



# HAWK TALK

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Students:

As we begin to prepare for the holidays and get ready to start our second semester, I want to take a moment to thank our community for the continued support and encouragement you consistently provide to our students, faculty, and staff at Lake Howell High School. We truly appreciate you!

It is my honor to announce our 2021-2022 School-Related Employee of the Year, **Mrs. Kim Dunning**, our bookkeeper. Congratulations as well to our 2021- 2022 Teacher of the Year, **Mr. Greg Wedel**, social studies teacher and department chair! Mrs. Dunning and Mr. Wedel have served the *Silverhawks* for many years, and we are so thankful for their continued dedication and service. These two individuals are most deserving of this recognition, and we thank them for the excellent support they provide for our students, parents, faculty, and staff.

With the testing that has already happened so far this year, our staff and students have been working hard and remain focused on student achievement. As I have been walking through classrooms with my administrative team, we are constantly impressed with the learning that is occurring on our school campus.

As we begin to prepare for the upcoming holidays, we wish you all happiness, blessings, and great joy. *Remember to continue Creating your Blueprint for Success; and as always, Go Silverhawks and Stay Hawk Strong!*

Sincerely,

Michael D. Howard  
Principal

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# Student Services News

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## Registration for 2022-2023

As we enter into orientation and registration for the 2022-2023 school year, please take a few minutes to review the curriculum guide. The curriculum guide will be available on our LHHS website and will be given to your student in late January. Take time to discuss course choices with your student. Just because your student is in high school does not mean parents should stop being involved! Please be aware of the courses for which your student is registering. This information is available through your Skyward Family Access account.

Your student should select courses that total 7 credits for next year, as well as alternates for elective courses. Alternate courses are just as important as the classes selected; these must be courses the student is willing to take in the event first choices do not schedule. Remember schedule changes are very limited. Also, please note that performance on FSA and EOCs determine whether a student has elective choices or will be placed in a remedial math or reading class. If you have questions about which courses are appropriate, contact your student's current teachers or counselor. As a reminder, 26 credits are required for graduation as well as a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and a passing FSA Reading & Algebra 1 EOC score.

Middle School students will receive registration materials when they visit campus in January. On January 25th there will be an 8th grade parent night, as well as curriculum and AP information.

Make sure your child has a completed registration card on file and that they have selected at least 7 credits for the next school year.

## Junior Credit Checks

During the second semester, all third year students will meet with their assigned counselor. At that time, such topics as current credit status, graduation requirements, and post high school plans will be discussed. Juniors are encouraged to take an SAT or ACT in the spring as well as begin to research and visit potential colleges. A "Road to Graduation" meeting was held for junior parents in the Fall, so if you were unable to attend, visit [www.lakehowell.scps.k12.fl.us/Student-Services](http://www.lakehowell.scps.k12.fl.us/Student-Services) to view the presentation.

## Financial Aid Forms and Workshop

The current financial aid forms for this year's seniors who are seeking financial assistance and scholarships to continue their education after high school are available online at <http://www.lakehowell.scps.k12.fl.us/student-services/college-career.stml>. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is required for most colleges and universities in order to determine Financial Aid. This form uses figures from the parents' income tax. The FAFSA can be completed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Parents of seniors are able to complete this form beginning October 1st, 2021. **Counselors discussed Financial Aid at the Road to Graduation meeting in September and held Financial Aid meeting in October. There will be another Road to Graduation Meeting in the fall of 2022 where these topics will be discussed again. Any senior with financial aid questions at this point will be best served by contacting the school they plan to attend next year.** A good site for additional information on financial aid is [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

## Upcoming Test Dates

During the second semester, we recommend that juniors register for either an SAT or ACT or both. We also recommend these dates for retesting if our seniors are trying to increase their scores for the Bright Futures Scholarship. Registration information is in the Student Services lobby or on the LHHS Student Services website. Students may register online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the SAT and at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for the ACT. They can also access free test preparation materials on these sites. **All juniors will take the SAT and ACT for free during a school day and do not need to register online. SAT school-day for juniors this year is March 2nd and ACT is March 29th.** The remaining testing dates for the school year are:

