

# Principal's Message

ear Parents and Students,

It seems like just the other day I was composing my welcome back newsletter to our learning community, but yet here we are midway through another school year. Spring semester has begun and is leading us all to new opportunities. Before we begin to consider all that the coming months will provide, I would like to take this

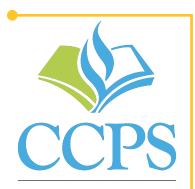
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**ADMINISTRATION** Mr. Darren Burkett opportunity to reflect upon this past semester. One need look no further than the Senior Class to assess a given school year. And, we at Naples High School are fortunate to have one of our strongest classes on record. While their leadership transcends the classroom in so many ways, it is important to recognize their amazing achievements to date. We are grateful to have 2 National Merit Semifinalist in this year's graduating class to go along with 6 other seniors who have been recognized as Commended students. We are also proud that one of our students has been awarded the prestigious Leaders for Life fellowship which only recognizes 6 students from across the entire state of Florida. Members of the Class of 2020 have already received acceptances from the top universities in the country as we await even more great news in the coming weeks. Our stories of success take on many forms as we have seniors who are the first in their family to be accepted to college, and we have others who have enlisted to fulfill a life-long dream of serving in the defense our nation. We are proud of each of them as they begin the transition to a new period in their life. The choices our students make are all small steps towards a greater opportunity, and we aim to support them along their individual path. One such opportunity for our returning students is the course selection process which will begin in early February. Our underclassmen will soon begin planning for next year through the course selection process. As continued on next page... Volume XIII Issue 3 January 2020



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we have done in previous years, we will be meeting in groups and individually with students to discuss their plans and goals for next year. To help our students continue to develop as individuals we aim to provide them with more responsibility and ownership of the process year after year. We encourage students to challenge themselves by not only the level of the courses they choose but also in the variety of their selections. Students should take the chance and sign up for something different. Try a music or art class. Take a technology course. Is dual enrollment appropriate for your child? These are opportunities that are provided and it is up to students to take advantage of them. We have scheduled a parent workshop on February 3 at 6:30 to outline both our offerings and our process.

The midway point of the school year is also an appropriate time to remind students of the habits and expectations which will lead to their success. Just as we have done the first week students returned to campus, I encourage you to have similar conversations with your student to help insure for success at school. Having been in the role of a school administrator for 15 years, I can attest to the importance of open communication and its ability to positively impact student choices.

The next few months will bring with it many exciting experiences for our students and we want to work with you to make sure each student has a positive, productive semester. Please never hesitate to reach out to me directly at school, and I look forward to seeing you around campus.

Sincerely,

Darren Burkett **Principal** 

# Important Dates

- January 20 No School
- February 3 Parent Workshop Scheduling for 2020-2021
- February 12 Interim Reports available on-line
- February 27 Eighth Grade Parent Night Auditorium
- February 28 Eighth Graders visit Naples High School
- March 6 End of Third Quarter
- March 9-13 Spring Break
- March 16 Teacher Planning Day; No school for students





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# An Update from Curriculum and Instruction

Welcome to 2020! A new decade, a new year, and a new semester offers a fresh start. Our teachers continue to challenge our students in the classroom with rigorous assignments. This means that students may struggle with their work inside and outside of the classroom. You may have noticed that there has been a shift in the classroom. No longer is the teacher the center of attention, where students sit quietly in rows and copy notes into their notebooks. Today's classroom is more about working collaboratively with peers; problem solving; making mistakes and learning how to fix them. The teacher is the facilitator of the classroom strategies for active engagement. You may hear your child come home and say that the "teacher doesn't teach us." But in reality what is happening is that the material is presented in a more challenging style where the students take over and think about the content, share ideas, create concepts and theories, and figure out the "correct answer" all with guidance from the teacher.

More and more "technology" is being incorporated into teacher's lessons with the use and availability of laptop computers — and we have increasing numbers of teachers being trained on how to use many of the programs. There is a learning curve for all of us. Students might struggle and get frustrated. Many times that is a great opportunity to expand their learning and how to deal with life. Together, with open lines of communication, we can help our students become the strong leaders of tomorrow.

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## The Latest News from the NHS Guidance Office

The counseling team hopes that 2020 has started off well for you and your student. We are excited about all things to come in semester two and look forward to sharing some important information and updates as we move through the rest of the school year.

