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October 7th, 2022

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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I write this we are close to wrapping up the first quarter which means report cards are right around the corner. It is hard to believe that this school year is going by so quickly! It's never too soon to start checking on your student's academic progress. Please make sure you have an active Parent Portal Focus account, which enables you to keep track of grades and attendance.

Charlotte High School is a dynamic place to work and learn, and I want to encourage our students to find some way to get connected to Charlotte High above and beyond their regular class periods. Students that are involved in Tarpon extracurricular programs create social networks by surrounding themselves with students who possess similar interests. Connected students do better in the classroom and they contribute to the awesome school spirit we have here. Our athletic teams, performing groups, and clubs can be found on our website.

I invite you to join us as we celebrate our October Homecoming by attending the Powder-Puff game on Wednesday night October 5th beginning at 6:30PM, the Homecoming Parade on October 6th at 6:30PM, and the Tarpon Football game against North Fort Myers on Friday night, October 7th at 7:30PM. We are thankful for the support we receive from the many parents, relatives, teachers, staff, advertisers, and fans throughout the year. We truly could not accomplish our goals without your continuous support each and every year.

At the time I am writing this letter, our enrollment is 2014 students and I am happy to report that 92% of our students are discipline referral free. We strive to continuously remind our students the importance of living the Tarpon Fundamentals each day. All Tarpons have MOJO... Motivation for Success, Ownership of Our Actions, Journeys through Education, and Optimism for the Future.

We truly are a family here at Charlotte High School and I want the four years we have together to be memorable and educational. I am proud to be your principal and will ensure your safety and a consistent learning environment during the time we spend together.

Sincerely,

Cathy Corsaletti, Principal



# 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**  
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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!**



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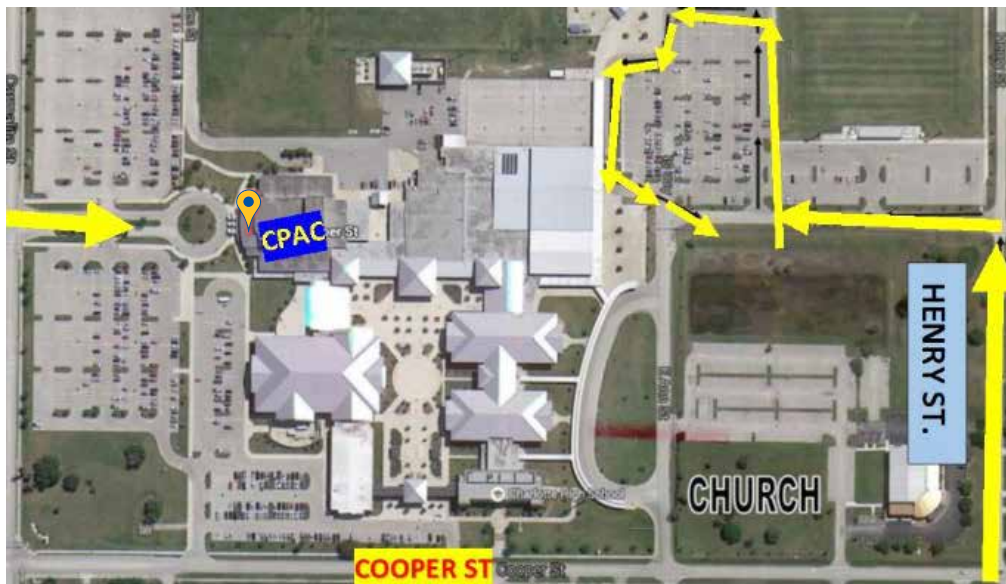
## UPCOMING DATES FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

October 13	End of Quarter 1
October 17	Teacher Work Day - NO STUDENTS
November 8	Teacher PD Day - NO STUDENTS
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Break

## 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.



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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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	575-5450	ESE	*7111
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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)



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## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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.

