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South Fort Myers High School Community,

As we move into the second quarter of the school year, I want to extend a warm welcome to all students and families. This is a time to reflect on the great start we've had and to set our sights on continued growth and success.

One of the most powerful tools for success is a positive attitude. When students approach each day with optimism, resilience, and a willingness to learn, they're setting themselves up for a successful journey. Attending school every day is equally important—it builds a foundation of consistency, helps students stay engaged, and ensures they're part of every learning opportunity. We encourage each student to make daily attendance and a positive mindset a priority.

As we lean into the holiday season, we wish our entire school community a season filled with joy, warmth, and togetherness. Whether you're celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's, or another holiday tradition, may this time bring you and your loved ones peace and happiness.

Please remember, we are here to support you. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to our school office. Together, we can make this quarter one of growth, celebration, and achievement.

Warm regards,
Ed Mathews
Principal, South Fort Myers High School

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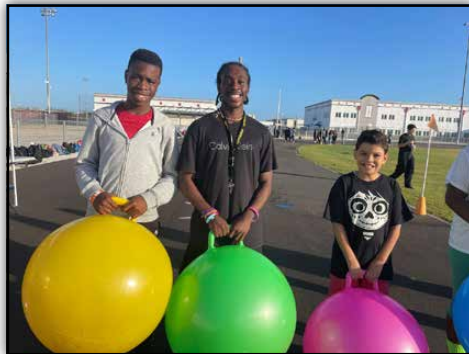
Hispanic Heritage Month

On October 25th, more than 400 students from 15 different Spanish-speaking countries gathered in the auditorium to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The program included presentations about Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society, games, and traditional Latin dances. Some students participated in trivia games where they were challenged to demonstrate how much they knew about their culture and traditions.



Día de los Muertos Picnic

The Foreign Language Department celebrated El Día de los Muertos "The Day of the Dead" as part of their culture curriculum. This Mexican Holiday is a way to remember and celebrate the lives of the deceased loved ones. The kids had a blast learning about the holiday, tradition, and customs.






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Important Senior Dates

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- FAFSA opens on December 1st
- Lake Michigan Credit Union Hutt Scholarship due on January 8th, 2025
- Red Sox Scholarship due on January 10th, 2025
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*For more info scholarships or financial aid please email Emilynb@leeschools.net.

Important Senior Notes

- If your senior is in need of a letter of recommendation from their counselor, they need to allow for a 10 day turn around
- Volunteer or Paid Work Hours for the Bright Futures Application is due by May 1st



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT (edited for brevity)

By Sheli McAdoo

Regular school attendance is crucial for several reasons:

1. **Academic Achievement:** Consistent attendance helps students keep up with daily lessons and assignments, participate in classroom discussions, and grasp complex concepts. Chronic absenteeism can lead to gaps in learning, lower grades, and a higher risk of falling behind or even dropping out.
2. **Social Skills:** School is not just an academic environment; it's where children learn to interact, negotiate, and build relationships with their peers. Regular attendance fosters social interaction and emotional growth.
3. **Future Success:** Studies show that students who maintain good attendance are more likely to graduate from high school, pursue higher education, and secure stable employment in the future.

How Can Parents Help?

Parents and guardians play a critical role in ensuring that their children attend school regularly. Here are some strategies you can employ to help your student be successful in attending school:

1. **Set a Routine:** Establish a daily schedule that includes a consistent bedtime and wake-up time to ensure your child gets enough rest and is ready for school each day.
2. **Monitor Attendance:** Keep track of your child's attendance and communicate with the school if issues arise. Understanding the school's attendance policy can help you be proactive in addressing absences. Utilize the Parent Portal on Infinite Campus for grades and attendance monitoring.
3. **Create a Positive Attitude:** Encourage a positive attitude towards school by discussing its importance and relating learning to your child's interests and future goals.
4. **Stay Informed:** Ensure that your child completes all required vaccinations and is in good health. Attend parent-teacher conferences and school meetings to stay informed about your child's progress and the resources available.
5. **Address Barriers:** If your child faces any issues, such as anxiety or health problems, work closely with the school to address and resolve these barriers. The school staff is here to support you and your child.
6. **Utilize Support Services:** Many schools offer resources such as counseling, tutoring, or after-school programs that can help your child stay engaged and succeed academically.

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LA ASISTENCIA A LA ESCUELA ES IMPORTANTE

(editado para mayor brevedad)

Por Sheli McAdoo

La asistencia regular a la escuela es crucial por varias razones:

1. **Logros académicos:** La asistencia constante ayuda a los estudiantes a mantenerse al día con las lecciones y tareas diarias, participar en las discusiones en el aula y comprender conceptos complejos. El ausentismo crónico puede provocar brechas en el aprendizaje, calificaciones más bajas y un mayor riesgo de atrasarse o incluso abandonar la escuela.
2. **Habilidades sociales:** La escuela no es solo un entorno académico; es donde los niños aprenden a interactuar, negociar y construir relaciones con sus compañeros. La asistencia regular fomenta la interacción social y el crecimiento emocional.
3. **Éxito futuro:** Los estudios muestran que los estudiantes que mantienen una buena asistencia tienen más probabilidades de graduarse de la escuela secundaria, continuar con la educación superior y asegurar un empleo estable en el futuro.

