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For Parents, Students, Staff
and Community of
South Lake
High School

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Eagle Family,

As we conclude this first half of the 2022-23 school year and prepare for the start of the second semester, I want to thank our SLHS faculty and staff for their perseverance in helping students adjust to post-pandemic learning environments and increased expectations. The last few years have been challenging for us all, and it has been a breath of fresh air to see our students reinvigorated by a return to some normalcy as well as the opportunity to participate in full academic and extra-curricular activities again. I am extremely appreciative of your patience and flexibility as we encountered increased student enrollment this semester, which led to hiring additional teachers during the school year and the corresponding schedule changes that were necessary to balance classes.

Now that our school has resumed normal operations, I would like to invite you to visit our campus on Monday, January 23rd, from 5:30-7:30pm for Open House at SLHS. Many of you have been unable to see our school campus and classrooms, meet your child's teachers, or interact personally with us during the past few years of COVID related closures. This is our way of welcoming you back to SLHS and helping connect you in whatever ways will best support you and your child. It will be an open style format, through which you can visit the teachers/classrooms that you would find helpful during the two-hour period. With the release of 2nd quarter/1st semester report cards in January, we hope that you will find it a helpful opportunity to connect with teachers, schedule any follow up parent/teacher conferences that may be necessary, and get a better idea of what your students are learning and experiencing each day on our campus.

As we return from winter break, we will begin preparations for the upcoming 2023-24 school year and the process for soliciting student course selections and academic scheduling opportunities. Please have conversation with your child as you collaboratively develop the academic course plan that will best meet their needs and future goals. Our guidance counselors will be making presentations to current SLHS students in their classes over the next few months, visiting our feeder middle schools to speak with 8th grade students, and working with you to accommodate course requests as best as possible. Please be on the lookout for course request and scheduling information as it becomes available, and feel free to peruse our SLHS Curriculum Guide on the Student Services page of our school's website. Over the last few years, we have worked diligently to increase academic opportunities and post-secondary options for students to prepare them for a variety of career paths. Students have the opportunity to choose courses among a variety of interest areas including Fine & Performing Arts, Career and Technical Education, Advanced Placement, AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education), NJROTC and aeronautics dual enrollment, off campus dual enrollment through Lake Sumter State College, and the Health Science Collegiate Academy among many other elective offerings. We firmly believe in and support our district's mission to provide every student with individual opportunities to excel.

Furthermore, we are excited to share some campus improvement projects that are underway and will continue through the spring and summer months. Our long-outdated auditorium will be receiving

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WHO'S WHO AT SOUTH LAKE

Principal
Steve Benson

Assistant Principals

Caitlin Flynn -

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9-12th grade; Last names: D-I

Donna Jesaitis -

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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a substantial makeover during the summer months including new seating, carpeting, painting, lighting, sound, and more. Our students deserve the opportunity to perform and receive recognition in an updated facility that we can all be proud of, and we will be eager to showcase our renovated space to the SLHS community in the fall of 2023. Additionally, perimeter security fencing and new access doors are under construction along the north side of our campus near the student parking lot and along the front of the gymnasium. While this is quite a change from what we have all been accustomed to over the years at SLHS, it is necessary in the current climate of our world and society and will greatly enhance the security of students and staff during the school day by further supporting a single point of entry of all students, staff, and visitors through the main office once the school day has begun. We thank you in advance for your patience, flexibility, and support through these campus improvements.

Respectfully,
Steven Benson, Principal



Driver Education

BEHIND THE WHEEL

If your HS student has their driver's permit, they need to take advantage of Behind the Wheel. It is a course that is taught all year long and during the summer. Classes run from 3 to 6 on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri for 7 days in a row. New classes start every two weeks.

