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## School Website http://cyh.leeschools.net

## Vision

Empowering students to succeed in a changing world.

## Mission

Students graduating from CLHSCA will be independent thinkers and responsible citizens with the skills and knowledge to make quality decisions ensuring future success.



## Principal's Message

#### IT IS GREAT TO BE A PANTHER!

Cypress is excited and ready for a new school year! As we welcome Panthers back, we will continue our focus on the ABCs- Attendance, Behavior and Classroom Success. During high school, a vision for life after high school takes shape. Students need support and encouragement to develop habits that are necessary for success in high school and in life. Parents, you are our most important partners during this time. Start with A- attendance each day



and each period is critical. Getting to class on time is key to doing well in high school. *Regular daily attendance is a must*. Panthers are expected to come to school everyday in dress code with required supplies (charged Chromebook, notebooks, calculator, pens, pencils). Cell phones and headphones/earbuds will be off and away in accordance with the updated district policy. Check FOCUS daily and discuss what is posted for the "B and C" of our ABCs behavior and classroom success. Check FOCUS for behavior and grades/classroom success. FOCUS can be accessed through the student launchpad on the school issued Chromebook. The Cypress Way is to be where you are supposed to be, when you are supposed to be there doing what you are supposed to be doing. Families— Your routine of monitoring daily and weekly will help to keep our Panthers focused on their success for the upcoming school year! Make sure you are subscribed to School Messenger to get all emails, texts and calls from Cypress Lake High! Thank you for taking time now to set up how you will support our expectations and help your students throughout the year.

The Panther family extends an especially warm welcome to our incoming students! You are about to become part of a remarkable community. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know each of you in the years ahead. We place a special emphasis on the transition of our freshmen students. This new chapter in their lives began last spring with course selection, and will continue on Wednesday, July 31st with Panther Force. Panther Force is a special program designed to help ninth graders both get ready

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## Principal's Message

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for their first day of high school and learn what it means to be a Panther. We hope all of our freshmen are excited to start high school! Panther Force is not just freshman orientation, it is the start of a wonderful adventure. Our Panthers will learn, grow and amaze themselves while at Cypress.

Arts, activities and athletic programs are very important during high school. They create a sense of belonging and bond us to Cypress! We urge all of our students to participate in at least one of these programs each year. Additionally, research indicates that students who are involved in their school achieve more academically. Be sure to look at all CLHS has available, and ask yourself: "How can I get involved this year?"

It is important for you to know that my door is always open. My email is Angelarr@leeschools.net and the school phone number is 481-2233. I hope to see all of you at our Back-to-School Open House on Wednesday, August 7th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During Open House, students will receive schedules, meet teachers, get bus information, lockers, parking permits and so much more.

Remember our goal is the TASSEL which symbolizes earning the high school diploma. The tassel is worth the hassle! I hope everyone has had a restful summer and is ready to tackle a new school year at Cypress Lake High School!

Welcome back!

Angela Roles, Principal

## Yearbooks

The 2025 yearbook will go on sale in early August. Keep in mind you save \$\$ when you purchase early. WHEN SALES OPEN, you can purchase online at www.buytheyearbook.com

BUY THE YEARBOOK at www.buytheyearbook.com or on campus with cash or check (made out to CLHS).

#### 2024-2025 YEARBOOK COST

- August Sept. 30th \$65
- Oct. 1st Nov. 30th \$70
- Dec. 1st Feb 14th \$75
- Feb 15th SOLD OUT \$80

Senior personal ads for the yearbook will also go on sale in early August and be on sale through February 2, 2025. If you purchase an ad for your senior by September 30th you can save 20%.

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If you have any questions about yearbooks or senior ads, please contact Range Atkinson at Rangeaa@leeschools.net.



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#### Overdue Books and Devices

As you are starting to think about getting back-toschool ready, please collect any overdue textbooks, library books, tech devices or accessories, and JROTC or sports uniforms that you may have. You can turn overdue items into the media center to be cleared from Fees and Fines.

