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VISION-Promote a culture where Tarpons do their best, do what is right and treat others the way they wish to be treated.

Charlotte High School

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School Hours: 7:10 am - 2:10 pm
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School Colors: Royal Blue and Gold



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August 4th, 2023

For The Parents, Staff, Students And Community Of Charlotte High School

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Charlotte High School! Our school is steeped in traditions, including excellence in both academics and extracurricular activities. Our Mission is – Be a Learner, Be a Leader, Be a Tarpon! Our Vision is – Tarpons have MOJO which stands for: Motivation for success, Ownership for our actions, Journeys through education, and Optimism for the future. To promote a positive culture, we ask our students to always do their best, do what is right, and treat others the way they wish to be treated. These are our Tarpon Fundamentals. Our expectations are high and guided by the belief that all human beings deserve to be treated with dignity and respect in a safe and secure learning environment. To secure this environment and provide every student with the quality education they deserve, we will need the support of our parents/guardians.

We want our students to strive to reach their fullest potential. All of our students have special gifts and talents they can share with others to make Charlotte High the best school possible. I would like to challenge all of our Tarpons to take advantage of the countless opportunities at Charlotte High to become involved. Students can peruse our school's website to become familiar with all the clubs available to join. Please talk with your teen about getting involved if they are not already. Research is clear that the more involved students are in their school, the more motivated they are to come to school every day. Currently, one of our top goals is to improve school-wide attendance and students being at school from bell to bell every day when they are well. It is a challenge to stay on top of your studies if you frequently miss school. We appreciate all your support in this matter.

Another area in which parents/guardians can help us is to monitor your child's online and social media activity to ensure their safety and the safety of others. Communicating with friends on social media can be a positive experience when used appropriately. On the other hand, when social media is used to disrespect others in any way, it is not healthy for anyone and will often impact school social situations. With your support and guidance, we can work to minimize students' exposure to cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and other online risks.

Finally, when our students graduate from Charlotte High, we believe they should have a well-thought-out and developed plan to pursue their dreams. Whether their goals include college, a career, the military, a technology/trade/certification program, entrepreneurship, etc., we want them prepared to move forward after graduation to lead a positive and rewarding life. Please encourage your child to develop a relationship with their assigned School Counselor and our Career Specialist to make sure they have a plan for when they move forward from CHS.

I look forward to working with all our CHS students, staff, families, and community members to carry on Charlotte High Tarpons' tradition of being the "First and Finest" in Charlotte County!

Sincerely,

Angie Taillon
Principal

Tarpon Line



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ADMINISTRATION

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Angie Taillon

Assistant Principals
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Jeffrey Damico
Kathryn Pyle
Andrew Tenney

Deans

Kathleen Moore
David Kelley

Guidance Counselors

Josalyn Leath, 9th grade
Trish Marcus, 10th grade
Joe Haynes, 11th grade
Amy Perkey, 12th grade (A-L)
Kathleen Carroll, 12th grade (M-Z)

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Charlotte High School is known as Charlotte County's First and Finest High School. Having first opened its doors in 1926, CHS is rich in history, community support, and tradition.

Go Tarpons!



'Tarpon Line'
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UPCOMING DATES

August 7	OPEN HOUSE
August 10	1st Day for Students
September 4	Labor Day- No School

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

It is imperative we have accurate records (new addresses, phone numbers, etc.) so we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency involving your son or daughter. In addition, there are times when teachers and other school personnel also need to speak with parents and/or guardians. Please give the office a call if you need to update your information.



DIRECTIONS FOR PARENT PICK UP



Our **MAIN parent drop off area** is just off Henry Street behind the Deep Creek Church. There are signs on Cooper Street directing you to this area. This is the largest area and is designed to accommodate a large volume of traffic. Students dropped off here enter the school on the gymnasium side of the campus.

Our **SECONDARY drop off area** is at CPAC. Because of the volume of students dropped off at CPAC, there is usually a waiting time to get in and out due to the seniors who drive to school who also use this area.

FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, THE VISITOR PARKING LOT IS NOT A DESIGNATED DROP OFF OR PICK UP AREA.

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SAC is comprised of parents, students, and CHS staff members who are dedicated to the continued development, and maintenance of quality education programs at CHS. To become a member of this very significant council, please contact the Principal's Office.



