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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 2023-24 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 excited to kick off this new school year as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of South Lake High School, which opened its doors in August of 1993. We look forward to commemorating the history of our school through several events throughout the year in which you are encouraged to participate.

There has been a flurry of activity around the SLHS campus this summer, as crews completely renovated the interior of our auditorium, a massive undertaking. Phase 1 included a top to bottom cleaning, all walls and doors repainted, the sound panels reupholstered, the main lighting converted to LED, the carpet and flooring replaced, and brand new seating installed. Phase 2 will get underway this fall with a complete replacement of the stage lighting, sound system, and stage curtain. Other summer projects included repairs to the paved areas on the sidewalks/courtyard/bus loop, pressure washing and repainting of Eagles Stadium, demolition of four (4) old portable classrooms, complete remodeling of the interior and exterior of the remaining nine (9) portable classrooms, and the replacement of the main campus elevator. Additionally, all exterior doors on the campus are in the process of being repainted, the gymnasium roof has been repaired and will be repainted soon, and the baseball and softball field scoreboards are being replaced. We are excited about these changes and hope you notice the difference!

I ask that you continue joining me in our commitment to expect rich learning opportunities and engagement for all students, hold to high expectations for respect and conduct, demand nothing less than our best in performance (academics, athletics, performing arts, extra and co-curricular clubs and organizations, etc.), engage in a culture of open communication and involvement, and promote a safe and positive environment in which all students have individual opportunities to excel. I encourage you to engage with us, support and monitor your student's academic progress, 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 2023-24 school year:

Freshman Orientation – Friday, August 4th. A freshman orientation presentation is tentatively scheduled in the auditorium (if renovations are complete) for last names A-L: 8:00-9:30am, M-Z: 10:00am-11:30pm. If the auditorium is not ready, we will still have schedule pickup and

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WHO'S WHO AT SOUTH LAKE

Principal
Steve Benson

Assistant Principals

Caitlin Flynn -
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 -
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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the ability to visit classrooms, along with a club/student organization/athletics fair in the cafeteria. Students new to SLHS (10th/11th/12th grade) are also encouraged to attend.

Open Campus for 10th/11th/12th Grade Students – Friday, August 4th (1:00-2:00pm). Student schedules will be available for view through the new FOCUS student information system. 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, and paper schedules will be provided as needed.

First Day of School – Thursday, August 10th

For the 2023-24 school year, we will continue to offer our SOAR Time intervention/acceleration period for students, through which they will have the ability sign up to receive additional instruction or extended learning opportunities for courses that they need it in the most. To accommodate our growing student enrollment, we will also be transitioning to a three-lunch schedule which will be a change from the traditional two-lunch schedule that we have utilized for many years. This should decrease the amount of time it takes students to be served lunch, along with providing a less crowded atmosphere in the cafeteria.

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



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SENIOR PARKING

Student Parking Permit Sales will be held on Thursday, July 27th, for SENIORS ONLY from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Media Center. Permit sales for all other students, including seniors who did not make it the day before, will be Monday, July 31st, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Media Center. For all the information needed to participate in these events, please go to our SLHS webpage and click on the "SLH Information" tab, then "Parking." The parking permit application for all students and the instructions for seniors wishing to paint their parking spaces is at the bottom of the page.

YEARBOOK

You can pre-order your yearbook on yearbookforever.com starting August 10th for \$60. Prices will increase over time.

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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.

CLASS GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

Class of 2024 (Seniors): zp5nf7e
 Class of 2025: (Juniors): pwgxvl5
 Class of 2026 (Sophomores): 4rujcpf
 Class of 2027 (Freshman): dn55pk7

PHOTO DATES

- Senior Full Roadshow Day 1: August 18th
- Underclass Portraits: September 15th
- Senior Full Roadshow Day 2: September 22nd
- Underclass Retakes: October 20th
- Senior Full Roadshow Day 3: October 27th
- Senior Full Roadshow Day 4: November 17th



MATH CLUB

Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) information meeting Monday August 21 in room 01-223 from 2:30-3. Must have taken Geometry.



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SENIOR INFORMATION

- Make sure you are in the Senior google classroom! Code: zp5nf7e
- Pay your senior dues, \$20, by September if you want a senior shirt.
- Go to **cadystudios.com** to make your reservation for your senior photos. They will charge a \$30 sitting fee whether it is on campus or at their studio. If you have any questions or issues please contact Ms. Fisher and fisherc1@lake.k12.fl.us
 - On Campus dates:
 - August 18th
 - September 22nd
 - October 27th
 - November 17th
- You must pre-order your yearbook before Thanksgiving in order to have a senior quote in the yearbook. Pre-order your yearbook at yearbookforever.com (Once school starts)
- In August there will be a survey to pick where/when graduation will be held, please keep checking your senior google classroom.

