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Principal's Message

Panther Family,

It is fall at Cypress! Our campus is abuzz and full of happy energy with the return of students.

We thank all Panthers for a successful and smooth start to our school year. Cypress is such a special place to learn and grow. We are proud of our beautiful school and have high expectations for each and every student. Our students are kind, compassionate, and eager to learn. Our staff is dedicated. We strive to make connections with students to help all Panthers reach their highest potential.

The fall sports season is in full swing. Panther students are busy! We look forward to our fall arts season this year, as well. We hope you will join us to see concerts, performances and shows. Confidence and teamwork are essential and the focus for arts, activities and athletics. Our many campus clubs are welcoming new members as they begin their work for the year ahead of them. We hold "Club Rush" in mid-September each year. This is the time when students can meet with each club or group during lunch and learn more about what that club does. They may even join, if interested. We encourage all Panthers to find a connection, whether it is arts, athletics, clubs or other activities. A sense of belonging to your school community is important!

Our students are the most important part of our Panther family. I see so much good in our high school every single day. The laughter, smiles, and warmth are constant reminders of this. We are in this together. We continue to come together as a school community and focus on the good. We love our school.

I continue to be amazed at the spirit and dedication of our teachers, coaches, directors and class/club sponsors. Combined with the commitment and excitement that our students bring each day, this makes me extremely happy to be a Panther. It is a privilege to be the principal of Cypress Lake High School!

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Angela Roles
Principal



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Underclass Photo Retake Day

Tuesday, November 14th will be photo retake day for students in grades 9 – 11. This will be the last opportunity for students to take their photo to be in the yearbook, as well as get a physical and digital CLHS student ID.

Senior Photos

Time is running out for Seniors to be photographed. Students need to schedule an appointment at <https://new.leonards.com/>. The studios are open every Thursday – Saturday. The last studio day is Saturday, October 21st and the **FINAL** day for CLHS Seniors to be photographed will be on campus Monday, October 23rd. A signup sheet for 10/23 will be available in October.

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Out of Field 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.

Calli Sullivan Biology 6-12

Gabriela Pedroza-Harding Reading (Endorsement)

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates.

- Khrystine Graves
- Courtney LaMar
- Andrew McCarley
- McKenzie Velez
- Erin Williams
- Samantha Wolff

PBIS Corner

The PBIS program involves students celebrating good behavior and taking ownership of expectations:

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PBIS is leveling the playing field for all students and giving them opportunities for learning. It's a constant process of teaching them expectations and talking about them. PBIS improves outcomes—social, emotional, and academic—for every student, including students with disabilities and students from underrepresented groups.

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PRIOR TO SIGNING UP... DO YOU HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO ATTEND: GPA, TEST SCORES, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

If you'd like to attend more than one presentation, fill out a form for each one. From this form, I will send you a pass on the morning of the presentation to attend.

Monday, September 18th - Keiser University

Monday, September 18th - **SCAD** (Savannah College of Art and Design)

Wednesday, September 20th - **NSU** (Nova Southeastern University) Main campus Davie, FL & local campus info too.

Wednesday, September 20th - **FSC** (Florida Southern College)

Thursday, September 21st - **USF** (University of South Florida)

Thursday, September 21st - **FIU** (Florida International University)

Friday, September 22nd - **UCF** (University of Central Florida)

Friday, September 22nd - **FSU** (Florida State University)

Tuesday, October 10th - **UF** (University of Florida)

Thank you! Ms. Atkinson - <https://forms.gle/npQgrJvvo7tHYFwE9>

College/Career Field Trips

College and Career Specialist Ms. Atkinson will be offering opportunities for Seniors to attend 4 different college/university/trade school field trips this Fall. The field trips will be to: Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Southwestern State College, Fort Myers Technical College, and Cape Coral Technical College. If seniors are interested in attending one of these field trips, they should fill out the google form that is in their Senior Google Classroom.

Prior to attending, do your research... Do you have the qualifications necessary to attend: GPA, grades, and test scores? If you'd like to attend more than one field trip, fill out a form for each one.

EACH TRIP IS LIMITED TO 30 STUDENTS.

- September 29th to FGCU (Florida Gulf Coast University)
- November 7th to FSW (Florida Southwestern State College)
- November 15th to FMTC (Fort Myers Technical College)
- November 30th to CCTC (Cape Coral Technical College)

OTHER UPCOMING DATES...

