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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Parents and Guardians,

I would like to thank all of the teachers, parents and students for taking an active role in keeping Lely HS safe. We have put many new procedures in place this year and we appreciate everyone doing their part to make a difference.

Surprisingly, we are in the home stretch of the 2018-19 school year. This is a very important time for our students, as they need to buckle down and finish the year off strong. Tutoring is available at lunch and after school for students that may need some extra help. In addition, beginning in April we will be providing test prep sessions for students taking the end of course exams in Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and US History and for the FSA Reading exam. The curriculum office will provide more information when we return from spring break.

Upcoming events and dates

- March 21 – Career Fair
- March 22 – Report Cards Sent Home
- March 25 – SDAC 5:30 p.m.
- April 19 and April 22 – No School
- May 13 – Senior Scholarship/Awards Night 6:00 p.m.
- May 20 – Underclass Awards 6:00 p.m.
- May 24 – Graduation 5:00 p.m.
- May 30 – Last day of school

Thank you and I look forward to a great end to the school year!

Ellen Keegan

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

This is a very busy and exciting time of year for students and parents. For seniors, the reality of graduation is approaching. For underclassmen, we are beginning to think about important assessments and picking classes for next year. All students will receive a "DRAFT" copy of the course request sheet for next year. Counselors will meet with students and explain the scheduling process. The students have the opportunity to take these forms home and discuss course selection with their families and mentors. Students can use these forms to assist them when scheduling one on one with their counselor. Students will begin meeting with counselor's right after spring break.

Good attendance is very important with state assessments coming up. Leading up to assessments teachers have important instruction and review activities to prepare students to be successful on these important assessments. You can find a document with testing dates on the school website. Students will receive testing passes with specific information about their testing dates and locations. FSA Writing tests will take place during the first week of April. The remainder of testing will occur in May. FSA Reading tests will take place in the beginning of May followed by US History EOC, Biology EOC, Algebra 1 EOC and Geometry EOC respectively. May will finish with underclassmen final exams through May 30th. It is important that students arrive to school on time daily.

Jessica Duesler
 Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction



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NEWS FROM ATTENDANCE AND DISCIPLINE

How fast does time fly? With Spring Break right around the corner, we would like to take this opportunity to fill you in on a few wonderful things that have occurred and are occurring here at Lely High School. As a part of PBS (Positive Behavior Support) 225 students were recognized for making the honor roll. We are very proud of these students and celebrated their success by having a ceremony and ice cream. As a part of our continuing efforts to provide safety to our school, all students are required to wear ID Badges during the school day. We have seen a significant increase in the number of students who understand the importance of keeping our campus safe. Remember, it is very important that your student attend school regularly. "Absences add up! Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year." – Attendance Counts. We know that your child's success is your number one priority and we are glad to serve the fine young men and women that you send us on a daily basis. In closing, I have 2 very important reminders. First, a photo ID is required when visiting Lely High School. Lastly, we want nothing more than for all students to feel comfortable while attending school. With that said no one has the right to make him or her feel uncomfortable, intimidated or harassed. We are here to provide support to all students however; we cannot do it without your assistance. With that said, remember, "See it, Say it, don't spread it, Report it" and we will do everything within our power to address any/all issues. Thanks for all you do!

GREETINGS FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT!

The third quarter is a busy time. Students enrolled in an Algebra I, or Geometry, course will be starting to prepare for the End of Course Exam, which will occur in May. If you have any questions regarding these tests or if you want more practice for your student, please feel free to contact your student's math teacher or the math coach, Suzanne Szczepanski. With your help we can make sure, every student does as well as possible on these important state tests. Additionally, please remind your student that there is free math tutoring available every day during lunch in room 1-209, and Monday-Wednesday in 2-204. Together we can achieve great things for our students.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Thanks to the efforts of Social Studies coordinator Mikie Stroh, 4H of Collier County, and University of Florida this year's Know Your County Government went off without a hitch! Lely students that participated had the opportunity to visit over 20 Collier County local government agencies. These students were exposed to the many career opportunities held locally in our county government. Those students who completed the program will have the chance to get a hands-on experience in state government this summer. Those students will role-play lobbyists or legislators work on committees, and study issues before going to Tallahassee to participate in a mock legislature. Teens will be housed at Florida State University. A special thank you to Brian Johnessee, Trent Viau, and Aaron Chambers for volunteering their time to help with the running of this program.



