



# ISLAND COAST COMPASS

## Island Coast High School

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## Principal's Corner

Greetings Gators,

Thank you for all of your support in making the 2018-19 school year a great success. I hope this letter finds you in good spirits as we continue our Spring semester.

We are already looking at new and exciting offerings for next year. Over the next couple of months your counselors will be visiting your classrooms to assist you in selecting your courses for next year. These meetings will take place in late April and early May. Seniors are encouraged to stay current with graduation dates and deadlines.

All students in grades 9 and 10 will take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) this Spring. Students currently enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry and U.S. History will take their required End of Course (EOC) exams. AP exams will be administered during the month of May.

Regards,

Dr. Michelle Cort-Mora  
*Principal*



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## National Honor Society

The National Honor Society raised over \$200 on February 2nd in a Car Wash at Advanced Autoparts, raising money for the John Hopkins Children's Hospital.



## Jeffrey Becker Named Lee County School District's 2018 Teacher of the Year



When Jeffrey Becker was a copier salesman, he had a nagging feeling he should be doing something else with his life. "I was making a ton of money and having fun with friends and stuff like that, but I just felt like there was more to life," said Becker, 35.

I felt I had more to offer with my specific skill set, and the way God created me was to do more than just sell copiers. "Becker's family, along with Superintendent Dr. Greg Adkins, some school board members and others gathered in Island Coast High's auditorium to surprise Becker with the news. They quietly waited as Principal Dr. Michelle Cort-Mora led Becker into the auditorium. When the auditorium door opened, cameras flashed, the crowd screamed, clapped and yelled, "Congratulations!!" Becker hugged his daughter, Sofie, age 3 and then Dr. Cort-Mora before proceeding to hug everyone else in the auditorium, including his wife, Morgan and their son, Henry, age 10 months.

"It's unbelievable," he said of winning the award. "It's absolutely surreal." "Looking back at my life, never in a million years would I have thought I would become a teacher, but here I am," he said. "And it's the coolest thing, aside from being a family man, the coolest thing I have done in my life." Becker won the award as a result of his work as Island Coast's digital media technology teacher. This is his second year at ICHS. During Becker's first year, his students won Best High School News Show at the Lee County Film Festival Awards.

"Our best teachers; they are passionate, they are innovative, they are creative, and they love kids," Dr. Adkins said. "He has got all those ingredients."

Becker said his hope is to use his award to motivate others to become teachers. Island Coast High student Dennis Avery said Becker is more like a mentor and father-figure to

his students than he is a teacher. "He tells us that we matter, and he shows us, not just the skills to work in the media and make videos and be cool, but life skills," Avery said. "It's awesome." Dr. Cort-Mora said when she and her administrative team met to select the school's Teacher of the Year nominee, there was only one choice and it was Becker. "He is head and shoulders above any other educator in what he gives to children on a daily basis," she said. We are so excited that our video production teacher was honored as the Lee County School District's 2018 Teacher of the Year.





## Out of Field Teachers

Florida State Statue 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the eld in which the teacher is certied. The following teachers at Island Coast High School are certied, 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.

El estauto de la Florida 1012.42 reconoce que los maestros algunas veces tienen que ser asignados a una clase fuera de su rama de certificación. El siguiente maestro/a en la escuela Island Coast High School está certificado/a, pero se le pudiese haber asignado a enseñar una o más asignatura/s fuera de sus áreas de certificación y son requeridos que tomen los pasos apropiados para que cumplan con el reglamento estatuido.

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Last Name	First Name	Descr
Acosta Garcia	Mabel	English 6-12
Aguiar	Lorenzo	ESOL (Endorsement)
Aiesi	Ann Marie	ESOL (Endorsement)
Archer	Bryce	ESOL (Endorsement)
Campbell	Angela	Mathematics 6-12
Faunce	Donald	Industrial Arts-Tec Ed
Johnson	Corey	Mathematics 6-12
Pomerleau	Shawn	ESOL (Endorsement)
Romano	Thomas	ESOL (Endorsement)
Strnad	Joshua	ESOL (Endorsement)

## Join the School Advisory Council (SAC) Team!

As a parent or guardian, you are an important part of the ICHS community and we want to know your opinions about our school and its plans for the future. We hope you will consider becoming a member of our School Advisory Council.