## Parent Messenger

While emails, phone calls and texts may be annoying, if you opt out of receiving the messages through Parent messenger, you will miss a lot of information re: class meetings, school photo days, HOCO, and other important events on campus. Please stay up to date on all that is happening at Cypress Lake by NOT opting out of Parent Messenger.

## Google Class Codes

Please make sure your child has joined the google classroom for their appropriate grade level. Throughout the year, teachers, administrations, guidance counselors, etc. will post important information to these google classrooms. They should be checked at least once a week for the latest information. This is one more way that we keep in touch and deliver information to you and your child/ children during the year.

- Class of 2028 2rm6rx3
- Class of 2027 bvxbbc3
- Class of 2026 nixsxxu
- Class of 2025 pfsx7nj

## AICE Retake Exams

If you were unable to take part of your AICE exam last school year, didn't pass your exam, or were absent when it was given, you may make up your exam on the following dates.

#### September 30

English General Paper (11) AM Thinking Skills (11) PM

#### October 1

Global Perspectives (11) AM Travel & Tourism (11) PM

#### October 2

English General Paper (21) AM Thinking Skills (21) PM

#### October 7

Mathematics (11) PM

#### October 9

Mathematics (51) PM

#### October 17

History (11) AM Marine (11) PM

#### October 18

Psychology (11) AM

#### October 21

History (21) AM English Language (11) PM

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#### October 22

Psychology (21) AM Marine (21) PM

#### October 23

English Language (21) PM

#### October 25

Psychology (31) AM

#### November 4

Psychology (41) PM

#### November 8

Drama (11) PM

Please contact Dr. Doucette (brendado@ leeschools) with questions about registering for retakes. The registration window will open on August 13th, 2024, when Cambridge exam scores are released, and close on August 15th.

Please see the exam dates and mark your calendars in case you need to retake an exam.

ALL students taking Cambridge courses should join Google Classroom (c5iislc) for all the latest information and resources.





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#### 2024-2025 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline Deadline for Changes, Regulation, and Late Regist			
September 14, 2024	August 9 August 25			
October 26, 2024	September 20 October 7			
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22		
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20		
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16		
June 14, 2025	May 9 May 26			
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20		

### 2024-2025 SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registrat			
August 24, 2024	August 9 August 13			
October 5, 2024	September 20	September 24		
November 2, 2024	October 18	October 22		
December 7, 2024	November 22	November 26		
March 8, 2025	February 21	February 25		
May 3, 2025	025 April 18 April 22			
June 7, 2025	May 22	May 27t		

## Girl's and Boy's Golf

Golf will begin on Monday, August 19th. All paperwork needs to be turned in, including online classes. We practice on Monday and Wednesday from 2-4pm at Lexington Country Club. Matches are every Tuesday and Thursday through the first couple weeks of October, if we qualify for the state tournament.

You must provide your own clubs, but the coaches will assist with teaching you the basics, if needed.

If interested, please see Coach Knudsen (room E105) or Coach Beisner (room E111) during the first week of school.



gym when we return to school. The days and times are TBD at this point. This is for any player interested in trying out this year, even if you haven't played before and have always wanted to! Please have your student join the google classroom for Girl's Basketball. Code: g4ouk4n

Any questions please email reneem@ leeschools.net



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#### Specific Requirements for Scholarships

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)

#### Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)

Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award or the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

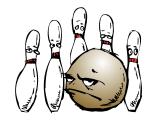
- Graduate high school from a Florida public high school with a standard Florida high school
  diploma (high school graduation requirements), graduate from a registered Florida
  Department of Education private high school, earn a GED, complete a home education
  program, or graduate from a non-Florida high school if specific conditions are met (see the
  Out-of-State (OOS) guide referenced here for additional details OOS);
- · Complete the required high school coursework;
- Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA);
- Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT®, CLT®, or SAT® college entrance exam by August 31 of high school graduation year,
- Complete the required number of volunteer service, paid work hours, or the combination of 100 total hours; and
- Submit an FFAA no later than August 31 after high school graduation.

Туре	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT*/CLT*/SAT*)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English (three most include substantial arching) 4 - Mathematics (at or atmost the Algebra I knd) 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	(tro much have anhabetial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language (separabal, to same language)	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

1 The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6:002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the Florida Courseling for Future Education Handbook.

