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Principal's Message

Dear Panther Parents and Students,

Spring break has come and gone; staff and students have returned to school rested and ready to finish strong, a Panther tradition. As the year closes, we begin to discuss end of course exams and registration for next year's classes. I am so proud to see Panthers embracing the challenge to do our very best every moment of every day. Graduation is our prize, and we have it within our grasp. The tassel is truly worth the hassle!

Our Panthers continue to remain busy outside of the classroom as well, and their list of achievements and accolades keeps growing. Inside our newsletter, you will catch a glimpse of some of their accomplishments--academic, athletic, and artistic. Cypress students are nothing if not competitive, and they have succeeded in fairs, competitions, tournaments, festivals and contests, both individually and as hardworking members of teams. However, Cypress students are also compassionate, caring and kind. Panthers show this daily and some proud examples this quarter include athletes celebrating Dr. Seuss day with elementary students, AP students inspiring students via STEM activities, and JROTC cadets creating and distributing "blessing bags" to those in need.

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 will be over before we know it! Let's enjoy each and every day we have together.

I am honored and proud to be the principal at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts. Thank you for your support of our students and our school.

Stay Cypress Strong and Panther Proud!

Angela Roles, Principal



Parents/Padres

Parents – we need your input! Please complete a brief survey to give us your perspective on the culture and climate of your child's school. If you have one or more children in **Early Childhood / Pre-Kindergarten**, please access this link: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/64832/p818> . If you have one or more children in grades **Kindergarten through 12**, please access this link: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/64582/p818> . If you have children in both Pre-Kindergarten and K-12, please complete both surveys.

Padres, ¡necesitamos su opinión! Por favor, complete una breve encuesta para darnos su perspectiva sobre la cultura y el ambiente de la escuela de su hijo(a). Si tiene uno o más niños en **Early Childhood / Pre-Kindergarten (Primera infancia / pre jardín de infancia)**, haga clic <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/64832/p818> . Si tiene uno o más niños en los grados de **Kindergarten (Jardín de Infancia)** a 12 ° grado, haga clic <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/64582/p818> . Si tiene hijos en Pre-Kindergarten y K-12, complete ambas encuestas.

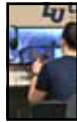
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STEM @ Work

STEM @ Work students visited Page Field in January with their coordinator, Ms. Marchand. Students were able to learn about different career paths in the flight industry. They had the opportunity to get experience in a flight simulator where three students won a gift card for a future visit. Additionally, they were able to learn about different types of aircrafts and how they run, as well as airport management.



February found our STEM @ Work students at Goodwill and Chico's. At Goodwill, students learned about JobLink and all the programs and classes offered. A tour of the Distribution Center helped them understand the process of donations and how they are distributed. Lastly, students completed a group project and presentation to decide if opening a new Goodwill store in Moorehaven would be a good business decision. At Chico's headquarters, students were able to see many different aspects of the clothing business, including Marketing, IT, and Design and Development. Students tested their color skills and saw first-hand all the benefits of being a Chico's employee.



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Speech and Debate Team

In February, our Speech and Debate team competed at Southeast High School in multiple categories. Gunnar Liljequist brought home a trophy for 3rd place in the oratorical declamation event, his first time ever competing! Team members included: Ashley Walters (original oratory), Gunnar Liljequist (oratorical declamation), Victoria O'Donnell (original oratory), and Chandler L'Hommedieu (who placed 5th his first time competing in the Lincoln-Douglas, 1-on-1 debate).

The Speech and Debate Team also traveled to Wharton High School in Tampa to compete in the State tournament. Senior Chandler L'Hommedieu placed in the top 6 in the Lincoln-Douglas debate, only his second time competing. Junior Victoria O'Donnell and Freshman Gunnar Liljequist placed in the top 8 in their categories. Both Chandler L'Hommedieu and Victoria O'Donnell will be going to the National Speech and Debate Tournament in Washington D.C. in May. Congratulations team and coaches Lauren Robinson and Brittany Camp!



