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School Colors: Royal Blue and Gold



May 8th, 2023

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

<http://chs.yourcharlotteschools.net>

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Tarpon Family,

This letter comes to you with the news that at the end of this school year, I will be retiring from my position as principal of Charlotte High School. While it has been a difficult decision to leave such an outstanding school, I feel it is the right time for me to step down from my role and enjoy my retirement. After 17 years as a principal and over 49 years in the teaching profession, the decision to retire has been a roller coaster, and it is bittersweet.

This has never just been a job to me. I believe that teaching and leading is a calling. Serving children and advocating for what is right, helping students grow and reach for the stars, showing kids that an education can take them anywhere... that's important work.

I have been so incredibly proud to be the principal of Charlotte High School. The school has been on an incredible journey and I have taken great pleasure in seeing hundreds of children develop and flourish as confident, successful young people.

I must say a big thank you to you all for the support that you have given me over the years. This school enjoys an excellent reputation. This is attributed to the positive attitude and behavior of our young people, your support of us and the quality of education provided by all the staff. Charlotte High School will always be a special place for me, and I wish the team every success for the future.

There is still work to do over the remainder of the school year to ensure that our current group of students achieves and finishes strong. I can assure you that I will remain focused and continue to provide the high standard of education that you, as parents, would expect.

Once again, I extend great thanks to all of you. I will try to take the advice from Dr. Suess..." Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened." It has been such a pleasure and an honor to be a part of the Charlotte High School Tarpon community!

With sincere gratitude,

Cathy Corsaletti

Tarpon Line



"Always remember,
Tarpon Pride
never graduates!"

ADMINISTRATION

Principal

Cathy Corsaletti

Assistant Principals

Nicholas Brown

Jeffrey Damico

Kathryn Pyle

Andrew Tenney

Deans

Kathleen Moore

David Kelley

Guidance Counselors

Josalyn Leath, 9th Grade

Bethany LeJune, 10th Grade

Amy Perkey, 11th Grade

Joe Haynes, 12th Grade

Cindy Gering, Director of Guidance

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'Tarpon Line'
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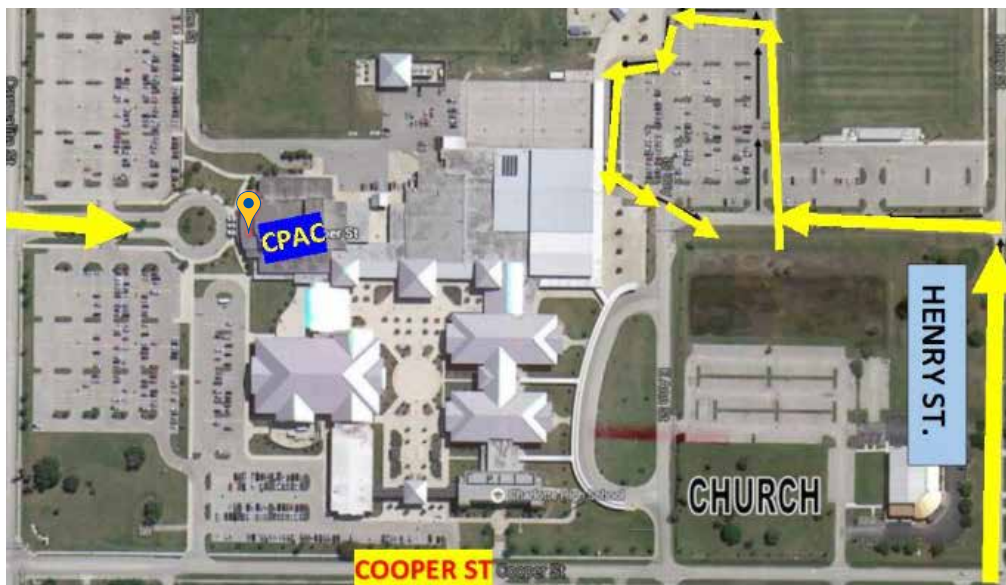
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UPCOMING DATES FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

| | |
|--------|--|
| May 16 | Graduation, 7:00 pm at Charlotte Harbor Event Center |
| May 26 | Last day for students |

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.



