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Dear Panther Parents and Students,

So much to be proud of as spring calls us to summer!

So much inside this edition to be Panther PROUD at Cypress! Our students are amazing. There are so many accomplishments to share. Spring is busy with sports, ceremonies, prom, performances and preparing for graduation. It is such a special time for our students.

We also look forward to teacher appreciation week in early May. It means so much because they have worked so hard during a very challenging year. Please contact Mrs. Bond if you would like to donate to help thank our staff during this time. You may also send her a specific thank you note for a specific staff member and we will deliver it with a special treat during Teacher Appreciation Week.

April is also the "Month of the Military Child" where we celebrate our students whose families are in the military. This year marks the 35th Anniversary of The Month of the Military Child. We know these parents made great sacrifices. It is an honor to have your parents or guardians serving our country. The Panther family thanks each of our military parents for your service. We recognize and thank you.

Please keep encouraging our Panthers to do their absolute best in their studies, in respecting themselves and in their treatment of one another. Fourth quarter is the home stretch, and we will work to finish Panther strong! It is an honor to work at Cypress Lake High School.

Thank you for your support of our students and our special school.

Angela Roles
Principal



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St. Patrick's Day Cookout

Before we headed to Spring Break, our Administrative team was treated to a luncheon by our FEA (Future Educators of America) Club and our PBIS Team treated our staff to a cookout for St. Patrick's Day. Thank you to all the Panthers that helped make these events possible!



Students Honored as Carson Scholars

The School District of Lee County is excited to announce 29 students have been honored as 2022 Carson Scholars. The Carson Scholars Fund will provide each student with a \$1,000 College Scholarship.

The Carson Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. Each school is able to nominate one student to apply. Carson Scholars must have a minimum GPA of 3.75 and display humanitarian qualities through community service. Congratulations to sophomore, Olivia Bond! You make us Panther Proud.

The Yearbook Was Submitted!

Our yearbook staff of 10 students submitted the 2022 Cypressonian Yearbook prior to Spring Break! We are excited for its arrival in early May. There are about 65 yearbooks remaining to sell. Those can be ordered online at <https://buytheyearbook.com>. Our school code is 700933. There is also an order form in each grade level google classroom that can be printed and turned into Ms. Atkinson at school with cash or check made out to CLHS. The cost is \$80.



Theater Summer Camp

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JROTC Earns Distinction Gold Star

JROTC has successfully completed their JROTC Program of Accreditation inspection in the following areas; Instructor Portfolios, Cadet Portfolios, Continues Improvement Brief, Service Learning Brief, Color Guard, and Platoon Drill. They are therefore awarded the Coveted Honor Unit with Distinction Gold Star for 2022, the highest award that can be earned by a JROTC unit. Only 10% of JROTC units earn this award yearly. We also want to give a special thanks to Mrs. Roles, Mrs. Turner and the other Assistant Principals. Also, a shout out to all the Cadets who were directly and indirectly involved in the inspection. GO PANTHERS!!



The Great Gatsby!

Greetings, Ole' Sport! Wow, what a party! The Courtyard in the Center for the Arts was ablaze in fanfare, fun, and amazing guests as Mrs. Faye's and Mrs. Gordon's tenth grade English classes brought their literary experience reading *The Great Gatsby* to life. On March 17th and 18th the courtyard roared to life at this fabulous party straight out of the 1920's. Students attended as actual characters from the novel, showing off their 1920's dress while learning about the culture, music, and dancing of that time period. Russell from *Fred Astaire Dance*



School even attended to get the party guests dancing the *Charleston* and the *Waltz*. There was also trivia with prizes to be won as students answered higher order questions regarding the novel and its multifaceted characters, demonstrating their amazing ability to answer questions and speak publicly!

Art Awards!

Congratulations to the following students for placing in the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Scholarship Show.