- SAT- March 12, May 7, June 4
- ACT- February 12, April 2, June 11, July 16
- AP Exams – May 2-13 (There are NO makeup days for AP Exams)

## Florida State Grants & Scholarships Program

Any senior interested in Florida State Grants & Scholarships (including the Bright Futures Scholarship) **MUST COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION AT [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)**. Once the application is completed, each student will receive a user name and password number by email for future access. Please keep this information in a safe place. **Parents, please make certain your student has done this; it is the student's responsibility to complete the application in order to be evaluated for the scholarship.** Student Services will automatically send a transcript to the state for evaluation purposes in January and June, but an application completed by the student must be on file for the transcript to be evaluated. **Also, don't forget to complete community service hours as each level of the award now requires it.** Submission of documented community services hours are due by May 1st, 2022. You and your student can check their Bright Futures eligibility at <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/pay-for-college>.

## Senior End of Year Information:

- The basic **cap and gown package** is currently \$90. The Cap and Gown Fee will increase to \$110 on February 1, 2022. To pay these fees, go to: [www.herfforlando.com](http://www.herfforlando.com).
- **Tentative Grad Bash Date:** April 1, 2022.
  - ◊ Tickets will be sold for \$95 beginning February 7.
- **Tentative Prom Date:** April 9, 2022
- **Tentative Class of 2022 Graduation:** May 23 @ 6:30 pm at the Addition Financial Arena (UCF)

## LHHS TV Production at Arts Alive 2021

This year, Lake Howell High School TV Production had the opportunity to participate in the 2021 Arts Alive Gala. The initial project consisted of producing a video for the foundation's *Take Stock in Children Program*, spearheaded by Lake Howell Junior, Zackary Miller. Zackary took the lead in interviews, editing, and graphics. This showcased the program's mentorship aspect and focused on Senior Jean Vera and his mentor Jim McElhose, a Lake Howell student/mentor pair. They truly represent what it means to "Stay Hawk Strong." After this production, Zackary and fellow student Zach Estremera were asked to help produce the 2021 *Arts Alive* Gala live broadcast (which benefits SCPS Arts and Schools), alongside Seminole High School TV Production Students. Proud to be involved, Zackary stated "This was the first time I was offered to help produce a show like the Arts Alive Gala. It gave me the opportunity to see what it is like to work on a real, full-scale production and it was a learning experience that would be valuable to any student interested in a career in media production. I look forward to helping again next year!"



## Lake Howell Chorus and Orchestra

Chorus and Orchestra have had such a successful semester. Here are a few of the accomplishments:

- Aislinn Benedict and Claire Moering for receiving a Superior on their duet at solo and Ensemble.
- All-County choir students:
 

Paige Cintron	Allison Olivier	Tyler Barker
Emma Youngblood	Zachary Smirti	Joseph Negron
Ava Williams	Justin Vanwagner	Christopher Winston
- We also have two students who made All-State Chorus: Mya Heins and Emma Youngblood
- Two of our students we chosen to be a part of the FMEA Student Experience: Emma Elliott and Paige Cintron.
- Our choir was also invited to perform the National Anthem for the Orlando City Soccer game and will be performing again for the Solar Bears Hockey Game.



## Marching Band

### Kudos for the Fall Semester

#### Marching Band:

- Straight Superiors at District Marching Music Performance Assessment
- 1st Place class 3A and 2nd place overall at the FMBC Merritt Island Regional and FMBC Oviedo Regional.
- State Finalist at FMBC State Championships. 6th Best band in the state of Florida!