Bullying, which includes cyberbullying, occurs when a person or group of people purposefully and repeatedly hurt, embarrass, or frighten another. During freshman year, all Tarpons participate in a classroom lesson about bullying run by our Assistant Principal and School Resource Officer. Students are educated about how to identify, react to and report bullying. As a parent, it is important to have open dialogue with your child about their experiences at school. If you become aware of a bullying situation, please report it immediately. Charlotte High School does not tolerate any form of bullying. For more information, or to report bullying, see the "Students & Parents" section of our website.

PARKING

Students who need to purchase a parking permit can do so starting Monday, July 31st, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in H Building Office. Students must have a current parking permit to park on campus. All students who apply must be free of any obligations and must bring a copy of their Driver's License, Registration, Insurance information and a completed 2023/2024 parking application, which can be picked up at CHS or downloaded from CHS home page. The application must be signed by the student and parent/guardian. Parking permits are \$30.00 which can be paid by cash or check. Any questions please call 941-575-5450 extension *7112.

ABSENCES

THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE NUMBER IS 941-575-5457

Please be reminded that on the day your child is absent from school, the Attendance Office should receive a phone call before 7:30 a.m. from the parent or guardian explaining the absence. In addition, for your convenience, a 24-hour voice mail is available before and after school hours so you are able to leave messages regarding absences. Other important extensions you may need are as follows:

OFFICES	EXTENSIONS	OFFICES	EXTENSIONS
Charlotte High School	941-575-5450	ESE	*7111
ATHLETICS	*7004	FACILITIES	*7112
BOOKKEEPER	*7007	GUIDANCE/CURRICULUM	*7035
CAFETERIA	*7077	MAIN OFFICE	*7001
CLINIC	*7002	MEDIA CENTER	*7088
CPAC	*7086	PRINCIPAL	*7011
CUSTODIAL	*7078	REGISTRATION	*7006
DATA ENTRY	*7008	SOCIAL WORKERS	*7036/*7052
DEAN/DISCIPLINE	*7049		

(Make sure to add the * before extension number when dialing)

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Permission to Ride an Alternate Bus

Students must get on and off the bus at their designated stops. Permission to ride an alternate bus must be requested in writing and approved by the principal (temporary) or the Transportation Operations Director (permanent). Requests must be received no later than 11:00 am for the specific day and will be honored on a space availability basis.

CHS STUDENT ID CARDS

Once students are issued IDs in the fall, they are expected to wear their ID over their neck and it must be visible at all times. Students will be required to show their ID when entering the school building and when they enter and exit the bus. Students who do not have their ID will be issued a temporary badge. Those who repeatedly do not bring their ID to school may face disciplinary action.

If an ID is lost or needs repair, students should stop by the Dean's Office to get their ID or lanyard repaired or replaced. Students needing additional IDs or lanyards will pay \$2 for an ID and \$1 for a lanyard. Replacement sleeves are free.



The FOCUS portal allows parents and students 24/7 secure access to information such as attendance, assignments, grades, and discipline. Please visit chs.yourcharlotteschools.net, click on this link and get started today!

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COUNSELOR NEWS YOU CAN USE

Welcome Back Tarpons. We hope you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation. It is our hope that this school year will be full of successful experiences for all students. Your grade level counselor can be reached by email, phone, or Remind (preferred method of contact) text numbers listed below:

- 9th grade Josalyn.Leath@yourcharlotteschools.net ext 7039, Remind 81010 @gradme2027
- 10th grade Trish.Marcus@yourcharlotteschools.net ext 7149, Remind 81010 @gradme2026
- 11th grade Joe.Haynes@yourcharlotteschools.net ext 7040, Remind 81010 @gradme2025
- 12th grade Amy.Perkey@yourcharlotteschools.net ext 7038, Remind 81010 @gradme2024
Kathleen.Carroll@yourcharlotteschools.net ext 7037, Remind 81010 @gradme2024

Open House is August 7th. If you have any questions, please reach out to your grade level counselor. Remind is the best way to reach counselors prior to school starting.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 26, 2023	SAT test, registration deadline with late fee August 15
Sept 9, 2023	ACT test, registration deadline without fee is August 4th
Sept 8, 2023	PSAT/NMSQT test for October 4th for Juniors will go on sale to the first 40 students. Sign up in guidance before or after school. Juniors can become eligible for National Merit Scholarship based on their individual scores.
Oct 7, 2023	SAT test, registration deadline without fee is September 7th
Oct 4, 2023	PSAT/NMSQT test for all Sophomores and Juniors (who registered)
Oct 28, 2023	ACT test, registration deadline without fee is September 22nd
TBA - October	ACT non college reportable for Seniors who have not yet passed the FSA Reading for graduation.
Oct 1, 2023	FAFSA opens for 2024 graduating students and their families. Check in with the Career Center for more details.