#### Social/Emotional Needs-

First and foremost, your students' emotional wellbeing is our priority. Often, school counselors are the go to persons for grades, academic needs and post-secondary preparation; please know we all have training to assist our young men and women as they navigate the vast social and personal issues he or she may be faced with during his/her high school years. We also have a full-time school psychologist and a school social worker assigned to Naples High School. We are all here to help your student be the best version of themselves.

## Course Planning 2020-2021

We anticipate starting the course request process in February. Students in grades 9-11 will be provided a Course Selection sheet to bring home and make elective selections. Academic classes will be scheduled based on teacher recommendation, standardized test results (when available) and course grades. Later, in late April, a printed version of all requested courses will be provided to students/parents for final review.

## **Bright Futures Application**

Counselors met with Seniors via their Government or Economics classes back in October to complete the Bright Futures application. If your son/daughter missed the classroom presentation they can still complete the application by going to www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg. org. It is important to know that students must complete this application in order to be considered for this scholarship. If you need more information please contact your child's counselor.

## SAT and ACT Testing

- All juniors who are college bound and/or attempting to qualify for Bright Futures should take an ACT or SAT or both during the second semester.
- All juniors and seniors who have not yet passed FSA Reading test should take either the ACT or SAT during the second semester. Students who achieve the designated concordant score can use it to satisfy their FSA graduation requirement.
- For testing information and registration please go to the following sites:

SAT - www.sat.org

ACT - www.ACTstudent.org

- Students with a current IEP or a 504 Plan could be eligible for accommodations on the SAT or ACT. Please contact your student's school counselor for more information.
- Fee waivers are available for students eligible for free or reduced lunch. Students can obtain a waiver in the counseling office during lunch time.
- ACT now offers testing accommodations for students with a current ELL plan, students should see his/her school counselor during lunch for additional information.

## **Credit Recovery**

After school credit recovery will begin in January for any student that has previously failed an academic subject. Please contact the counseling office for additional information.

## Senior Scholarship Opportunities

Many Scholarship opportunities are posted on the "Scholarship Connector" (www.swflscholarships.org). Deadlines are approaching and students are encouraged to submit applications. "How to" guides are available in the counseling office.



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# FHSAA Academic Team Champion Awards Program

The Florida High School Athletic Association's Academic Team Champion recognition program honors teamwork not only in competition, but in the classroom as well. The program recognizes athletic teams in each of the Association's sanctioned and recognized sports, naming an Academic Team Champion in each classification

All team members listed on a varsity roster (or those who participate in at least one district game in football) must be considered in compiling a cumulative team grade point average. The team aggregate GPA is submitted for nomination.

Here are the 2019 Naples High School Fall Sports Academic Team Champion Results:

- Boys Cross Country 5th out of 147 schools in Class 3A
- Girls Cross Country 1st out of 143 schools in Class 3A
- Football 2nd out of 82 schools in Class 6A
- Boys Golf 11th out of 159 schools in Class 2A
- Girls Golf 22nd out of 148 schools in Class 2A
- Boys Swimming & Diving 9th out of 118 schools in Class 3A
- Girls Swimming & Diving 27th out of 117 schools in Class 3A
- Volleyball 3rd out of 97 schools in Class 5A

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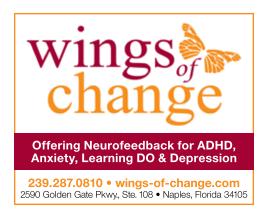
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# Naples High School SPORTS

# 2019 - Fall Sports Results

| Volleyball          | <ul> <li>Wildcat Invitational Tournament (Gold Division)<br/>Champion</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                     | <ul> <li>Region ¼ Final Appearance v. MacArthur HS<br/>(Broward Co)</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| Swimming            | Girls District Champion (1st Swim District                                       |  |  |  |
|                     | Championship since 1987)   |  |  |  |
|                     | • Eighteen (18) Region Qualifiers – Clearwater                                   |  |  |  |
|                     | Five (5) State Qualifiers – Stuart   |  |  |  |
| Boys Golf           | District Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     | Region Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     | State 5th Place – Howey-In-The Hills, FL   |  |  |  |
| Girls Golf          | Conference Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     | District Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     | Region Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     | State 3rd Place – Howey-In-The Hills, FL   |  |  |  |
| Girls Cross Country | Conference Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     | Region Runner-Up – Lakeland  |  |  |  |
|                     | <ul> <li>State – 12th Place – Appalachian Regional Park,</li> </ul>              |  |  |  |
|                     | Tallahassee  |  |  |  |
| Boys Cross Country  | Conference Champion  |  |  |  |
| , ,                 | District Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     | Region Runner-Up – Lakeland  |  |  |  |
|                     | • State – 13th Place - Appalachian Regional Park,                                |  |  |  |
|                     | Tallahassee  |  |  |  |
| Football            | Undefeated Regular Season – 9 Wins – 0 Losses                                    |  |  |  |
|                     | Coconut Bowl Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     | Conference Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     | District Champion  |  |  |  |
|                     |  |  |  |  |





