

Welcome back students and parents. I am excited to start the 2019-2020 school year.

The staff had a great five days of preparation for the upcoming school year and once again our focus this year is based on a question we pose to all our students. "Are you working toward graduating on time, career ready?" It is our goal that students come to school each day with this question in mind and it is my expectation that our Lemon Bay staff prepares each day to help students achieve this goal. To help students achieve this goal, we are providing each student with a planner. We hope that students will bring the planner with them each day to record their daily assignments and homework. As well, our staff will be providing their lesson plans and homework online this year for all classes.

There are many changes taking place this year with security around campus.

- Students will be required to wear ID badges every day to school. We are providing them with their IDs during the first week of school and we ask for your help in reminding them to wear them to school every day.
- General student access to campus will start at 6:30am this year. Students arriving before 6:30am should wait in the front of the school until security personnel open the doors at 6:30. Students that are meeting with faculty members prior to 6:30am will be allowed on campus once the faculty member is present.
- Student drop-off for all students will be in the front of the school.

Student safety is our number one concern and I know it is yours as well. As we move forward with these new safety measures, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

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## Principal's Message

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Here are some helpful hints for a successful year.

- Access FOCUS, our online student information system, to review your child's grades from last year. Talk with your
  child about areas of strength and areas that need improvement. Set achievement goals for the current school year and
  discuss specific strategies that will help your child achieve those goals.
- Access FOCUS to learn the results of the accountability tests your child took during the Spring testing season.
  On all exams, level 3 and above represent proficiency, while levels 1 and 2 indicate your child did not earn a
  proficient score. Remember that the 10th grade FSA and the Algebra I EOC are the only two tests students are
  required to pass in order to earn a high school diploma. If your child did not earn a proficient score on either of
  those tests, know that they will have multiple opportunities to be re-tested. However, you should discuss with
  your child a plan for improving their test score. If you need assistance with this task, please make an appointment
  with your child's guidance counselor.
- Attendance is important. Studies have found that students attending school daily have greater success in school and are more likely to graduate. Teachers prepare lessons for each school day and students attending school regularly will be able to keep up with the progression of learning in the classroom. Charlotte County has a new attendance policy for students. Information regarding the attendance policy is included in this publication. Please take time to read it with your child.
- Access FOCUS weekly to monitor your child's current grades. Students will have classwork and homework that
  will help them prepare for the tests they will take in each of their classes to show learning is occurring. If students
  start to fall behind, it can be very difficult to catch up. This year Lemon Bay will offer four days of tutoringafter
  school in the media center. Starting the week of August 26th, we will offer tutoring for one-hour (2:15 3:15)
  Monday through Thursday.
- Encourage your child to get involved in extra-curricular activities. He or she could join a club, try out for a sport, or participate in band, chorus, theater, or NJROTC. Involvement in sports, activities, and clubs will help students feel more a part of the high school and data has shown that students who are involved in high school have better attendance and grades.
- Finally, speak with your children about actively engaging in their education. If they have questions about what's being taught in class, they should speak up and ask for help. If your children have questions about their schedules or about graduation requirements, they should schedule an appointment to talk with a counselor. If your child has concerns about safety issues, they need to approach an administrator. My door is always open to students, and so are the doors of all members of our administrative team. We want to know if our students, or parents, have concerns, so that we can work together to resolve those concerns.

The entire staff is looking forward to a great school year. Go Mantas!!!

Bob Bedford Principal •





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#### Guidance Team 2019-2020

Mrs. Bedford	Grade 11 and Grade 10 A-G
Ms. Patterson	Grade 12 and Grade 10 H-N
Mrs. Ragazzone	Grade 9 and Grade 10 O-Z
Mrs. Dailey	Career Specialist/ Career Resource Center
Mrs. Marsicovetere	School Social Worker
Mrs. Diaz- Rawlins	Guidance Secretary

## **School Safety**

When you come to visit our schools this upcoming 2019-20 school year, you will notice a big change in how you will gain access into our schools. The front door of every school will be locked during the school day to provide an extra measure of security for our students and staff. Each school will have a video communication device installed at the front door, which will allow front office staff to screen all visitors before they are allowed entry into the school.

The procedure for entering each school will require the following steps to be completed:

- All Visitors/Guests must request access into the school using the video communication device.
- · Front Office Staff will ask the visitor for their name and reason for the visit.
- ALL Visitors must present photo identification to the video camera.

Once approval is given to enter the school, visitors will still need to provide their photo identification to the front office staff for screening through the RAPTOR Security System.

The procedures listed above may at times require visitors to have to wait a little longer to gain access into our schools. However, the safety of the students and staff will always be our number one focus. We appreciate your support and understanding of these safety measures. Please contact your student's principal with any questions or concerns.

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## **Eligibility Requirements for the Following Student Activities**

Homecoming Court, Miss/Mr. Lemon Bay, Senior Elf Party, Prom Court

- Participants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above.
  - This does not apply to freshman Homecoming Court participants.
- Students may become ineligible due to:
  - Referrals
  - ISS
  - OSS
  - Excessive absences and/or tardies
  - Note: Ineligibility is subject to administrative review
- Participants may NOT miss more than five (5) days in a semester. (Participants may appeal in writing to the administration.)
- Participants must have attended Lemon Bay High School for at least one semester.
  - This does not apply to freshman homecoming court participants.

#### Homecoming/Prom Court Senior Elf Party All requirements above apply plus: apply plus: Participation in ALL Homecoming/Prom events Class activities.

