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## Principal's Message

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of you to Mariner High School. I am honored to be your Principal and you can trust that you will have my support and guidance as we make this journey together. Mariner High School has established itself as a school with high educational standards, deep traditions, quality instructional staff, and students who are exceptional individuals in and out of the classroom. High school will be by far one of the most challenging and rewarding times of your lives. It is defined by four years where you, as students, have the chance to excel academically, socially and personally. High School is a place where close personal ties are forged that will last a lifetime. It will ultimately be a time where you will discover yourself, the true meaning of "you". Mariner High School is a safe and welcoming place where you can try new things, challenge yourself, and whether you succeed or fail you will always be a part of a Triton family that supports you. Congratulations on your choice and from here on out you now share in the fellowship of our school saying "Once a Triton, Always a Triton".

Dr. Thomas Michel  
Principal  
Mariner High School

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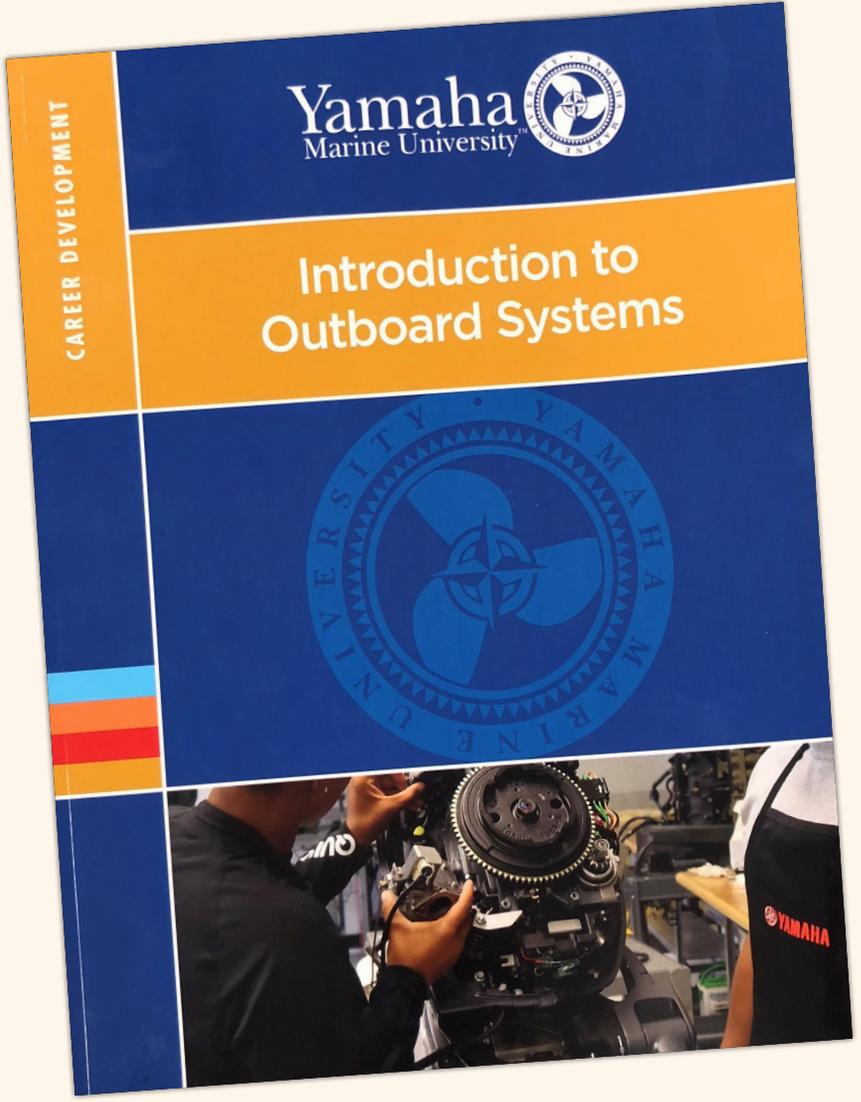
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### Out-Of-Field Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Mariner High School are certified and are engaged in training to add the endorsement, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates:

- Nicole Smith
- Chris Balzano
- Bethany Veith
- Darbi Lamrani



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Carter Tollison who has completed his ITOS course and has finished his Final Test.

Carter is the first student during this school year of 2020-2021 to achieve this accomplishment.

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Beacon newsletter is mailed out quarterly.

February 1, 2020  
May 2, 2020  
October 1, 2020  
December 2, 2020

## Links to SAT/ACT Dates

### SAT Dates

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

### ACT Dates

<https://blog.prepscholar.com/act-test-dates>

## BLACK VS. SILVER Days

Mariner will be running a block schedule this year. What that means is that students' schedules will be split into two different days. On **BLACK** days students will only go to their odd numbered classes (1,3,5,7). On **SILVER** days students will only go to their even numbered classes (2,4,6,8). Each morning there will be a flag displayed in the courtyard showing what color day it is. A copy of this year's Black/Silver day schedule can be found on the Mariner High School web page at [mrh.leeschools.net](http://mrh.leeschools.net).