Parents and families are the heart of the education process. You can make a difference by becoming a SAC member. By working together, we can provide a positive educational experience for every student.

All meetings begin at 5:30pm in the Media Center. For any questions, please contact Ms. Pearson at ShayRP@LeeSchools.net.

**Next Meetings:** March 25, 2019 May 20, 2019

## Preorder ICHS 2018-2019 Yearbooks

### AND Order Senior Ads!

This year's ICHS Yearbook will be like no other, not just that our ICHS Gators are doing great things across the campus or outside of school, but because the *pictures might literally jump off the page!*

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## Are You Connected?

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**Facebook:** @IslandCoastHigh



**Instagram:** islandcoastgators



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## School Dress Code

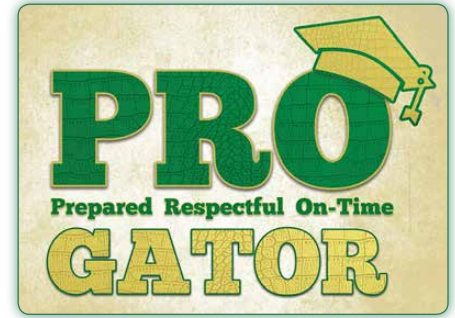
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The purpose of the Dress Code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without distractions of unsuitable dress or grooming. Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times. The responsibility for the personal appearance of the students rests with the parent/guardian and the student. Personal appearance must avoid being a distraction from the educational process. The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress at Island Coast High School.

- Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school.
- Pants shall be worn fastened and at the waist with no undergarments showing.
- Pants with holes, tears, and rips are permitted below the knee. Leggings/Yoga pants are not permitted.
- Shirts or blouses shall be appropriately fastened in accord with the design of that shirt or blouse. The length shall extend beyond the waist level.
- Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner is prohibited.
- Transparent or see-through tops, bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage or are of a suggestive nature are prohibited; halters, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, or any clothing which may be distracting are prohibited.
- Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury—such as chains, bracelets, rings, chokers with or without spikes, or studs—are prohibited. Wallet chains of any length are prohibited.
- Shoes shall be worn at all times, bedroom slippers are prohibited.
- Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any other illegal activity are prohibited.
- Apparel or symbols, which may be gang-related, may not be displayed on a student's person or in the student's possession.
- Gang-related tattoos should be covered at all times.
- The wearing on campus of hats, caps, headgear (including hoodies) or sunglasses except in conjunction with designated school-approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities is prohibited. There may be certain exceptions for medical conditions and physical education classes held outside. The principal will determine these exceptions.
- Any method of public display (including clothing, nail polish, and other items that may be worn or carried) of an organization affiliated with controversial, obscene, or illegal activities on a person, may not be worn, if in the principal's judgement, they may cause a substantial disruption to the school environment.
- Hair coloring or style that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment, as determined by the principal, is prohibited.
- Long, oversized jerseys are prohibited.

## Island Coast High School Expectations

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## Attendance Policy

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A written note signed by the parent/guardian on the day of a student's return to school should specify the date(s) and the reason(s) for the absences(s). The following absence will be considered excused for the following reasons: illness, serious illness or death in the immediate family, religious holiday, participation in an academic class or program, prearranged absences pre-approved by the school administration, or court date. When a student returns to school from an absence, the student must have proper documentation for the absence.

