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From the Principal's Desk: *Charting a Course for Success!*

Welcome back to school, get ready for semester 2! Registration is complete, schedules are being built, and the energy is palpable as we embark on a journey of learning and growth together. This year, we're focusing on a few key areas to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed!

Attendance: Your Presence Matters!

Regular attendance is absolutely crucial for academic success. Every day in the classroom is a chance to learn, engage with your peers, and build a strong foundation for the future. Missing even a few days can put you behind, making it harder to keep up. Let's strive for perfect attendance this year! Remember, being present is the first step to achieving your goals. As a reminder, with good grades, attendance and discipline, students can exempt their final exams and earn additional days in their summer break!

Get Involved: Find Your Passion!

Beyond the classroom, our school offers a vibrant array of opportunities to explore your interests and develop new skills. Whether you're drawn to the thrill of athletics, the camaraderie of

clubs, or the creativity of co-curricular activities, there's something for everyone. Getting involved is a fantastic way to make friends, build confidence, and enrich your overall school experience. Don't hesitate – jump in and discover your passion!

Parent Partnership: Working Together for Success

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for student success. Parents, we encourage you to actively monitor your child's grades and attendance through the Focus parent portal. Staying informed allows you to celebrate their achievements and provide support where needed. Together, we can ensure our students are on the path to reaching their full potential.

Exam Exemptions: Aim High!

Students, are you aiming for a lighter exam load at the end of the semester? Are you aiming for a longer summer break? Earning final exam exemptions is a fantastic reward for consistent hard work and dedication throughout the year. Pay attention to the exemption

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GUIDANCE GOING-ON's

Class registration for the 2025-2026 school year is wrapping up. Hopefully, you had an opportunity to discuss with your son or daughter his/her class choices for next year. If you did not and would like to know for what he/she registered, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate guidance counselor.

Testing season is upon us. There is a very good chance that your son or daughter will be required to take an End of Course (EOC) exam- given for Algebra 1, Geometry, United States History and/or Biology. If your son or daughter is in 9th or 10th grade, they will be required to take the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) in Writing and Reading. Eleventh and 12th grade students who have not yet passed the FAST writing and reading will be retaking this test. In addition, students enrolled in an Advanced Placement OR AICE class will be taking these tests in late April and May.

Dates for these tests can be found on our high school website at www.lemonbayhigh.com. Students and teachers have been preparing diligently for these tests. Please encourage your son or daughter to get a good night's sleep the evening before and come to school fueled and ready to "show what they know".

Parents and students are reminded to check and monitor grades on FOCUS at least a couple of times a week. Let's finish the school year strong!

NJROTC: A Year In Review

Submitted by NJROTC Cadet Micah Hubbs

As any graduating senior would tell you, time flies, especially in high school. One day you're an awkward freshman who barely knows themselves or their path in life, the next a legal adult expected to make life-changing decisions impacting the rest of your career and life as a whole.

We're already halfway through the school year and in moments such as this, it's important to stop, even for a moment, to reflect on what we've experienced this year, and this holds especially true at Lemon Bay NJROTC.

In just six months of time, in Lemon Bay NJROTC, we've been introduced to new leadership, passed the Annual Military Inspection (arguably one of the most stressful events for any unit to endure), participated in Central High School's "Iron Bear" field day (even bringing home gold out of twenty-two schools) and have continually volunteered selfless community service often in the name of honoring the men and women who have served this country. Even during the seemingly never ending stretch of hurricanes and storms southwest Florida has had to endure, Lemon Bay NJROTC has answered the call.

And through every challenge, Lemon Bay NJROTC has encouraged each student (both in and out of its program) to work their way through the "3 E's", a district-wide pathway to success. What are the three E's? The three E's are Enroll (any college), Employ (any vocational school), and Enlistment (such as military officer/enlisted careers and government employment). A common misconception is that NJROTC only aids students in enlistment, which is untrue. Again, there is no military obligation and you can take what you learned into any college and civilian career! With amazing and unique resources provided to anyone who participates, NJROTC helps students in all realms (including L.A. Ainger and even homeschool students) and their participation in other programs (sports, band, theater, etc.) at Lemon Bay. It is the best of both worlds. NJROTC helps students by opening up future employment opportunities, learning practical skills, developing a stronger work ethic, and learning problem solving. It teaches endurance, to turn an awkward time in students' lives, into a time of personal growth and development.

Maybe in the never ending grand scheme of things, the past six months can teach us all, not just NJROTC, at Lemon Bay endurance. Enduring through the storms, through midterms, through personal dramas, knowing that we, as a school, will always come out of the other side. And I think now, more than ever, endurance is what we need. And, from my experience, that is definitely something NJROTC can teach you.



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Band

Exciting Events Ahead for the Lemon Bay High School Band!

