



ISSUE 2
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Principal's Message

Hello Parents/Guardians. It's hard to believe that we are in the middle of the 2nd quarter and our midterm exams are right around the corner. We are finishing up Fall Sports and about to begin our Winter Sports schedule. As well, we are competing in Band competitions, ROTC competitions, and Drama is getting ready for their fall/winter musical Matilda. We had a very successful Homecoming week culminating with the crowning of our king and queen and the homecoming dance.

As we move towards finishing up the 1st semester, attendance continues to be a major focus for our school as it has a direct impact on student grades and performance. Please take a minute to read the importance of attendance.

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.

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Principal's Message

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- 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.
- 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 finish for our 1st semester of school.

Go Mantas!!!



2023-2024

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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
Mrs. Dailey	College and Career Counselor
Ms. Robinson	School Social Worker
Mrs. Grzechowiak . .	School Social Worker
Mrs. Diaz-Rawlins . .	Guidance Office Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Henry	Data Management Technician

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Thank YOU, Laura Hulback, for your donation of 20 beautifully designed hygiene "Empower Packs."

Your generosity will surely continue to help build confidence and give our Lemon Bay students hope during a time in their life where they may feel discouraged.



National Honor Society

October has been an exciting month for the National Honor Society. In conjunction with our bi-weekly meetings, we have been occupied with our boo gram fundraiser and our fall induction ceremony. The ceremony was a huge success and we would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Powell who attended the induction and shared her inspirational views on leadership. The new members inducted at the ceremony were: Hunter Andres, Jordynn Beagle, Camden Brown, Marlee Carrera, Sophia Dickerson, Kaden Keir Wells, Charles Mann, Logan McGinty, Mia Poulakis, Franchesca Torrez, and Leanna Ward. These students embody the pillars of the National Honor Society and strongly represent the Lemon Bay community. The inductees have already begun their duties as active members by taking part in their first meeting, our fall fundraiser, and a colloquium presented by President Isabelle Ragazzone. This fall, we plan to sponsor the annual Letters to Veterans event here at Lemon Bay as well as sponsor three children in need for Christmas. The National Honor Society is excited about what is to come for the rest of the semester and beyond.

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

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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!



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Class of 2027
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Upcoming Testing Dates

Winter Testing Schedule

- Nov 28th: FAST ELA Retakes
- Nov 29th-30th: FAST PM2
- Dec 5th: BEST ALG 1 EOC Retakes
- Dec 6th – 7th: Florida Civic Literacy Exam
- Dec 12th – 13th: FSA ALG Retakes

Exam Week

- Dec 18th: Period 5 Exam
- Dec 19th: Period 1 & 2 Exam
- Dec 20th: Period 3 & 4 Exam
- Dec 21st: Period 6 & 7 Exam

ASVAB TEST

The school day test that occurred on October 24th was well attended. The next test day will be in March 2024.

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


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October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the LBHS Think Pink Club Was very busy raising money to donate to the American Cancer Society Fight Against Breast Cancer Campaign and Dollars for Mammograms – a local nonprofit organization that helps pay the cost of mammograms for the underinsured or noninsured. This year's Think Pink Club has set a lofty goal of donating over \$5,000. During the Month of October, Think Pink was raising money at a Better Scoop Ice Cream Shop, Pink Out Volleyball and Football Games, Clash of the Classes and during lunches in the School Cafeteria. New this year is our Corporate Sponsor Program, we would like to thank the following companies for being a Corporate Sponsor; A Better Scoop, Joe Max Coffee Shop, Hinck Private Wealth Management, and Jacaranda Ace Hardware.



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2-D Art Contest Winners

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Winter Sports Schedule

DATE	GIRLS SOCCER	TIME
11/1-11/4	Pre-season @ N. Port	TBA
11/6	RIVERVIEW	5:30/7:00
11/9	CARDINAL MOONEY	5:30/7:00
11/13	@ Ft Myers	6/7:30
11/15	@ North Port	5:30/7:30
11/18	KEY WEST	11:00AM
11/20	JV @ CHS	7:00
11/21	@ Bishop Verot	5:30/7:00
11/29	IMAGINE (JV)	6:00
11/30	PORT CHARLOTTE	5:30/7:00
12/1	Var '@ Charlotte	6:30
12/4	@ Braden River	5:30/7:00
12/13	SARASOTA SR NT	5:30/7:00
12/15	NORTH PORT	5:30/7:00
12/18	JV B/G VS CHS	5:30/7:00
12/21	@ Mariner	5:30/7:00
1/8	@ Sarasota	5:30/7:00
1/10	@ Riverdale	5:30/7:00
1/11	@ Imagine	5:30/7:00
1/17	JV @ Imagine	6:00
1/19	@ Marathon	5:00pm
1/20	@ Key West	11:00AM