## Bowling Team

Bowling will start on Monday August 19th. All paperwork needs to be turned in, including online classes.



We practice 2:30-4:30 M-Th at Lightning Strikes Bowling Alley. Bowling starts the 3rd week of August and lasts until November 1st with the state tournament.

We have coaches that assist you with bowling. It will cost you nothing to bowl but your time!

Come to room W165 and see Mr. Dusenberry. Cell number 239 699-0129 and email todddusenberry@gmail.com.

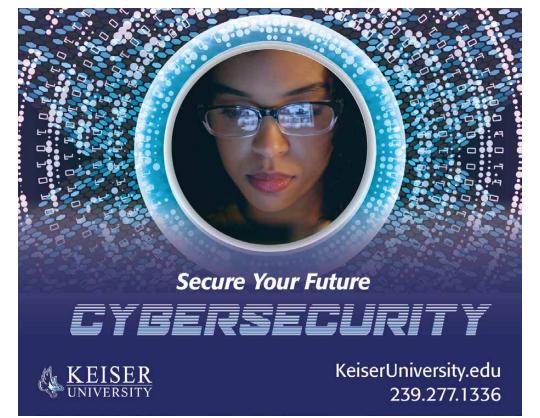
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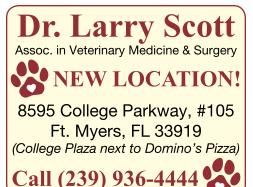


## Center for the Arts

Auditions will take place on August the 5th at 1:00pm. The application and information may be found on the school website.

If you have questions, you may email Mr. Kurtz at AdamJK@leeschools.net.







## Broadway Star of the Future Awards

At the end of this last school year, were notified of all the awards our theater department won for Broadway Star of the Future. This is an awards program that reaches farther and wider than our local High School Musical Theatre Awards and is facilitated through the Straz Center for Performing Arts in Tampa. We are so proud of our Panthers:

#### IRVING BERLIN'S HOLIDAY INN

- Aubrey Barnhouse-Outstanding Performer in a Lead Role in a Musical
- Marianna Young-Outstanding Performer in a Supporting Role in a Musical
- Cayden Pacheco-Outstanding Dancer
- Carmen Crussard-Outstanding Direction of a Musical
- Nancy Burnham-Outstanding Choreography
- Outstanding Costume Design
- Outstanding Hair & Makeup Design

#### PETER & THE STARCATCHER

- Annalise Drakos-Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role in a Play
- Landon Maas-Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role in a Play
- Jamie Woolam-Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role in a Play
- Special Achievement-Outstanding Ensemble Work

#### ANATOMY OF GRAY

• Sophia Pyles-Outstanding Lighting Design









#### LEE COUNTY STUDENT FILM AND TELEVISION AWARDS

- Student filmmakers walked away with 7 awards at the Lee County Student Film and Television awards on May 2, 2024. They won:
- Wyatt Wilcoxson- Best Animation
- Ioanna Beys- Best Comedy
- Johnny Clark & Nik Bakos- Best Promo Join Film Club
- Ioanna Beys- Best PSA School Stress
- Devin Haddock- Best PSA Norm Project
- Kyler Carter- Best Sports

loanna Beys & Sofia Ramirez took top honors of TV Choice Award for their music video, Ballad of a Homeschooled Girl



## DIGITAL LEE DESIGN COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Senior Design team who won 3rd place at the Digital Lee Design competition at FSW on April 26, 2024. Students were tasked with designing promotional

and educations products for the FutureMakers Coalition.

## PHOTOGRAPHY FOR THE WIN!

Congratulations to Tad Merwarth for winning 1st place in photography at the LAEA Future of Art student showcase at the Alliance for the Arts on April 19, 2024.



## **Absent Policy**

A reminder for all parents as we prepare for another year.

Cypress Lake High School will accept parent notes to Excuse 5 absences per semester for a total of 10 absences per school year. Beyond that, absences must be accompanied by proper documentation (Doctor/Dental notes, Hospital notes, Court subpoenas, immigration papers etc.), to be marked as Excused. Formal documentation can be brought in at any time during the semester. Excuse notes can be submitted to 0531.Attendance@LeeSchools.net or to the attendance box at the front office. Email is preferred."





