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

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Eagle Family,

It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you to South Lake High School for this 2022-23 school year! It is an honor and privilege to serve you once again as principal. I am excited to welcome all of our incoming 9th grade students and families, along with all other students who may be new to our school community.

We are tremendously proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff from the past year, as we were able to demonstrate overall academic improvement from the prior year. In spite of the massive hits to our educational system and school through the last three pandemic-stricken school years, our students showed tremendous gains on the Algebra 1 EOC and 9th grade English Language Arts FSA, and we graduated 96% of the Class of 2021 on time within their four-year cohort. This is the highest graduation rate on record for SLHS since this measure became a part of school grade calculations. We anticipate the Class of 2022 graduating at a rate of well over 90% again when we receive that information later this year. Our students and staff showed tremendous resolve and resiliency during a very trying school year and continued to rise above every obstacle and challenge that came their way. We will continue to work on improving our teaching practices and learning opportunities so that every academic area shows improvement, in order to provide the best possible education for your student.

As we refocus on returning to what we all hope is a normal school year again, students will notice a distinct and increased expectation on school attendance, timeliness in reporting to classes each period, dress and attire that meets School Board policy, positive choices that minimize behavioral disruptions, and engagement in academics that requires increased effort and accountability. Additionally, we will be supporting our teachers in strategies to provide daily opportunities to read, write, think, talk, collaborate, and problem solve in each of their classes. The pandemic has caused all of us to operate in survival mode amidst chaotic situations that none of us could have predicted. With the hope of resuming to a normal school year, it is time to get back to the expectations and practices that we know develop young people into responsible, productive and prepared adults while increasing their knowledge, skills, and abilities to be successful in post-secondary educational opportunities and/or a career. I encourage you to engage with us, support and monitor your student's academic progress, encourage daily attendance at school, and plug into opportunities to get involved in our school community through booster clubs, advisory groups, and volunteering. Please note the following events to kick off the 2022-23 school year:

- Freshman Orientation – Friday, August 5th (Last Names A-L: 8:00-9:30am, M-Z: 10:00am-11:30pm). Students new to SLHS (10th/11th/12th grade) are also encouraged to attend.
- Open Campus for 10th/11th/12th Grade Students – Friday, August 5th (1:00-2:00pm). Student schedules will be available for view through Skyward Student Access & Family Access. The school will be open during the designated time above for any students/parents that would like to walk the campus to locate their assigned classrooms, but paper schedules will not be provided.
- First Day of School – Wednesday, August 10th

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WHO'S WHO AT SOUTH LAKE

Principal
Steve Benson

Assistant Principals

Michael Spencer -
9-12th grade; Last names: A-C

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

Donna Jesaitis -
9-12th grade; Last names: J-M

Kevin Thompson -
9-12th grade; Last names: N-Sa

Linda Nichols -
9-12th grade; Last names: Sb-Z

Guidance Counselors

Melanie Googe -
9-12th grade; Last names:
A-C and the HSCA program

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

Betsy Bains -
9-12th grade; Last names: J-M
and the AICE program

Robert Merrill -
9-12th grade; Last names: N-Sa
and the Aviation
Academy program

Juanita Stallings -
9-12th grade; Last names: Sb-Z



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you this year as we work together to support the students of South Lake High School. There are many challenges and barriers in front of us that can inhibit success, but I am confident that we can turn every one of them into opportunities for our students to excel and thrive.

Respectfully,

Steven Benson, Principal

CLASS DUES

Class dues will now be \$20 each year and every grade level. Please pay your class dues before September 9th to receive a class shirt for the year.

YEARBOOKS

- Yearbooks can be pre-ordered starting in August!
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- If you have any questions, you can email Ms. Fisher at fisherc1@lake.k12.fl.us



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DRESS CODE

There have been some changes to the dress code recently. The new Dress code is:

• 5511 - DRESS AND GROOMING

The School Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish a reasonable dress code in order to promote a safe and healthy school setting and enhance the educational environment. The dress code shall be incorporated into the Code of Student Conduct.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall establish such grooming procedures as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes.

Such procedures shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

- A. present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
- B. materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
- C. prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to implement this policy which:

- A. requires all students at the alternative school to wear uniforms;
- B. designates the principal as the enforcer of student dress and grooming in his/her school;
- C. authorizes each school's SAC to petition, after a vote by the SAC, to the Superintendent or their designee to authorize the use of student uniforms at that school.

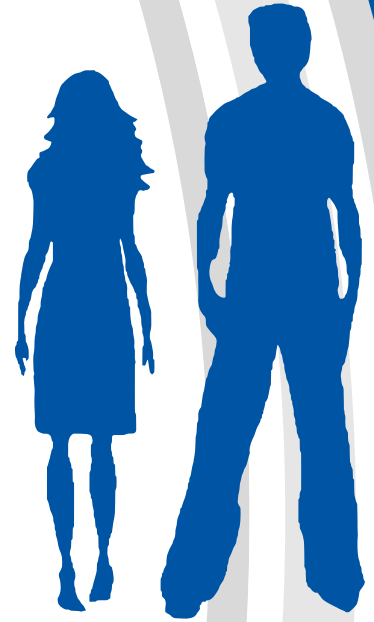
Head

- A. Caps, hats, headgear, visors, sunglasses, bandanas, or other head coverings excluding those worn in observance of their religion, that could block the view of students' faces, contain profanity, cause a disruption, or promote alcohol, contraband, or gang-related activity, shall not be worn while on campus during the school day. However, students may wear hats to include beanies/skull caps, sunglasses, or other sun-protective wear, excluding those described above, while outdoors during school hours, such as when students are at recess or in physical education classes or outdoor class transitions however, these items are not permitted to be worn inside the school building. (F.S. 1001.43(1)(b)).
- B. Hairstyles or make-up that is extreme and/or disruptive or does not allow direct eye contact is prohibited with the exception of special events approved by the principal.