DATE	WRESTLING	TIME
11/22	Lady Braves @ Lake Gibson	TBA G
12/1	JV @ CHS Tarpon Round UP	6:00
12/2	Lemon Bay Duals	10:00
12/7	District Duals	2:30
12/8	JV @ Captain Archers CHS	1:00
12/9	@ Captain Archers CHS	10:00
12/13	@ Susan Duval Springstead HS	3:00p G
12/15,16	@ Bradenton Battle	TBA
12/16	Let Freedom Ring GirlsIBT	10:30a G
12/20,22	@ Silver Spurs Knockout Ksme	TBA B/G
1/6	Lady Wildcats @ McKeel Acad	9:30a
1/11	Regional Duals TBD	5:30
1/12,13	Marauder Scramble @ CCC	1:00p/9:00a
1/13	Rusted Jade Ladies @ Hernando	10:30a G
1/18	@ Tarpon JV Roundups CHS	6:00
1/19,20	State Duals @ Osceola HS	TBD
1/20	@SWFCA Scramble	9:30a B/G
1/26	@ Ann Alvarez @ Boca Ciega	TBD
1/27	@ Massung IBT McKeel Acad	9:30a
2/6-2/11	Girls	B/G
2/8	Sr Nt Dual vs S Ft Myers	6:00p B/G
2/10	BIDWELL MEMORIAL	9:30A
2/15	@ Districts Indiv TBD	TBD
2/23,24	Regional Championships	TBD
3/1,3	States @ Silver Springs	TBD
3/2-3/4	Girls	



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DATE	BOYS SOCCER	TIME
11/1-11/4	Pre-season @ N. Port	TBA
11/7	@ Sarasota	5:30/7:00
11/10	RIVERVIEW	5:30/7:00
11/15	NORTH PORT	5:30/7:00
11/17	DESOTO	6/7:30
11/18	Beef O'Brady @ CHS	TBA
11/20	JV @ CHS	5:30
11/21	PT CHARLOTTE	5:30/7:00
11/28	Var '@ Cardinal Mooney	6:00
12/1	@ Labelle	5/7:00
12/5	CARDINAL MOONEY	6:00
12/12	@ Desoto	6/7:30
12/15	@ North Port	5:30/7:00
12/18	JV H vs CHS Var @ PCH	5:30/7:00
12/20	@ Venice	5:30/7:00
1/9	BOOKER	6/7:30
1/10	RIVERDALE	6/7:30
1/16	Var '@ ODA	7:00
1/18	CHS	5:30/7:00

DATE	GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING	TIME
10/26	VENICE	4:00
10/28	@ Freedom HS	TBA
11/2	ESTERO	4:00
11/9	PT CHARLOTTE	4:00
11/18	@ Labelle Invite	TBA
11/21	IMAGINE	4:00
11/28	ECS	4:00
11/30	RIVERVIEW	4:00
12/8	@ Riverridge	12:00
12/12	DESOTO	4:00
12/15	ALUMNI	7:00
12/16	ELITE	10:00
1/13	LBH INVITE	8/10:00
1/19	@ Lake Wales	12:00
1/23	@ Venice (JV)	TBA
1/27	Districts	
2/3	Regionals	
2/17	States	



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PLEASE CONTACT  **December 21, 2023**
 John.Flynn@YOURCHARLOTTECSCHOOLS.NET **6:00 pm**

Please Email Coach Flynn your name, age, shirt size and graduation year. Cost to play is \$10 and Pizza will be served after the game. Its time to dust off the old shoes and get back in the gym!! What a great way to kickoff our Holiday Basketball Shootout on December 22nd & 23rd!!

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Boys' and Girls' Basketball Schedule

DATE	BOYS BASKETBALL	TIME	DATE	GIRLS BASKETBALL	TIME
11/13,15	Tip Off Classic	5:30/7:00	11/14,16	@ 'Pre-Season,IMG,Cantrbury	4:00pm
11/21	@ Desoto	5:30/7:00	11/28	@ First Baptist Academy	5:30/7:00
11/22	PARRISH	5:30/7:00	11/30	@ Mariner	5:30/7:00
11/28	PT CHARLOTTE	5:30/7:00	12/1	PARRISH	5:30/7:00
12/1	@ Charlotte	5:30/7:00	12/4	@ Naples	5:30/7:00
12/6	@ Bishop Verot	5:30/7:00	12/7	PORT CHARLOTTE	5:30/7:00
12/11	HARDEE	6/7:30	12/8	ST JOHN NEUMANN (VAR)	6:30PM
12/13	@ North Port	5:30/7:00	12/12	BISHOP VEROT	5:30/7:00
12/15	@ Venice	5:30/7:00	12/14	@ North Port	5:30/7:00
12/18	RIVERVIEW	5:30/7:00	12/20,21,22	@ United Bank H/D Invt'l	TBA
12/19	IMAGINE	5:30/7:00	12/28	@ St John Neumann	4/5:30
12/22,23	HOLIDAY SHOOTOUT	7:30	1/4	FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY	5:30/7:00
12/29	BONITA SPRINGS	5:30/7:00	1/9	LAKEWOOD RANCH	5:30/7:00
1/5	NORTH PORT	5:30/7:00	1/10	@ Port Charlotte	5:30/7:00
1/9	@ Labelle	5:30/7:00	1/12	@ Parrish	5:30/7:00
1/12	BISHOP VEROT	5:30/7:00	1/15	NAPLES	4:30/6:00
1/15	@ Parrish	6/7:30	1/17	RIVERVIEW	5:30/7:00
1/18	@ Imagine	5:30/7:00	1/19	NORTH PORT	5:30/7:00
1/20	@ Wally Keller	TBA	1/22	AUBREY ROGERS (Var)	6:00
1/23	VENICE	5:30/7:00	1/25	@ Aubrey Rogers	5:30/7:00
1/25	@ Hardee	5:30/7:00	1/26	HARDEE SR NT	5:30/7:00
1/26	@ Port Charlotte	5:30/7:00	1/30	@ Gulf Coast	5:30/7:00
1/29	LABELLE	5:30/7:00	2/1	@ Lakewood Ranch	6/7:30
1/30	DESOTO	6/7:30	2/5	Districts	TBA
2/2	@ ECS	5:30/7:00			