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.

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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.

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. 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!



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 WORKER | *7036 |
| DEAN/DISCIPLINE | *7049 | | |

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

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.



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COUNSELOR NEWS YOU CAN USE

*"Starting strong is good. Finishing strong is epic!" -
Robin Sharma, Canadian Author.*

Important dates to remember:

SAT Test:

- **June 3, 2023** - Deadline without a late fee is May 6th. Deadline with a late fee is May 20th. Register at www.sat.org.

ACT Test:

- **June 10, 2023** - Deadline without a late fee is May 5th. Deadline with a late fee is May 19. Register at www.act.org.
- **July 15, 2023** - Deadline without a late fee is June 16th. Deadline with a late fee is June 23. Register at www.act.org. *** CHS is not an option for this test!!***

*Juniors and Seniors only- If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, please see Mrs. Rhodes in Guidance for a Test Fee Waiver for ACT or SAT.

News from your counselors

Freshman Counselor - Josalyn Leath

Freshmen Tarpons, we are approaching the end of your first year of high school! It has been such a pleasure working with you and your families. Please remember that if you failed one or more core classes (English, Math, Science, HOPE) in the first semester, you will need to recover those in Edgenuity. You can access Edgenuity through your ClassLink. Furthermore, it is not too late to bring your grades up to pass this semester if you did not do well in Quarter 3. If you have any questions about credits, please contact me via Remind. If you have not signed up for my Remind, please do. It is the most effective way to communicate with me. Continue to make the right choices moving forward. My belief in each and every one of you remains the same. Remember what I always say! "You have the power to control your present so you can plan for your future."

In closing, I want to wish Ms. Cindy Gering the very best with her retirement. Her guidance, support, and most importantly her friendship means the world to me and I will forever be grateful for her knowledge, skills, and leadership.

Sophomore Counselor - Bethany LeJune

Sophomores! As we come to the end of this 2022-2023 school year please make sure you are finishing your year with success. Make sure you are working hard in your classes, diligently prepare for your finals, and finish up any credit recovery that you may have in Edgenuity. In looking ahead to your graduation requirements, you need to make sure you have plans to complete or have already completed 1) a HOPE credit, 2) a Performing or Practical Arts credit, and 3) an online credit through Charlotte Virtual. If you do not know if you are missing any of your graduation requirements, please stop by and see me. I have enjoyed getting to know you all this year and I look forward to helping you make the rest of your high school years successful. In closing, I would like to wish Ms. Gering all the best in her retirement. Your guidance this year as a newbie to CHS has been priceless!

Junior Counselor - Amy Perkey

Juniors, we are quickly approaching the end of your Junior year and the beginning of your Senior year here at CHS....WOW! My challenge to each of you

is to continue to finish this year strong with focus on your graduation requirements and your plans after your high school experience is complete. Please use these last few weeks to improve your GPA and successfully complete your current classes, so summer school will not be needed. If you have classes in Edgenuity to complete, those need to be wrapped up before the end of the school year or please make plans to attend summer school. If you have not met the testing graduation requirements of the Algebra 1 assessment and/or the FSA/ELA, please consider signing up for an SAT or ACT this summer (at ACT.org or SAT.org). One final note, at the conclusion of this school year CHS will see a long-time pillar in the Counseling office retire. The guidance and experience she has given to CHS will not be replaceable...and I(we) appreciate her! Once A Tarpon Always A Tarpon Ms. Gering!!!

Senior Counselor - Joe Haynes

Hello Seniors, we are really moving fast towards graduation! I need you all to be sure that you are on track with your graduation requirements as May 16 will be here sooner than you know. If you have not completed your online course requirement, you need to get on it immediately! There are just a few weeks of regular classes remaining for your time at CHS, so do not take your foot off the pedal. Continue to work hard in all your classes because everything counts! Senior events are ramping up in the spring semester, check out the calendar of events on the Senior web page of the CHS website (look under Academics & Counseling).