#### Concert Band:

- Tristate Honor Band - Connor Harrigan (Baritone Saxophone) & Joseph Negron (Tuba)
- All State Honor Band - Seth Mullett (Trumpet)
- All County Honor Band - Gabrielle Huntington (Piccolo), Samuel Amato (Tenor Sax), Seth Mullett (Trumpet), Joseph Negron (Tuba) & Amelia Mann (Percussion)

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## World Languages News

This year the World Language team will be participating in the SCPS World Language Festival on Saturday, February 19th. This event challenges our students to take what they learn in class and apply it by communicating in a safe environment. Lake Howell will be participating in all categories: Impromptu, Declamations, Scene, Art, Multimedia, and Entertainment. For the academic portion (Declamation, Impromptu, and Scene), students will display their talent in front of two judges from our community. Art and Multimedia will be displayed throughout the day, so everyone can appreciate them in between participation. The closing ceremony is when our entertainment entry will perform in front of an audience and awards will be distributed after. We're looking forward to participating in this day event and are hoping to bring back the trophy for the Secondary School with the highest achieving awards. We couldn't be prouder of the creativity and dedication/effort that this group has signed up to demonstrate as they are prepping and practicing to impress the judges and reach their personal best beyond the classroom expectations!

## The Lake Howell Theatre Company Proudly Presents...



The Lake Howell Theatre Company proudly presents their winter mainstage *The Velveteen Rabbit*, January 21 and 22. In the world of toys, life begins when humans leave the room. When one group of toys discovers a velveteen rabbit, they learn what it means to be truly loved by their owner. Adapted from the classic story by Margery Williams, *The Velveteen Rabbit* tells the story of the unconditional love between a boy and his toy bunny and how that love makes the rabbit real. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. For more information, please email Tiffany Ortiz at [lhtc4937@gmail.com](mailto:lhtc4937@gmail.com) and make sure to follow the Lake Howell Theatre Company on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook @lhtc4937 and our website ([www.lhtc4937.com](http://www.lhtc4937.com))!



### Save the Date:

Lake Howell Theatre Company's Spring Production: *Mamma Mia!* April 21-23, 2022.

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## Lake Howell Theatre Company

Thespian Troupe 4937 just completed their District Festival this past November. Please help us in congratulating all our students including our top honor winners below:

### One Act:

- *The Last Nickel One Act*: 1st place, moving on to State in March!
- Acting: Superior
- Technical: Superior
- All Star Tech for *The Last Nickel*: Rowyn Sam
- All Star Actor for the *Last Nickel*: Camron Shepard
- Best Prompt Book
- All Star Actress-won from all one acts: Zee Klem

### Best in Show, Individual Events:

- Costume Design, Cory Cordero
- Makeup Design, Kelsey Resh
- Duet Musical, Elanna Grillo and Zee Klem
- Playwriting, Jo Hazelip

### Honorable Mention,

### Individual Events:

- Solo Musical, Zee Klem
- Large Group, Ariana De Jesus-Aguilar, Max Clure, Bunny Gilleon, Tanner Franks, Camron Shepard, Alex Alfaro, Josie Mazzitelli, Zee Klem, Anna Dufresne Coffee, Kelsey Resh, Cory Cordero, Abby Lamarre, Destiny Gonzalez, Olivia Birle, Jasper Barauskas, Elanna Grillo

### Scholarship Winners:

- Michelle Bachel Technical Scholarship: Rowyn Sam—\$1,000.00
- Florida's Charlie Cinnamon Scholarship: Camron Shepard—\$1,000.00

### Individual Events, Overall:

- 14 Superior Ratings
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For more information contact Mr. Yusk (chad\_yusk@scps.k12.fl.us).

## Lake Howell High School Silverhawk Athletics

The winter sports are up and running as we are all enjoying our break. Come out and support your Soccer, Basketball, Wrestling and Girls Weightlifting programs while you have the opportunity. Spring Sports have already been participating in off season conditioning, and seasons will be starting as we return from the break. Please make sure you have all the necessary paperwork in prior to the start of your season. Visit [www.athleticclearance.com](http://www.athleticclearance.com) to make sure you are paperwork ready!

The Athletic Department is working on a date for the annual golf tournament that has been on hold for the past two years. Stay tuned for exact date and location.

Please visit the Lake Howell website for schedule information and [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co) for all your ticket purchases.

If at any time you have questions, or need information please feel free to contact the athletic department and, as always, GO SILVERHAWKS!

Sincerely,

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