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It is GREAT to be a Panther!

Cypress is excited and ready for a new school year! As we welcome Panthers back, we will continue our focus on the ABCs- Attendance, Behavior and Classroom Success. During high school, a vision for life after high school takes shape. Students need support and encouragement to develop habits that are necessary for success in high school and in life. Parents, you are our most important partners during this time. Start with A- **attendance each day and each period is critical.** Getting to class on time is key to doing well in high school and regular daily attendance is a must. Please make sure your Panther comes to school every day with required supplies (charged Chromebook, notebooks, calculator, pens and pencils). Every night you should expect to see your student either completing homework or reading. Check their FOCUS daily and discuss what is posted for the "B and C" of our ABCs- behavior and classroom success. Check FOCUS for behavior and grades/ classroom success. FOCUS can be accessed through the student launchpad on the school issued Chromebook. Your routine of monitoring daily and weekly will help to keep our Panthers focused on their success for the upcoming school year!

The Panther family extends an especially warm welcome to our 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 emphasis on the transition of our freshmen students. This new chapter in their lives began last spring with course selection, and will continue Friday, July 28th with Panther Force. Panther Force is a special program designed to help ninth graders get ready for their first day of high school and learn what it means to be a Panther. We hope all our freshmen are as excited to start high school as we are to welcome them to Cypress! Panther Force is not just freshman orientation, it is the start of a wonderful adventure. Our Panthers will learn, grow and amaze themselves while at Cypress.

Arts, activities and athletic programs are very important during high school. They create a sense of belonging and bond us to Cypress! We urge all our students to participate in

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Principal's Message

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at least one of these programs each year. Additionally, research indicates that students who are involved in their school achieve more academically. Be sure to look at all CLHSCA has available, and ask yourself: "How can I get involved this year?"

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. I hope to see all of you at our Back-to-School Open House on Wednesday, August 9th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During Open House, students will receive schedules, meet teachers, get bus information, lockers, parking permits and so much more.

Remember, our goal is the TASSEL, which symbolizes earning the high school diploma. I hope everyone has had a restful summer and is ready to tackle a new school year at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts!

Welcome back!

Angela Roles, Principal

Google Classrooms

Parents, your child/children will be asked to join a google classroom for every course they take and even for clubs and sports they are a part of. This is one of the easiest ways for our staff to communicate with all students and parents. Please take a few minutes to review the google classrooms with your child and make sure you are added. When your child is absent from school, or you have concerns regarding assignments, the classroom is a great place to check for information. Most teachers post weekly, if not daily, and our students are continuously reminded to use this excellent tool.

There are also grade level classrooms where extra information is posted relating to the students' specific grade level. For example, on the senior google classroom there are dates for ALL senior meetings, homecoming activities, graduation processes, scholarship deadlines, etc.

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The Cypress Lake High School Counseling team is here to support you. Please take time to reach out to your counselor for questions during the school year.

Alpha Counselor


A-D Kathy Moldawsky KathyWM@leeschools.net

E-L Betsy Moreno BetsyMO@leeschools.net

M-R Rosa Skinner RosaiSk@leeschools.net

S-Z Jessica Owen JessicaPO@leeschools.net

Students are assigned to school counselors by last name. All students will meet with their counselor to discuss course selections for the following school year. The school counselor is available to help students with academic performance, social/emotional concerns, and post-secondary planning. Any student who needs to see their school counselor or the Assistant Principal for Curriculum (Mrs. Bond) can contact them through email or stop by the Guidance office to complete a Guidance request.



**Auditions
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Musical Auditions
(Holiday Inn and the Spring
Blackbox Musical) are on
August 14 & 15.

Auditions for Peter and the
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2023-2024 Test Dates (National)

| ACT Test Dates | Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date | Late Registration Deadline | Photo Upload and Standby Deadline |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| September 9, 2023 | August 4 | August 18 | September 1 |
| October 28, 2023 | September 22 | October 6 | October 20 |
| December 9, 2023 | November 3 | November 17 | December 1 |
| February 10, 2024 | January 5 | January 19 | February 2 |
| April 13, 2024 | March 8 | March 22 | April 5 |
| June 8, 2024 | May 3 | May 17 | May 31 |
| July 13, 2024* | June 7 | June 21 | July 5 |
| SAT Test Date* | Registration Deadline | Deadline for Regular Cancellation | |
| Aug 26, 2023 | Domestic: Jul 28, 2023 International: Aug 11, 2023 | Aug 15, 2023 | |
| Oct 7, 2023 | Domestic: Sept 8, 2023 International: Sept 22, 2023 | Sept 26, 2023 | |
| Nov 4, 2023 | Domestic: Oct 6, 2023 International: Oct 20, 2023 | Oct 24, 2023 | |
| Dec 2, 2023 | Domestic: Nov 3, 2023 International: Nov 17, 2023 | Nov 21, 2023 | |
| Mar 9, 2024 | Feb 23, 2024 | Feb 27, 2024** | |
| May 4, 2024 | Apr 19, 2024 | Apr 23, 2024** | |
| June 1, 2024 | May 17, 2024 | May 21, 2024** | |

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PE Uniforms

If your child will be taking PE this year, they will need to purchase a uniform for \$25.00. This may be done at the Open House or during the first 2 weeks of school. Students without a uniform will not be able to participate after the 2nd week of school and this will negatively affect their grade