2023 Senior Events				
Event	Day	Date	Location	Time
Senior Parent Meeting	Monday	8:22	CPAC	8:00 PM
Senior Sunrise	Friday	8:28	Football Field	8:00 AM
College Fair	Wednesday	9:22	Port Charlotte High	8:30 AM
Homecoming Week	Mon - Fri	10:23	School	During Day
Power Party	Wednesday	10:23	Football Field	8:30 PM
Homecoming Parade	Thursday	10:28	Eastman-Burke-Santa	8:30 PM
Panorama	Friday	10:27	Seller Gym	8:30 PM
Homecoming Dance	Saturday	10:28	Seller Gym	7:00 PM
Hilltop Celebration	Wednesday	10:27	Defenders	2nd and 3rd
Senior Package Money/Quiz	Wednesday	10:23	Center Center	All Day
Cap and Gown Pictures	Monday	1:00	MAU Firehouse	2:30 PM
Lodges	Friday	1:33	Seller Gym	10 PM - 8 AM
Senior Sunset	Friday	4:34	Football Field	4:45-8:30 PM
Senior Class Meeting (Grad Bash Dress)	Friday	4:22	Seller Gym	4th and 5th
Grad Bash (Grad Bash Dress)	Saturday	4:22	Seller Gym	12:30 PM
Prize	Saturday	4:49	CC Event Center	7:00 PM
Senior Awards (Shirley Dress) Only	Thursday	5:11	CPAC	8:00 PM
All Obligations Due	Friday	5:17	Library, Package, Testimonials, Champs	All Day
**Graduation Practice School Dress	Monday	5:55	Aux Gym	9:00 PM
**Graduation Practice School Dress	Tuesday	5:58	Aux Gym	9:00 AM
**Graduation Practice School Dress	Wednesday	5:57	Aux Gym	9:00 AM
**Graduation (Grad Dress Required)	Thursday	5:58	Charlotte Sports Park	7:30 PM
Project Graduation	Thursday	5:58	TBD	12:00 PM

\*Mandatory attendance required in order to participate in Graduation Ceremony.

\*\*Mandatory attendance required as one of the two practices in order to participate in Graduation Ceremony.

Cap and Gown will be distributed at Graduation Practice on 5/15 and 5/16.

Graduation Tickets will be distributed at the end of the final practice 5/17.

Events, dates, times, and places subject to change.

We must follow all CDC guidelines.

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To be "highly qualified" teachers in core academic subjects must be fully certificated by the state, hold a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited or approved institution, and demonstrate subject matter competency for each core academic subject assigned. They must major and take subject content courses as required by the Florida Department of Education and have a passing score on Florida subject area examinations, or hold advance certificates. Teachers of multiple subjects must be "highly qualified" in each of their core subject teaching areas. It is our responsibility and the law to report "not highly qualified" and "out of field teachers" for the 2022-23 school year at Charlotte High School. This does not mean that your son/daughters' teacher is not eligible or certified to do a good job in the subject area that they are teaching. This means that the state has changed the certification required to teach the course; therefore, the teacher has additional responsibilities to complete before being highly qualified. The following teachers are "not highly qualified" and/or considered "out of field" at Charlotte High School for the 2022-23 school year:

- Bailey Tietsworth - English
- Oribel Estevez - ESOL

## 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.

## TARPON PRIDE, FAMILY, TRADITION & SOME GOLDEN HISTORY

Big October doings in Tarpon Kingdom. It's Homecoming and Hall of Fame month (October 6 and 21 respectively). This makes it a natural time for memories and reunions. Let's start by congratulating this year's Tarpon Athletic Hall of Fame (HOF) inductees: Wayne Berryhill (72) Bruce Dooley (72), Kevin Kramer (97) and Brian Nolan (AD). Come out to support them at halftime of the football game on October. 21. We'll find out about the Tarpon Homecoming Court soon.

Seldom does a Homecoming pass that a reunion group isn't around to relive Tarpon memories. As a historian, I am often asked to act as tour guide of our "new," post Hurricane Charley, CHS. I've toured classes from as far back as the 50s and 60s. This year, my Tarpon Class of 1972 is holding its 50th "Golden Reunion," HOF Weekend. I get to show them around and as an added bonus, our classmates, Bruce and Wayne will be inducted. That makes me think of some Tarpon Pride/History and how the Class of 1972 has a connection to the HOF that goes beyond having the highest number of inductees.