## New Staff to Mariner



John Bleiler  
JROTC



Joanna Diamantino  
Science



James O'Brien  
History



Laura Blessings  
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Georgia Roberts  
Guidance Counselor



Noah Ways  
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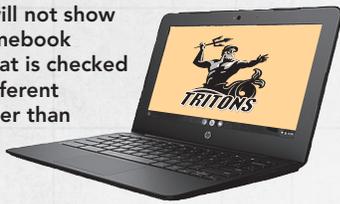
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1. On your Launchpad click on "INSTRUCTIONAL APPS"
2. Click on "FOLLETT DESTINY"
3. You should be logged in already. If not, you log in with the same info you log into your Chromebook.
4. Click on top tab "MY INFO"
5. This will show you your current check outs and fees/fines. A list of your current checkouts will appear first. Scroll down to see Fees and Fines.

**NOTE:** It will not show your Chromebook because that is checked out in a different system other than Destiny.



### Stay Connected

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## New Mask Policies

### Student Requirements Regarding Face Coverings

The School District of Lee County ("District") is committed to protecting students during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the student population, the District hereby enacts the following requirements regarding face coverings during the COVID-19 emergency:

- I. Effective immediately, all students attending Lee County Schools must wear appropriate face coverings that cover the mouth, nose, and chin when on school board property, at a school board activity, or riding a bus or other approved transportation. It is requested that all students provide their own face masks.
- II. The wearing of a face covering is a health issue. Student compliance with wearing a face covering will be dealt with as a health issue, not as a discipline issue.
  - a. Students who do not have a face covering will be provided one by the District.
  - b. Should a student refuse to wear a face covering, the student will be isolated and the parent or guardian will be contacted.
  - c. Should a student repeatedly refuse to wear a face covering, the student will be enrolled in a virtual learning program.
- III. Students will be provided with opportunities for breaks where they can remove their face covering while maintaining appropriate social distancing under adult supervision.
- IV. Exceptions to the face covering requirement:
  - a. **CDC Exemptions** - Children under two will not be required to wear face coverings. Cloth face coverings should not be worn by anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
  - b. **Eating and Drinking** - Face coverings will not be required while eating or drinking.
  - c. **Exemptions Based on Disability**
    - i. **Medical Exemption/504 Students** - Students who are requesting medical exemptions or Section 504 accommodations must provide school district staff with documentation from a licensed health care provider that the student has a medical, physical, or psychological contraindication that requires an accommodation or prevents the student from being able to safely wear a face covering. Upon submission of the request, a team will be convened to consider whether the request is reasonable.
    - ii. **ESE Students** - Students who are unable to wear a face covering due to their disability will be educated, encouraged, and expected to wear face coverings, but the inability to consistently keep a face covering on will not prohibit their attendance.
    - iii. Alternate face coverings will be made available for students and staff who communicate with deaf or hard of hearing students, provide educational and/or related services such as speech/language services, or in any other activity that requires a visual of a person's mouth. Where possible, face coverings with clear plastic that shows the speaker's mouth or face shields will be required in these situations.
  - d. **Strenuous Physical Activities** - A face covering will not be required for any person inside or outside of any school district facility school district building while engaging in strenuous physical activity. During these times, social distancing will be maintained.
  - e. **Outdoor Activities & Recess** - A face covering will not be required for students participating in outdoor activities as long as social distancing is maintained.
  - f. **Miscellaneous** - Activities, such as music, choir, band, theater, and athletics where the wearing of face coverings is not practical will not be required to wear face coverings during the activity, but must still follow any and all safety procedures in place for the particular activity. For such activities, alternate face covering options should be considered, as appropriate.

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## New Mask Policies... continued

- I. Face coverings should adhere to the following requirements:
  - a. **Commercially Produced Face Coverings/Masks** - Commercially produced masks or respirators are acceptable, but not required.
  - a. **Cloth Face Coverings** – Cloth face coverings are acceptable provided that the face covering completely covers the nose and mouth, and fits snugly to the wearer’s face with no gaps. The CDC has issued guidance on easy ways to make a face covering on the following website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html>
  - a. **Face Shields** – Face shields can be worn in conjunction with a face covering, but cannot be worn alone unless one of the exceptions in Section V above applies. Face shields with cloth that covers the outer edges of the shield and goes over the head will be allowed.
  - a. At this time, based on guidance from health authorities, open-chin triangle bandanas, and face coverings containing valves/vents, mesh material, lace, holes or other largely porous material are not suitable.

This guidance shall be immediately implemented and will remain in effect until further notice.

