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## Principal's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed a great holiday. As we begin a new semester, it is important for all students to get off on the right foot academically. Attendance plays a large role in the academic success of a student and I thought I would share some attendance information with you.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE!

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.

- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Make school attendance a priority.

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.

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- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

### Help your teen stay engaged.

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, please contact us.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you. Email can be easy and convenient way to communicate with teachers.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

### Communicate with the school.

- Know the school's attendance policy - incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.

I hope you found this article informative. I am looking forward to a great second semester.

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### Guidance Team 2019-2020

- Mrs. Bedford..... Grade 10 A-G and Grade 11
- Ms. Patterson ..... Grade 10 H-N and Grade 12
- Mrs. Ragazzone ..... Grade 10 O-Z and Grade 9
- Ms. Robinson..... School Social Worker
- Mrs. Dailey..... College and Career Counselor
- Mrs. Diaz- Rawlins.... Guidance Office Administrative Assistant

### Guidance Going-ons

Please join us on Wednesday, January 22nd for a (current) **10th Grade Parent Night**. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the LBHS Auditorium. Our guidance staff will be presenting information on the PSAT (the practice SAT) test your son/daughter took in October. Your son/daughters' results will be available. The results of this test can help you and your child move toward his/her goals of college and career ready. We hope you can join us for this informative evening.

**Class Registration For 2020-2021 School Year** - We will begin meeting with students in late January. The registration process will continue through the month of February. Please be on the lookout for registration information coming home. Please take some time to talk with your son or daughter about class choices.

**SAT School Day** - Lemon Bay High School will be offering the SAT during the school day on Wednesday, March 25th. Information about the test cost as well as signing up will be forthcoming and announced in classrooms and on WMTV news. Seniors and Juniors will have priority.

**Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Testing** will begin in March with the 11th and 12th grade Reading and Writing Retake. Ninth and 10th grade FSA Reading and Writing begins in April. Please be aware of these dates for this important graduation requirement. For more information about all Spring testing dates, check out the LBHS Testing Calendar located on our website [www.lemonbayhigh.com](http://www.lemonbayhigh.com). You can find it under "Quick Links."

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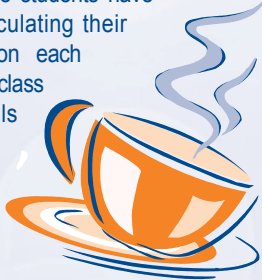
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## Coffee for Sale!

By Christine Kelly

Miss Kelly's Class has been on an entrepreneurial adventure so far this year! The students ran their first coffee cart in August and have had consistent business ever since. Students are responsible for making the coffee, delivering the coffee, and cleaning up. The students have also worked on calculating their costs and profits on each individual cup. The class currently only sells coffee, however, they plan on expanding their business to hot chocolate and tea.



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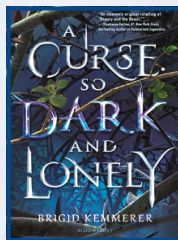
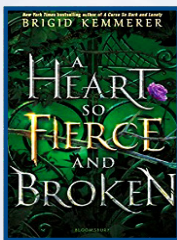
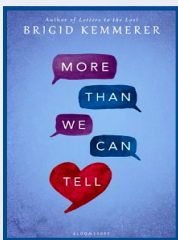
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2019-2020 MOY Testing Calendar					
Teacher	Assessment	Start Date	Completion Date	Period	Lab
<b>Grade 9 ELA Writing/Reading MOY</b>					
Powell	Grade 9 ELA MOY	Wednesday, January 15, 2020	Thursday, January 16, 2020	4,5,6,7	Chromebook Lab
Slicker	Grade 9 ELA MOY	Wednesday, January 15, 2020	Thursday, January 16, 2020	2,3,4,6,7	Chromebook Lab
Waisanen	Grade 9 ELA MOY	Wednesday, January 15, 2020	Thursday, January 16, 2020	1,3	Chromebook Lab
<b>Grade 10 ELA Writing/Reading MOY</b>					
Beamesderfer	Grade 10 ELA MOY	Wednesday, January 15, 2020	Thursday, January 16, 2020	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	Chromebook Lab
Hertz	Grade 10 ELA MOY	Wednesday, January 15, 2020	Thursday, January 16, 2020	2,6,7	Chromebook Lab
<b>Grade 11 ELA Writing/Reading BOY</b>					
Saponara	11/12 ELA MOY	Wednesday, January 15, 2020	Thursday, January 16, 2020	1,2,4,6	04-211
<b>Biology MOY</b>					
Green	Biology MOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	1,3,4	Laptop Cart
Groeneveld	Biology MOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	1,2,4,5,7	01-134
Mora	Biology MOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	1,3,5,6	01-134
<b>US History MOY</b>					
Hall, D	US History MOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	1,2,4,5,7	01-131
Hall, S	US History MOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	1,2,3,5	01-131
<b>Algebra I MOY</b>					
Trealout	Algebra I MOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	5	04-311
Vickers	Algebra I MOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	1,3,4,5,6,7	04-211
<b>Geometry MOY</b>					
Leclerc	Geometry EOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	2,3,4,6,7	04-331
Coughlan	Geometry EOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	1,3	Chromebook Lab
Richards	Geometry EOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	2,7	04-311
Trealout	Geometry EOY	During Midterms	During Midterms	3,6	04-311

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## Career Resource Center (CRC)

On Tuesday March 3rd, 2020 our students will participate in the College & Career Fair during the school day! This is a great opportunity for them to check out different types of secondary schooling & military options. Then this same day, Tuesday March 3rd Venice High School has an evening version of this fair that would be great for parents and students to attend together...this is for all grade levels.