Director of Guidance- Cindy Gering

To my Tarpon family, I began working at Charlotte High School in August, 1989. This has been a rewarding journey that will reach its end in June, 2023. It has been an honor to be a part of the lives of so many students over these last 32 years. I have countless memories of all the students and staff that I will always treasure. It is true what we say, once a Tarpon, always a Tarpon!

School Social Worker - Mae Promisemai

My office is a place where all are welcome. Stop by or contact me via Remind any time.

Please sign up for your grade level Counselor's Remind if you have not done so already.

- For Freshmen Text @gradme2026 to 81010
- For Sophomores Text @gradme2025 to 81010
- For Juniors Text @gradme2024 to 81010
- For Seniors Text @gradme2023 to 81010
- School Social Worker Text @mspssw to 81010

Academic Resources

CHS offers **FREE tutoring** on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Tutoring in any subject is available on Wednesdays after school until 3pm in Mrs. Garner's Room, H110. Math tutoring is available on Thursdays after school until 4pm in B-207. No need to sign up, just show up as needed.



Ms. Gering



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Freshmen: Finish this year strong! Take your time and do well on your finals. Take time over summer to start working on volunteer hours that can later assist you with scholarships. Start researching which careers you might be interested in. Enjoy your time off but try to get some future planning done!

Sophomores: Be sure to update your resume and other important documents. Summer is a great time to get involved by volunteering at local organizations. Many offer scholarships for volunteering, so get out there and support the community. Stay active and continue the online search for programs

Juniors: Stay involved in extracurricular activities and seek out leadership roles in your community that will look good on your college application. Start communicating with admissions officers and recruiters at colleges on your list. Find out when you can start applying and mark deadlines in your calendar. Take the time over summer to get organized with the upcoming senior year events and critical dates. You can start working on essays for colleges and scholarships. Look online at the College and Career Ready website for assistance.

Seniors: By now you should have committed to a school and know what your plans are for the fall. Be sure to request final transcripts be sent to the school you plan to attend. You can turn requests in to Mrs. Sorrentino the week of graduation practice, but they will not be ready for pick up until diplomas are ready, after June 1st. Be sure to write thank you letters to all that wrote letters of recommendations for you, scholarship sponsors, and others that have assisted you along the way. Congratulations on finishing strong!

Please check out CHS Career Specialist, Mrs. Eyster's website for college, career, and military information. <https://sites.google.com/yourcharlotteschools.net/college-career-ready/home>



CLUBS

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| America First Club | Leo Club |
| Anime Club | Mock Trial |
| Art Club | Modern Music Masters (Tri-M) |
| Blue Crew | National Honor Society (NHS) |
| Book Club | NJROTC |
| Bowling | Pride Club |
| Charisma | Robotics |
| Eurythmics | Sign Language Club |
| Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) | Student Government Association (SGA) |
| Future Farmers of America (FFA) | STRIVE |
| Green Tarps | Tarpon Leadership Academy (TLA) |
| Interact Club | Tarpon News Network (TNN) |
| Key Club | Thespians |
| Kindness Club (S.P.A.R.K) | Yoga Club |





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This month's Literacy Tip

I recommend to annotate the text twice. First time, just read the passage and highlight anything that pops out to you. Then read the prompt, and re-read and annotate things that connect to the prompt :)
By Adora Edeoga

You should have somewhat of a plan. Whether its a planned out thinking map or just a few sentences summarizing how the essay will go. It makes the essay so much easier to write whilst also providing a clear plan for what you want to write. Having all these things engraved in your mind help make a much stronger essay and provide a better essay overall.