Our 1971 and 1972 classes were always close based on the Tarpon athletic and academic history we made. That included CHS's first ever District Titles in Football, Wrestling and Track; the only Regional Title in football in the 20th Century; and Wrestling Coach George Sansone (50 years at CHS) produced the first Tarpon All-American, Teddy Alexander (72). Add some inter-class marriages and we invited both 1971 and 1973 to join our reunions. After our 25th reunion in 1997, we decided to do something with the money we had in the bank. So, we organized a scholarship for generational Tarpons.

The Tarpon Reunion Scholarship Committee was formed to "Help Tarpons Swim Up-tide," providing awards for college and continuing education. Early on, we joined forces with the Tarpon Athletic HOF, hosted an annual banquet and produced the HOF magazine that helped raise funds for those scholarships. The CHS Class of 1997 joined us. These efforts over the past 25 years have allowed us to award close to \$80,000. Our goal is to hit \$100,000 by CHS's Centennial.

Principal Cathy Corsaletti (A Tarpon/HOF Mom) points to another source of Tarpon Pride when she tells visiting groups that her instructional staff at CHS includes 36 Tarpon Alumni. That is likely one of the highest numbers in the country. Two of the earliest alumni to teach at CHS were Don Witherall and Rupert Guthrie.

Alumnus Ronald "G" Middleton helped integrate CHS (See plaque near Athletic Office). He came home from Bethune Cookman College to teach and coach here and was my defensive position coach during my senior football season in 1971. It was another former Tarpon football player, Superintendent Hugh Adams (CHS 1946) who led the integration of CHS before it was mandated.

Two class of 1971 alumni followed Coach Middleton right out of college; Harold Mack Jr. (The PGMS Gym is named in his honor) and Karen Brandon Alessandroni. Five of us from CHS 1972 followed: Danette Brancaccio, Dale Russel in the 70s, Mark Christensen and I followed suite in the following decades. On a plaque in the 3-story you will see the names of Karen Alessandroni as CHS Educator of the Year in 2010, and from 2008-2011: Wayne Berryhill, Paul DeGaeta, Wayne Sallade, and Peggy Stover (all CHS 1972) are each named Tarpon Alumni/Contributor of the Year. A half-century later, we're pretty sure our old CHS Civics' Teacher, Charley June (WWII Vet) would be proud of our alumni group for "Giving Back" to the Tarpon Community we all love. We know Class Sponsor, Wendy Schmidt, is.

- Paul DeGaeta

Scholarship Committee Chair

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Future Farmers of America (FFA)	STRIVE
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- ASVAB will be given on Thursday, October 13, 2022.
  - Sign up online at bit.ly/2022ASVAB
- All recruiter contact information is on the College and Career Readiness website.

### FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

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- Opens October 1st. Complete at home with Parent/Guardian support.

### WHY YOU SHOULD FILL OUT THE FAFSA ASAP

A better chance at more state and school aid. Need I say more? Schools and states have a limited amount of aid, and a bunch of states have a FAFSA deadline of "as soon as possible after October 1," (meaning they actually could run out of financial aid) so it's good to be at the front of the line!

Get it out of the way so you can focus on other things, like college applications, college coursework, or applying for scholarships.

It makes comparing colleges easier. If you submit your FAFSA early there's a chance that colleges will give you an estimated financial aid offer early, giving you more time to compare colleges before the college decision deadline.

More scholarship eligibility. Some scholarships look at your FAFSA results—and some of those scholarships have early deadlines. Don't disqualify yourself from those scholarships.

### FFAA (Florida Financial Aid Application- Bright Futures & more)

- To apply go to: [floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org](http://floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org)
- Opens October 1st. Seniors completed this in October at school with Mrs. Eyster in the Career Center through Government and Econ classes.