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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

As we complete the third quarter of the 2018-2019 school year, the English department would like to focus on the newly adopted program our 9th and 10th grade English/Intensive Reading teachers are using in their classrooms. This school year, students were introduced to Read 180, a program to help struggling readers who are reading below grade level. Read 180 provides a combination of digital media with traditional classroom instruction, although “traditional” is not so “traditional”. While it does contain whole-group instruction and whole-group wrap-up, it also contains small-group rotations. These rotations involve a teacher-lead small group session, an independent reading session, as well as a small group session using an adaptive computer application. All of the classrooms were provided with laptops to implement this program to the fullest! Our ultimate goal is to see fluency and comprehension gains, which will benefit the students as they prepare for their upcoming FSA exam. All 9th and 10th graders will be taking the FSA Writing exam the first week in April, followed by the FSA Reading exam the beginning of May.

WORLD LANGUAGES, FINE ARTS, AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Any parents looking for inexpensive ways to get their kids to practice their bilingual skills outside of the classroom might consider instituting a Foreign Language Movie Night in their household. Far from being a meaningless distraction, foreign movies contain intellectual riches the likes of which are not normally found in domestic films. For example, foreign films often show us a slice of everyday life in another country as well as how to use the target language in authentic ways. In addition to this, many movies made outside of the United States often feature different styles of storytelling than Americans may be used to. French movies, for starters, are famous for their open-endings that leave it up to the viewers to decide what might happen next to the characters. With smaller budgets and fewer special effects to lean upon, foreign directors frequently have to think of different ways to keep their viewers engaged.

The best part, though, of creating a Foreign Language Movie Night is the potential cost savings. The Collier County Public Library system has a vast catalogue of foreign movies, all available, of course, free to any cardholders. A couple delightful titles to get started in French include “Le diner des cons” (The Dinner Game) and “Les Compères” (Comdads). Happy viewing!

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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT: OUR UNIQUE SQUIRREL.

Written by: Kenneth Connelly, Science Department.

When I first moved down here in July, I took notice of a squirrel that lives near my home. It had a different, lighter, coloration and seemed to be a bit larger than the gray squirrels I was used to back in New Jersey. At the time, I thought it was just an off colored gray squirrel. It was not until recently I learned it was a fox squirrel. Very specifically, Big Cypress Fox Squirrel, *Sciurus niger avicennia*, a threatened and protected species that lives in southern parts of Florida.

You may have seen a fox squirrel, right here at Lely High in the courtyard. While she seems friendly, it is very important not to feed her or pet her. She is a wild animal and most likely, what you are having for lunch is not part of her natural diet of nuts, seeds, fungi, fruit and buds. Feeding wild animals is never a good idea. It makes them lose their natural fear of us. It may cause an overcrowding, particularly with birds, which increases the chances of disease spreading. They may turn aggressive when we do not have food to offer them.

So next time you see the fox squirrel be sure to admire her from a distance.

Resources:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/sa_program_overview/ct_dontfeedwildlife

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/profiles/mammals/land/fox-squirrel/>



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Duesler in Lely High courtyard.

LELY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Lely Physical Education is determined, dedicated and committed to teaching classes that move students with a purpose because a body in motion stays in motion. Students who are participating in Individual Sports, Weight Training, and Hope classes are engaged with learning authentic life skills such as accountability, communication and self-discipline.

All in all Lely Physical Education is focused on building a culture that promotes making responsible choices which include physical, mental and social well-being.



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Greetings from the Student Services/Counseling Department. This continues to be an exciting time for seniors as they visit colleges and universities, speak with representatives regarding military, career or vocational opportunities, and explore numerous opportunities for scholarships. Freshman to seniors have been working within the community at a number of non-profit agencies completing volunteer hours. By now, most seniors have completed the FAFSA and have enrolled in Bright Futures. We have offered FAFSA completion labs for our seniors with the help of Mario Rotunna from FSW.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Thu., Mar. 21st	LHS Career Fair 10:50am-1:15pm
May 2019	TESTING! Be prepared! Study hard, eat well, get rest!
Fri., May 3rd	Senior deadline for Award Letters to Counselors
Mon., May 13th	Seniors Academic Signing Day Seniors Awards Night - 6pm
Mon., May 20th	Underclassmen Awards Night- 6pm
Fri., May 24th	Class of 2019 Graduation!

Upcoming Testing Dates for the ACT:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 9-25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 8, 2019	May 4-20, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	July 23-Aug 26, 2019

Upcoming Testing Dates for the SAT:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 24, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 2, 2019	May 22, 2019

Students planning to attend college and students planning to take college dual enrollment courses should register for an **ACT or SAT exam. LHS School Code: 101212**

Students receiving free or reduced lunch are eligible for SAT and ACT test fee waivers.