By Michael J Roy Jr

Spend more time anoting, and actually pay attention to what your reading. It will help you not only right the essay, but just better understand the article making you learn new skills to write better essays in the future.
By Ashley Wasson

Use different symbols when annotating to represent different ideas/themes. It's incredibly helpful to have distinguishable marks to keep track of various ideas, especially when reviewing an annotated excerpt.
By Skylar Robbins

My tip is when annotating, use different colors to separate the evidence into paragraphs to make your planning easier.
By Brooklyn Walker

Try not to be repetitive in your writing. If it is too repetitive, the purpose of your writing gets messy and jumbled and all of the effort can be lost.
By Megan Fair

Reminders

Please remember to submit all parts of your literacy assignment for each subject!

Literacy Weeks:

- CTE
 - 2/13 - 2/17
- PE
 - 3/6 - 3/10
- World Languages
 - 3/27 - 3/31
- English
 - 4/10 - 4/14

End-of-Year Celebration

- April 28th, 2023
Donuts and Games!

Most Improved Writer

- D'Undra Shepperd
- Devika Moniram
- Mayra Silva
- Ethan Redona
- Abbigail Goerig
- Jasmine Steward
- Brady Hackenberg
- Jordan Johnson
- Janyra Guillaury
- Gabi Tisco
- Ashlynn Wilson
- Kimelina Joseph
- Thomas Weems
- Jayden Currie
- Bella Maxwell
- Jayden Poisson
- Mariah Epting

High Achiever:

- Cheyenne Burrell
- Kaden Sartin
- Bradyn Williams
- Caitlyn Duffy
- Alayna Schock
- Austin Boyd
- Johanna Cekuta-Bolyard
- Allie Miller
- Rileigh Mellott
- Kaylee Stites
- Prim Deetz
- Abigail Bailey
- Shane Ellis
- Noah Adams
- Jonathan Diaz
- Christinie Fede
- Sidney Leonard
- Chris Glennon
- Meredith Kaus
- Janelle Garcia
- Danielle Ball
- Marissa Muzio
- Pedro Quijie
- Colin Keegan
- Margaret (Samantha) Carper
- Adriana Iorfida
- Braddock Marshall
- Veronica Conant
- Leland Sung
- Lindsey Mackessy
- James Cristina
- Una Kipiani
- Jacob Allen

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL Athletics

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BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING

CONGRATULATIONS to the Boys' Weightlifting Team for finishing in 5th Place Traditional at the 3A State Tournament. Zachary Anderson is an Individual State Champion in the Traditional 139 lb. Class.

Tarpon Volleyball Camp

Contact: Michelle Dill Tarpon Volleyball Camp Director
(941) 268-1551

Dates/Times: June 19-June 22 (Monday-Thursday) 9am-12:00pm

Location: Charlotte High School-Main Gym and Auxiliary Gym

Cost: Session I: \$75

Ages: Advanced: 12-14 year old girls/boys (Groups will be split up into skill level)
VolleyTargs: 5-11 years old girls/boys (Groups will be split into age groups/this group also uses a Volleylite ball)

Session I: The goal of this camp is to teach campers basic volleyball skills and court strategies. Skills will include serving, passing, setting, hitting, and team play.

Tarpon Volleyball Camp

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Grade going into: _____

Address: _____

Parent name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact and Number: _____

T-Shirt: Youth: S M L XL Adult: S M L XL

I hereby authorize the volleyball camp coaching staff to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention and I hereby waive and release the camp form any and all liability and illness while at volleyball camp.
*This is not a Charlotte County sponsored camp.

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SENIOR NEWS

This year has really flown by! There are 3 events left for Seniors, Senior Awards, Graduation, and Project Graduation.