### Bright Futures Award Table

For more detailed information regarding requirements and award amounts visit [floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org](http://floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org) then click Bright Futures. Students need to get volunteer hours turned into Mrs. Reich in A110.

Type	Curriculum	High School GPA	ACT	SAT	PERT	Hours
FAS	4- English 4- Math 3- Science	3.5 Weighted	29	1330	N/A	100
FMS	3- Social Science 2- World Language	3.0 Weighted	25	1210	N/A	75
GSV	3 full credits in a single Career and Tech Ed program	3.0 Weighted in non-elective courses & 3.5 unweighted GPA is career education courses	R-19 E-17 M-19	R-24 W&E-25 M-19	R-106 W-103 M-114	30
GSC	Earn 5 Post Secondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications					30

### Institutional Scholarships

Colleges and Universities always offer their own scholarships. Apply to schools early so you can get the scholarship applications in right away. Be sure to check deadlines for their scholarship applications as well!

### Local Foundations

Every year I recommend students apply to the following foundations. All of these foundations support Charlotte County students. Charlotte High School is represented every year for most of these. Students need to check the College and Career Ready website for the most current deadlines. Many of these deadlines are in the spring.

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## DRUG FREE CHARLOTTE COUNTY

### Helping Your Teen Enjoy Reading

When my daughters were little, they loved to read. We would take trips to the library every Saturday and they would each bring home a big pile of books. I remember the two of them in the back of the van on the way home showing each other the books they had picked with such excitement. However, as they have gotten older, I have noticed that love for books dwindle, and my 16-year-old has even told me she "hates reading". Gasp!

So, I began wondering if it was just my kids or if other parents had seen the same in their children. Sadly, I found that this is more common than you would think. I began researching ways to help my kids fall back in love with reading again, and here's what I found:

1. It is important to help your teen find books on their reading level. At some point your child may have gotten the idea that they aren't a good reader, or they may have actual difficulties with reading. Teens can often be a closed book themselves and determining their level of reading skills can be difficult, so starting with something that is easy but interesting can be a great way to start out.
2. Speaking of interesting... help your teen look for books that are a topic and format of interest for them. Not all reading needs to be thick novels. Your child might get into comic books or magazines or a downloadable book vs a physical book and that is ok. If your child is into becoming the next YouTube star, why not look for books on how to do that, or maybe on some YouTubers who have become successful. Remember that the goal is to peak interest in reading again.
3. As much as we may want to pick out books that we think our teens might be interested in, it is important to let your teen pick their own books out. Head to your local library and let them browse in sections of their interest.
4. Don't criticize. You may think what your child is reading is boring or too young for them etc. However, criticizing what your teen chooses to read can have a negative effect on their desire to read at all. Instead, consider encouraging them for the act of choosing to read.
5. Model reading in front of your child. If your child sees you reading frequently, they are more likely to read themselves. Even just having books available in your home can increase the chance that your teen will be a reader.
6. Spark a conversation about what your teen is reading. Take some time to talk to your teen about what they are reading. Sometimes this helps to create continued interest and it's a wonderful way to bond as well.

Reading has many benefits for teens. Reading can help them gain knowledge, improve writing and concentration skills, and can even boost self-esteem and happiness. Reading together or even reading the same book and discussing it together, can also strengthen family bonds.

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#### Florida Assessment of Student Thinking

Parent Guide for the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)  
for English Language Arts and Mathematics aligned to the B.E.S.T.  
(Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking) standards

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, Florida's statewide, standardized assessments in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics will be aligned with the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.). Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) will be administered three times per year in grades VPK through grade 10 English Language Arts and VPK through grade 8 Mathematics. These assessments replace the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) and are intended to measure student progress in learning B.E.S.T. standards as well as evaluate final student mastery of on-grade level B.E.S.T. standards at the end of the school year.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in FAST assessments this school year. Please contact your student's school for information on specific test dates, or visit your school's website and locate the assessment calendar. Your student's results from the first (PM1) and the second (PM2) FAST assessment will inform you and your student's teacher on how well your student is learning on-grade level reading and math standards. Results from the third (PM3) FAST assessment is considered a summative assessment used for accountability purposes such as student promotion into the next grade level, high school graduation, and school grades. Your student's test results will be available by logging into FOCUS and accessing the Family Portal. For more information on the Family Portal, including directions on how to access the portal, please contact your student's school.