- **Makeup Work:** All students shall be given the opportunity to makeup work per School Board Policy. **A student has the number of days he/she was excused plus one extra day to complete makeup work.** It is the student's responsibility to request work from the teacher and to arrange to make-up tests/quizzes.
- **Loss of Driver's License Due to Excessive Absence:** If a student accrues 5 or more unexcused absences in a 15-day period, or 15 unexcused within a 30-day period, that student will have his/her driver's license suspended or revoked. If a student does not have a license, they will be unable to obtain a driver's license until their attendance situation is remedied. **Once revoked, a student must attend school for 30 consecutive days without an absence to have the license re-established.**
- **Tardiness:** If a student arrives to school before 7:15 A.M. the student should report to their 1 st /2nd period class where they will receive a lunch detention from their teacher (submitted through CASTLE). If a student arrives after 7:15 A.M. the student must sign in at the attendance office. A note may be brought in to excuse any tardy. Reasons for excusing a tardy include illness, medical, family emergency, or a district transportation problem. When the late bell rings to begin periods 3rd -8th, teachers will close and lock their doors. When a student arrives at the classroom door, the student will be admitted to the class. The teacher will submit a lunch detention (via CASTLE) for the tardy.
- **Habitual Truant:** Habitual Truants are defined as students who have accrued 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days, with or without the knowledge or consent of the student's parent or legal guardian as defined by law. **All students who are identified as habitual truants will be referred to the School Social Worker and the State of Florida, per law.**



# Gator Highlights



ICHS' science team had a wonderful hands-on booth as families turned copper pennies into silver or gold! Go Gators 🐊 #stemtastic2019

1st Place Winners in the Regional Science Fair Chemistry Division and recipients of \$12,000 scholarships to FSW! Congrats Brandon and Alejandrol! Go Gators 🐊



Some wrestling 🐊 entertainment this Saturday morning. Go Gators 🐊



Congrats to Savannah and Gianni on their superior ratings at district solo and ensemble! Heading to States in April! Go Gators 🐊

Lee County School Board recognized Mr. Becker as the 2018-2019 Lee County Teacher of the Year. Go Gators! 🐊



Lady Gators CHOMP the Panthers 55 to 23! 🐊



Thank you Lucinda @GCEI\_Naples for an amazing Ice Cream Social for our Q2 Honor Roll stars 🌟 #IAMICHS #gatorstrong 🐊



Gators are ready for the Broadway singers performance for closing ceremony in Atlanta!



Island Coast & South Fort Myers FFA kick off 212°/360° Leadership Conference in Haines City. 212° focuses on taking students to the boiling point of "Heating Up" their FFA Chapter & 360° brings their leadership skills full circle. @NationalFFA @southfms @islandcoastgators



Senior night for Island Coast's soccer players. We are so proud of you!



Boys' Basketball Senior Night. This was a fun 🐊 season. Go Gators 🐊



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## JROTC Visit Colleges

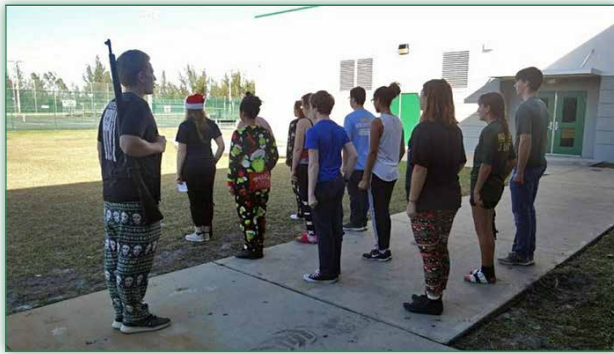
JROTC students visit college campuses of University of Tampa and University of South Florida to explore options beyond high school graduation on January 30th, learning about ROTC in college, financial aid, and daily campus life.

## Key Club

Key Club is a community service based club dedicated to helping our home, school, and community. Some of our community service projects this year have been working at the Shell Factory, the Harry Chapin food bank, packing over 5000 meals at feeding the 5000 in Estero, packing over 500,000 meals for Meals of Hope, and passing out Valentine's Day cards to Gulf Coast Village. Our members have over 200 hours in community service this school year. They love giving back to our community and are an amazing group of future leaders.

## JROTC Drill & Color Guard Team

The JROTC Drill and Color Guard team will compete in the district drill competition on February 23rd, where they won third place for the Color Guard and fourth place for the Armed Platoon in 2018.



## Choir

The third quarter is a busy time in the choir department! Island Coast sent four students to the All State Choir Conference at the beginning of the month where they performed with some of the finest singers in the state. Also, Savannah Beale-McConnell and Gianni Gizzi performed for district Solo and Ensemble and both received Superior ratings and will continue on the the state level in April! February means Choir MPA! The top three ICHS choirs will



perform for ratings at the district level and be required to show achievement in performance and in sight reading. The choir department looks forward to making the Gators proud!