The second half of the school year is packed with exciting performances and opportunities for our talented band students! After an incredible marching season and a successful winter concert, we are now preparing for several major events, including Solo & Ensemble, MPAs, and our upcoming Gatlinburg trip from April 2-6, 2025 for the Smoky Mountain Music Festival.

Upcoming Events & Performances

- Solo & Ensemble Festival – Saturday, February 8 at Parrish Community High School
- Students will showcase their individual and small ensemble performances for adjudication.
- Jazz Band MPA – Thursday, February 21 at Lakewood Ranch High School
- Our Jazz Ensemble will take the stage to perform for evaluation and feedback.
- Concert Band MPA – Saturday, March 8 at Riverview High School
- The Symphonic Winds will perform for adjudication, continuing our tradition of musical excellence.
- Gatlinburg Trip – April 2-6, 2025
- Our students will travel to Tennessee to participate in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival, an incredible opportunity to perform, learn, and grow as musicians.

- Spring Concert – Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 PM
- Mark your calendars for our final concert of the year! This performance will highlight all the progress our students have made throughout the season. Tickets will be available soon at teachtix.com/lemonbayhighband.

Thank you for your continued support of our band program! As we prepare for these exciting events, we appreciate our community's encouragement and involvement in helping our students achieve their musical goals.

For more information and updates, visit www.bandoflbhs.com.



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Kids Needs Update



(Missing Mrs. G in the photo)

Update! Kids Needs, in collaboration with Lemon Bay school social workers, identify families and facilitate Holiday Assistance applications within the greater Englewood area to help assure students have a little extra fun over the season!

This year marked a record! 228 families (552 children) were served! This met a total of \$41,400 in gift cards!

Kids Needs also spent an additional \$4000 supplying their boutique inventory during the week of the holiday card distribution.

I cannot express how grateful we are to be a part of this great community!

Thank you Kids Needs!!!!



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Ms. Booher Grade 9
Mrs. Johnson Grade 11
Mrs. Ragazzone Grade 10
Mrs. Dailey College and Career
Counselor

Mrs. Robinson School Social Worker
Mrs. Grzechowiak School Social Worker
Mrs. Rawlins Guidance Office
Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Henry Data Management
Technician

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.

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!

Statement of Non-Discrimination

The School Board of Charlotte County does not discriminate (including anti-Semitism [as defined in Bylaw 0100]) on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation, gender status, or gender identity), recognized disability, pregnancy, marital status, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information which are classes protected by State and/or Federal law (collectively, “protected classes”) in its programs and activities, including employment. The School Board also ensures equal access for Boy Scouts of America and other identified patriotic youth groups, as required by 34 C.F.R. §108 (Boy Scouts Act). (School Board Policy 1122, 3122, 4122, 2260)

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- Your School Officials**
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- Local Law Enforcement**
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- State-Level Officials**
State-level officials also have access to your tip to make sure proper steps are taken.

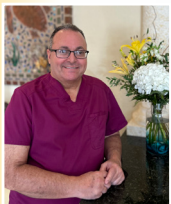
FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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Career Resource Center (CRC)

Who can benefit from the CRC? ALL STUDENTS GRADES 9-12

What goes on in the CRC? POST-SECONDARY HELP, INTEREST SURVEYS, COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, LUNCH & LEARNS – INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL COLLEGES, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, MILITARY & CAREERS, ASVAB, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, KHAN ACADEMY PRACTICE FOR SAT.

When can a student visit the CRC? During their lunch, before and after school or a pass from their teacher.

Where is the CRC located? NEXT TO THE CAFETERIA – VERY CONVENIENT TO STOP IN ON THE WAY TO LUNCH.

Why is the CRC a great resource for students? STUDENTS CAN EXPLORE AND PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE!

PARENTS & STUDENTS – Sign-up for the CRC's REMIND Text based on graduation year

Career Resource Center – **Class of 2025**

Text to: 81010

Message: @crc2025

Career Resource Center – **Class of 2026**

Text to: 81010

Message: @crc2026

Career Resource Center – **Class of 2027**

Text to: 81010

Message: @crc2027

Career Resource Center – **Class of 2028**

Text to: 81010

Message: @crc2028

**Tuesday February 25th - SCHOOL DAY COLLEGE FAIR & CAREER FAIR
for all grade levels**

**ASVAB TEST – This will be offered
after spring break.**

Sign-ups will begin March 1st.

ASVAB (Career Exploration Program) – approach to career exploration helps you identify your skills and interests and encourages you to explore all the pathways you can take to reach your career goal. Check out the website for practice and more information: www.asvabprogram.com

**10th, 11th and 12th Graders: Sign up
in the CRC to take the next ASVAB**



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Science National Honor Society

SNHS collaborated with Myakka River Elementary School to help judge the students' science fair project. We saw many creative projects such as volcanos, how many colors make up the color of an M&M and many other creative projects.



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