It is important to note that FAST assessments have not replaced Florida's Statewide End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments. The Algebra I and Geometry EOC assessments that measure student achievement of the B.E.S.T. standards as well as the Civics, Biology, and U.S. History EOC assessments will continue to be administered and students are required to participate in these assessments when enrolled in the corresponding course. In addition, the grades 5 and 8 statewide, standardized science assessments will continue to be administered this school year. For information on these assessments, as well as assessments required for ELL students (Access for ELLs) and the Florida Standards Alternate Assessments (FSAA) please contact your student's school or visit the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal at <https://flfast.org/index.html>.

All Florida students participate in the state's assessment and accountability system. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during these test administrations.

Sincerely,

Cheryl LaPorta Edwards

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#### PREPARING YOUR STUDENT FOR FAST ASSESSMENTS

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#### TEST DATES

\*Dates for the three windows during the 2022-2023 school year:

- PM1: August 15-September 30, 2022 (6-2 August 8)
- PM2: December 5, 2022-January 27, 2023
- PM3: May 1-June 2, 2023

\*Please contact your student's school for specific test administration dates for each grade level and subject area!

Preparing your child for success begins in Kindergarten and continues as your child moves up through high school graduation. Together, we will ensure that ALL students reach their greatest potential.

<b>LEARN</b> about the FAST Assessments and why they matter for your child. <a href="https://flfast.org/families.html">https://flfast.org/families.html</a>	<b>TALK</b> with your child's teachers about what he/she will be learning in the classroom and how assessments are important to student success.
<b>LOCATE</b> resources to prepare your child for state assessments such as interacting with the online testing platform or reviewing sample test materials at home. <a href="https://flfast.org/families.html">https://flfast.org/families.html</a>	<b>UNDERSTAND</b> how state assessments affect your child's ability to promote to the next grade level and graduate high school. <a href="https://www.flfast.org/assessments/">https://www.flfast.org/assessments/</a>

#### Grades 3-10 ADMINISTRATION

- Each test will be administered in one session. Students will take only one subject test in a day.
- PM1 and PM2 inform instruction and measures student learning progress in learning B.E.S.T. Standards.
- PM3 evaluates student mastery of on-grade level standards and is used for accountability purposes (student promotion, high school graduation, school grades)
- Tests are taken on a computer and are "computer-adaptive."
- Each test attempt will present 35-40 items that will cover the entire test "blueprint."

Grades/Subject	Session Length
Grades 3-10 ELA	80 to 90 minutes
Grades 3-8 Math	50 to 80 minutes
Grades 6-8 Math	70 to 100 minutes

Review your child's test results by logging into FOCUS and accessing the Family Portal!

Contact your child's school for a copy of the Family Portal flyer or [Click HERE!](#)

#### VPK-2 ADMINISTRATION

- Each test will be administered in one session. Students will take only one subject test in a day.
- FAST VPK-2 assessments are Renaissance's Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and Star Mathematics.
- Tests are taken on a computer and are "computer-adaptive" (headphones required).
- VPK tests are aligned to the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards; K-2 tests are aligned to B.E.S.T. Standards.

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## ATHLETICS

Date	Varsity Football	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 19	Barron Collier HS - Presason	Home	7:30	
Aug. 26	Dunbar HS	Home	7:30	
Sept. 2	Port Charlotte HS	Away	7:30	
Sept. 9	Manatee HS	Home	7:30	
Sept. 23	Fort Myers HS	Home	7:00	
Sept. 30	*Riverdale HS	Away	7:00	
Oct. 7	North Ft. Myers - Homecoming	Home	7:30	
Oct. 14	*Lehigh HS	Away	7:00	
Oct. 21	Bradley River HS - Hall of Fame	Home	7:30	
Oct. 28	*Ida Baker HS - Senior Night	Home	7:30	
Nov. 4	Riverview HS	Away	7:30	