First Place 1,100 college tuition scholarship and \$150 each

Heidi Hernandez and Patricia Gonzalez Cabrera

Second Place \$800 college tuition scholarship and \$100

Trinity Shain

Artistic Merit Awards \$50 each

Sophia Morris

Genesis Quiros

McKenzie Donahue

Chloe McCrumb

Melaine Logue

Irini Remboulis

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Claire Schie

Mairin O'Malley

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Sabrina Wessel



Portfolio 3D design students participated in Ding Darling's Project Refuge; A Couture Fashion Show Using Trash. Each student expressed concepts and design principles using recycled materials. Claire Schie's "Painted Lady" modeled by Anna Hubbard is made entirely of paint chips. Mairin O'Malley's "Paper Bag Princess" modeled by Emma Morris incorporates Publix brown paper bags, coffee and yarn. Kaye Borst's "Fashion Ova" modeled by Alayna Calkins, raises awareness of 'Fast Fashion' using old clothing that would have ended up in a landfill. This juried Show gave our students the opportunity to show their creativity, design and styling skills and raised awareness of society's 'throw away culture'. Designers and models received an abundance of complements and applause.

PBIS Model School

Cypress Lake High was recognized as a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) Model School at the most recent school board meeting on March 29, 2022. There is only one other high school in the district with this distinction.

On April 28, district representatives will conduct a PBIS walkthrough to provide feedback to the PBIS/MTSS team and administration. District representatives will be focusing on the visibility of our PRIDE expectations posted in all areas within the school campus, classroom observations and teacher student interviews.

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American Idol Alumni Visit

Vonzell Solomon, Panther Alum, came back to visit Mr. Stroh and his 7th period to sing for the students and talk about being in the music industry.

For those who don't know, Vonzell finished third on American Idol back in 2005, the year that Carrie Underwood won. That is back when American Idol was the number 1 show in the country. Vonzie has continued on in the business and has toured with Todrick Hall for years and has performed with Postmodern Jukebox as well. We LOVE when our Panther Alum come back to share their success!

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Orchestra News

In February, 47 orchestra students performed at the district assessment and received the highest marks from all judges of **straight superiors!**

Choir News

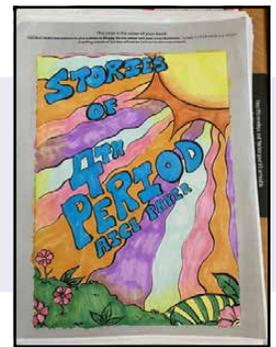
The Choir participated in the Florida Vocal Association District MPA yesterday and came away with Superior ratings from every judge. Choirs are evaluated on a statewide standard that goes from Superior all the way down to Poor. They gave a wonderful performance.

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Science Fair Winner

Congratulations Abigail Whyte for placing 2nd in the Thomas Edison Science fair regional competition! Her project on the "Effects of runoff on water quality" stood out amongst hundreds of student participants from the public and private schools of Lee, Collier and Charlotte county. We are proud of you!



Model UN News

During the SWFMUM competition on the campus of FGCU, our students **won \$3000 in prizes for themselves and our club!**

SPECIAL TEAM AWARD: TOPIC: THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON GLOBAL HUNGER

Our club took **third place (\$500)** in this category (out of fourteen) with a plan to eradicate hunger in Niger by mining and exporting uranium instead of exporting crops. Under this plan, Niger would be able to feed of its own people with domestically produced foodstuffs. The plan also included ideas for improved irrigation and other farming advancements.

POSITION PAPER AWARDS:

There were 187 papers submitted and Cypress students walked away with 1st and 3rd place!

3rd Place (\$500) – **Ava Binkowski**-representing the Kingdom of Norway, Geopolitics of the Melting Arctic

1st Place (\$1,500) – **Jacob Silver**-representing the Kingdom of Norway, Global Regulation of CRISPR Technology

Jacob also won the **George Gotschall Memorial Award (\$2,000)** for having the 9th most points over his career participating in SWFLMUN (for him, three years). All of the other delegates that finished ahead of him have participated for four years.

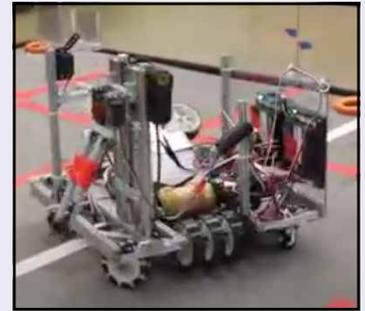
As co-sponsors, Ms. Henry and Ms. Stutz were very proud of their entire delegation, especially considering this was their first live competition in two years!