Savannah Beale-McConnell, Maria Tovar, Gianni Gizzi, and Fabiana Pesantes perform with the Florida All State Choir in Tampa



## GoFan Tickets for ICHS Athletics & Performance Events



GoFan is easy to use! Download the GoFan app from your favorite app store then go to your GoFan app and search for Island Coast High School (we have our own page).

Once there, the fan can search for the event and purchase the ticket(s). Your phone then holds the tickets for use at the event.

### Buy tickets to ICHS Athletic Events on:

- GoFan website:

<https://gofan.co/app/school/FL25540>

or

- Use the GoFan App



# Gator Spring Sports

- Boys Baseball
- Girls Softball
- Boys & Girls Tennis
- Boys & Girls Track



## Sport Schedules 2018-19

### Boys' Weightlifting

Date	Day	Opponent	Place	Time
3/6	Wed	Green Wave Invite	Ft. Myers	4:00
3/13	Wed	Districts	Charlotte	Noon
TBD	TBD	Regionals	TBA	TBA
4/12 & 4/13	Fri & Sat	State Finals	Panama City	TBA

### Track & Field

Date	Day	Opponent	Place	Time
3/7	Thur	Lady Gators	Home	3:00
3/8	Fri	Edison Relays – Boys only	Ft. Myers	3:00
3/14	Thur	Venice Relays	Venice	3:30
3/28	Thur	Florida Relay**	Gainesville	TBA
3/29	Fri	Tarpon Classic	Charlotte	3:00
4/5	Fri	LCAC (field events)	South Ft. Myers	2:00
4/6	Sat	LCAC (running events)	South Ft. Myers	9:00 am
4/16	Tue	Districts**	Charlotte	10:00 am
4/27	Sat	Regionals	Charlotte	8:00 am
5/3 & 5/4	Fri-Sat	State Championships	U of N FL (Jacksonville)	TBA

\*\* You must have a qualifying time to be entered into this meet

### Girls' Tennis

Date	Day	Opponent	Girls'	Time
3/5	Tue	South Ft. Myers	Home	3:30
3/7	Thur	Cape Coral	Away	3:30
3/12	Tue	Cypress Lake	Home	3:30
3/14	Thur	Dunbar	Home	3:30
3/26	Tue	East Lee	Home	3:30
3/28	Thur	Estero	Away	3:30
4/4	Thur	Ida Baker	Home	3:30
4/15 & 4/16	Mon & Tue	Districts	Three Oaks	8:30 am
4/23	Tue	Regionals	TBD	3:00
4/25	Thur	Regionals	TBD	3:00
4/29-5/1	Mon-Wed	State Finals	Red Bug Park & Sylvan Lake Park in Altamonte Springs	8:00 am

### Baseball

Date	Day	Opponent	Place	JV Time	V Time
3/5	Tue	Cypress Lake**	Home	4:00	7:00
3/8	Fri	Cypress Lake**	Away	4:00	7:00
3/11	Mon	Riverdale	Home	4:00	7:00
3/12	Tue	Lehigh	Home	4:00	7:00
3/15	Fri	Ft. Myers	Away	4:00	7:00
3/20	Wed	Seacrest	Away	-	4:30
3/22	Fri	North Port	Away	-	7:00
3/25	Mon	Bonita Springs	Away	6:00	-
3/26	Tue	North Ft. Myers**	Away	4:00	7:00
3/29	Fri	North Ft. Myers**	Home	4:00	7:00
4/2	Tue	Pt. Charlotte**	Home	-	7:00
4/4	Thur	Grayson (GA)	Home	-	6:00
4/5	Fri	Pt. Charlotte**	Away	-	7:00
4/6	Sat	Pt. Charlotte (JV doubleheader)	Away	10:00 & noon	-
4/9	Tue	Ida Baker**	Away	4:00	7:00
4/10	Wed	Charlotte	Away	6:00	-
4/12	Fri	Ida Baker**	Home	4:00	7:00
4/16	Tue	Cape Coral**	Home	4:00	7:00
4/17	Wed	South Ft. Myers	Away	4:00	7:00
4/18	Thur	Cape Coral**	Away	4:00	7:00
4/23	Tue	Mariner**	Away	4:00	7:00
4/24	Wed	East Lee	Away	4:00	7:00
4/26	Fri	Mariner**	Home	4:00	7:00
4/29	Mon	Lemon Bay	Home	-	7:00
5/2	Thur	Bishop Verot	Away	-	7:00
5/3	Fri	Golden Gate*	Home	-	7:00
5/6	Mon	Districts	Highest Seed	-	7:00
5/7	Tue	Districts	Highest Seed	-	7:00
5/9	Thur	District Championship	Highest Seed	-	7:00
5/15	Wed	Regionals	TBD	-	7:00
5/18	Sat	Regionals	TBD	-	7:00
5/22	Wed	Regional Championship	TBD	-	7:00
5/29-6/1	Wed-Sat	State Championship	Century Link	-	TBA