Date	Girls Golf	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 22	Hardee HS	Home	3:30	
Aug. 29	North Port HS	Home	3:30	
Aug. 31	Port Charlotte HS	Away	3:30	
Sept. 1	Lemon Bay HS	Away	3:30	
Sept. 8	Port Charlotte HS	Home	3:30	
Sept. 13	Parish HS	Away	3:30	
Sept. 20	Lemon Bay HS	Home	3:30	
Sept. 29	North Port HS	Away	3:30	
Oct. 6	Hardee HS	Away	3:30	
Oct. 10	Don Ross Invitational	Away	8:00 AM	
Oct. 13	DeSoto HS	Away	3:30	
Oct. 17	County Meet - PCHS Host	Away	10:00 AM	
TBA	District Meet	TBA	TBA	

Date	Boys & Girls Cross Country	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 20	Dunbar Invite @ Buckingham Pk. Ft. Myers			7:40/8:10am
Aug. 27	Lemon Bay Invite - LBHS			7:45/8:20am
Sept. 3	DDD Summer Invite @ Estem Comm Pk.			7:30/8:10am
Sept. 10	Fl. Myers Invite @ Kelly Rd Soccer Complex			7:15/7:50pm
Sept. 17	North Port Invite @ NPHS			8:15/8:50am
Sept. 24	Triton Invite @ Mariner HS			7:30/8:00am
Sept. 30	Hoka Runners.com Invite @ Holloway Pk.			4:25/4:50pm
Oct. 8	FSU Invite @ Tallahassee			TBA
Oct. 15	Tri-County Championship @ North Port HS			TBA
Oct. 20	3A District 6 @ Highlands City Sports Co			8:00/8:40am
Oct. 27	3A Region 3 @ Buckingham Pk. Ft. Myer			7:45/8:15am
Nov. 5	State Championship @ Tallahassee			9:10/10:00am

Date	Junior Varsity Football	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 31	Lemon Bay HS	Home	6:00	
Sept. 7	Venice HS	Away	6:00	
Sept. 14	Port Charlotte HS	Away	6:00	
Sept. 22	Fort Myers HS	Home	6:00	
Sept. 29	North Port HS	Away	6:30	
Oct. 6	North Port Myers HS	Away	6:00	
Oct. 13	Port Charlotte HS	Home	6:00	
Oct. 20	Lehigh HS	Home	6:00	

Date	Boys Golf	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 22	Venice Invitational	Away	8:00 AM	
Aug. 24	Lemon Bay HS	Away	3:30	
Aug. 29	DeSoto HS	Away	3:30	
Sept. 1	St. John Neumann Invitational	Away	8:00 AM	
Sept. 10	Lakewood Ranch Invite	Away	10:00 AM	
Sept. 12	Hardee HS	Away	3:30	
Sept. 14	Port Charlotte HS	Home	3:30	
Sept. 19	County Meet - PCHS Host	Away	3:30	
Sept. 21	County Meet - LBHS Host	Away	3:30	
Sept. 23	County Meet - CHS Host	Home	TBA	
Sept. 27	North Port HS	Away	3:30	
Oct. 5	Lemon Bay HS	Home	3:30	
Oct. 10	Don Ross Invitational	Away	8:00 AM	
Oct. 12	Port Charlotte HS	Away	3:30	
Oct. 17	Hardee HS	Home	3:30	
Oct. 18	Cypress Lake HS	Away	3:30	
Oct. 19	Venice HS	Home	3:30	
Oct. 24	Districts @ North Port HS	Away	TBA	

