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Principal's Message

It is great to be back at school. Quarter one is about halfway completed, and the school is in full go mode. Fall sports are underway and our student athletes are enjoying the fall competitions. Band, ROTC and Drama are all hard at work preparing for their competitions. After having to skip some traditional events last year, we are excited that the Student Government Association is starting to plan our traditional homecoming events (Oct 18-23). Our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) team is sponsoring activities during the school day to promote school spirit such as Orange and Blue Fridays.

Attendance and grades remain to be a focus at LBHS as students work towards graduating on time, career ready.

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.

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Principal's Message

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WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Make school attendance a priority.

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day on-time, 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.

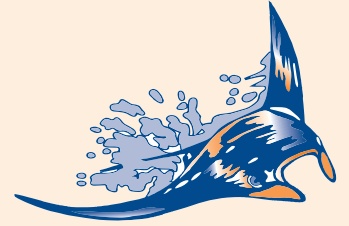
Help your teen stay engaged.

- 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, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- 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 or school counselors if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance on FOCUS 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.
- As we continue working in quarter one, it is my hope that your child is making academic progress and is regularly attending school. If you have questions or concerns about your child's attendance or academic progress, please contact the high school.

Go Mantas!!!
Bob Bedford, Principal LBHS



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!

National Honor Society

Welcome back Lemon Bay! NHS is proud to announce this year's officers: Kiley Rydberg (President) Kara Rydberg (Vice President), Jordan Shirley (Secretary), Summer Monson (Treasurer). Applications for the fall selection of new inductees will be handed out in September. Current members have been working hard tutoring after school in the media center and we are exploring ideas for a service project within the community. Information regarding the NHS bylaws and membership can be found on the Lemon Bay Website.

Fall Band Concert

Please join us on Monday, October 4 at 7:00 pm in the Lemon Bay Performing Arts Center for our Fall Band Concert, "Night at the Movies!" The LBHS Symphonic Winds and Jazz Ensemble will perform popular music from the silver screen. Admission is FREE. Concessions will be available for purchase. Thank you for your support!

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Amazing Manta Pride

Lemon Bay is AMP'd up for this school year. Our teachers and staff are recognizing students in a new way this year **Amazing Manta Pride** is all about students who are going the extra mile. Our teachers are recognizing students who show **School Spirit, Extra Effort, Perfect Attendance and 180*** for those students who may have stumbled but have turn things around for the better. Students and the teachers who recognize these students, will be put into a raffle each month to win some awesome **AMP manta gear!!** We want to recognize those students who are going above and beyond every day to show their **Amazing Manta Pride!!** Be on the lookout for your student bringing home one of these **AMP cards** and then watch out for some cool **LBHS AMP gear!!** Get AMP'd up!!!!



Band members gather in the hallways after school fine tuning the Manta Ray fight song in preparation for the first football game of the year.



Mr. Cass's AICE European class outlines reasons for King Louis XVI's social political and economic troubles.



Chef Brett readyes his team for the first Family Night.

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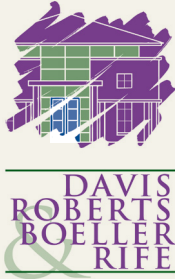
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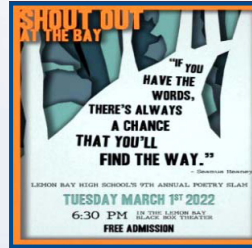


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9th Annual Shout Out at The Bay



It's never too early to prepare for our annual poetry performance/competition.

Shout Out at The Bay started 10 years ago during a summer workshop. Several Lemon Bay teachers were teamed together and were discussing a documentary they had seen about a poetry slam among high schools. Poetry slams, as those on which this project is based, require that participants be judged on all aspects of their understanding of the art form of poetry – it is not simply a reading, but also an emotional expression and presentation of material selected. This art form not only gives educators the opportunity to teach students about expression through writing, it also allows the students the opportunity to express their own feelings. These are important skills to be successful in not only school, but life.

Mark your calendars. This year's event will be on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:30**. Pay attention in your classes, on the school message board, on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1565562277006065> and on our webpage <https://sites.google.com/yourcharlotteschools.net/shout-out-at-the-bay> that is listed on the Lemon Bay High School home page <http://www.lemonbayhigh.com/>.

We look forward to another year of outstanding performances.

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- Instant access to over 1000 books. How does it work?

To use Sora, students download the Sora app on their smartphone or digital device, find Lemon Bay High School, and enter their student ID number.