2018 Foreign Language Fair

In March of every school year, students from foreign language classes show off their language skills by competing with each other in many different categories—from singing, to videos, to 3D design. Cypress students competed and won in a variety of categories, in both French and Spanish languages.



FRENCH LANGUAGE WINNERS:

1. Samaria Williams won 1st place in the Singing Category.
2. Shannon Gray and Gracelynn McCarthy won 2nd place in the Singing Category.
3. Jose Alcalá won 3rd place in 3D Design.

SPANISH LANGUAGE WINNERS:

1. Dulvi Lucero won 1st place in the Instrumental Category.
2. Jacob Voelker and Joseph Dedonato won 2nd place in the Video Category.
3. Santia Alce submitted a video and got a participation certificate.
4. Alana Blanchard submitted a poster and got a participation certificate.

Model United Nations

The Cypress Model United Nations (MUN) team made us proud at the FGCU competition this spring. Chandler L'Hommedieu won "Fourth Best Delegate" on the UN Economic and Financial Committee, while Victoria O'Donnell was named "Third Best Delegate" on Security Council (which is the toughest room with the most experienced delegates)! Alexa Lowman won the Greg Hudson Award for "Best Position Paper," (competing with approximately 300 submitted papers), which earned her a \$1,000 scholarship from the Naples Council of World Affairs. Alexa also was the 15th "Best Delegate Overall," again out of over 300 people, which earned \$400 for the Cypress Lake MUN Club! The entire MUN delegation consisted of: Chandler L'Hommedieu, Larry Johnson, Ethan Higdon, Daniel Whitehouse, Talia Pincus, John Whyte, Nik Miller, Camryn Ackerman, Andres Palacio, Elisa Williams, Alessandra Papasodaro, Victoria O'Donnell, Carly Fulcher, Alexa Lowman, and Rachael Dominguez.

Poetry Out Loud

Our Second Annual Poetry Out Loud (POL) competition was incredibly close and came down to accuracy scores. Please congratulate our 2018 winner Christina Pohlman, first runner-up Wedler Lordeus, second runner-up Jaden Dossous, third place winner Maya Olinyk, and fourth place winner Joseph Martinez. POL is a national competition where contestants recite, from memory, a poem from POL's website. Christina recited "Ways of Talking" by Ha Jin; Wedler recited "London" by Blake; Maya recited "Catch a little rhyme" by Merriam; Jayden recited "'I, too" by Hughes; Joseph recited "Anthem of the doomed youth" by Owen.

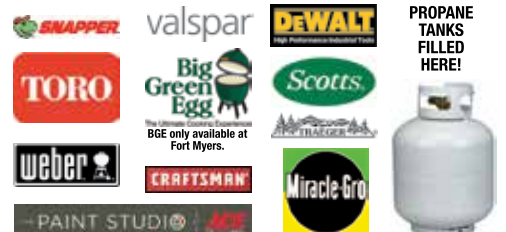
POL Winner Christina Pohlman



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National Shakespeare Competition.

The National Shakespeare Competition is a yearly event where over 20,000 students recite Shakespearean monologues and sonnets. Please congratulate our school-level winners: Rachael Dominguez- first place, Wedler Lordeus-second place, and Christina Pohlman-third place. Rachael Dominguez went on to compete in the regional finals for the Florida Regional title and a trip to the Lincoln Center in NYC. She received a trophy for her monologue and sonnet, as well as a copy of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare*.

Proud teacher Mr. Zimmerman and student Rachael Dominguez.



Stemtastic

Four AP Physics 2 students represented Cypress Lake at Stemtastic this year. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and did an exemplary job exciting elementary and middle school students about STEM. Thank you Bruna Barros, Emily Beesing, Caleb Kiss and Sage Williamson.