\*Denotes District Game

Charlotte High School  
Sport Schedule



Date	FR/JV Varsity Volleyball	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 16	Ida Baker Presason Classic	Away	7:00	
Aug. 18	Ida Baker Presason Classic	Away	5:00	
Aug. 23	Riverview HS	Away	5:00/6:00/7:00	
Aug. 25	DeSoto HS (JV/Var)	Home	6:00/7:00	
Aug. 27	FR/JV CHS Fish Bowl Tourney	Home	9:00 AM	
Aug. 29	Venice HS (FR/JV)	Home	6:00/7:00	
Aug. 31	LaBelle HS (FR/JV/Var)	Home	5:00/6:00/7:00	
Sept. 1	Lemon Bay HS	Home	5:00/6:00/7:00	
Sept. 8	Sarasota HS	Away	5:00/6:00/7:00	
Sept. 12	Venice HS (FR/JV)	Away	6:00/7:00	
Sept. 13	North Port HS	Home	5:00/6:00/7:00	
Sept. 14	Port Charlotte HS	Home	5:00/6:00/7:00	
Sept. 16	Gene Gorman Var. Tourney	Home	5:00	
Sept. 17	Gene Gorman Var. Tourney	Home	9:00 AM	
Sept. 17	Bradley River JV Tourney	Away	9:00 AM	
Sept. 20	Bradley River (JV/Var)	Home	6:00/7:00	
Sept. 22	DeSoto HS (JV/Var)	Away	6:00/7:00	
Sept. 23	Bradleyton Christian (FR only)	Home	5:00	
Sept. 27	Fort Myers HS (JV/Var)	Away	6:00/7:00	
Sept. 29	Lemon Bay HS	Away	5:00/6:00/7:00	
Oct. 1	Estero Varsity Tourney	Away	9:00 AM	
Oct. 4	Port Charlotte HS	Away	5:00/6:00/7:00	
Oct. 6	LaBelle HS (FR/JV/Var)	Away	5:00/6:00/7:00	
Oct. 10	First Baptist (JV/Var)	Away	5:30/7:00	
Oct. 11	ECS (JV/Var) Senior Night	Home	6:00/7:00	
Oct. 17, 18, 20	Districts @ Highest Seed	TBD	7:00	

## NATIONAL MERIT

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Adaora Edeoga and Hailey Schluter were both recognized as  
Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit  
Scholarship Program.  
Congratulations to both of you!



### PERFECT SCORES!

We would like to recognize the following students for achieving a perfect score in one of the following subjects: US History, English Language Arts, or Biology.

Leah Massey	Ambrea Hobbs
Emma Lynn	Thomas Weems
Ronald Beck	Joemari Powell
Xander Rosado-Sessa	Michael Edmond
Grant Worden	Keegan Raymor
Olivia Harper	

## TARPON NAVY UPDATE

By Cadet/LT Jake Jaikaran, Company Executive Officer

Your Tarpon Navy is off to a great start this year. We have an incredible group of first year cadets (even some seniors!) this year and big events are coming up. September 27-30th we will be taking an overnight field trip to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. We will be experiencing how Marine recruits live and train in boot camp, even living in the barracks and eating at the chow hall. Our Air Rifle Team has their first competition this week at Eastside High School in Gainesville, last year our Air Rifle Team was ranked 2nd in the state of Florida and placed 13th in the nation and we aim to place even better this year. Our Academics Team is working hard to qualify for the state championship Brain Brawl meet which is a jeopardy style team event based on our curriculum. Next month the Orienteering Team and Athletics Team will kick off training for a busy competition schedule. Future field trips for this year include the Pearl Harbor Remembrance in Naples on December 7th, and a trip to the Navy Seal Museum in Fort Pierce. If you were unable to join us this semester, we welcome you to join us next semester, talk to your guidance counselor to get your schedule changed and come aboard.

Senior Naval Science Instructor Request from Major Rankin.

Former cadets are requested to return Navy uniform items and text books. We have seen these items for sale at Goodwill recently and would prefer to reissue serviceable articles of clothing. You may drop them off in the classroom or the front office.

Susan F. Williams, M.D. P.A.  
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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.

## CHS Drama Department PRESENTS

Performances at CPAC run October 21 & 22@  
6:30 PM, and October 23 @ 2:00 PM

\$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for CCPS students.  
Charlotte High Teachers/Staff, free with ID.  
Charlotte High Students \$3.00 with ID.

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