¿Cómo pueden ayudar los padres?

Los padres y tutores desempeñan un papel fundamental para garantizar que sus hijos asistan a la escuela con regularidad. Estas son algunas estrategias que puede emplear para ayudar a su estudiante a tener éxito en asistir a la escuela:

1. **Establezca una rutina:** Establezca un horario diario que incluya una hora constante para acostarse y despertarse para asegurarse de que su hijo descanse lo suficiente y esté listo para la escuela todos los días.
2. **Supervise la asistencia:** Lleve un registro de la asistencia de su hijo y comuníquese con la escuela si surgen problemas. Comprender la política de asistencia de la escuela puede ayudarlo a ser proactivo para abordar las ausencias. Utilice el Portal para Padres en Infinite Campus para el monitoreo de calificaciones y asistencia.
3. **Cree una actitud positiva:** Fomente una actitud positiva hacia la escuela discutiendo su importancia y relacionando el aprendizaje con los intereses y metas futuras de su hijo.
4. **Manténgase informado:** Asegúrese de que su hijo complete todas las vacunas requeridas y goce de buena salud. Asista a las conferencias de padres y maestros y a las reuniones escolares para mantenerse informado sobre el progreso de su hijo y los recursos disponibles.
5. **Aborde las barreras:** Si su hijo enfrenta algún problema, como ansiedad o problemas de salud, trabaje en estrecha colaboración con la escuela para abordar y resolver estas barreras. El personal de la escuela está aquí para apoyarlo a usted y a su hijo.
6. **Utilice los servicios de apoyo:** Muchas escuelas ofrecen recursos como asesoramiento, tutoría o programas extracurriculares que pueden ayudar a su hijo a mantenerse comprometido y tener éxito académico.

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B.A.R.R. at South Fort Myers High School

Congratulations to the following students who were named October BARR Students of the Month. Each of the students were chosen by their teams advisors based on leadership skill, academic growth, dedication to school, and/or going above and beyond.

- Team 1: Justin McNeil
- Team 2: Emir Espinoza-Mazarieg
- Team 3: Omnia Mahgoub
- Team 4: Jackson Nychyk
- Team 5: Jonathan Goldenberg
- Team 6: Dominga Zacarias-Diego
- ESOL: Madeling Gurdian Baldizon



JROTC

This quarter, the Powerful Wolfpack Brigade had a busy schedule. Cadets had an opportunity to enjoy a day in Busch Gardens for the beginning of the year trip in which they showed great teamwork and leadership skills. JROTC for the first time ever assembled all 650 cadets in the gym for a group photo. The photo will be proudly displayed in the leadership hallway as we make this an annual tradition. The JROTC Raiders team placed 1st at the annual Jardas Raider competition hosted by Cypress Lake HS. Academics and Drill alongside Cyber and Drones teams started practicing, and both Cyber Patriot and Drones started competing. Cadet Challenge will begin in November in which Cadets will demonstrate their physical prowess. Finally, we are starting to allow cadets to sign up for the annual JROTC Cadet Ball which will be held on Saturday the 8th of March at Caloosa Sound Convention Center.

The Wolfpack Brigade CyberPatriot team won 179 points out of a possible 200! They place 4th in the state of Florida for all Army JROTC teams.



JROTC Cadets visit Busch Gardens

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<https://www.facebook.com/people/Wolfpack-Athletic-Booster-Club/100095460527898/>

Winter sports are about to start. Please make sure that if your child wants to participate they need to have all their athletic paperwork completed and submitted online at athletic clearance. The athletics website has all the information they need as well as contact information for our coaches.

<https://sfm.leeschools.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=696614&pageId=908455>

Out of Field Teachers

In ESOL

Alissen Aguilar
Katherine Albert
Eric Atmore
Cristopher Martinez Badillo
Marcie Bonilla
Thomas Caldwell
Niayla Cohen
Timothy Cullen
Holly Devore
Theresa Foreman
Haley Houchin
William Jackson
Charles Kozel
Lori Leclear
Nicole Maxwell
Marquis Russell
Jamie Sears
Zoe Skrivan
David Thomas

In Subject Area

Marcie Bonilla – Reading
Theresa Foreman – Reading
Matt Holderfield – Physical Education
Lori Leclear – Elementary Education

AHERA Notice

Notification of the Possible Presence of Asbestos-Containing Materials in the School

Name of School: South Fort Myers High School

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