THANK YOU

SHRIMP RUN 5K, 2018

The Cypress Lake High School Athletic Booster Club would like to send a huge "Thank you!" to all of our teams, students and faculty who helped with the 2018 Shrimp Run 5k. We once again broke our record with close to 475 registered runners participating as crowds of onlookers cheered them on! We would also like to extend our thanks to all our sponsors:

WALMART AND THE PBS STAFF BREAKFAST

We would like to send a heartfelt "shout out" to Kay Liles, manager of Walmart Neighborhood Market at 9131 College Parkway, for donating baked goods for the PBS Staff Breakfast. We appreciate you!!

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FLORIDA HONORS CONCERT

Members of the Dance Department took part in the State Assessment and performed in the Florida Honors Concert. The dancers scored a Superior on their performance and were also awarded an Excellent overall for all components of the assessment. Mara Benton was awarded "1st Runner Up" in Florida for the National Honor Society for Dance Arts Merit Student of the Year, won a scholarship to Florida Southern College and a summer scholarship to the Sarasota Ballet Program. Bethany Cason was accepted into the USF Dance Department at Level I for both Ballet and Modern--a program that only accepts 22 students nationwide! Please congratulate dancers: Karen Aguilar, Mara Benton, Olivia Bone, Devin Berry, Marissa Casamento, Bethany Cason, Michaela Coons, Jasmine Cubillan, Mallory Donaldson, Akira Gilmore, Madissan Ham, Savanna Hufner, Bryanna LaChance, Bailey Lord, Rilie Nolen and Kayla Williams on their achievements.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL

Nineteen dancers attended the national High School Dance Festival at Point Park University in Pittsburgh earlier this year, where over two thousand participants attended the event from across the US, Hawaii, Canada, Taiwan and Australia. Students not only participated in master classes, but they also reprised their performance of "Credence" in the National High School Dance Festival. To be included in performances at the National Festival is quite an honor and our students danced their best as tremendous representatives of our Panther family.

Seven of our talented dancers also had the opportunity to participate in the Scholarship auditions. They auditioned with nearly 600 students from across the nation for summer programs, colleges and scholarships. Collectively, they received over 40 callbacks, acceptances and scholarships. We are very proud of their hard work and courage in auditioning in a field of literally the best in the nation. Congratulations to Mara Benton, Olivia Bone, Bethany Cason, Marissa Cassamento, Jasmine Cubillan, Caleb Edwards and Bailey Lord.



2018 ARTS VOTE CONTEST

Cypress Lake High School had the honor of being named the winner of the "2018 Arts Vote Contest." This award recognized our students' talent and innovative efforts to make the "2018 Arts Vote Contest" a more exciting and engaging subject. Senior staff members of the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office selected winners in two categories, Best and Most Original Artwork. The winner of "Best Artwork" was Paige Caldwell, and the winner of "Most Original Artwork" was Hannah Gatof.

NEW YORK MEMORIES

Twenty-eight dance and theatre students braved winter storm Toby to be one of the only flights to reach New York during Spring Break. It was quite an adventure event to reach the city with commercial traffic closed on the roads, but they made it and had a terrific trip. Students worked hard in classes and gained an understanding of how artists live and work in New York. Besides classes, students saw four Broadway shows and some of them even had backstage tours of *Phantom of the Opera* and *A Bronx Tale*.



ALL COUNTY DANCE

All County is a showcase of dancers throughout our county. Ten of our students took master classes during the day and beautifully represented the Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts Dance Department in a performance of "Credence" at the evening's All County Dance concert. We applaud Karen Aguilar-Panama, Mara Benton, Olivia Bone, Marissa Casamento, Bethany Cason, Jasmine Cubillan, Madissan Ham, Bailey Lord, Rilie Nolen and Ronain Sopka.

SUPERIOR SINGING AT MPA


Cypress choirs gave an outstanding performance at this year's Florida Vocal Association District Music Performance Assessment. Cypress Chorale earned a Superior with Distinction, the only one of all of the choirs at the festival. Women's Choir earned straight Superiors and an incredible ovation from the crowd. Intermezzo Women, the freshmen, earned two Superiors and two Excellents for an overall Excellent rating.

