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Mission

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

Welcome back, Cypress Family!

Although Hurricane Irma has impacted our school calendar in many ways, know that Cypress staff stands ready to continue their work, providing quality academic instruction in a safe, dependable environment for our students. Our school suffered some water damage and our campus has lost a few of its longstanding trees. However, we are resilient and will recover; the strength of our Panther spirit is immeasurable, and like our saplings which remained standing, we will prosper. A huge Panther THANK YOU goes to our amazing facilities team who worked so hard to clean and sanitize our campus. We also want to acknowledge the staff who came out to help with campus clean-up. I've never been prouder to be Cypress strong!

As the old adage claims, the only constant in life is change. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to a few administrative changes at our school. Mrs. Kim Conn has become our new Assistant Principal of Curriculum (APC), enthusiastically taking on the challenges unique to the APC position. We are happy to welcome back Panther Jessica Turner as our newest Assistant Principal. Ms. Turner can be found in Student Services; she works closely with the Math Department and is the AP in charge of student affairs for students with last names A-M.

Homecoming was upon us before we knew it this year! Homecoming is a time to celebrate being Panthers and a time for alumni to come "home" to their high school. This year's alumni class of '68 and '67 came home to celebrate their 50th anniversary!

Know that my door is always open. Please feel free to contact me or any of our Assistant Principals with any concerns.

Stay Cypress Strong and Panther Proud!

Angela Roles, Principal



Your Administration

Stay Connected

- Webpage: cyh.leeschools.net
- Twitter: @CypressLakeHigh
- NEW official Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cypress-lake-high-1541627139192000/
- Google classroom (by grade level): check with your panther for login information!

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.

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Our New S.R.O.

Deputy Penny is a 20 year veteran with the Lee County Sheriff's Office, where he was known as Sergeant Penny. As a sergeant he voluntarily gave-up one of his stripes to become an S.R.O. because he believes it is one of the most important positions in the Sheriff's Office. A fourth-generation native of Florida, this is Deputy Penny's 6th year as a School Resource Officer. We are proud to welcome him to the Panther family!



NEED AP Help? Get it here!

AP Capstone Tutoring and Mentoring Center: Thursdays after school, from 1:45-3pm, in room e119. Please be sure to have a prompt ride home.

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Monitoring Your Grade

Our INTERIMS will be PAPERLESS this year! Teachers will be entering a minimum of one grade by the close of day each Wednesday. In addition, they will enter any grades that need to be updated. Please make sure you are monitoring your academic progress.

There are four ways you can view information about current grades.

1. Every Thursday, Parentlink e-mails parents their child's current grades. If you are not yet receiving this weekly update, please log in at <http://parentlink.leeschools.net/>, go to MY ACCOUNT and adjust your Delivery Preferences to include a current e-mail address.
2. At ANY time of your choosing, you may login to the Parent FOCUS Portal to view your child's current grades. Directions are below if you need to set up your account and learn how to view grades.
3. On each of the remaining official interim dates (11/10, 2/10, 4/28), a Parentlink reminder will be sent out encouraging you to log in to the Parent FOCUS Portal to view grades at the four-week checkpoint.
4. If you do not have online access via phone or computer to view grades, please call the main office at (239) 481-2233 to have a paper copy sent home with your child.


To set up your account in the Parent/Student FOCUS Portal:

Yes!!! Students and parents can both have a portal to access and monitor grades by following the directions below.

- Go to <https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/>
- Click on *Click here to create a Focus Parent Portal Account*
- Follow directions to create an account and add each of your children
- You will need each of their 8 digit Student ID #'s (kids should know or can be found on prior report cards) and birthdates
- Be sure to record username and password for future access

To view grades in the Parent/Student FOCUS Portal once account is set up:

- Go to <https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/>
- Enter username and password
- Click Login
- To switch between multiple children, use the dropdown list in the upper right hand corner
- To view assignments and grades, click on Assignments & Grades in the upper left hand corner and choose the class you want from the drop down menu. The current grade for the class will be directly under the title and the list of assignments is under that.



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We know that parental involvement is key to student success. Help us make a difference by becoming a member of our School Advisory Council (SAC) or Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO). Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Ms. Turner at (239) 481-2233 for more information on how you can get involved. If you would like to join SAC, please attend one of our meetings at 6:30pm in the media center. This year's dates are: October 9, November 27, March 5 and April 23.