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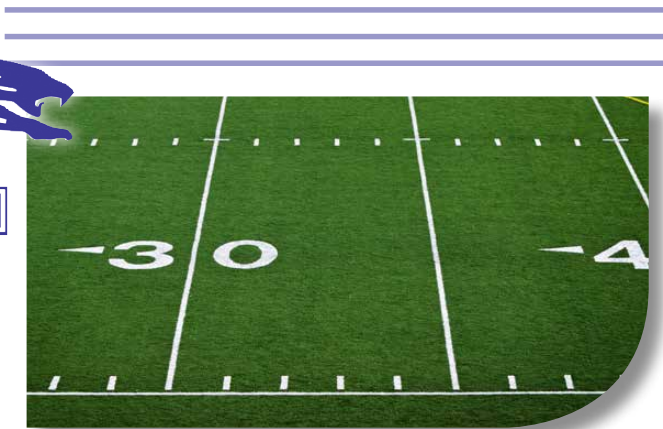


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News from the Athletics Department



Athletic News!

FHSAA Fall Sports begin July 31st. If you are interested in playing a fall sport, you will need to complete the athletic packet, which includes a physical that must be completed on the appropriate forms, and other requirements **BEFORE** trying out. Packets can be found on the Athletics website at cyh.leeschools.net.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the athletics department for your paperwork needs or the sport specific coach for more details regarding tryout times and locations.

Fall sports and coaches include:

- Football - Coach Mendes
- Cheer - Coach Velez
- Girls Volleyball - Coach Cole
- Boys and Girls Bowling - Coach Dusenberry
- Boys and Girls Golf - Coach Beisner (boys) & Coach Knudsen (girls)
- Boys and Girls Swimming - Coach Epps & Coach VanderPlaats
- Boys and Girls Cross Country - Coach Hedges

Boys & Girls Golf

Coach Beisner (room E111) and Coach Knudsen (room E105) will each have a golf meeting in their classroom on Tuesday, August 15th from 1:40pm - 2:10pm. All players wanting to play golf must attend this meeting. Please have your physical and all athletic paperwork completed and turned in **BEFORE** the meeting! Email ShannonMKn@leeschools.net for information about the girl's golf team and ChrisAB@leeschools.net regarding the boy's team.



Bowling

Bowling tryouts will begin August 16th at Lightning Strikes bowling alley from 3-5pm. Email Toddld@leeschools.net for more information.

Fall Softball

Softball will have a fall league. Stop by W165 or email toddld@leeschools.net for more information.





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Class of 2024, schedule your senior photos at <https://www.leonards.com/Welcome/>. If you didn't get a postcard with an access code, e-mail me and I can send it to you: Ranaeaa@leeschools.net.

The Leonard's Studio will be open ALL SUMMER. NO WALK-INS! You must make an appointment. The FINAL DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 23rd! There will be 2 on campus

FORMAL SESSION only dates, August 16th and October 23rd. 2-3 weeks after you take your photos, you need to log-in and choose the 1 photo you want to be sent for the yearbook. There is a heart or a check mark you'll need to click to select. If you don't do this... they will choose for you. Taking this photo by 10/23/23 deadline will get you in the 23-24 yearbook and get you a

SENIOR school ID. You do NOT need to do any specialty photos with Leonard's, just the FORMAL PHOTO, which is \$20 for the session.

If you want to use Leonard's for specialty photos, you can use one of the Senior Ambassador codes to receive 50% off the ULTIMATE PACKAGE. The codes are: Chayce2024, Kalyssa2024, and Marianna2024.

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The Panther Closet was the brainchild of a group of students in Mrs. Knudsen's class a couple of years ago and it has grown substantially since then. In order to keep the store running, we depend on you and your friends for donations of clean, gently used clothes of all sizes, accessories, shoes, prom/homecoming dresses, suits, ties, hats, school supplies, and anything else you would like to donate. You'd be surprised what the kids enjoy!

If you would like to volunteer to supervise the closet on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, please contact Mrs. Knudsen at Shannonmkn@leeschools.net for more information.



MySchoolBucks.com

MySchoolBucks is a website used to pay for PE Clothes, locker, parking decals, honor society dues, homecoming and prom dance tickets, and more. It is important that all families set up an account for each student, if you do not already have one.

Follow these instructions to set up your account:

When you go to myschoolbucks.com, you must "make an account." When asked to choose your county, you must select **School District of Lee County**, NOT Lee County. Once you have done this, go to the little head on the top right-hand side of the screen and click on that. Then, click on "my students" and add your child as a student. This is when you'll be able to choose the school. Once you have done this, go back to the home screen and click on "store." Under the store tab, click browse all. You will find everything that you need here.



Student Parking

For all student drivers, parking decals can be purchased at the Open House scheduled for August 9th at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Rodriguez will also sell decals in Student Services between 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. beginning July 24th. Students must have a parking decal to park on campus. The cost for each decal is \$45.00. The parking decals can be purchased through MySchoolBucks.com. Once you have purchased the decal, the purchase on MySchoolBucks.com will be marked 'pending' until the signed paperwork is returned to Mrs. Rodriguez in Student Services. Then, you will be issued your decal.

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By the end of this special day, participants will....

1. Know how to get around the Cypress Lake High School campus
2. Be prepared to deal with many crucial issues facing students today
3. Have new friends to start off the school year
4. Get their schedule and know exactly where their classes are

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Questions?? Please feel free to send an email to RebeccaAH@leeschools.net.