# Student Athletes Sign Letter of Intent

The following Class of 2020 student-athletes have already signed letters of intent to participate in athletics at the next level:

## Gabe La Cagnina

New York University Baseball

## Michael Fangman

Missouri State University Football

## **Ashlee Lykins**

Furman University Softball

## **Dominic Mammarelli**

University of Miami Football

#### **Ar'quel Smith**

Iowa State University Football

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## A Student Services Welcome to 2020!

Naples High School Student Services would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we hope everyone had an amazing Winter Break!

Our students at Naples High School had a great first semester and we are looking forward to a great second half of the school year.

As we make our way into 2020, we are looking to continue to improve student attendance. Making sure that your student is on time and is present all day, every day provides them with a head start to academic success. There is no substitute to instruction in the classroom and the only way to ensure that your student receives the most instruction possible is if they are present at school. We understand that some situations are unavoidable, but we encourage you to keep a close eye on your student's attendance and drive home its importance.

ID badges continue to be another area of focus for Naples High School. Please be sure that your student has their ID badge when they arrive at school and that is worn around their neck all day. Any student who does not have their ID badge will be issued a temporary ID sticker for the day. Failure to have their ID badge and have it properly displayed will result in disciplinary consequences when they reach four temporary stickers.

We encourage each parent and student to review their currently monetary obligations to the school. Students must have all of their obligations paid in full in order to attend prom as well as participate in graduation. An additional reminder, any obligations that a student carried over from middle school must be paid in full as well.

Lastly, when you are planning for your student to attend an appointment during the school day, please send them in with a signed note to be delivered to the attendance office so we can accurately mark their attendance. Further, when they return from their appointment, please remind them to bring a note with them so we can code the absence correctly.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education and we look forward to a great second semester at Naples High School!

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In May 2020, census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help ensure everyone is counted. At the same time, other Census Bureau representatives will be visiting homes for ongoing surveys, such as the American Community Survey.

If someone does visit your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:

- First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- If you still have questions about their identity, you can contact your Regional Census Center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.
  - So... be proactive! And do your part. GO Eagles!



# ESE Expo: Learn, Connect, Explore

CCPS families are invited to come and learn about community resources available for students with disabilities. As part of Sharing the Commitment, this free event is an opportunity for parents to connect with professionals and to discover the many local resources available for preschool through high school transition-aged students with disabilities. Local providers and community agencies will be available to speak with parents and students about recreational and vocational activities, educational supports, respite, advocacy, disability awareness, and much more.

Fliers, emails, and automated calls were made in early January to inform families of this event.

A few of the agencies participating include: Vocational Rehabilitation, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Florida Diagnostic Learning Systems (FDLRS), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), South Florida Parent Center, Naples Players KidzAct, and Special Olympics.

This ESE Expo is open to all CCPS families and will be held on Wednesday, January 22, from 5:30pm - 7:00 pm at Gulf Coast High School located at 7878 Shark Way, Naples, FL 34119.







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The Naples High School Academic Booster Club (ABC) would like to thank the generous families and businesses who have donated to the ABC this school year. The purpose of the Naples ABC is to encourage academic achievement at NHS through the funding of teacher instructional needs and to recognize and reward student academic achievement. Here are just a few of the funding requests that have been approved so far this school year thanks to your donations:

| Marine Science Field Trip  | Aquarium Field Trip             | Scholastic Magazines       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Student Athlete Awards     | Support Fund for Needy Students | Engineering Field Trip     |
| Virtual Reality Technology | English Literature              | Numerous Awards Ceremonies |

We anticipate many more funding requests as the school year progresses and the student awards season approaches. Thanks to your generous support, the ABC budget is currently fully funded. However, needs often outpace budgetary projections each year. If you would like to support Naples ABC and have not donated this school year, please consider supporting us by mailing a donation to:

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Thanks again and Go Eagles!