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## Principal's Message

### "IT'S GREAT TO BE A PANTHER!"

Dear Panther Family,

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, planning prom, performances and preparing for graduation. Our building is busy with continued flooring and restroom renovations. Spring is such a special time for our students, particularly our Seniors. They are "taking care of business" with a final push to commencement!

April is also the "Month of the Military Child" and this year marks the 37th Anniversary of The Month of the Military Child. We know military parents made great sacrifices. It is an honor to have parents or guardians serving our country. The Panther family thanks each of our military parents for your service. We recognize and thank you!

We also look forward to teacher and staff appreciation week in early May. It means so much to recognize our staff. They are incredible and we are fortunate to have so much talent on our Panther staff. 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.

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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## Counselor's Corner

### FRESHMEN NEWS:

On Tuesday, January 30th the school counseling department presented a Freshman Academic Orientation via English classrooms. Freshmen were given a copy of their academic history and graduation requirements and resources were discussed.

### REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS:

Believe it or not, we will begin our registration for the 2024-25 school year. Registration packets will be given to students this Spring. Counselors will be meeting with all students individually to help them select courses for the 2024-2025 next school year.

### TIPS FOR SENIORS:

One word: "Senioritis". Our advice to you is to try your hardest to beat it. Remember, your senior grades count. Seniors should be checking the Senior Google Classroom for important information including scholarship opportunities. If you are still unsure about your postsecondary plans, be sure to put in a request to talk with your counselor - we are here to help!

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Please remember that the counselors and college and career specialist at Cypress Lake High School are available to meet with you to help support your child to be more successful at school and assist with plans after high school. Please be sure to email or call for an appointment to ensure we will be available to meet with you. We are often in meetings, presentations or out of the building and we want to make sure we schedule a dedicated time with you to address your needs.

- Kathy Moldawsky, School Counselor (Last Names: A-D grade level 9th-12th)
- Betsy Moreno, School Counselor (Last Names: E-L grade level 9th-12th)
- Rosa Skinner, School Counselor (Last Names: M-R grade level 9th-12th)
- Jessica Owen, School Counselor (Last Names: S-Z grade level 9th-12th)
- Ranae Atkinson, College & Career Specialist (All Students)

## Student Awarded for "Doing the Right Thing"

Carlton Campbell was honored by the Lee County Sheriff's Department on January 18th as part of the Do the Right Thing Program. Carlton was nominated by Sara Sargent for the help he provided to his mother when she fell at home and hurt herself to the point she couldn't get up. Carlton is blind but was able to find his mom's phone and call 9-1-1. Carlton also unlocked the door so the medics could get in. Carlton is incredible, and this is the second time he has helped his mom in this way!

A ceremony to honor this action was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, in the Board Room of the School Board of Lee County.

Congratulations to Carlton for his quick thinking!



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# GO PANTHERS

## Fort Myers Art Fest Winners

Congratulations to Jayden Bacerra, Jamison Albertorio Aceved, and Hendrix Burden for receiving the Juror's Choice award for Chalk Painting. Also, the following students placed in the Art Under 20 High School Competition:

Zach Yoshida 1st Place Painting \$300

Suliet Gutierrez Valdes 3rd Place Drawing \$100

Ace Sotelo Fewster Award \$500

Aislinn Chandler Digital Painting Equity Award \$300

Kandys Innarelli Digital Painting Equity Award \$300

Stephanie Tackill Honorable Mention Painting \$50



Ace Sotello



Zach Yoshida



Aislinn Chandler



Jayden Bacerra, Jamison Albertorio Aceved and Hendrix Burden

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If your student has been accepted to a college/university or enlisted, please have them come sign the board in the guidance hallway. Also, students are being asked to fill out a google form for ALL scholarships they've been offered. This can include any merit money offered even if your student decides they will not be attending that school.

**UPCOMING DATES...**

- February 15th ..... **Lee Health Presentation** (Job opportunities) 12th grade sign-up in google classroom.
- February 22nd ..... **FAFSA HELP DAY** on campus 8:30 – 12:30 in the library sign-up in google classroom.
- March 4th..... Application opens to apply for **Fort Myers Technical College or Cape Coral Technical College**  
(Students should be working with Ms. Atkinson in February to make sure they have everything they need saved on their chrome book to apply)
- March 12th..... **Keiser University** will be available to speak to interested students at lunch.
- April 12th ..... **FSW Decision Day** on campus 8:30 – 12:30 in the library sign-up in google classroom.
- May 1 st ..... **DECISION DAY** (wear a shirt to represent post grad plans) college, trade school, military, workforce.

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## JROTC Robotics

We had two teams compete in our district JROTC robotics competition. It was a very tough day. We ultimately placed in the top three for both teams.



55139A earned 3rd place and is qualified for the State JROTC Robotics Competition. 55139B earned 2nd Place and was awarded the Innovate Award which is based off team interviews, engineering notebook, and effective management of times and resources. This allowed 55139B to gain a spot at the National JROTC Robotics Competition held in April.

## Canned Food Drive

During the month of February, JROTC is taking part in the annual Food Drive to support the Community Cooperative and their mission to fight hunger. The Food Drive provides an opportunity for our students and Panther Staff and friends to donate and participate in community service which has a significant and direct impact on our local community. Please drop-off your canned goods, shelf-stable food items and monetary donations at the JROTC building throughout the month.