How can I get help using Sora? Students may stop by the Media Center for help using Sora. However, if we are closed for the weekend, they may visit <https://help.overdrive.com/> for answers to questions about using our Sora digital library. Happy Reading!

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DID YOU KNOW ...

- Students involved in theatre performance coursework or experience outscored non-arts students on the 2005 SAT by an average of 65 points in the verbal component and 34 points in the math component?
- Theatre activities improve reading comprehension, and both verbal and non-verbal communication skills?
- Theatre helps to improve school attendance and reduce high school dropout rates?
- A 2005 Harris Poll revealed that 93% of the public believes that arts, including theatre, are vital to a well-rounded education?
- Theatre can improve skills and academic performance in children and youth with learning disabilities?

AND... you don't have to take a theatre class to participate in Lemon Bay High School's theatre arts program. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. Ballard-Richardson at director@lbhstheatre.net or 941-474-7702 ext. 7396.

Guidance Team 2021-2022

Mrs. Bedford.....	Grade 9 and Grade 12 A-G
Ms. Patterson.....	Grade 10 and Grade 12 H-N
Mrs. Ragazzone.....	Grade 11 and Grade 12 O-Z
Mrs. Dailey.....	College and Career Counselor
Ms. Robinson.....	School Social Worker
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Varsity Football

Coach: Donald Southwell

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
8/20	Fri	KOC SOUTH FT MYERS	7:30
8/27	Fri	ST STEPHENS	7:30
9/2	Thur	LABELLE	7:30
9/10	Fri	@ Bayshore	7:30
9/17	Fri	@ Desoto	7:30
9/24	Fri	@ Gateway	7:30
10/8	Fri	BOOKER	7:30
10/15	Fri	@ Lake Placid	7:30
10/22	Fri	AVON PARK HC	7:30
10/29	Fri	@ St John Neumann	7:00
11/5	Fri	NORTH PORT SR NT	7:30

Varsity Football

Coach: Joe Marinola

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
8/26	Thur	@ Lakewood Ranch	6:30
9/2	Thur	@ Labelle Can'c	6:00
9/9	Thur	CHARLOTTE	6:00
9/16	Thur	@ North Port	6:30
9/23	Thur	@ Cardinal Mooney	6:00
10/7	Thur	DESOTO	6:00
10/21	Thur	@ Desoto	7:30

Cross Country

Coaches: Joe Casale/Tom Trealout

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
8/28	Sat	LBH INVITE	8:00
9/4	Sat	Practice @ San Casa Park	8:00
9/11	Sat	@ Seffner Christian Invite	8:00
9/18	Sat	@ North Port Invite	8:00
9/25	Sat	@ Triton Invite Mariner HS	8:00
10/2	Sat	Practice @ Celery Fields	8:00
10/9	Sat	@ Viking Invite Bishop Verot	8:00
10/16	Sat	@ Bradenton Runners Club Invite	8:00
10/23	Sat	@ Tri-County North Port	8:00
10/30	Sat	Districts LBH	8:00
11/3	Sat	Regionals	TBA
11/12	Fri	States Tallahassee	TBA

Boys Golf

Coach: Jason Jones

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Mon	Venice Invit'l @ Capri Isles	8:30
8/25	Wed	CHS @ Rotonda Palms	3:30
9/2	Thur	DESOTO @ LBGC	3:30
9/7	Tue	NORTH PORT @ LBGC	3:30
9/9	Thur	@ St. John Neuman Invit'l	8:00
9/13	Mon	@ Charlotte (Deep Creek)	3:30
9/15	Wed	@ Venice (Venice CC)	3:30
9/20	Mon	Round 1 CCC @ Charlotte	3:00
9/21	Tue	OASIS @ Rotonda Palms	3:30
9/22	Wed	Round 2 CCC @ Rotonda Palms	3:00
9/24	Fri	Round 3 CCC @ Port Charlotte	8:30
9/28	Tue	@ Desoto	3:30
9/30	Thur	@ Oasis	3:30
10/4	Mon	@ Sara Bay Invitational	TBA
10/5	Tue	@ North Port (Heron Creek)	3:30
10/25	Mon	DISTRICTS H (Rotonda Palms)	TBA

