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## Principal's Message

Dear North Naples Family,

What a difference a year makes. This time last year, we were closing our doors for what ended up being the remainder of the year. Thankfully, we have moved past that point and are very happy to be in school every day. As we enter quarter four, we have many things planned to end the year in a great way!

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out" (Robert Collier). With that in mind, we are very excited to offer our "Power Up" after school program that will help all students end this year successfully. Applications are in student services, homework help and academic small group tutoring will be provided in all content areas. If your child needs assistance, please have them sign up and get the Power Up they need to succeed.

As we end this year, we are grateful for all of our North Naples family members. Our Staff and students have shown true grit and resilience in a year like no other! I am very proud of all of them as we continue to work hard, excel in all we do and Go Wildcats!

Ms. Kimberly Lonergan  
*NNMS Proud Principal*



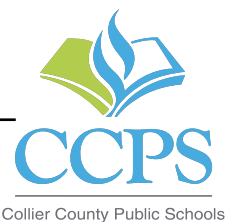
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# Go Wildcats!

## Message from Assistant Principal of Attendance & Discipline

Hello Wildcat Parents,

I know it's hard to believe, but yes, we are in the final quarter of the year. I want to personally thank you for all your continued support during these challenging times. NNMS has had a lot of exciting things happening on campus, and we've been celebrating all of our students' successes in a variety of ways, including weekly attendance raffles, positive behavior recognitions, prizes, and continued House competitions. Friday lunches have also been a highlight with music, games, singing, and dancing. Furthermore, we've seen a lot of success with both our academic and athletic teams. It's been great to see so many positive things happening on campus, every day, every week.

As we move in to the remaining weeks of the year, please see the following tips to ensure your child's continued success:

### Attendance

- Please make sure your child arrives to school on-time and is present, all day, every day
- If your child is out due to illness, please submit the corresponding doctor's note to guarantee the absence(s) is/are excused

### Dress Code

Please ensure your child is in dress code at all times. The following are basic dress code guidelines:

- **Shirts:** Solid color polo (**no logos**)
- **Shorts/Pants:** Black, navy blue, khaki (shorts at least finger-tip length)
- **Outerwear:** Solid color (no logos)

### School Materials

- Encourage your child to be respectful and responsible with their belongings at all times
- Please ensure your child arrives to school every day with a fully charged laptop
- Laptops must be transported in their cases (Students are responsible for all damages to laptops. Laptop replacement is \$586.
- Students are to bring a water bottle every day
- Students must carry their planners with them at all times. If your child does not have one, please have them get one in Student Services--\$5

**Thank you, and we look forward to a successful 4th Quarter.**

Mr. Berning

*Assistant Principal of Attendance & Discipline*

2021

### Important Dates

- April 2 ..... Holiday - No School
- April 6 ..... Quarter 3 Report Cards published
- April 21 ..... Early Release Day
- April 30 ..... Quarter 4 Interim Ends
- May 28 ..... Virtual Learning Day
- May 31 ..... Memorial Day – No School
- June 7-11 ..... Last week of School
- June 8-11 ..... Final Exams

### Message from Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction

Parents,

Please review our school’s uniform assessment calendar, available on our website, to review this year’s important testing dates. Other than the FSA writing test in April, all other FSA and EOC exams will take place in May. Final exams will take place in June. Please make every effort to ensure your student is present on test days.

Dr. Weber  
*Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction*

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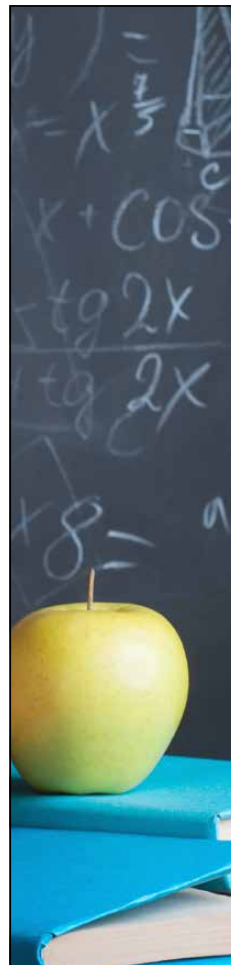
### LORENZO WALKER TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

On Thursday, March 4th, our 8th graders had the opportunity to meet with representatives from Lorenzo Walker Technical High School. We learned much valuable information about how we can plan our future in one of their varied programs. Each program would give students not only a high school diploma, but also up to two years of college, paid for and finished by the time they left high school. The training received would put a student in a position of being hired right out of high school in a job that would help pay for their remaining two years of college.

Some of the exciting programs LWTHS offers are aviation mechanics, culinary arts, drafting, marine services, nursing, welding, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration (HVAC/R), and many more.

If any of our students would like to take one of these programs at Lorenzo Walker after high school, not during high school, the cost would be over \$7,000. However, if a student takes the program while enrolled in CCPS, it is free to the student. That is a huge savings in time and money.

The reason we are bringing up these fantastic opportunities to all grades, 6, 7 and 8 is that it is never too soon to think of the possibilities offered to our student throughout our community. Please contact Lorenzo Walker High School for more information.



## School Calendar 2020/2021

### April

M	T	W	T	F	S	T	
			1	<del>2</del>	4	145	2 - No School for Teachers or Students
5	6=	7	8	9	9	150	6= Report Cards Published
12	13	14	15	16	14	155	
19	20	<del>21</del>	22	23	19	160	21 - Early Dismissal
26	27	28	29	30+	24	165	30+ MS/HS only Interim Period Ends

### May

M	T	W	T	F	S	T	
3	4	5	6=	7	29	170	6= MS/HS only Interim Published
10	11	12	13	14	34	175	
17	18	19	20	21	39	180	
24	25	26	27	<del>28</del>	44	185	28 - Early Dismissal - Graduation
<del>31**</del>					44	186	31** - Memorial Day [ Paid Holiday] No School for Teachers or Students

### June

M	T	W	T	F	S	T	
	1	2	3	4	48	190	11* - End of Quarter 4 (53 days); Last Student Day ; Early Dismissal
7	8	9	10	11*	53	195	14 - Teacher Plan Day; Last Teacher Day
14	15	16	17	18		196	Report Cards Available Electronically
21	22	23	24	25			
28	29	30					







## Spring In Naples

On behalf of our guidance department, Ms. Manning, Ms. Treanor and Ms. Pinkerton would like to wish our students and staff a very enjoyable, healthy spring. Spring is a time when families and friends can be together, enjoying our Naples community, beaches, libraries, parks and many other opportunities that we can take advantage of in our beautiful, sun-filled weather.

Ms. Kim Manning - Ms. Elizabeth Treanor - Ms. Bonnie Pinkerto



## WE DINE

Our “WE DINE” lunch program for new students to NNMS has been a fantastic success this year. Our guidance department has made available special lunch seating and a game room for new students and students who would like to expand their friendships with new classmates. Puzzles, chess games, and board games are provided daily for sharing. Many new friendships have formed. New students have acclimated very quickly to NNMS. Fun to see our students laugh and engage in games safely with each other and learn from each other.

## Annual Health Screenings

Thursday, March 11th was our annual 6th grade health screening. The Collier County Health Department visited NNMS for the day to check all 6th grade students’ vision and hearing. Unless a parent opted their child out of the screening, their child was given the opportunity to have their eyes and hearing screened by very accurate, simple, safe testing. We are very thankful to our health department for this valuable testing.



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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, 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.

### We need spots filled...



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## 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.

#### 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.





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# Power Up!

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