# Cypress Lake JROTC Annual Food Drive

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# WRITTEN BY THE STUDENTS

## Student Produced News

### SPOTLIGHT ON JADE GONZALES

By Mya Jenkinson

Jade is in honors classes and a center of the arts student here at Cypress. She says her favorite high school memory is moments she spent with her peers in orchestra some of which were after school hangouts that they've had at different points of the year. Upon being asked what advice she would give underclassmen she said that high school goes by quickly and to remember to make the most of the four years. Jade recommends taking an orchestra class. Saying she loves to get to be around people with similar interests, to learn new things about music, and to be able to tell people about her musical skills.

### SPOTLIGHT ON ASHLYN MALONEY

By Ashley Perez

"There's been some ups and downs, but I wouldn't change anything." This is how Ashlyn Maloney would describe her high school experience. Throughout the past 4 years at Cypress Lake High School, she has participated in many activities. She is in all honors and AP classes and recommends AP Literature as a class. She also recommends the choir and getting involved in the vocal department, of which she is currently the Vice President. She is also part of many clubs in the school including Film Club and Newspaper club. Apart from these clubs she is also involved in The a Capella Group (TAG). One of her favorite memories in high school was when TAG attended the National A capella Convention. She has had many lasting memories through her high school experience and her advice to underclassmen is "Do your own thing." She plans to go to FGCU and continue her career in Vocal Performance.

### The Environmental Club

The environmental club is committed to raising awareness about environmental issues and coming up with solutions locally and globally to address them.

The Envirothon is a regional competition where Cypress Lake students will test their knowledge and awareness in five environmental domains: aquatic ecology, forestry, soil and land use, wildlife and current environmental events. If they win, they go to state, then nationals.

#### Students who will be participating:

Dhruti Patel, Samadhi Salazar, Yamile and Yamila Sandoval-Hernandez, Nicole Lopes, with our alternates Kennedy Dobbins and Brentton Andris.

We wish them luck!

### NHS Update

The National Honor Society created committees at the January 24th meeting. Members were asked to sign up for either the school-based initiatives, community-based initiatives, or publicity team. Each committee will work to represent Cypress in meaningful ways. Volunteerism is a foundation of the NHS and

is a required component of membership. If you have any connections to community non-profits who would welcome our students help, please email Mr. Fetterhoff or Mrs. Amos.

Please make sure your NHS member has submitted their dues and graduation stole & tassel payments ASAP. Students may drop off cash or check made out to CLHS to Mr. Fetterhoff or pay online at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com).



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## Regionals



### Girls' Weightlifting

Two of our girls competed in the regional weightlifting tournament in Sebastian River High School. Annaleise Feyereisen finished 14th in the region for olympic and 9th in the region for traditional. Hannah Cowdin finished 4th in the region for Olympic and 5th in the region for traditional!! Congratulations to both Panther girls.

### Out-of-Field Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Cypress Lake High School are certified but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation.

Alexis Ignac - English  
Gabriela Pedroza-Harding -  
Reading Endorsement  
Cali Sullivan - Biology 6-12

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates.

Alexis Ignac  
Courtney LaMar  
Erin Williams  
Samantha Wolff  
Andrew McCarley  
McKenzie Velez

### Yearbook

As of February 15th, the yearbook cost is \$80. If you want to guarantee your student gets a copy, then purchase now at [www.buytheyearbook.com](http://www.buytheyearbook.com) or purchase on campus from Ms. Atkinson with cash or check (made out to CLHS). We have about 100 yearbooks to sell. Once they are sold out, we do not have the ability to get more printed. So don't miss out on the 2023-2024 year of MEMORIES.



### All-County Orchestra

Thursday, February 1st we had All-County Orchestra auditions. Over 60 students auditioned from across the district. 40 were accepted and 12 are from Cypress! 3 of our students had the highest scores and were placed in first chairs of their sections. Please congratulate them on a job well done!

Isabella Moon\*, 12 (First chair Violin 2)

Anna Jones\*, 12 (First chair Cello)

Benjamin Manekin\*, 12 (First chair Bass)

Taryn Hutspiller, 12

Arco Williams, 11

Evelynn Mufalli, 12

Eva Basharina, 9

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### Dancers are Superior!

Please join us in congratulating our dancers. The last weekend of January, they participated in the Florida Dance Performance Assessment and the National Honor Society for Dance Arts Honors Concert, and they were spectacular! The Florida Dance Performance Assessment is a three-part assessment including technical proficiency, movement acquisition and ensemble performance. They earned a Superior rating, and we couldn't be prouder! They are amazing!

They also performed our piece, *Better Days Ahead*, in the National Honor Society for Dance Arts Honors concert. The next day they participated in college and university auditions.

We are so proud of the following dancers:

Melia Brockington-12th  
Abigail Buckley-11th  
Isabella Fournace-11th  
Miriam Hernandez Kilic-10th  
Kasey Morisset-12th  
Emarie Ramsay-Moroti-11th  
Gennifer Rhodes Brown-12th  
Niah Sandager-11th  
Emma Smith-12th  
Lindsey Shimko-12th  
Neveah Stanley-12th  
Lillian Tapiador-11th

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