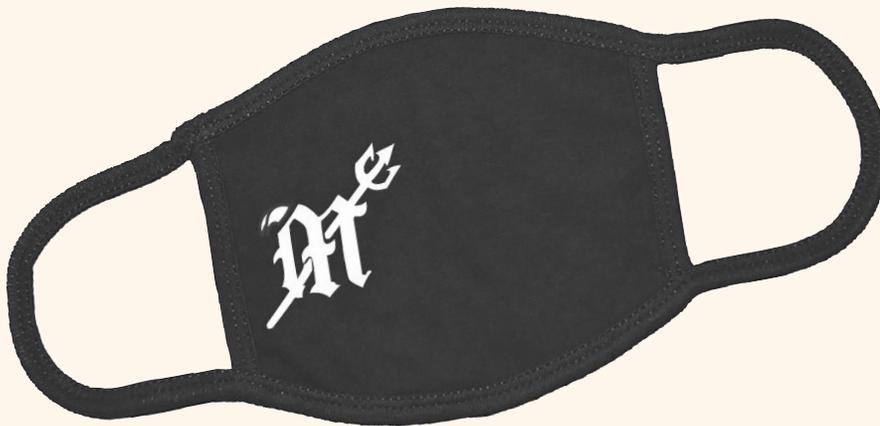


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## Mariner Face Mask Sale

Mariner Face Masks for sale during lunches and after school for \$10 in the Guidance office through Mrs. Cotoni...  
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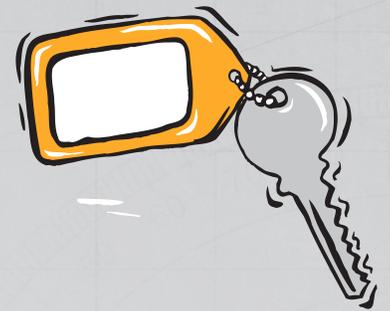
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### HOW TO REGISTER

- ▶ <https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/>
- ▶ If you are creating an account for the first time, select the "Click here to create a Focus Parent Portal Account" link at the center of the page.
- ▶ Select the "CREATE ACCOUNT" icon on the bottom of the page.
- ▶ Enter the information in all the required fields and click "Submit" to create your account.
- ▶ Once all required information has been entered click "I would like to ADD A CHILD who is already enrolled".
- ▶ You will need a Student ID, Birth Date, and Portal PIN for each student account you wish to add.
- ▶ Note that the student Portal PIN will be emailed to the Parent's email address on file. If you did not receive this PIN, contact your child's school.
- ▶ Enter the information in all the required fields and click "Add Student" to create your account.
- ▶ Your student's account is now linked to your parent portal account.
- ▶ To add another child, click I would like to ADD A CHILD who is already enrolled." Enter all the information required and click Add Student. (Note that this step can be completed as many times as necessary, or later, if needed).
- ▶ Otherwise, click "I am Finished Adding Students Please take me to the Portal"

*\*\*Note in the future you will need to use the username provided, and the password you create to access your portal again.*

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## CÓMO REGISTRARSE

- ▶ <https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/>
- ▶ Si está creando una cuenta por primera vez, seleccione el enlace, haga "clic" aquí para crear una Cuenta de Focus Portal para Padres/ "Focus Parent Portal" en el centro de la página.
- ▶ Seleccione el ícono "CREAR CUENTA" (CREATE ACCOUNT) en la parte inferior de la página.
- ▶ Ingrese la información en todos los campos obligatorios y haga "clic" en "Enviar" (submit) para crear su cuenta.
- ▶ Una vez que haya ingresado toda la información requerida, haga "clic" en "Me gustaría AGREGAR UN NIÑO/ (ADD A CHILD) que ya está inscrito".
- ▶ Necesitará una Identificación del Estudiante, Fecha de Nacimiento y el "PIN" (Número de Identificación Personal) del portal para cada cuenta de estudiante que desee agregar.
- ▶ Tenga en cuenta que el "PIN" del portal del estudiante se enviará por correo electrónico a la dirección de correo electrónico de los padres que tenemos en el archivo. Si no recibió este "PIN," comuníquese con la escuela de su hijo.
- ▶ Ingrese la información en todos los campos obligatorios y haga "clic" en "AGREGAR UN ESTUDIANTE" (add student) para crear su cuenta.
- ▶ La cuenta de su estudiante ahora está vinculada/conectada a su Cuenta del Portal para Padres.
- ▶ Para agregar otro niño/a, haga "clic" en "Me gustaría AGREGAR UN NIÑO (ADD A CHILD) que ya está inscrito." Ingrese toda la información requerida y haga "clic" en Agregar estudiante. (Tenga en cuenta que este paso se puede completar tantas veces como sea necesario, o más tarde, si es necesario.)
- ▶ De lo contrario, haga "clic" en "He terminado de agregar estudiantes. Por favor, lléveme al portal."

*\*\*Tenga en cuenta que eventualmente deberá utilizar el nombre de usuario (username) que se proveyó y la contraseña que creó para poder tener acceso a su portal nuevamente.*



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## Important Dates

### Report Cards

- October 1, 2020 .....Interim Q1
- November 10, 2020 .....Report Card Q1
- December 8, 2020.....Interim Q2
- February 11, 2021 .....Report Card Q2
- March 5, 2021 .....Interim Q3
- April 27, 2021 .....Report Card Q3
- May 18, 2021.....Interim Q4
- June 17, 2021 .....Report Card Q4

### Testing

- Algebra 1.....October 6, 7 testing dates  
Makeups 8, 9
- SAT .....October 14
- ELA .....October 20, 21, 22  
Makeups 23
- PSAT .....October 29
- BIO, US HISTORY, GEO ...November 2 - 6



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