YEARBOOKS

Attention Tarpon Families! Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year! Yearbook would like to announce that sales will begin at Open House, 8/7/23. Please stop by classroom C110 and see Mrs. Zusman and your yearbook staff to pick up an info sheet including a QR for purchasing.

TEST DATES

- August: No testing
- September: All EOC retakes, FSA ELA reading and writing retakes
- October: PSAT for all 9th/10th grade

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL NON-ADOPTED BOOK LIST FOR 2023-2024

Our Non-Adopted Book List is available on the Charlotte High School website (chs.yourcharlotteschools.net) on the Students and Parents page.

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Welcome parents and students once again to another great year of planning for Project Graduation! Do you know what Project Graduation is? Project Graduation is a community funded event put on FREE for our students the night of graduation! One more big party as a class! Free food, free games, free T-shirts, and everyone leaves with a prize! There's even a \$1000 grand prize at the end of the night! So, come find out what it's all about! We need parent volunteers for planning and for the event. Our meetings are held in the media center the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Project Graduation will also have a table set up at open house for info so hope to see you there!

SPARK CLUB

SPARK Club is looking for new members! SPARK is an acronym for Spreading Positivity And Reinforcing Kindness, and that's just what we do. Throughout the year, we sponsor monthly activities to increase morale, share a positive message, and recognize kindness.

SPARK Club meets every Friday morning before school, as early as 6:35, but bus riders are welcome whenever the bus arrives. Our first meeting will be Friday, August 18th. Please stop in and see what we're all about! We look forward to welcoming new members!

CLUBS

Anime	Key Club
Art Club	Kindness/Positivity (S.P.A.R.K.)
Book Club	Leo Club
Bowling	Mock Trial
Creative Writing	Modern Music Masters (Tri-M)
Drama Club (Thespians)	National Honor Society
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Veterinary Assisting
Technical Design

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Questions, complaints, or requests for additional information regarding discrimination or harassment may be sent to:

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- Click on **"Create an Account"** and follow steps. Or Sign in if you have previously created an account. Watch tutorial video if help is needed.
- Register.** PARENTS register with valid email username and password.
- Login using your email address that you registered with.
- Select **"Start Clearance Here"** to start the process.
- Choose the School Year** in which the student plans to participate. *Example: Football in Sept 2023 would be the 2023-2024 School Year.*
Choose the School at which the student attends and will compete for.
Choose Sport. *You can also **"Add New Sport"** if a multi-sport athlete. Electronic signatures will be applied to the additional sports/activities.
- Complete all required fields for Student Information, Educational History, Medical History and Signature Forms. (If you have gone through the AthleticClearance.com process before, you will select the Student and Parent/Guardian from the dropdown menu on those pages)
- Upload the physical form (EL2 page 4 only). You must upload your physical in order to be cleared. Physicals are valid for 365 days. If the athlete does not have medical insurance, you can purchase insurance online at www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com.
- Once you reach the **Confirmation Message** you have completed the process.
- All of this data will be electronically filed with your school's athletic department for review. When the student has been **cleared for participation**, an email notification will be sent to the parent.

FALL SPORT SCHEDULES

BOYS & GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 17	Port Charlotte - Centennial Pk.	Away	4:00
Aug. 26	North Port HS	Away	9:00 AM
Aug. 31	North Fort Myers HS	Home	6:00
Sept. 2	Evangelical Christian	Home	10:00 AM
Sept. 5	Lake Placid HS	Away	5:30
Sept. 8	Northeast Relays @ NEHS	Away	5:00
Sept. 9	Northeast Relays @ North Shore	Away	9:00 AM
Sept. 16	Tarpon Invite	Home	10:00 AM
Sept. 22	Gulf Coast HS	Home	5:30
Sept. 23	Sarasota, Riverview Tri-meet	Home	10:00 AM
Sept. 27	Gulf Coast HS	Away	6:00
Oct. 4	Fort Myers HS	Home	5:30
Oct. 10	Charlotte Cty Meet - CHS Host	Home	5:00
	Tri County Championship- Selby	Away	10:00 AM
Oct. 23	Districts @ Norris Pool, Naples	Away	12:30 PM
Oct. 28	Region Meet @ Long Ctr, Clearwater	Away	5:00 PM
Nov. 3	State Meet @ Stuart	Away	