- **Who can benefit from the CRC?**  
ALL STUDENTS GRADES 9-12
- **What goes on in the CRC?**  
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- **When can a student visit the CRC?**  
During their lunch, before and after school or a pass from their teacher - MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7:00am 3:00pm / TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 6:30am-2:30pm
- **Where is the CRC located?**  
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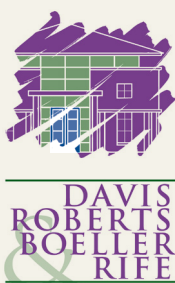
## NJROTC News

The end of 2019 is upon us and we have been keeping ourselves busy serving the community and building unit cohesion. Some of the recent community service activities include: helping out at the American Legion spaghetti dinners, supporting the Masonic Lodge Annual Dinner, providing parking support for the Grand Jete 5k run, laying wreaths on veterans' headstones at Lemon Bay cemetery and participating in the annual Rotonda Christmas parade. Our Cadets have also proudly supported our community by presenting Color Guards, Honor guards and Rifle Exhibition performances at the opening home Varsity basketball game, the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, and various other community events. Our Christmas tree sales partnership with Project Graduation has also kept the Cadets busy once again this year.



The NJROTC competition teams have improved over last year's performance by leaps and bounds. The Marksmanship Team has finished in the top 20% of all of their competitions. They also qualified for, and competed in the NJROTC Area 7 Championship for the first time since the inception of the program placing 14th of over 30 schools. C/LT Cora Johnson placed 11th of over 120 competitors overall and earned medals as top team competitor and top 5 in the kneeling. Now they have their sights on qualifying for the JROTC National competition. The Athletic team has represented us well in three team competitions this year, and we are looking forward to continued improvement. The Academic team has competed in several area competitions, and is looking forward to traveling to an Area 7 qualifier in January. Orienteering season is coming up which means the Orienteering team is going to start their practices very soon. Wish them luck.

Our Cadets have been working hard to continue building unit cohesion by participating in a Division field day, a bowling outing, and a Division competition. The ROTC Cup now resides with the Spartans as the result of a narrow 3-2 victory! The Cadet leadership has more fun and games planned in the future.



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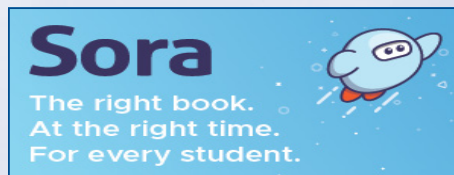
Fitness is a really important part of our body's health. It allows us to feel good and have as much energy as we possibly can. Benefits of fitness allows one to focus in school or at work. The more active and fit you are, the more calories you can burn; even when you are at rest! It helps you manage your weight, improve the health of your heart, lungs, bones, and joints. All the while lowering the risks of diseases you may get if you are unhealthy and overweight. If you already have one of these problems, getting more fit may help with the problems and make you feel better about yourself. Being fit also allows you to sleep better, handle stress, and keep your mind sharp.

There are three different kinds of physical activities that will help you improve your fitness: aerobic fitness, muscle fitness, and flexibility. Aerobic fitness is how well your body uses oxygen. Any activity that allows your heart to beat faster, such as running, will improve your heart, lungs, and muscles. Aerobic fitness is usually referred to as "cardio". Examples include jogging, cycling, and swimming. These types of activities will make your heart beat faster and help improve those organs and muscles. Muscle fitness means you are building your muscles and the amount of time you can use them for. For example, doing push-ups or weight training will help improve your muscle fitness. Last but not least is flexibility. This helps you move your joints and muscles through their full range of motion. Such things like yoga and daily stretching will help improve your flexibility.



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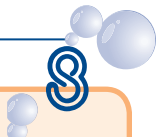
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## 2020 Lemon Bay High School Performing Arts Schedule

All show times at 7:00 P.M.

**January 9, 2020** - Jesse Hamilton Jr.  
**January 23, 2020** - Vocal Trash

**February 6, 2020** - John Charles  
**February 20, 2020** - LBHS MAD Manta Mash-Up

**March 5, 2020** - Dwight Icenhower  
**March 19, 2020** - Rock This Town Orchestra

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### Theatre Department

The Theatre Department opened the holiday season with their mainstage production of *A Christmas Carol*, which involved over 70 students from ages 6 to 18. The community supported the program with many sponsors, selling five times as many tickets as recent fall productions! Mark your calendars for the next production, *The Addams Family*, which will run from April 16-19. The show is based upon *The Addams Family* characters created by Charles Addams in his single-panel gag cartoons, which depict a ghoulish American family with an affinity for all things macabre. It tells the story of Wednesday Addams (all grown up now) falling in love with a "normal" boy from Ohio. Don't miss your chance to see this hilarious story. Tickets sales will begin February 20th.