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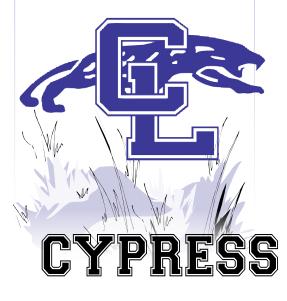
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Vision

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Mission

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



Principal's Message

Dear Panther Family,

We are coming close to the end of another wonderful year here at Cypress Lake and I couldn't be more proud of our students and all they have achieved. Our seniors are making final decisions about their futures and scholarships are being awarded. These students will be recognized at our Spring pep rally on April 19th. All military, trade school, and college acceptances will be honored during this rally, so they should make sure to fill out the google form.



Center students are working on final art shows, theater performances, and music concerts. If you have a chance to come see any of these you will be amazed by the talent of our amazing Panthers. Athletics are closing in on the end of their spring seasons and will be entering tournament season soon. The boys and girls playing spring sports are working daily to improve and to bring their teams one step closer to victory. We have been fortunate to have quite a few of our students nominated for New-Press Athlete of the week with three winners in a row! Way to go Panthers!

It's not just our students who are winning awards, we also have a Golden Apple Teacher this year, Ms. Sarah Thornburg! Ms. Thornburg is one of our dance teachers and a vital part of our Center for the Arts. We are so proud of her and her accomplishments.

As the year draws to a close, please make sure students are still continuing to focus on their studies, course and final exams, and behavior. They will be meeting with their counselors in the coming weeks to choose courses for next year and to discuss the possibility of summer school, if needed. There is much going on both on and off campus to prepare for the end of this year and the beginning of the next. Please make sure to check the grade level google classroom frequently for important announcements. We make every effort to keep you informed!

Thank you for another amazing year at Cypress Lake High School. It is an honor to be your Principal.

Angela Roles Principal

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Yearbook

The yearbook has been submitted and there are 110 copies remaining for preorder. IF you do not preorder, you are NOT guaranteed a copy. Students can check the hallway display between E103 – E105 to see if they've purchased a yearbook. You can purchase online at buytheyearbook. com until April 30th or with cash or check (made out to CLHS) after that or until we sell out.



Driver's Education

CLHS offers a Summer session June 4th-28th as well as elective classes

during the school year fall and spring semesters. Students must have their learners' permit to participate. Those interested in the summer session must get a photocopy of their permit to Mr. Whitmer in Room W-269 ASAP to be considered.



Incoming Freshmen!

If you will have an incoming freshman next year, the freshman Registration Night is May 13,2024. Come sign up for your classes, meet with guidance counselors and register for sports all in one night.

PBIS Awards

PBIS awarded more than 160+ Panthers for following PRIDE expectations with Pancakes for Panthers.







Fees & Fines Reminder

Students, in order to avoid being placed on the fees and fines list, please find and return all overdue library materials and textbooks to the media center as soon as possible. If you still have library materials from other Lee County Schools you have attended, please also bring those to the media center and Mrs. Lessinger will help you get those back to the proper school. Thank you.

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Panther Drone Team and Color Guard Team Competitions

CSM Ortega and the Panther Drone Team (8 cadets) departed on April 3rd for Batesville, Mississippi, to compete in the NATIONAL Drone Competition.

SFC Stage, the Panther Female Color Guard Team (2time district champions!) departed April 4th for Lakeland to compete in the FL STATE Drill Championship at George Jenkins HS (founder of Publix).

Blood Drive News

Great news from our school blood drive on March 29th! We had 62 donors with 49 units collected which impacts 98 people in our community. We will also have a scholarship opportunity from Lee Health to award before the end of the school year.

Red Sox Scholarship!

Congratulations to Bri Madore on being selected as the CLHS recipient for the Red Sox Scholarship! She was recognized at Thursday's game vs. the Orioles! Bri is headed to University of Miami... we are proud of you!

Our seniors are earning scholarships! There are still many that are open and due in April and May. Seniors can find all scholarships in their senior google classroom.





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2024-2025 Panther Theatre Season



Panther Theater News

Panther Theatre has 2 upcoming performances. Our final Beans & Scenes of the year is April 18-19 and our last show, SIX The Musical Teen Edition is May 3-5. We also have announced our 2024-2025 Theater Season.



NHS Reminder

NHS Members- remember to turn in your dues, stole and tassel fee, and volunteer hours. This is especially important for Seniors. Volunteer documentation forms are available on the Google Classroom and from the NHS bulletin Board in the East wing.



SENIOR YEAR CELEBRATIONS c/o 2024!

It's that time of year when we want to honor and recognize your success! The only way we can accurately do this is with **YOUR INPUT!** Please take the time to fill out this brief form. We will be allowing this form to be editable so that information can be added as decisions are made, scholarships are awarded, or jobs are offered.

What's **MOST IMPORTANT** for you to remember is that everyone's path is different and that you are doing what you want to do to be a productive member of a community. So be **PROUD** of your decision.... we are!



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

2024 School Wide Decision Day Recognition at Pep Rally - Friday, April 19th - if you want to be included this will need to be completed by April 16th.

COMPLETED DECISION DAY SLIDE ON SOCIAL MEDIA - if you want yours to be shared on social media, I will need this filled out by April 28th.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS - We will accept responses up until **May 1st** https://forms.gle/Z4eq7VtrF9xkwaFm9



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World Language Fair The World Language Fair was held on April 6th at Dunbar High School.

This year's theme was "Getting Back to Our Roots" for it allows for more cultural awareness and diversity. They will be competing against all Lee County HS and Middle schools. Their music, art, and videos had to be in the targeted language, Spanish.