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SENIOR EXPENSE LIST

Senior Year Possible Expense List • Prices and Dates may vary

This chart Created by Ms. Fisher: fisherc1@lake.k12.fl.us

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	\$150-200 (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	\$80-130	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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POSSIBLE EXPENSE LIST NON-SENIOR VERSION

Non-Senior Possible Expense List (Does Not include Clubs or Classes)

Name of Expense	Estimated Month to Purchase (Not event date)	Estimated amount(s)	Where?
Homecoming	August-September	\$25-40	RevTrac
Dues	Due by September 9th to receive the senior shirt	\$20	RevTrac Make sure to pay for the correct year!
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
Prom	February-April	\$80-130	RevTrac

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 lose our way;
 your guidance
 shall endure.
 Among the hills,
 our South Lake High
 shall never
 stand obscure!



SPORTS

Are you interested in playing a sport at SLHS?

Athletic Clearance Q and A.

Parents of student athletes. It is very important to create an account on athletic clearance for the new school year (23-24) as soon as you can. Even if your physical is still current from last year all of the waivers have expired. If you show up to conditioning or a tryout without a new account you will be turned away.

Please do not wait until the day before or the day of practice, conditioning, or try-outs to upload. Try to upload at least two weeks before to ensure you have uploaded the correct forms or if you are missing something. If you use a school entry health form, a pop warner form, a form from another state, or even the old EL2 we can't accept it and the doctor's office can take 3-5 days to update the new form.

Not playing a Fall Sport? Please still upload everything now over the summer. The person who checks the physicals teaches class and once we get into the school year it becomes more difficult to check them on the day of the first practice or tryout.

When is the best time to get my physical? Taking care of your physical over the summer ensures you will not expire during your season and possibly resulting in forfeiting games. Did you know most schools do not accept physicals completed before our physical night?

Can't get into your doctor and missed our school wide physical night? Paramount Urgent Care donates \$10 back to the school if you go there to get your physical done.

Uploaded but haven't heard back? If you are "in-progress" your account is incomplete and something is missing. It could be a form or it could be you haven't hit submit clearance. If you are denied please contact the athletic department asap. Please make sure to put down a working email address too. Many times we reach out to families regarding their account and never hear back.

Our athletics website is a great resource. <https://slh.lake.k12.fl.us/programs/athletics>. And make sure to follow the South Lake High School Athletic Facebook Page.

The updated physical form from the FHSAA is on our school's athletic webpage. We are no longer allowed to accept the old form.

All Fall Sports start July 31. Coaches contacts are also on the school's webpage.

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BELL SCHEDULES

South Lake High School Proposed Bell Schedule for 2023-24

Monday & Friday (Traditional)

ALL Classes	Period	Start Times/End Times		54 mins
	1st	7:20	8:14	
	2nd	8:19	9:09	
	3rd	9:14	10:04	
	4th	10:09	10:59	

Lunches * Lunches * Lunches * Lunches * Lunches										
"A" Lunch			"B" Lunch			"C" Lunch				
Period	Start	Ending	Period	Start	Ending	Period	Start	Ending	Period	Ending
LUNCH	10:59	11:29	5th	11:04	11:29	5th	11:04	11:59		
			LUNCH	11:29	11:59					
5th	11:34	12:29	5th	12:04	12:29	LUNCH	11:59	12:29		

ALL Classes	Period	Start Times/End Times		50 mins
	6th	12:34	1:24	
	7th	1:29	2:20	

South Lake High School Proposed Bell Schedule for 2023-24

Tuesday & Thursday (SOAR Time)

S.O.A.R. Time Schedule	Period	Start Times/End Times		48 mins
	1st	7:20	8:08	
	2nd	8:13	8:57	
	S.O.A.R.	9:02	9:32	
	3rd	9:37	10:21	
4th	10:26	11:10	44 mins	

Lunches * Lunches * Lunches * Lunches * Lunches										
"A" Lunch			"B" Lunch			"C" Lunch				
Period	Start	Ending	Period	Start	Ending	Period	Start	Ending	Period	Ending
LUNCH	11:10	11:40	5th	11:15	11:40	5th	11:15	12:10		
			LUNCH	11:40	12:10					
5th	11:45	12:40	5th	12:15	12:40	LUNCH	12:10	12:40		

S.O.A.R. Time Schedule	Period	Start Times/End Times		44 mins
	6th	12:45	1:29	
	7th	1:34	2:20	

South Lake High School Proposed Bell Schedule for 2023-24

Wednesday (Early Release)

ALL Classes	Period	Start Times/End Times		41 mins
	1st	7:20	8:01	
	2nd	8:06	8:47	
	3rd	8:52	9:33	
	4th	9:38	10:19	

Lunches * Lunches * Lunches * Lunches * Lunches										
"A" Lunch			"B" Lunch			"C" Lunch				
Period	Start	Ending	Period	Start	Ending	Period	Start	Ending	Period	Ending
LUNCH	10:19	10:49	5th	10:24	10:49	4th	10:24	11:19		
			LUNCH	10:49	11:19					
5th	10:54	11:49	5th	11:24	11:49	LUNCH	11:19	11:49		

ALL Classes	Period	Start Times/End Times		41 mins
	6th	11:54	12:35	
	7th	12:40	1:20	