We are always looking to grow our club. If you think you might enjoy MUN please contact Ms. Henry or Ms. Stutz. They meet in the Media Center Fridays from 1:45-2:30.

Thank you for your support of CLHSMUN!

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"Arts Vote" Contest

This school year, the Lee County Elections Center received 31 amazing entries for their "Arts Vote" Contest from the three High Schools invited, which made it challenging for the judges to vote on their favorite pieces.



The Top 3 winners were:

- **1st place** - "Best Artwork": Paige Berry (Cypress Lake High School)
- **2nd place** - "Most Original Artwork": Zachary Yoshida (Cypress Lake High School)
- **3rd place** - "Most Creative Artwork": Page Steiner (North Fort Myers High School)

On behalf of the Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Honorable Tommy Doyle, I would like to thank the students and teachers that submitted their pieces this year. We are thankful for the effort and time you spent participating in our contest.



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Panther Baseball Gives Back

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 It was a memorable day for everyone involved!



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***PLEASE JOIN OUR TRYOUT GOOGLE CLASSROOM: OGMVLMU**

Our google classroom is where ALL tryout information is posted, please make sure you check weekly for any updates.

- You must be enrolled at our school (Cypress Lake High)
- You must have all athletic paperwork uploaded to Athletic Clearance before tryouts
- Due to a scheduling conflict, Tryout clinics are switched to May 11th, 12th, & 13th, 5-7pm. Tryout day is May 16th. 5-7pm
- Location: GYM
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- Informational zoom meeting will be held May 9th at 5pm.



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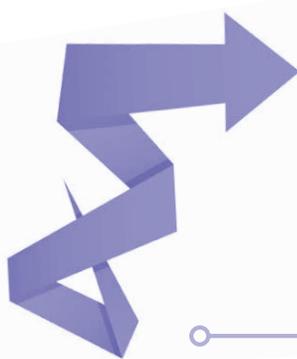
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Boston Red Sox Scholarship

Congratulations G. Harrison Bauer on being the CLHS Winner of the \$5,000 Boston Red Sox Scholarship! In March, the Red Sox had the honor of welcoming their recipients of the 2022 Lee County Red Sox Scholarship for a pre-game celebration. These high school seniors were chosen based on academic excellence, financial need, and a demonstrated commitment to community service! Way to go Harrison!

eSports Fundraiser

The CLHS eSports team has started their fundraiser this year and are asking for your help! In order to keep competing with other schools, they need to raise the funds and purchase better gaming equipment. The world of eSports has grown over the past few years and has opened up many scholarships to these students. You can donate by clicking the link below - shirts will be for sale soon!

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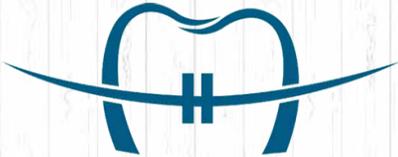
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Take Stock Winners!

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The 2021-22 Season

This season, we have placed 18th in the state with our FTC Team. We were awarded the Motivate Award. This for holding the LEGO League tournaments and outreaching to get the future generations. We worked through some of our harder challenges this season including funding and fundraising. The team has grown exponentially.

The CyDroids are officially mobilized and looking for more members. Students who want to develop their programming, managing, and engineering skills should consider joining the CyDroids of Cypress Lake Robotics team.

Sponsorships are needed. Please support The CyDroids of Cypress Lake Robotics Team.

Who to contact?

Bente Brauer is the team coach, her email is bentemb@leeschools.net. If your interest is peaked, contact her for more information.

FAFSA Day

The final on campus FAFSA Day is Wednesday, April 20th. The FLORIDA Deadline for FAFSA is May 15th, so it's very important for families to complete the FAFSA with their student. As reported by the National College Attainment Network (NCAN) on January 24, 2022 the high school class of 2021 left an estimated \$3.75 billion in Pell Grants on the table by not completing the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA money earned can be used for college or trade school.