CLHS participants were:

- Delia Smith, category Entertainment instrumental
- Olivia Parks 3D Project
- James Camacho and Amani Toro 2D Project
- Mallory Amos Multimedia Video



Photography Finalists

Congrats to Missy Hiatte, Carter Koehler, Lilly Witz and Angelina Pizzaro who are finalists in the Ding Darling High School Photography contest.

Television Production

Nominees!

Congratulations to our Television Production students. 19 of their films and videos were nominated for an award at the Lee Students Television and Film Awards.

Guitar **Ensemble First!**

Our quitar ensemble participated in MPA on Saturday, April 6th for the very first time. We are the only school in SWFL to participate and were so excited to represent Lee county and CLHS.

2024 LEE COUNTY STUDENT FILM & TELEVISION NOMINEES MUSIC VIDEO

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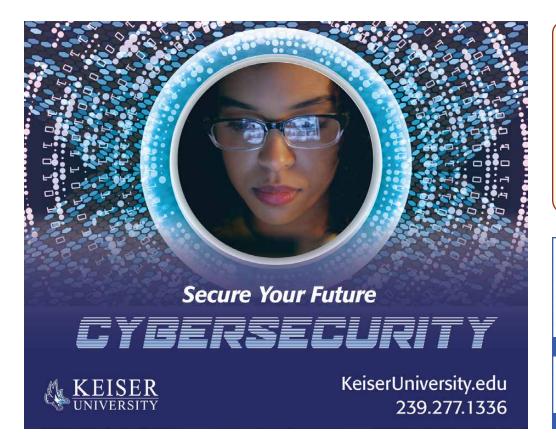
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National English Honor Society

Members of the National English Honor Society relished their time volunteering during this year's Southwest Florida Reading Festival on March 2nd at the Fort Myers Regional Library. Engaged in promoting literacy, Danelle Jean-Baptiste, Dania Jean-Baptiste, Leah Chamberlain, and Savannah DeKoff found joy in connecting with the community. Assigned to assist other young people ages 6th through 12th grade select the perfect book as a gift to take home from the festival, the girls found the event very rewarding. Witnessing the enthusiasm of other young readers was inspiring, igniting their passion for literature even further. Through their dedication, they not only enriched the festival but also cultivated a brighter literary future for Southwest Florida.









Senior Spotlight - Breanna Pawlak By Ava Camputaro

Breanna is a center major in the strings program here at Cypress. She tells us her favorite memory of her time in high school was the orchestra's New York City trip they recently took. She enjoyed meeting new friends and gaining new experiences. Her advice for incoming freshmen and her peers in general was to keep up with classes and deadlines as it is really difficult to catch back up after falling behind. When asked, she said she would heavily recommend a strings class as she feels Mrs. Lisa is an inspiration and a great teacher to have. She also values the friends and memories she has made during her time in the program.



Choral MPA

By Penelope LeSage

On March 4th, Cypress Lake had the privilege of presenting the Choral MPA performances for all of the high schools and some of the middle schools in Lee County. MPA stands for Music Performance Assessments and it involves choirs from all over the county performing for 3 esteemed judges to be graded for several categories such as tone quality, technical preparation, and overall musical effect among the choirs. Superiors are the highest possible score that a choir could receive and allows for the school to have an opportunity to perform for MPA's at a state level.

Every choir over the course of those two nights showed incredible skill and quality. However, I would like to specifically focus on the Cypress choirs that performed. Cypress Lake has several choir classes to choose from, but only Chorale and Intermezzo performed at the MPA's this year. The Chorale program performed the pieces Verdun and Erev Shel Shoshanim, while Intermezzo and Chorale joined together to perform Turning and Canticle of Mary. Turning is a highly complicated song with several moving parts and yet it was performed on stage with an incredible overall sound that left the audience speechless. Verdun is a song that was sung in French and it was, again, very impressive to hear on stage considering the differing languages between other songs throughout the night.

Overall, the choirs did absolutely amazing and the overall sound and tone from the students speaks for itself, which is why it is understandable why both classes received straight superiors. The practice and professionalism from the choirs really showed through their performances and I cannot wait to see what is to come next year.

CLHS Goes to New York!

Along with five other schools in the district, the Cypress Lake orchestra department had the privilege of traveling to NYC for four days. Students had the honor of participating in a two hour clinic with the conductor of the New York Philharmonic, where he provided them with professional insight on how to improve the pieces they were working on together, while giving advice on how to improve overall as musicians. They also had the most incredible experience of being allowed to perform in the Cathedral of St. Paul the Apostle! Not only were they able to experience wonderful music related events, there was so much more! They were able to attend the famous musicals, Hadestown and Wicked, and experience the Paris Orchestra perform Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" and "The Firebird Suite" in Carnegie Hall. They were even able to sightsee in the American Museum of Natural History. Their trip to New York City was definitely one that gave the orchestra family wonderful memories and experiences that will last a lifetime!





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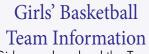
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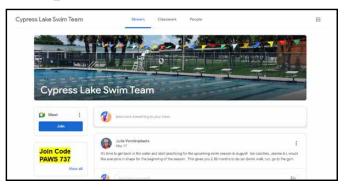
To Addressee or Current Resident



Boys' and Girls' Bowling If you are interested in high school bowling please contact Todd Dusenberry at Toddld@ leeschools.net. High school bowling starts August 14th.

Varsity Swim Announcement

Are you interested in joining our varsity swim team? We will have summer conditioning at the Cypress Lake High pool. Join the Google Classroom- PAWS737- to stay up to date on all information. You can also follow us on Instagram @ cypress swimdive.



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