Students who have not passed the FSA ELA may substitute concordant scores from either the ACT or the SAT to replace their FSA ELA scores in order to earn a standard diploma.

Sign-up for the ACT at www.actstudent.org and at www.collegeboard.org for the SAT.

All **transcript requests** should be submitted to Patsy Lucas, Phone 377-2036, fax: 377-2191, email LucasPa@collierschools.com. Forms for transcript requests can also be found in the Student Services lobby.

Congratulations to Laura Poelstra who was selected as a National Merit Scholar Finalist! Students interested in **scholarships** should use the following link for the Scholarship Connector: <https://www.swflscholarships.org/> Students should also check out the Scholarship bulletin board in the Counseling hallway for scholarship information.

Congratulations to Ellie Poling on being selected for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY). Ellie will attend the four-day South Florida Leadership Seminar at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach. All sophomores were encouraged to apply, and Ellie's essay was chosen in a blind review of essays received. The participants in this program are high school sophomores who are selected based on demonstrated leadership skills, community involvement, and academic success. HOBY is a national program promoting leadership development with a strong focus on community service. The seminar provides participants with the opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills and meet face-to-face with current leaders in such fields as government, media, business and education.

Scheduling will begin shortly! Students will be able to review upcoming course selections for electives, and our counselors will be meeting with incoming 8th grade students as well. We look forward to some new course offerings, including additional Music classes, additional AP classes, Honors Literature in the Media, and a limited-enrollment course in Sports Officiating paired with First Aid.

Free Tutoring

National Honor Society students are offering peer tutoring for all subjects in classroom 1-202 during lunch on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and after school from 2:15-2:45p on Thursdays and Fridays. There is math tutoring **every day** during lunch in room 1-209. Teachers and math/science coaches have available times for tutoring-please ask your teachers for specifics.

Our counselors are here to help guide all our students along their academic journeys, and to help them make their high school experience a successful one.

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CTE NEWS

The Lely High School Mock Trial Team won the district competition and came in Second Place at the Circuit Competition. The Lely High School Mock Trial Team also won the award for the Most Professional Team, and Cooper Ussery won Best Defense Attorney. Congratulations to Cooper Ussery, Juan Acosta, Mickey Poling, Miranda Webb, Madison Hopkins, Kily Hartman, and Eden Krumholz on a job well done!

Even more great Lely news, some of our young ladies are recipients of the NCWIT (National Center for Woman in Technology) Aspirations in Computing Award. The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing builds a talent pool for the growing technical workforce and helps academic and corporate organizations celebrate diversity in computing by honoring young women at the high-school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Award recipients are selected based on their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing; leadership ability; academic history; and plans for post-secondary education. Congratulations to Adella Eades, Ellie Poling, Katherine Herrera, Madison Craumer, Mia Witthoff, Renee Listrom, Saoirse Bowe, Taite Miller, Vanessa Corsi, Milanda Eugene, Isabel Keller, and Suzanne Townsend for being selected as recipients of the NCWIT award.

Students from the Aviation, Engineering, Health Science and IT academies participated in the Collier Leads Career Speaker Series. Students heard from local business leaders on their career and professional journey, and their community leadership.

Lely's Entrepreneurship class competed in two recent competitions. Students competed in the FGCU and Palm Beach Atlantic high school entrepreneurship contests. There were over 50 groups participating in each event. One group True Colors came in 3rd place and received \$250 for their idea at the Palm Beach Atlantic competition. At the end of the year, the students will compete against each other in a "Shark Tank" like pitch.



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ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING AWARD

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Please congratulate the following young women if you see them.

2019 NCWIT Aspirations Award Recipients

For the Southwest Region of Florida (Sarasota to Naples)

Adella Eades	Regional Winner 2019
Ellie Poling	Regional Winner 2019, 2018
Katherine Herrera	Regional Winner 2019
Madison Craumer	Regional Winner 2019
Mia Witthoff	Regional Winner 2019
Renee Listrom	Regional Winner 2019, 2018
Saoirse Bowe	Regional Winner 2019
Taite Miller	Regional Winner 2019
Vanessa Corsi	Honorable Mention 2019
Milanda Eugene	Honorable Mention 2019
Isabel Keller	Honorable Mention 2019
Suzanne Townsend	Rising Star 2019