1. Students get 10 hours of actual drive time with a certified instructor.
2. Most auto insurance companies offer a discount for having taken the course.
3. Safety protocols have been implemented to keep us safe and masks must be always worn while in the car.
4. It is totally FREE to all Lake county residents (even virtual and home-schooled students are welcome to take the course)

Students can stop by Mrs. Wilson's room in the Media Center to pick up an application or print it from the school or county website. All applications must be returned to Mrs. Wilson for submission. Feel free to share this information with others who may be interested. There are classes at all the High schools in Lake County.



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- December 2nd - Pep Rally - \$2 admission fee (more information to come)
- December 8th - Movie Under the Stars \$5 (possible Winter Carnival prior to movie-more information to come)
- Week of December 12th - Spirit Week (days will be announced shortly)

Please listen to morning announcements, and continue to check your graduation year's google classroom for up to date information about each event.

BOWLING

Over 340 teams from across the State competed this season for a chance to take part in the 2022 State Championship Bowling Tournament. The South Lake Girls Bowling Team not only earned a spot, they ended up placing 20th this week at the State Championship! This is the highest finish in school history. Seniors Alanna O'Brien with a 183 game and Samantha Hudson with a 179 game led them. Congratulations girls we are proud of you!!



INTERACT CLUB

Come join Interact Club this next school year!

College admission officers investigate high school students' extracurricular activities, which is why the Interact Club is such a great option for any high school student to consider because it allows students to get involved in the community. This club lets you make new friends, while assisting in local projects. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours and appeal to colleges. We hope to see you this incoming school year at our next meeting.

You can join our google classroom using the code: b3vpxxq



Sincerely,
President Zaria Parris

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered until March 31st!

Order them from yearbooksforever.com.

If you have any questions, you can email Ms. Fisher at fisherc1@lake.k12.fl.us

ART

An art exhibition featuring our art students will be held at the South Lake Art League Gallery in downtown Clermont. The show will run from Nov. 10th through the 21st.



KEY CLUB

Need Volunteer hours?
Join Key Club!

For information about meetings, join the Key Club
Google Classroom- kory35k

CLASS GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

Do you want to be updated about important information? Join your year's Google classroom page.

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Class of 2024: zp5nf7e

Class of 2025: pwgxl5

Class of 2026: 4rujcpf

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SENIORS

- If you have any questions about senior information, please email Ms. Fisher at fisherc1@lake.k12.fl.us
- Make sure to sign up for your senior pictures. If you do not sign up for the pictures before Thanksgiving, your picture will not be in the yearbook. Sign up at cadystudios.com.
- If you want a senior quote in the yearbook, you need to order it before Thanksgiving. You will receive an email with the form in December.
- Senior pages are for sale on yearbookforever.com.
- Caps and Gowns are currently on sale at Jostens.com.
- There is a change in the qualifications for the Honors Stoles this year. The new qualifications are below:
 - Summa Cum Laude 4.00 weighted GPA or above
 - Magna Cum Laude 3.75-3.99 weighted GPA
 - Cum Laude 3.50-3.74 weighted GPA
- The GPA used is the January GPA.



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Name of Expense	Estimated Month to Purchase (Not event date)	Estimated amount(s)	Where?
Homecoming	August-September	\$25-40	RevTrac
Senior Dues	Due by September 9th to receive the senior shirt	\$20	RevTrac Senior Class Tab
Senior Pictures (Basic)	Before Thanksgiving	\$30 Sitting Fee	cadystudios.com
Senior Pages in the yearbook	August-January	Full - \$200 1/2 - \$150 1/4 - \$100 1/8 - \$50	Yearbooksforever.com
Cap and Gown (Basic)	October (least expensive month)	\$70-100 (Prices will rise over time—the later you order, the more expensive the shipping and cap/gown will be)	Jostens.com
Yearbooks	Pre-order August-January Note: there is no guarantee that you will get a book if you do not pre-order (We completely sold out last year)	\$60-80	Yearbooksforever.com
Club/Certain Class Cords	February-March Pre-Order only!	\$10-15	RevTrac Senior Class Tab
Grad Bash	February-March	\$130-160 (Includes Charter bus and early Mix-In at Universal meaning we will be in the park from 4pm-2am)	RevTrac Senior Class Tab
Prom	February-April	\$80-100	RevTrac
Senior Yard Signs	March-April	\$10-20	RevTrac Senior Class Tab
Honors Stoles (3.5 GPA or higher as of December)	April-May	\$20	RevTrac Senior Class Tab