- October 9th SENIOR MEETING and Senior Panoramic photo 8:30 am
- October 9th – 13th HOCO WEEK
- November 16th – FSW (Florida Southwestern State College) will be on campus for Instant Decision Day. This is an opportunity for seniors to apply to FSW and get a same day decision. The \$30 application fee will also be waived on this day.
- December 9th – Winter Semi Formal Dance in the Center Courtyard 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm.
- December 15th – Center for the Arts Department Photos 8:00 am – 9:15 am
Club Photo Day 10:30 am – 1:00 pm



Panther Closet

The Panther Closet continues to be a huge success at Cypress, but not without your donations. If you are cleaning out your closets, or have outgrown your clothes, please consider donating them to the Panther Closet. We take all gently used clothes, shoes, jewelry, art supplies, etc. The most popular items that we cannot seem to keep in stock are hoodies, leggings, belts, and Cypress Lake attire.

As we near time for our winter semi-formal dance, dresses and shoes will be in demand! If you have a dress, you've only worn once or twice, please consider donating it. This may make the difference between someone going to the dance or not.

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Homecoming is the week of October 9th thru 13th. This year's theme is The Wizard of Oz. Each class randomly picked a part of that theme to decorate their hallways. Freshmen chose Yellow Brick Road landscapes, sophomores chose Emerald City, juniors chose the Witch's Castle, and the seniors chose Munchkin Land. The hallway decorating will take place on Friday, October 5th from 1:40 pm – 4:00 pm. Students are encouraged to come help their class decorate their hallway!

Each day, during homecoming week, the students may dress according to that day's theme.

Monday, October 9th is Pajama or Movie Premiere Day. There will be Powder Puff Practice for junior & senior girls and boys in the stadium from 5:30-7:00pm. Buff Puff guys volleyball practice for all grade levels is in the gym from 7:00 - 8:00pm (Permission form needed for all activities).

Tuesday, October 10th is Twin or Tourist Day.

Wednesday, October 11th is Barbie & Ken or Soccer Mom & BBQ Dad Day. The Powder Puff Game & Panther Prowl (nighttime pep rally in stadium) 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. This will be followed by the Buff Puff game in the gymnasium at 8:00 pm.

Thursday, October 12th is "Anything but a Backpack" or Theme Day.

Friday, October 13th is Spirit Day. Wear ALL your purple for the 2nd pep rally of the year! Then, at 7:30 pm watch our Panthers take on the East Lee Jaguars in our stadium. The homecoming court will be announced at halftime and this years' homecoming King and Queen will be crowned.

NOTE: There is not a Homecoming Dance. Instead, we have a Winter Dance in December in the Center courtyard. This year, it is on Saturday, December 9th. More information will be released in November.

Cross Country is *Setting the Pace* for a Great Season

Cross Country season has commenced and CLHS runners are already hitting incredible goals. On September 2nd they ran at Estero Park, which is advertised as the second toughest race in the state. The rest of the team's schedule is as follows:

- Saturday 9/16 at Southwest Florida Christian School @ 7am
- Friday 9/22 at North Port High School @ 5:30pm
- Saturday 9/30 at North Park Ave Maria @ 730am
- Thursday 10/19 (Tentative) – LCAC
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JROTC Team Building

Cypress Lake High School JROTC students displayed their Panther Pride while participating in a competitive Team Building Obstacle Course. JROTC students were divided into Teams and had to work together to complete the difficult array of obstacles. The Team with the fastest time was declared the champion! We are very proud of their dedication, leadership, strength and teamwork, and it was great to see all the Teams cheering on their peers.



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Jazz Students on the Move!

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- President: Marianna Young Secretary: Leia Busby
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Eligibility for membership in the CLHS Chapter of the NEHS is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a minimum overall high school GPA of 3.0 prior to induction, and a 3.0 GPA in secondary level English Language Arts course. Candidates must also have exhibited strong leadership, character, and responsibility traits while a student at Cypress Lake High School.

National English Honor Society dues are \$26.00 for the first year and \$10.00 for each additional year of membership. Dues include:

- membership fee with NEHS,
- an official certificate of membership from the National English Honor Society during the induction ceremony,
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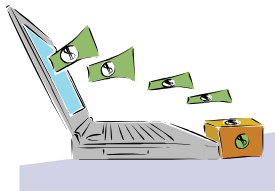
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Counselor Corner

Cypress Lake High School counselors are here to support our students and we look forward to working with you and your student this year. At CLHS, the roles of the school counselors include academic advising and intervention, college and career exploration, scheduling and class selection, and planning for graduation. We are also fortunate to include Ms. Ranae Atkinson our College and Career Specialist as part of our team.

The next few months are exciting times for our seniors as they begin planning for life after high school. School counselors will be meeting individually with all seniors to complete their graduation contract. During this meeting, counselors will be sharing important information regarding diploma requirements, mandatory assessments, review current grades and help seniors plan for ways to meet their postsecondary goals.

It's not too early for juniors to begin to prepare for college which typically starts with scheduling college entrance exams. The counseling office recommends that students take the ACT or SAT for the first time during their junior year. It is recommended that students take both the SAT and ACT and based on their results take one of the exams again after studying or practice. For registration information and test dates go to www.act.org or www.sat.collegeboard.org.

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