teague reached the final with two pins and a 12-0 major decision.



News-Press All Area Golf

Congratulations to golfers Trevor and Tyler Humphrey for making the News-Press All Area Team.

Anthony Rivera is Finalist for the 2016-17 Florida School-Related Employee Of The Year

We are excited to announce that Anthony Rivera, our Technology Support Specialist and Webmaster, has been chosen as one of six finalists for the 2016-2017 Florida School-Related Employee of the Year! Mr. Rivera embodies the District's vision of being world-class through his work at CLHS each day. Final selection for EOY will be revealed on February 6.

Relay for Life

It's time to kick our efforts into gear for the Relay For Life of Fort Myers. Relay For Life communities across the nation are working to bring more people to the Relay movement this week. When we come together, we make a much greater impact in saving lives from cancer.

How can you help? Join our team at: relay.acserents.org. Click on Fort Myers, Panther Pride!

Remember, the bigger our team, the bigger the impact we will have in eliminating cancer. Just think how cool it will be to take our 2017 team photo, with all of our new team members at our event!