FR/JV/VARSITY VOLLEYBALL			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 15	CHS Preseason Classic	Home	5:30/7:00
Aug. 17	CHS Preseason Classic	Home	5:30/7:00
Aug. 22	DeSoto HS	Away	6:00/7:00
Aug. 23	Port Charlotte HS	Home	6:00/7:00
Aug. 25	Key West HS - FR only	Home	5:00 PM
Aug. 26	FR/JV CHS Fish Bowl Tourney	Home	9:00 AM
Aug. 28	Ida Baker HS	Home	6:00/7:00
Aug. 31	Braden River HS	Away	6:00/7:00
Sept. 2	Palmetto FR Tourney	Away	9:00 AM
Sept. 6	Riverview HS	Home	5:00/6:00/7:00
Sept. 7	First Baptist HS	Away	6:00/7:00
Sept. 9	Gene Gorman Var. Tourney	Home	9:00 AM
Sept. 12	Port Charlotte HS	Away	6:00/7:00
Sept. 14	North Port HS	Away	6:00/7:00
Sept. 15/16	Lake Howell Varsity Tourney	Away	TBA
Sept. 18	Lemon Bay HS	Home	5:00/6:00/7:00
Sept. 20	Venice HS - FR/JV	Home	5:00/6:00
Sept. 21	DeSoto HS	Home	6:00/7:00
Sept. 23	Braden River JV Tourney	Away	9:00 AM
Sept. 25	Riverview HS	Home	6:00/7:00
Sept. 26	Sarasota HS	Home	5:00/6:00/7:00
Oct. 3	Riverview HS	Away	5:00/6:00/7:00
Oct. 5	Lely HS - Senior Night	Home	6:00/7:00
Oct. 10	Lemon Bay HS	Away	5:00/6:00/7:00
Oct. 12	Fort Myers HS	Away	6:00/7:00
Oct. 16,17,19	Districts @ Highest Seed	TBD	7:00

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 23	Venice HS	Home	6:30
Aug. 31	Port Charlotte HS	Away	6:00
Sept. 7	North Port HS	Home	6:30
Sept. 14	Lemon Bay HS	Home	6:30
Sept. 21	Fort Myers HS	Away	TBA
Sept. 28	Port Charlotte HS	Home	6:30
Oct. 5	North Port HS	Away	6:00
Oct. 11	Lemon Bay HS	Away	6:30

VARSITY FOOTBALL			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 18	Mariner HS - Preseason Classic	Home	7:00
Aug. 24	Dunbar HS	Away	7:00
Sept. 1	Port Charlotte HS	Home	7:00
Sept. 8	Manatee HS	Away	7:30
Sept. 22	Fort Myers HS - Hall of Fame	Home	7:00
Sept. 29	*Riverdale HS - Homecoming	Home	7:00
Oct. 6	North Fort Myers HS	Away	7:00
Oct. 13	*Lehigh HS - Senior Night	Home	7:00
Oct. 20	Braden River HS	Away	7:00
Oct. 27	*Ida Baker HS	Away	7:00
Nov. 3	Riverview HS	Away	7:30



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REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OR THREATS

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- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- **The FortifyFL Reporting APP** or to the Crimestoppers Tipline (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808.
- Calling 9-1-1.

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The District Title IX Coordinators and Equity Compliance Officers for the District are Adrienne McElroy (Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Labor Relations), available at (941) 255-0808, Michael Desjardins (Assistant Superintendent for School Support), available at (941) 255-0808, and Danielle Hudzina (Director of Human Resources), available at (941) 255-0808. The District Section 504 Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator is Rebecca Marazon (Coordinator of Psychological Services), available at (941) 255-0808. (School Board Policy 2260)

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- Local Law Enforcement**
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- State-Level Officials**
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