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By Cadet Petty Officer 3 Clarissa Mulero ~

Starting off this school year the returning cadets of JROTC welcomed NS1s into the unit with a week of introduction to basics at freshman orientation. During this week, the NS1s split into groups with NS2s and above and learned what it is like to be an NJROTC cadet for South Lake High. Cadets then went out to support the football team and worked parking detail for the first home game of the year. Going into our competition season with competition team interest meetings for cadets to go out for any competition teams they are curious about. The unit was lucky to be able to have a class with and speak to special guest submariners for a day. They learned what it would be like to live on a submarine for long periods of time. Moving forward, the cadets continued to show out and assist at the eagle home football games. Beginning September, the Color Guard team did a great job at presenting colors for the USA themed volleyball game. For Military appreciation night cadets worked parking detail to express their thankfulness and gratitude towards any veterans out there who served for our country. The Athletics team worked hard for the upcoming Iron bear event by practicing after school every day in preparation. Getting ready for the first inspection of the year, cadets had a shoe shining day as well as a uniform construction day to ensure that when it is time for uniforms, every cadet is fully prepared. On the 24th of September the academic team traveled to Tampa for the first brain brawl of the year and won 3rd place overall. September 27th was the first official inspection of this school year for the cadets in JROTC. The NS1s and returning cadets did an outstanding job with looking sharp and having their proper knowledge for inspection. Also a special congratulations to Trenton Martin, Jonah Smith, and Nick Bass for being the first cadets to get their wings pinned on their uniforms. Kicking off October the SLHS Marksmanship team took on their first competition at Oviedo High School. Then the Color Guard team placed 3rd at their competition on the weekend. Special guests PFC Rodriguez and Lance Corporal Gregoire challenged the JROTC cadets by running the PT for Friday. Iron Bear is an athletic event where cadets go out to have fun and compete with other JROTC units to win in different events offered. The athletic team went out the morning of Saturday the 22 and put their best effort and had fun competing with the other schools. Currently Competition teams are getting in their final preparation to go to their first Competition on Saturday morning at Spoto High School.

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ART

SLHS art classes have been busy creating art both in and out of the classroom.



Our newest mural painted by senior artists in my 5th period class- Laney St John and Jessica Torres



SLHS Hay Bale entry for the Groveland contest.



Ceramics 2 Lily B



*Ceramics 1
Sabrina Y- our play on Turkeys.*



Kareena G ceramics 2



Our pumpkin patch! Ceramics 1 and 2

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DEBATE

We'd like to congratulate our Speech and Debate Team for their performance at the Florida Civics and Debate National Championship over this past Veteran's Day weekend, where six of our members joined nearly 400 other students across the country in a tournament consisting of three separate contests: impromptu speaking, where contestants have 7 minutes to prepare and deliver a speech centered around randomly selected quotes from famous historical figures; extemporaneous debate, where contestants face-off 1v1 in a debate over a resolution with limited preparation time, and congressional debate, where contestants conduct hour-and-a-half-long mock-congressional sessions debating legislative proposals.

Of the nearly 400 contestants from this weekend, two of our seniors took home multiple awards. Kayden Harmony-Greenstein was awarded **5th place** overall in both the Congressional and Extemporaneous debate categories, and Rudi Darden ranked 15th in Congressional, 8th in Extemporaneous, and 7th in impromptu. By ranking within the top 15 in all three categories, Rudi Darden won **4th place overall** for the entire tournament! We are extremely proud of how these two seniors and their 4 teammates: Jose Cordeiro, Jayna Hutchinson, Athena Street, and John Rogers II represented our school and our community! Great job Eagles.