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## Summer Greetings: Paw Prints Edition!

Happy Summer Panthers! Paw Prints is our CLHS family newsletter. As we look forward to the fall and the 24-25 school year, here are some summer Paw Print notes. Mark your Panther calendar in PURPLE!

## PANTHER FORCE- CALLING THE CLASS OF 2028 (RISING FRESHMAN): Link to register: click here



#### BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE- CALLING ALL PANTHERS:



#### Who should attend?

- All Cypress Lake High School Students and families
   Parking:
- Please park in the student lot near the gymnasium.

#### Student Schedules:

- Students will be able to preview their schedule in FOCUS. A phone/text message via School Messenger will be sent out when they are ready to be previewed.
- · Look at your class schedule in FOCUS or stop by the cafeteria to pick up a copy.
- Visit classrooms, walk the campus, and meet your teachers.

#### Administrative Welcome and Introductions:

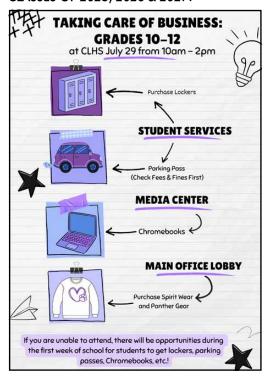
 The welcome presentation will be on video, which will play every 15 minutes in the cafeteria and classrooms. This will give you more flexibility for your visit. Meet teachers and staff and see rooms!

#### Chromebooks/Lockers/Parking Passes/Panther Gear/PE Uniforms:

 Visit the Back to School Page on our school website to get more information about these topics and more! Scan the QR code to get to our website at cyh.leeschools.net



## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS (TCB) DAY-CLASSES OF 2025, 2026 & 2027:

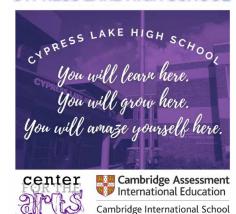


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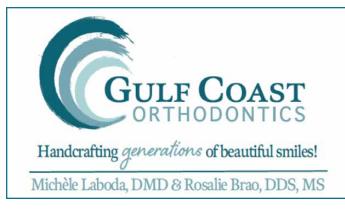
We will see you soon! Have a great summer, Panthers!

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## Senior Photos: Class of 2025

- Schedule your senior photos www.leonards.com/Welcome/
- If you didn't get a postcard with an access code, email Ms. A so she can send it to you. Ranaeaa@leeschools.net
- The Leonard's Studio will be open ALL SUMMER, NO WALK-INS, you must make an appt. at the link above.
- FINAL DEADLINE FOR ALL SENIOR PHOTOS IS OCTOBER 24th!
- There will be 2 on campus FORMAL SESSION only dates August 21st and October 24th

## 2-3 weeks after you take your photos, you need to log-in and choose the 1 photo you want sent for the yearbook. If you don't do this... they will choose for you.

- You do NOT need to do any specialty photos with Leonard's, just the FORMAL PHOTO \$20 session.
- If you'd like to book an ULTIMATE SESSION use one of the following codes for a 50% session discount. Ariya2025, Abigail2025, or Malory2025
- Appointments begin on June 18th and are available Tuesday - Saturday from 9-6 at the Leonard's Studio on Colonial & Metro.



## **JROTC**

## Scholarships and Awards

Congratulations to the JROTC Panther Battalion scholarship and award recipients at the Lee County JROTC District Ceremony last night!



## TAG Does it Again!

The annual CARA awards were announced, and TAG was honored with the coveted Best High School Album award. Mr. Stroh said, "I'm so excited because this is my favorite album that we

have recorded in a long time." They also won Best Scholastic Original Song for Kristen Noble's original song "Stars on the Ceiling. This is the second year in a row that Kristen has won the Best Scholastic Original

Their song "Saturday" was the runner-up for Best Funk/Disco Song. We lost to a professional group.

### Arts Vote Winner

Emma Corbin participated in and won the 2023-2024 "Arts Vote" Contest!