ORCHESTRA'S JOURNEYS

February was a busy month for our strings students. Two of the CLHSCA orchestras performed for judges at the District Music Performance Assessment in Naples. Our Advanced Orchestra received the highest rating of Superior and our Intermediate Orchestra received the second highest rating of Excellent.



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Later that same month, the Orchestra students traveled to Georgia Southern University for the Strings at Southern Chamber Music Festival. The students played music that was extremely challenging and performed twice, once with small chamber ensembles and once with the University Symphony Orchestra. Since their return, a number of students have decided to pursue music as a career and two seniors auditioned for the GSU School of Music and were accepted for the fall.



ALL-COUNTY ORCHESTRA AT CLHSCA

Cypress hosted the All-County Orchestra in March for high, middle and elementary schools. Twelve CLHSCA orchestra students were accepted to perform with the best students in the county. It was a very successful event!

TAG'S TRAVELS

TAG took the first step toward a "three-peat" by winning the ICHSA South Quarterfinal. The group gave an awesome performance and won over the crowd and the judges. For the first time competing, every judge ranked TAG first! Ryleigh Plank also won a special award for "Best Soloist" for our opener "So Emotional."

TAG then travelled to Atlanta during Spring Break to participate in the ICHSA South Semifinals. The group gave their best performance of the year and finished in a close second place. Next stop: a trip to Memphis at the end of April for the National A Cappella Convention.

ARTFEST FORT MYERS: CHALK BLOCK AND ART UNDER 20.

Chalk Block is a sidewalk chalk competition for Lee County High School students and is part of ArtFest Fort Myers. Forty teams from Lee County High Schools and professional chalk street painting artists created beautiful drawings on the pavement. The 2018 theme for student and professional artists was "Glow of Good Health." We had four teams competing this year. Students Jin Yu Han Burgess, Brianna Johnson, Alicia Gomez, Sara Miller, Emma Wigington and Vivien Cimafranca received honorable mentions for their work.



Art Under 20 is a visual art exhibit and competition for Lee County high school students, who exhibit their work at ArtFest Fort Myers as they compete for \$8,000 in cash awards. Awards were given to the best student artists in six categories: Digital, Drawing, Painting, Photography, 3-D and Mixed Media. Thirty-six Cypress students participated in this event.



Luis Sanchez:
Best in Show,
Painting



Anna Serra:
Honorable Mention,
Digital Art



Emma Wigington:
Ikki Matsumoto
Award, Digital Art



Esmerald Flores:
Honorable Mention,
Painting



Hannah Florrell:
Honorable Mention,
Painting



Hannah Gatof: 2nd
Place, Painting



Merari Salanis:
Honorable Mention,
Painting



Sarah King: 2nd
Place, Digital Art



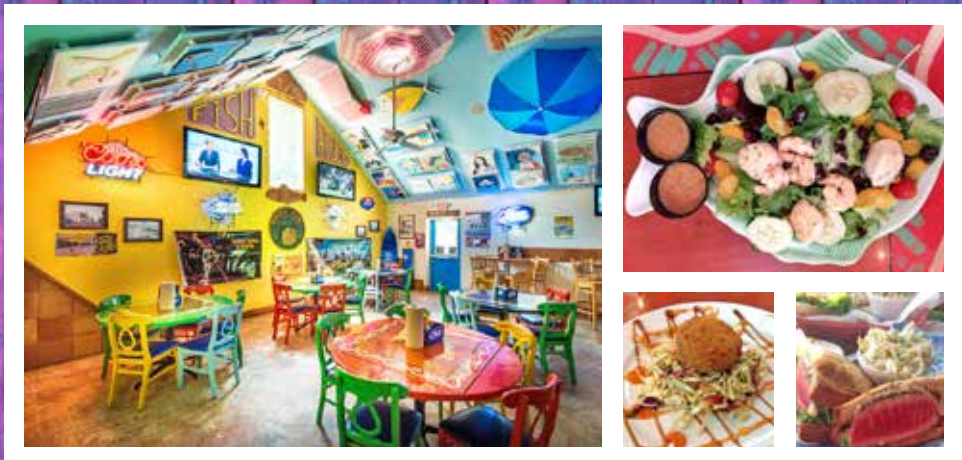
Jin Yu Han Burgess:
Honorable Mention,
Drawing