Yearbook

The 16-member yearbook staff, along with Advisor Mrs. Atkinson, is hard at work capturing all the events and memories of the year.

Purchase your student's yearbook early while the price is low. Order forms can be picked up in the main office or library and we accept cash or checks made out to Cypress Lake High School. If purchasing online at www.jostensyearbooks.com you can make 3 easy payments. Don't miss out on the 2017-2018 edition of the Cypressonian!



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Do you want to surprise your senior with a personal ad in the yearbook? You can purchase and create the ad online at www.jostensyearbooks.com or you can contact Mrs. Atkinson at Ranaeaa@leeschools.net to purchase and have the yearbook staff create it for you.

We are also looking for businesses that want to advertise in our yearbook. Please contact Ranae Atkinson for more details.

Around Campus



The science department jumped right in to training their students on safety and completing labs.



The theater, dance and vocal departments had their back-to-school team building sessions during the first 2 weeks of school. You could say they had a lot of fun!



A new elective this year is PHOTOGRAPHY! Mrs. Amos is teaching students all the functions of the camera, how to take quality photos, and editing.



Senior Photos

Seniors who have not had their photo taken during one of the 4 days on campus or in the Leonard's studio need to do so ASAP. Students can call 1-800-215-4852 or go online to schedule their appointment. This \$20 session will give you memorable photos of your "almost-graduate," as well as put them in the yearbook and give them a picture ID. We want your student to be remembered as part of the Class of 2018 in the yearbook so do this now.



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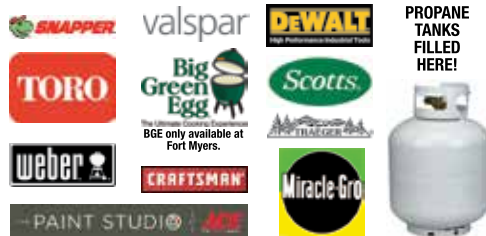
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Class of 2018 Senior Timeline

Cypress Lake High School website www.cyh.leeschools.net
 click on "Senior Timeline"
 Join Class of 2018 Google Classroom. Ask your Panther for details.
****Timeline UPDATED September 22, 2017****

OCTOBER 2017

- Oct. 16 End of first quarter
- Oct. 19 Sale of graduation caps and gowns by GradPro, Inc./ Herff Jones Cypress Lake Cafeteria all lunch shifts 10:07 a.m.-12:05 p.m. After order date on campus, seniors must order online.
- Cost of cap and gown \$42 (includes tax) paid to GradPro, Inc.
 - \$75 after Jan. 31, 2018 until final order March 15, 2018
 - Online www.highschool.herffjones.com
 - GradPro, Inc. is at 2126 Andrea Lane, Fort Myers (239) 278-4555
- Oct. 19 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop
 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Cypress Lake computer lab S107
 Seniors and parents bring 2016 income tax information
 Sponsored by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools

NOVEMBER 2017

Nov. 22-24 OFF School- Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2017

- Dec. 22 Early dismissal 11:35 a.m. for end of second quarter and first semester
- Dec. 25-Jan. 5 OFF School Winter Break

JANUARY 2018

- Jan.-Mar. Applications due for Southwest Florida Foundation Scholarships.
- Apply at www.floridacommunity.com/scholarships/
- Jan. 15 OFF School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- Jan. 22 Senior class meeting 9:30-10:07 a.m. in Cypress Lake Auditorium. Information about Grad Bash, Awards Night, end of year, and Graduation
- Jan. 22-Mar. 15 Submit baby pictures for senior memories video at Graduation. Collection box in Media Department at Center for the Arts or electronically to AngelaAM@leeschools.net.
- Jan. 22-Mar. 15 Submit copies of scholarship offers for Senior Awards Night to Assistant Principal Mrs. Conn in Guidance Department
- Jan. 23 Optional portraits of seniors dressed in graduation caps and gowns-one day only- 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Cypress Lake Media Center. Select package and prepay online at www.leonards.com. At sitting can pay with cash or check to Leonard's Studios
- Jan. 31 Final date to order cap and gown \$42 includes tax before price increase. Paid to GradPro, Inc./Herff Jones. \$75 after Jan. 31, 2018 until final order March 15, 2018. Order online www.highschool.herffjones.com. Company office is at 2126 Andrea Lane / Phone (239) 278-4555.