- The last normal full day for seniors is May 5th. The following week is exam week for Seniors, remember the school day does not change for Senior exams.
- On Monday, you will take the 7th period exams.
- Tuesday you will take the 5th and 6th period exams and be released for the rest of the day.
- Wednesday will be the 3rd and 4th period exams and then released for the rest of the day.
- Thursday will be the 1st and 2nd period exams and then released for the rest of the day.
- Friday is for makeup Exams.
- Thursday 5/11 is Senior Awards. This event is invite only starting at 6:00 PM in CPAC. If students received an invitation, they need to be sure they attend and follow the directions on the invite.
- Friday 5/12 Graduation practices are 9:00 AM (Plan to arrive at 8:45) or 4:00 PM (Plan to arrive at 3:45) in the Aux gym. Must attend one of these practices.
- Monday 5/15 MANDATORY Graduation practice at 9:00 AM (Plan to arrive at 8:45) in the Aux Gym.
- Cap and gowns will be distributed at the Friday practices. Tickets will be distributed at the Monday practice.
- Graduation is Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center. Directions regarding graduation were given at the senior luncheon and can be found on our senior page.
- Project Graduation is the all-night Drug and Alcohol-free celebration in the Wally Keller gym after graduation. This is an event ran by a parent group and is the last event of your senior year. Enjoy these last few weeks seniors!

Please review the senior page for the most up to date information and any questions you may have chs.yourcharlotteschools.net/seniors.html. Thanks for your support as we navigated your Senior Year!

NJROTC UPDATE

By Cadet/CPO Josephine Martin



The Tarpon Navy celebrates 50 years at Charlotte High School as an elective class and extracurricular activity dating back to 1973. We held our annual change of command between the graduating seniors and rising seniors on 13 April in the CHS courtyard. Colin Wilburn and his staff turned the unit over to Veronica Conant and her staff. We wish our seniors well. We have a record eight seniors entered into the Delayed Enlistment Program, five going to college, and two joining NROTC to become Naval Officers. One of our seniors earned a full ride 5 year scholarship at Jacksonville University, including a monthly stipend via the new NROTC Preparatory Program. Our cadets are going places. We have the #2 Air Rifle Team in the state of Florida and top 10 Drill, Physical Fitness, Academic, and Orienteering Teams. We are a citizenship based class and are a great program for students who could use a little bit of direction and motivation. Our cadets easily fulfill the 100 hours of community service requirement within their first 3 semesters of the program or sooner. We are looking forward to the next academic year and our rising senior class is planning for another great year. Inbound first year cadets should be on the lookout for a mailer with information about our three day summer Boot Camp the week before school begins. We hope to see you there!



L-r, Colin Wilburn and Veronica Conant

PROJECT GRADUATION

Students and parent volunteers, we need your help to spread the word on Project Graduation. Project Graduation is a community funded, free event put on by parent volunteers the night of graduation! One more party all together as a class! Free food! Free games! Free entertainment! Everyone gets a T-shirt! Everyone leaves with a prize and there is a \$1000 grand prize drawing at the end of the night! So, join us at our meetings held in the media center at CHS the second Tuesday each month at 6pm. Bring a friend and come see how you can help out!



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REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OR THREATS

Students, parents, CCPS employees, and members of the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activities and potential threats to schools. Any suspicious activity or threat shall be promptly reported to one of the following individuals, agencies or reporting tools:

- 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.

The School Board of Charlotte County does not discriminate (including anti-Semitism [as defined in Bylaw 0100]) on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation, transgender status, or gender identity), recognized disability, pregnancy, marital status, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information which are classes protected by State and/or Federal law (collectively, "protected classes") in its programs and activities, including employment. The School Board also ensures equal access for Boy Scouts of America and other identified patriotic youth groups, as required by 34 C.F.R. §108 (Boy Scouts Act). (School Board Policy 1122, 3122, 4122)

The District Title IX Coordinators and Equity Compliance Officers for the District are Adrienne McElroy (Director of Human Resources), available at (941) 255-0808 Ext 3090, Patrick Keegan (Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Employee Relations), available at (941) 255-0808 Ext 3122, and Michael Desjardins (Assistant Superintendent for School Support), available at (941) 255-0808 Ext 3073. The District Section 504 Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator is Rebecca Marazon (Coordinator of Psychological Services), available at (941) 255-0808 Ext 3071. (School Board Policy 2260)



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QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP

By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

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You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.

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Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.

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QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES

FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Your School Officials

The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

Local Law Enforcement

Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

State-Level Officials

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FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Mosley-Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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