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AP Exam Dates

The 2018 AP Exams will be administered over two weeks in May: May 7th through the 11th, and May 14th through the 18th. For a complete listing of exam days and times, go to: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees>

Kudos

NEWS PRESS "PEOPLE OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

Sage Williamson was one of three seniors in our school district selected to be a finalist in the "Rising Star" category.

GOLDEN APPLE TEACHERS OF DISTINCTION

Congratulations to our wonderful teachers: Shannon Knudsen and Brittany Camp!

OXFORD BOUND

English teacher and coach Christian Zimmerman won a scholarship to attend Exeter College, Oxford this summer. He will be part of their summer intensive program of study focusing on English Literature and Creative Writing.

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION

Out of 800 students from three counties, congratulations to Lydia Barnes for placing 3rd in the Regional Science Fair Competition in the Animal division! Thank you to Mr. Whitmer (as School Coordinator), and our Science Department for their work on Science Fair this year!

2018 ASPIRING AUTHORS CONTEST

Ashley Walters won first place in the 9th grade Poetry category in the 2018 Aspiring Authors Writing Contest sponsored by the Lee County Library System.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Cypress students won top spots in this year's Freedom of the Press essay contest. Sage Williamson was awarded second place and Carly Fulcher tied for third place.

Class of 2018

SENIOR TIMELINE

For the complete Senior Timeline, visit Cypress Lake High School's website (www.cyh.leeschools.net) and click on "Senior Timeline."

Join Class of 2018 Google Classroom with code y82c75 click on Senior Timeline

****Timeline UPDATED March 26th, 2018****

APRIL 2018

- April 21 Junior/Senior Prom 8:00-11:00 p.m. at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center *Must arrive by 9pm* 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

- May 1 Deadline for completion of online classes and E2020 classes for seniors participating in graduation ceremony on May 19, Alico Arena
- May 7 Senior Meeting in Cypress Lake Auditorium 9:30-10:07 a.m. Information about senior check-out and graduation
- May 8-11 Final exams for seniors only / Exams taken in regular class periods

<u>Tuesday, May 8</u> Period 2 Review Period 4 Review Period 6 Exam Period 8 Exam <u>Thursday, May 10</u> Period 2 Exam Period 4 Exam	<u>Wednesday, May 9</u> Period 1 Review Period 3 Exam Period 5 Exam Period 7 Exam <u>Friday, May 11</u> Period 1 Exam Period 3 Senior Check-out: begins in Cypress Lake Cafeteria and exits from Media Center
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- May 10 All Arts Senior Tribute Night 7:00 p.m. Cypress Lake Auditorium
- May 11 Senior Check-out begins in Cypress Lake Cafeteria 8:43 a.m. Period 3 moves to Media Center to pick up caps and gowns. Gowns not picked-up are available in the Main Office - see the Bookkeeper Mrs. Dever. All books must be returned and fees and fines paid before gowns are given.
- May 14-16 Seniors on campus only to make-up final exams. Required check-in at Main Office
- May 16-17 Senior grades and graduation walking list finalized
- May 18 MANDATORY Graduation Practice: Cypress Lake Gym, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- May 19 Graduation Ceremony at Alico Arena. Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Graduates and guests arrive at 6:15 p.m.



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NEW PROCESS FOR REGISTERING FOR ATHLETICS

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All pages can be uploaded in the registration process except the **Consent and Release page, which must be turned into the Athletics Department.** If you are a non-traditional student such as a Home School or International Student, please see the Athletics Department as there may be additional paperwork needed.