February 2018

- Feb. 7 Mr. Cypress competition 7:00 p.m. Cypress Lake Auditorium \$3 entrance
- Feb. 12-16 Sale of tickets for Grad Bash 2018- one week only Sale, location and cost TBA -- cash or check paid to Cypress Lake. First come, first served for this optional recreational senior trip. Trip is Saturday, April 28 to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure.

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SENIOR TIMELINE



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- Feb. 19 OFF School Presidents' Day
 Feb. 20 OFF School teacher in-service day
- March 2018**
- March 16 End of third quarter. Final day to turn in baby pictures for senior memories video. Collection box in Media Department at Center for the Arts or electronically to AngelaAM@leeschools.net.
- March 16 Final day to buy cap and gown at \$75 to walk at graduation. Order online at www.highschool.herffjones.com.
- March 16 Final day to submit to APC Mrs. Conn (in Guidance) copies of scholarship offers to be announced at Senior Awards Night on April 24.
- March 19-23 Spring Break
- Mar. 26-Apr. 27 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.
 OFF SCHOOL Good Friday
- March 30
April 2018
- April 21 Junior/Senior Prom 8:00-11:00 p.m. at location TBA
 Tickets sold one to two weeks before in Cypress Lake Cafeteria
- April 24 Senior Awards Night in Cypress Lake Auditorium
 6:30 p.m. ceremony/Seniors arrive 6:00 p.m. in cafeteria for lineup
- April 27 Last day for sale of \$10 honor cords to be worn at graduation
 Panther Den School store- only purple days- all lunch shifts
- April 28 Grad Bash trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure in Orlando
 3:00 p.m. charter buses leave and return April 29 at approx. 5:30 a.m.
- May 2018**
 TBA Senior final exam schedule and graduation Class of 2018



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Student Study Habits

Encouraging, supporting, and participating in this vital activity will improve your student's attitude and performance at school and support a work ethic that endures for a lifetime. Here are some suggestions for establishing a solid home study routine with your student:

1. **SET A SCHEDULE:** Establish a regular timeslot for this important daily activity. Seek your child's agreement and commitment to reserve this time each day for homework and study. Encourage this habit. In many ways, it's his/her job and should become routine. Your support and involvement in your student's home-study effort makes a huge difference in the high school experience.
2. **CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT:** Students can be easily distracted. Teach them to create an atmosphere conducive to concentration. Having a defined study area works with some students. The most important requirements are time, focus, and your support. Minimizing social media access, loud music, and other detractors will improve effectiveness and retention.
3. **OBSERVE AND ENGAGE:** Psychologists suggest that it takes three weeks to establish or break a habit. Now that the new school year has begun, commit three weeks to this routine with your student. Make it become a habit for both of you. Your daily assistance and attitude toward school have a huge impact on your child's success.



Meet Your Guidance Team

We have new faces in our Guidance Department this year! Kevin Dawson originally hails from Michigan. He completed his undergrad studies at Post University and graduate work in School Counseling at FGCU. Jessica Owen graduated from the University of Florida with her Bachelor of Arts, Master of Education and Education Specialist degrees. She is a returning Panther who has enjoyed working as a school counselor at both the high school and elementary levels in the Lee County School system. Rosa Skinner is in her ninth year as a school counselor in Lee County. This is her first year at Cypress. A Florida native, her Master of Arts in School Counseling is from FGCU.

College Bound?

Visit these websites for information regarding college search/planning, SAT/ACT registration deadlines, test preparation, scholarships and more!

- SAT: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- ACT: <http://www.act.org/>
- FAFSA: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Application open as of October 1st for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for school year 2018-2019.

- Florida Bright Futures Scholarships: <https://floridastudentfinancialaid.org>

Non-Highly Qualified Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Cypress Lake High School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation: Kechener Petit (Math). In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates: Anthony Ficarro, Elisa Scherff, Joery Jeanty, Charles Kerkesner, Brittany Camp, and Rachel Karouzos.

A few spots are left!



We need you!

