



ISSUE 1
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

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Principal's Message

Welcome back students and parents. Even with a couple of days off of school due to Hurricane Idalia, the Lemon Bay staff is excited for the 2023-2024 school year and we are off to a great start.

The staff had a great six days of preparation for the 23-24 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.

Student safety is our number one concern and I know it is yours as well. As a reminder:

- Students are required to wear ID badges every day to school. We ask for your help in reminding them to wear them to school every day.
- General student access to campus starts at 6:40am. Students arriving before 6:40am should wait in the front of the school until security personnel open the doors.
- Student drop-off for all students should only take place in front of the school.

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MANTTA MESSENGER

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Principal's Message

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- I am sure you are aware, CCPS has a new policy regarding electronic device use during instructional time. As a reminder:
- Students are not permitted to use electronic devices such as cell phones or ear buds during instructional time.
- Instructional time is defined as "bell to bell" (when class starts and finishes).
- Students must keep their cell phone in their backpack, purse, or pocket during instructional time.
- Students are able to use electronic devices during the five-minute change of class as well as at lunch.

Here are some helpful suggestions for a successful year.

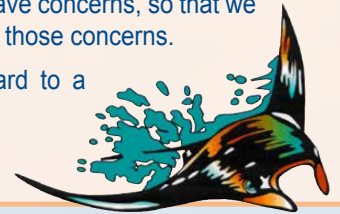
- **ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE ATTENDANCE....** Studies have found that students attending school daily have greater success in school and are more likely to graduate. Teachers prepare lessons for each school day and students attending school regularly will be able to keep up with the progression of learning in the classroom.
- Access FOCUS weekly to monitor your child's current grades and attendance. 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. Lemon Bay is currently offering tutoring for one-hour (2:30 – 3:30) Monday through Thursday.
- Access FOCUS to learn the results of the accountability tests your child may be taking throughout the year. 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.

- 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. We had a great club day for students on Friday, Sept. 1st and hopefully your child was able to find a club they were interested in being part of.
- Finally, speak with your children about actively engaging in their education. If they have questions or feel they are falling behind in class, they should speak up and ask for help. If your children have questions 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.

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 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

Lady Manta Sports Camp

The Lady Mantas Sports Camp was held June 7, 8 and 9th, 2023. This year we had 92 campers who participated in volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball and tennis. Special thank you to all the Lady Mantas camp volunteers and coaches! For information on this year's camp visit www.facebook.com/ladmantas/.



National Honor Society

National Honor Society has had a strong start to this school year with 36 current 11th and 12th grade members. Congratulations to our new leadership team; President: Isabelle Ragazzone, Vice President: Madeleine Googins, Secretary: Brady Kern, and Treasurer: Peyton Mason. This Fall we sent out over 73 invitations for new members to apply. The faculty council will be reviewing applications in early October as we look to grow our membership. Our community service projects for this semester will include thank you letters to local veterans along with polishing grave markers and placing American flags for this Veteran's Day.

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HOME SWEET HOMECOMING

2023

OCTOBER 9 - OCTOBER 13
DRESS CODE IS IN EFFECT EVERY DAY

Monday, October 9: Sweet Dreams Day
(roll out of bed and come to school in your pajamas)
LIP SYNC - \$5 ADMISSION
7:00PM AUDITORIUM

Tuesday, October 10: Mike & Ike Day
(find a friend and dress as your favorite duo)
VOLLEYBALL VS. CHARLOTTE
5:00/6:00/7:00PM GYMNASIUM

Wednesday, October 11: Sour Patch Kids Day
(wear all neon and show your sour side)
POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL - \$5 ADMISSION
4:00PM VETERANS STADIUM
JV FOOTBALL VS. CHARLOTTE
6:30 VETERANS STADIUM

Thursday, October 12: Big League Chew Day
(swing for the fences and show off your favorite team)
VOLLEYBALL VS. BRADENTON CHRISTIAN
5:00/6:00/7:00PM GYMNASIUM
BONFIRE TO FOLLOW

Friday, October 13: Extreme Warheads Day
(an extreme clash of orange and blue)
VARSITY FOOTBALL VS. BAYSHORE
7:30PM VETERANS STADIUM

Saturday, October 14: Homecoming Dance 7:00PM-11:00PM

TICKETS ON SALE IN CAFETERIA DURING LUNCHES
\$30.00 9/25 until 10/6
\$45.00 10/9 until 10/13
\$60.00 AT THE DOOR
WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE FOR \$50 THROUGH 10/6

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

Class of 2024

Text to: 81010

Message: @crc2024

Class of 2025

Text to: 81010

Message: @crc2025

Class of 2026

Text to: 81010

Message: @crc2026

Class of 2027

Text to: 81010

Message: @crc2027

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ASVAB TEST – School day test on October 24th.