More information can be found on the Cypress homepage (www.cyh.leeschools.net). Click on "Electronic Athletic Clearance Section" under CLHS Athletics, or contact the Activities Office at 481-2233 if you have additional questions.

2017-2018 ESPYS AWARDS

The Annual Cypress Lake High School ESPYs Awards will be May 15th at 6:00pm in the Auditorium. Come and join us as we celebrate our student athletes!

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four Panther wrestlers placed in the top 4 at the Regional Championships, securing a spot in the State tournament in Kissimmee. Jalen Soto won his 2nd Regional title by winning the 145-pound championship. Jermaine Teague and Brian Gimenez finished 2nd at 182 lbs. and 195 lbs., respectively. Cole Lewis finished 3rd at 285 lbs. Cypress Lake finished 7th as a team.



CLHS CHEERLEADING SQUAD

Interested in cheer? The Mandatory Tryout Clinic will be held the week of April 30th, and Tryouts will be held on Friday, May 4th, from 3:00-6:00 pm in the Cypress Gymnasium. You must have FHSAA paperwork and a current physical to attend tryouts. You will also need to fill-out a Cheer Application and provide 3 teacher recommendations. For more information, please contact Coach Christina Higgs at ChristinaMHi@leeschools.net, or call the school at 481-2233.

CYPRESS HOSTS LCAC WRESTLING

Kudos to Coach Rothenberg and his entire staff for coordinating and hosting the LCAC Wrestling Tourney at Cypress. This event was huge! Congrats to Jalen Soto and Jermaine Teague for being LCAC Champions in their weight class. This was Jalen's fourth straight LCAC title. Also a "roar" out to Darius, Brian and Jean - 3rd in their weight class! Way to go Panther Wrestling, Coaching and Staff!! #Powertothepurple.



STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Three Cypress Lake wrestlers became State Place winners at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee. Senior Jalen Soto's 4th place finish at 145 lbs. earned him a spot in the history books as the first Cypress Lake wrestler to place in the State Tournament for four consecutive years. Senior Jermaine Teague finished 4th at 182 lbs., becoming the 5th multiple time State placer in school history. Senior Cole Lewis made his way to the podium for the first time earning a 5th place finish at 285 lbs. Cypress Lake finished 10th in the state for the 2nd consecutive year.

FOOTBALL SCORES WITH DR. SEUSS

A delegation from our football team traveled to Villas Elementary to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading to the elementary students. Jayson Riches, Justin Dedonato, Tim Addison, Daniel Jean-Louis, Jack Carlson and Luke Gilberti entertained the young listeners with their performance!

A few spots are left!



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Career and College Ready

AVID 2 students had a great time learning about various programs and career opportunities as they toured Fort Myers Technical College.



JROTC: "Operation Blessing Bags"

Every year the JROTC program at Cypress Lake High School identifies, selects, organizes and executes a Service Learning Project, which is an extensive, entirely cadet-run community service project. The program's mission is to motivate young adults to be better citizens using skills taught in the JROTC curriculum, and that includes service to the community. Service learning projects place cadets directly within the community, interacting with an underserved segment of the population in an effort to improve their overall quality of life. Not only are the cadets getting to know their community, but the community is provided with an opportunity to learn about the JROTC program as well.

This year, the Panther Battalion leadership brainstormed several proposed projects and presented them to each company (class period) for cadet feedback. The chosen 2017-18 Service Project was "Operation Blessing Bags." Cadets decided to make and prepare 250 bags and give them to several first responders within the Fort Myers area. First Responders will distribute the bags to individuals during times of stress to assist in their recovery. The age groups impacted by this project are: 0-3, 4-6, 7-11, teens and the elderly. Each bag had a blanket, a bottle, a book and a variety of age appropriate items.

Cadets who participate in service projects report finding the event humbling, bringing them a feeling of satisfaction linked with giving back to others in their community.



Cadets making the "blessing bags."