### Softball -Varsity

Date	Day	Opponent	Place	Time
3/5	Tue	Cypress Lake**	Home	6:30
3/8	Fri	Cypress Lake**	Away	6:30
3/12	Tue	Lehigh	Home	6:30
3/14	Thur	Science Hill	Home	6:00
3/26	Tue	North Ft. Myers**	Away	7:00
3/29	Fri	North Ft. Myers**	Home	6:00
4/2	Tue	Pt. Charlotte**	Home	7:00
4/5	Fri	Pt. Charlotte**	Away	7:00
4/9	Tue	Ida Baker**	Away	6:30
4/11	Thur	East Lee	Home	6:30
4/12	Fri	Ida Baker**	Home	6:30
4/16	Tue	Cape Coral**	Home	6:30
4/17	Wed	South Ft. Myers	Away	6:30
4/18	Thur	Cape Coral**	Away	6:00
4/23	Tue	North Port*	Home	6:30
4/26	Fri	Dunbar	Away	6:30
4/29	Mon	Districts	Highest Seed	7:00
5/1	Wed	Districts	Highest Seed	7:00
5/2	Thur	District Championship	Highest Seed	7:00
5/8	Wed	Regionals	TBD	7:00
5/14	Tue	Regionals	TBD	7:00
5/17	Fri	Regional Championship	TBD	7:00
5/21 – 6/1	Tue – Sat	State Championship	Vero Beach	TBA

# GO GATORS!



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## Senior Final Exam Exemption Criteria

### 2018-2019

There is no change in the Senior Final Exam Exemption Criteria for the 2018-2019 school year.

The following exam exemption policy applies to seniors only. If you have a senior who meets the exemption criteria, the student receives an X for the exam in FOCUS. This policy excludes Dual Enrollment, AP, IB, or AICE Exams.

### Seniors who meet the following criteria are exempt from final exams:

- Only seniors can waive second semester exams.
- Student must have an A or B average in the class for second semester.
- Student must have no external suspensions during semester 2.
- Advanced Placement, IB, AICE, and Dual Enrollment exams must be administered. No exemptions can be given for these courses.
- When an exam is waived, the two nine-week grades for second semester will be averaged to obtain a semester average for the course.
- Only those seniors who meet the criteria as stated above will be exempt from exams at the end of second semester.

## Senior Final Exam Schedule

Date	Schedule
<b>Mon., May 6th</b>	Regular Bell Schedule Last Regular Day for Seniors
<b>Tues., May 7th</b>	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams Exams Given to Seniors in 2 Periods
<b>Wed., May 8th</b>	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams Exams Given to Seniors in 2 Periods
<b>Thu., May 9th</b>	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams Exams Given to Seniors in 2 Periods
<b>Fri., May 10th</b>	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams Exams Given to Seniors in 2 Periods
<b>Mon., May 13th</b>	Regular Bell Schedule Make-up Exams Given As Needed
<b>Tues., May 14th</b>	Regular Bell Schedule Make-up Exams Given As Needed
<b>Wed., May 15th</b>	Regular Bell Schedule Make-up Exams Given As Needed
<b>Fri., May 17th</b>	Graduation Rehearsal
<b>Sun., May 19th</b>	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b> 2:30pm - Alico Arena

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