Sign-ups will begin
October 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 & 12th Graders: Sign up in the CRC to take the next ASVAB

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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 (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808
- Calling 9-1-1.



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QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES
FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

	Your School Officials The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.
	Local Law Enforcement Your local police department or sheriff's office receive copies of your tips automatically.
	State-Level Officials State-level officials also have access to your tips 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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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!

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Ms. Reid's Biology and Environmental classes completed the rainbow test tube lab to help us learn how to use lab equipment properly and practice using the metric system.



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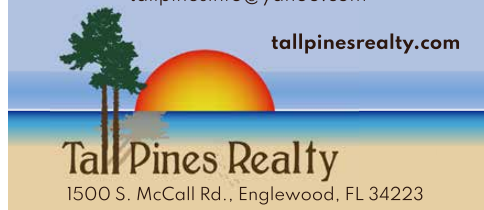
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Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

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*If PERSONALIZING a graduate yard sign, what **first** name would you like printed on the sign? _____

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1. Please provide shirt size at time of payment
2. All items in the Silver package are available "a la carte" when added to the Bronze package
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Charlotte Technical College Electrical Class at LBHS

Submitted by Instructor Theresa Waller

The purpose of this program's curriculum is to prepare students for employment in the electrical contracting industry. The cluster of competencies in the Electrical program focuses on broad, transferable skills and stresses the understanding of most aspects of the electrical industry. Upon completion of the following: OCP A Electrician Helper, OCP B Residential Electrician, and OCP C Commercial Electrician; students will have the knowledge and skills to find full-time employment in their respected industry.

This course is currently running for two class periods at Lemon Bay High School.

The first period class is brand new to the program and being introduced to basic construction skills and basic electricity. There are hands on and group projects throughout the coursework. Life skills are also implemented as the class learns their "job-site" roles in the classroom and what that would look like in a job-site setting.

The second period class is being introduced to electrical circuits and also has the same hands on and group projects as the first period class.

It is awesome to be a part of this new program and share these important life skills with the students!

Here are a few pictures of the second hour students:



LBHS Student Trainers



Student Trainers have been "hard at work", since the Fall Sports started on July 31.

Pictured are JV Student Trainers:

L to R
Vanessa Keener
Summer Hill
Marie Artigas

Varsity Student Trainers: L to R

Sophia Sweiderk
Sophia Dickerson
Addison Morey
Brooke Hutchinson

Drea Gilbert
Leah Slicker
Addie Hurt

Marine Conservation Club

The Marine Conservation Club was introduced to birding by Michael Weisensee at the last meeting. He shared how to get started, what to look for and some great app's to use. He also shared pictures of local birds and where to look for them. He even had pictures of the recent flamingos seen here after Hurricane Idalia blew them in.

The Marine Conservation Club meets every Monday after school in Mrs. Conlon's room. The club is planning beach clean ups, kayaking, growing seagrass, and now possibly birding!

For further information contact Mia Conlon at mia.conlon@yorcharlotteschools.net

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When it comes to events there is no shortage of things to do. We help our school by supervising football parking and we have a military ball. We have something that will bring some fun for you. A very good example is one of our upcoming events known as the Iron Bear challenge. Iron Bear is a multi-school event where ROTC units come to Central High School and compete in different challenges. We go out there and represent our school to do challenges such as Truck Pull, Tug-Of-War and Damage Control and at the end of the day we may take home a few trophies for the case. Another good example of fun events is our military ball. This ball is pretty much ROTC homecoming where everyone comes together and we celebrate the night together in fancy suits and dresses. We have lots of fun with different activities and dancing.

We also compete in a lot of different things. One great example is Orienteering where you run out in the woods with a compass or map and hit different checkpoints. We are very competitive. Last year, we placed 5th in the state of Florida and we are looking to place higher this year. Our academics team competes and has an event coming up called Brain Brawl. Academics is a team where your knowledge is tested and you compete against other academic teams. This is new to us this year so if you are interested then please talk to us about it. I would also like to mention our marksmanship team. Marksmanship shoots air rifles at targets for a score and the more accurate you are the higher score you get. The team goes out and competes all around Florida and who doesn't like shooting an air rifle. Those are only a few of the things we do and how we operate. If you find any of those things appealing then join Lemon Bay High Schools NJROTC.

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