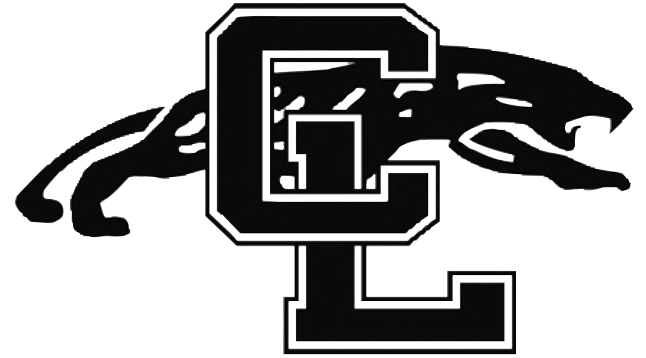
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2017-18 Cypress Lake Basketball

DATE	Opponent	H/A	JV	Varsity
20-Nov	Riverdale	H	6:00pm	7:30pm
21-Nov	South	A		12:00pm
28-Nov	Lehigh	A	6:00pm	7:30pm
30-Nov	Baker	H	6:00pm	7:30pm
5-Dec	IMM	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
7-Dec	Dun	A	6:00pm	7:30pm
12-Dec	Mariner	H	6:00pm	7:30PM
14-Dec	NFM	H	6:00pm	7:30PM
15-Dec	Afkathcee School	H		5:00pm
19-Dec	Canterbury	A		7:00pm
27-Dec	Queen Of Palms			
11-Jan	Lely	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
16-Jan	Immokalee	H	5:30pm	7:00pm
18-Jan	Mariner	A	6:00pm	7:30pm
20-Jan	Verot	TBA		
23-Jan	Lely	H	5:30pm	7:00pm
25-Jan	Estero	A	6:00pm	7:30pm
30-Jan	Oasis	H	7:00pm	



Cypress Lake High School SPORTS

2017-18 Cypress Lake Soccer

DATE	Opponent	H/A	JV	Varsity
30-Oct	KELLY RD CLASSIC			
7-Nov	South	H	5:30pm	7:00pm
9-Nov	Lehigh	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
14-Nov	Dunbar	H	5:30pm	7:00pm
20-Nov	Mariner	H	5:30pm	7:00pm
28-Nov	Lemon Bay	H	5:30pm	7:00pm
30-Nov	Estero	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
5-Dec	Port Clt.	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
8-Dec	East	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
12-Dec	Cape Coral	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
14-Dec	IC	H		
19-Dec	FM	H	5:30pm	7:00pm
9-Jan	NFM	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
12-Jan	Oasis	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
15-Jan	Gateway	H	5:30pm	7:00pm
17-Jan	South	A	5:30pm	7:00pm
18-Jan	East	H	5:30pm	7:00pm



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13th Annual Special Olympics 2017

Cypress Lake High School's "Be a Buddy" program integrates students with disabilities with mainstream students through their involvement in the activities and events with the special education department. This year we are holding our 13th Annual Lee County Special Olympics High School Field Day. We will host all (14) high schools in Lee County. After the events, we will host a lunch for approximately 1600 people who participated and donated their time to help make the Special Olympics Field Day possible.

Community involvement helps us make this special day a reality! Any donations of food, (wings, pizza, mac & cheese, hamburgers, hotdogs,) drinks, gift cards, money or other items needed to have lunch after the events are greatly appreciated. The event will be held on December 8th, 2017 and all donations can be picked up by student volunteers.

If you are interested in donating any of these items please contact Todd Dusenberry via telephone (239-481-2233, ext. 5165, or cell 239-699-0129) or email (toddd@leeschools.net).

To show our appreciation, your company's name will be posted around the track the day of the event and put in the quarterly newsletter that goes to all the parents, guardians, local community leaders and businesses. Thank you in advance for your generous donation!

Congratulations to Our New Class Officers

New Freshmen Class Officers

President – Jesus Ramos
Vice President – Hannah Atkinson
Secretary – Ashley Walters
Treasurer – Ciara Richards

New Sophomore Class Officers

President – Zach Martin
Vice President – Rachel Lukes
Secretary – Olivia Myers
Treasurer – Erika Barrett

New Junior Class Officers

President – Victoria Knox
Vice President – Braden Downing
Secretary – Jennifer Rozell
Treasurer – Heidi Erfourth

New Senior Class Officers

President – Alexa Lowman
Vice President – Rachel Dominguez
Secretary – Sage Williamson
Treasurer – Madison Hamm