Upper Garments

- A. All shirts must cover the midriff and not have spaghetti or thin strips less than three (3) inches. Shirts may not contain any vulgar language or images.
- B. Students are not allowed to wear sleepwear including onesies, nightgowns, robes, sleep sets, and pajama pants, except for when approved by the principal for a school event. Students are not allowed to wear revealing clothing, that exposes the torso. Examples include, but are not limited to, see-through garments, backless attire, clothing that is unlined sheer or unlined lace, bare midriff clothing that allows any area of the midriff (front or back) to be exposed when sitting, standing, or raising the arm.

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Lower Garments

- Clothes shall be worn as they are designed while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day.
- Clothing must be worn appropriately and properly fastened with no tears/holes that reveal undergarments or skin above the upper thigh (halfway between the crease your hip makes and the mid-thigh). Durable, nontransparent materials including paper, tape or other fabric may be used to cover tears/holes.
- Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment.
- No pants that are oversized or baggy at the waistline are permitted.
- Hemlines for dresses, skorts, skirts, and/or shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh (a second violation of this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary action). Mid-thigh is defined as while a student is in the standing position, measure halfway from the top of the leg (the crease your hip makes when seated) to the top of the knee.
- Skin-tight recreation clothing (e.g., bike pants, tights, leotards, leggings) may be worn under shorts, dresses, skirts or with a shirt that covers the pelvic area and buttocks.

Footwear

- Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.
- Students may not wear bedroom slippers, cleated shoes, or shoes with wheels. Students in middle and high school may wear sandals and flip-flops. Elementary students may not wear platforms, high-heeled shoes, or flip-flops.

Accessories

- Facial/Visible piercings that are extreme and/or disruptive are prohibited.
- Chains, other than necklaces considered to be jewelry, shall not be worn. Examples include, but are not limited to, heavy chains generally used for utility purposes, choke collars, chains/accessories that connect one part of the body to another, or accessories containing spikes or other sharp objects that pose a safety concern for the student or others shall be prohibited.
- Jewelry that contains any type of sharp object shall not be worn.
- All students, except those assigned to an alternative school, shall be allowed to carry backpacks.

General

- All middle and high school students shall be required to wear appropriate clothing for physical education as prescribed by the school. A student may be permitted to wear other appropriate physical education attire when the parent/guardian files an objection based on religious or medical reasons.
- Clothing, jewelry, and/or accessories (such as backpacks and/or purses) with decorations, symbols, mottoes, slogans, signs, images, or designs which are offensive or disruptive are prohibited. Examples include, but are not limited to, anything that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or lewd sexual behavior; symbols or writings that have racial (e.g. swastikas, rebel flags, etc.) or sexual connotation; or profane language are also prohibited.

Exceptions

- Students may wear special clothing necessary for a school-sponsored activity, as permitted by the principal.
- Students who are enrolled in career and technical classes shall dress in a manner appropriate for the job in which they are receiving training, including any special protective gear and professional uniforms.

Discipline

- The Principal or his/her designee has the authority to decide if a student's clothing complies with Board policy or if it disrupts or interferes with the educational process or endangers the health and safety of the student or others.
- If the Principal or his/her designee determines that a student's clothing does not comply with Board policy, the student's parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school, or a student may be asked to leave an after-school activity. A student may also receive a disciplinary consequence for violating the school's dress code policy. Repeated violations may result in progressively more serious consequences.

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- C. As required by F.S. 1006.07, any student who violates the dress policy is subject to the following disciplinary actions:
1. First offense: a student shall be given a verbal warning and the school principal or his/her designee shall call the student's parent/guardian.
 2. Second offense: the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed five (5) days and the school principal or his/her designee shall meet with the student's parent/guardian. (Level I Discipline Intervention)
 3. Third or subsequent offense: a student shall receive an in-school suspension pursuant to F.S. 1003.01(5) for a period not to exceed three (3) days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days and the school principal shall call the student's parent/guardian and send the parent/guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities. (Level II Discipline Interventions)

The District is cognizant that students' religions, disabilities, or medical conditions may impact their ability to comply with the standard student attire policy. Reasonable accommodations based on religion, disability, or medical condition shall be permitted on an individual basis.

No later than September 1st of each year, the Superintendent shall certify to the Florida Commissioner of Education that the District has implemented the standard student attire policy in accordance with Florida law.

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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
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Honors Stoles (3.5 GPA or higher as of December)	April-May	\$20	RevTrac Senior Class Tab



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- **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.

SLHS PHOTO DATES 2022-2023

July/August/September

Rising Seniors (C/O 2023) Schedule your senior photos session at Cady Studios.
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August 18th, 2022

Senior Photo sessions will be available on campus. Photos will be from 10AM-6PM. Appointments are required.

September 22nd, 2022

Underclassman Picture Day!

October 25th, 2022

Senior Photo sessions will be available on campus. Photos will be from 10AM-6PM. Appointments are required.

October 27th, 2022

Underclassman retakes.

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

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