Girls Golf

Coach: Darrell Roach

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
8/24	Tue	VENICE (LBGC)	3:30
8/26	Thur	DESOTO (LBGC)	3:30
8/31	Tue	NORTH PORT (LBGC)	3:30
9/2	Thur	@ Venice (Waterford)	3:30
9/7	Tue	CHARLOTTE (LBGC)	3:30
9/9	Thur	HARDEE (LBGC)	3:30
9/14	Tue	@ Pt Charlotte (PCGC)	3:30
9/16	Thur	CHARLOTTE (White Marsh)	3:30
9/23	Thur	@ Sebring	3:30
9/28	Tue	@ North Port (Heron Ck)	3:30
9/30	Thur	@ Hardee (The Bluffs)	3:30
10/4	Mon	@ Donald Ross (Sara Bay)	TBA
10/12	Tue	@ Braden River	3:30
10/15	Fri	CHAR CTY TOURN (LBGC)	12:00
10/25	Mon	Districts @ Desoto	TBA

Volleyball

Coach: Pat Auer

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
8/18	Wed	PRE-SEASON	6/7:30
8/24	Tue	SARASOTA CHRISTIAN	6/7:00
8/26	Thur	@ North Port	6/7:00
8/28	Sat	Freshman @ Charlotte tourn.	TBA
8/30	Mon	@ HEAT (Faith Pres Church)	6/7:00
8/31	Tue	CHARLOTTE	5/6/7:00
9/2	Thur	@ Bradenton Christian	6:00
9/7	Tue	@ Evangelical Christian	5/6:00
9/9	Thur	@ Desoto	6/7:00
9/13	Mon	PT CHARLOTTE	6/7:00
9/14	Tue	@ Labelle	6/7:00
9/16	Thur	@ Charlotte	5/6/7:00
9/18	Sat	JV Tourn @ Braden River	TBA
9/21	Tue	@ Sarasota Christian	6/7:00
9/22	Wed	NORTH PORT	6/7:00
9/25	Sat	Var @ Wildcat Invite	TBA
9/27	Mon	FR/JV @ Venice	TBA
9/28	Tue	HEAT	6/7:00
9/30	Thur	DESOTO	6/7:00
10/5	Tue	SARASOTA	5/6/7:00
10/6	Wed	FR/JV VENICE	TBA
10/7	Thur	EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN	6/7:00
10/9	Sat	@ PCHS Tri-Match	11:00
10/12	Tue	@ ISNP	6/7:00
10/14	Thur	BRADENTON CHRISTIAN	5/6/7:00
10/18	WK	DISTRICTS	TBA

Swimming/Diving

Coach: Dawn Hall

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
9/18	Sat	@ Pt Charlotte Invit'l	8:00
9/30	Thur	NORTH PORT	4:45
10/2	Sat	@ Pt Charlotte	9:00
10/16	Sat	@ Tri Cty (Sar Potter Park)	9:00



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Manta Athletic Leadership Academy (M.A.L.A.)

The new officers for the Manta Athletic Leadership Academy are Presley Engelauf, Cassandra Heeg, Jace Huber and Madison Kinkade. The new M.A.L.A. class will be announced in September.

Lady Mantas Soccer Information

Head Coach: Katie Cooke

Email: katie.cooke@yourcharlotteschools.net

Assistant(s): Jason Cooke, Alex Gassman

Remind Code: text @c322ak to the number 81018

Social Media:

Facebook: Lemon Bay Girl's Soccer

Twitter: @SoccerLemon

Official Start Date: October 18th

Tryout Dates: Monday October 18th – Wednesday October 20th MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

1st Practice Day: Thursday October 21st

Preseason workouts:

- Preseason workouts begin Wednesday August 18th 3pm @LBHS Track
- Workouts will be held: Mon, Wed, Fri, 3pm @LBHS Track
- Sunday Night Kick Around 5:30pm – 7:00pm anyone who wants to play is welcome (weather permitting, watch Facebook for cancellations)

*****You must have your physical and ALL athletic paper work completed to participate in Preseason conditioning and Tryouts*****

All Athletic Forms can be found at: <http://www.lemonbayhigh.com/activitiesandathletics.html>

About Our Program:

- LBHS Women's Soccer are back to back Regional Champs 2020 and 2021 (two-time appearance in final four State tournament)
- District Champs in 2020
- District Runner Up 2021
- 7 of our players made the All-Area team in 2021



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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?
NEXT TO THE CAFETERIA – VERY CONVEINENT 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

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Career Resource Center - Class of 2024 Text to: 81010 Message: @crc2024	Career Resource Center - Class of 2025 Text to: 81010 Message: @crc2025
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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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Reporting Suspicious Activities Or Threats

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- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- The **FortifyFL Reporting APP** or to the Crimestoppers Tipline (1-800780TIPS).
- Contact the Supervisor of District Security & Emergency Management at (941) 255 0808
- Calling 9-1-1.