# All requirements above

- Senior elves will be selected using a point system based on participation in Senior
- Seniors can earn points by attending Senior Representative meetings, bringing in needed items for activities, and participating in Senior Class activities, such as pool party, blood drives, homecoming week activities, etc.
- Please see the Senior calendar for a complete list of Senior activities.
- Students that are selected as Senior elves must have paid their Senior dues in full.

#### Ms./Mr. Lemon Bay

#### All requirements above apply plus:

- Each participant will be required to raise \$250.00 in sponsorship for program
- Participants must sell at least ten (10) tickets each
- Escort MUST be a senior
- All requirements stated above also apply to escorts
- If attendance or disciplinary actions occur after acceptance into the pageant, you will be disqualified. The sponsorship collected from that participant will be saved and posted in the program.

ALL talent performance, music, and dress attire MUST be school appropriate and approved by the committee.

- \* ALL Senior activities and extra-curricular activities are a privilege that may be revoked by Administration due to disciplinary infractions. \*
- \*\*Students must have met all financial obligations such as textbooks, media center fines, and Champ's Café debts prior to purchasing tickets to extra-curricular activities (i.e., Homecoming and Prom).\*\*

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## **Reporting Suspicious Activities Or Threats**

Students, parents, CCPS employees, and members of the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activities and potential threats to schools. Any suspicious activity or threat shall be promptly reported to one of the following individuals, agencies or reporting tools:

- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- The FortifyFL Reporting APP or to the Crimestoppers Tipline (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808
- Calling 9-1-1.





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## 2020 Lemon Bay High Schools Performing Arts Schedule

January 9, 2020 Jesse Hamilton Jr.

January 23, 2020 Vocal Trash

February 6, 2020 John Charles

February 20, 2020 MAD

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## 2019-20 CCPS Code of Student Conduct **Related To Student Attendance and Makeup Work**

All absences are considered unexcused until the school receives explanation, written or oral, from the parent/guardian. The Written Parent/Guardian Absence Notification Form can be found on our school website and in the front student office. Please complete and submit this form to the front student office. If you prefer to call in your student's absence, you may call 941-474-7702 and press 1 or dial ext. 3031 to report a student absence. It is only necessary to send in the written form OR to call in to report your student's absence. It is not necessary to do both.

At the high school level, students with excused absences will be permitted and encouraged to make up work, tests, and guizzes and will not receive an academic penalty unless the work is not made-up within the allowable time frame. Two days for each absence shall be given to complete all work. Exams, tests and guizzes shall be rescheduled at the discretion of the teacher. Long term projects shall be due on the date the student returns to class.

In the case of unexcused absences, a teacher may deduct up to 30% from the earned grade for work made up.

If a pattern of non-attendance develops, the principal or designee may require documentation to excuse an absence. The principal or designee has the authority to determine whether or not an absence is excused. Excessive excused absences for illness may result in the student being required to provide a doctor's note or other substantiating medical evidence.

 Please see pages 16-21 of the CCPS Code of Student Conduct for specific guidelines and policies pertaining to attendance and makeup work.

#### **Lady Mantas**

Over 70 future Lady Mantas attended the 7th annual Lady Mantas Sports Camp. Campers participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis and soccer. We are proud of the hard work and skills learned by our campers, and loved seeing our incoming and returning Lady Mantas serve as such great coaches and mentors! #goladymantas



#### Save The Date

2nd Annual Lemon Bay **Golf Tournament** 

Long Marsh Golf Course Saturday, October 5, 2019

Contact Athletic Director Ryan Lavallee at 474-7702, ext. 3015



Parents are invited to join our School Advisory Council (SAC). SAC meets monthly on Wednesday evenings in our Media Center. All parents are invited to join us for as many meetings as you can make. Our SAC committee is vital to our school's success. These dedicated parents help us make informed decisions that affect our students and families and help us communicate upcoming initiatives and events.

Dates for Upcoming SAC Meetings/ 7pm/ Media Center:

- September 12, 2019
- October 10th, 2019
- November 14th, 2019
- December 5th, 2019
- January 9th, 2020
- February 13th, 2020
- March 12th, 2020
- April 9th, 2020
- May 14th, 2020



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## Manta Rays "RIP" into Bullying

Student conflicts occur on any high school campus. Those conflicts typically result in a difference of opinions. Overcoming differences and embracing diversity is what we believe makes Lemon Bay High School a great school for our students. Our students strive to support each other and demonstrate kindness and compassion. Our school district and school take a strong stand to ensure bullying behaviors do not occur. Keep in the mind, the following "RIP" acronym if you are unsure if bullying is occurring and should be reported:

- **R** = Repeated (occurs more than once)
- I = Imbalance of Power (is the victim perceived as younger, weaker, less smart, or less socially accepted)
- **P** = Purposeful (it was deliberate or intended, not accidental)

What is Bullying? Bullying, which includes cyberbullying, occurs when a person or group of people repeatedly hurt, embarrass, or frighten another person. Cyberbullying means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication regardless of whether the bullying occurs on or off school grounds. Examples of cyberbullying include but are not limited to: text/instant messaging, e-mails, creation of a webpage impersonating another person and/or other electronic means through the internet.

#### Bullying is not:

- An altercation between equals
- Good natured playful teasing among equals or peers
- An isolated incident

You can report a bully situation on our school's website using the "Report Bullying" button. You can also talk to an Assistant Principal about a situation you feel needs reported. Remember, we are here to help!

