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

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Eagle Family,

As we begin to wind down this 2020-21 school year, there is much to celebrate! In a school year like no other, all of our Eagles have risen to meet the challenges and overcome obstacles related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. In spite of it all, our students and staff have shown resiliency and determination to push forward regardless of positive cases, quarantines, and limited opportunities for activities. Our students and staff continue to be recognized around Lake County and the State of Florida for excellence in community involvement, fine arts performances, club and student organization accolades, athletic success, and individual academic accomplishments.

As we move into the months of April and May, students will be taking part in state FSA and EOC assessments, Advanced Placement tests, and Career & Technical Education industry certification opportunities. Please encourage your student to be in attendance on their assigned test days and to bring their Chromebooks fully charged, while ensuring that they are well rested and prepared to give their best effort in order to demonstrate their understanding and mastery of concepts learned. Feel free to access our school's testing calendar on the website for the most up to date testing information.

As we prepare to move into the final nine-week grading period of this academic year, it is important that you continue to encourage your child to finish strong in their classes by being diligent in attending school every day, keeping up with assignments and due dates, taking part in discussions and projects, and preparing for tests and assessments. It is also vital that your child takes advantage of the four Flex Time periods we offer each week, which is a time during the school day devoted to intervention and extra practice in each of their four academic courses. Please continue to monitor your child's attendance and academic progress using the Skyward portal, or to sign up for a family access account if you have not already done so.

On Saturday, May 29th at 9:00am in Eagles Stadium, we will be celebrating another class of graduates from South Lake High School, the Class of 2021, and are thankful for the collective effort from parents, teachers, and the entire school community that has helped prepare them for their futures ahead, as well as the individual determination and effort put forth by the students. We know that they are destined for great things, and are excited to cheer them on as they begin their new journey.

Thank you for your continued support of our school!

Respectfully,
Steven Benson, Principal

WHO'S WHO AT SOUTH LAKE

Principal

Steve Benson

Assistant Principals

Rene James Discipline -
9th, 10th & 11th Grade (A-D)
Kevin Thompson Discipline -
9th, 10th & 11th Grade (E-L)
Donna Jesaitis Discipline -
9th, 10th & 11th Grade (M-Ri)
Michael Spencer Discipline -
9th, 10th & 11th Grade (Rj-Z)
Linda Nichols Discipline -
12th Grade

Guidance Counselors

Ms. Melanie Googe - Freshman
Mr. Robert Merrill - Sophomore
Ms. Grace Maldonado - Junior
Ms. Donna Scheetz - Senior
Ms. Betsy Bains - MTSS, 504, HSCA

MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP

February 8, 2021

Required notification to parents/guardians of students with disabilities:

Your child **may** be eligible to participate in the John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program for the 2020-21 school year.

In order to be eligible for the McKay Scholarship Program, a student must apply for the program prior to withdrawing from public school. The student must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), or 504 Accommodation Plan issued under s. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (with duration of more than six months), and:

- Have been enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school (Grades K-12) for the school year prior to applying for a scholarship (foster student may be exempt from the requirement); or
- Have been a prekindergarten student who was enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school during the school year prior to applying for a scholarship; or
- Have received specialized instructional services under the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program from an approved provider pursuant to section 1002.66, Florida Statutes, during the previous school year; or
- Have attended the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind during the preceding school year's student membership surveys (Grades K-12).

If your child meets these requirements you may receive a scholarship for your child to attend a participating private school. Parents may also choose another public school within the district's school choice plan or another public school in an adjacent school district. In order for a student to be eligible for the program, an intent to participate in the McKay Scholarship Program must be filed on the Department of Education's School Choice website (www.floridaschoolchoice.org) prior to withdrawing from public school. The deadline to apply for the first payment period for private school McKay for the 2020-21 school year is July 3, 2021. Parents interested in public school choice McKay need to call the district McKay contact at 352-253-6600.

This notice does not guarantee your student's eligibility. To learn more about your child's educational options, contact the Department of Education, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice Information Hotline at 1-800-447-1636 or visit the website at www.floridaschoolchoice.org and select the John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities Program option. You may file your intent online. For more information, contact your school or Sharon Rodgers, ESE Program Specialist, at (352) 253-6630.



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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 (217) on the main campus 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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The South Lake Sr. FFA chapter won the state championship in the Farm Business Management Contest. They will compete for national recognition in an FFA Career Development Event at the 94th National FFA Convention & Expo. in Indianapolis next Fall. The team won the contest on Thursday December 3rd in competition against teams from FFA chapters across the state of Florida. Team members include Hailey Bladek, Madison Gallady, Abby Kruse and Hector Rangel. Rangel had the second highest individual score in the state. The team is coached by agriculture teacher Jeremy Odom. Odom said that the team was very consistent in their scoring with all four individuals working hard to win the state competition. He credits the math teachers at South High School for providing a strong mathematical background for the students to be able to prepare to complete the problem solving problems that are used to help make managerial decisions in the agricultural industry. The team will now raise money to finance their trip to the National Competition.

Farm business management is one of 24 National FFA CDE areas, covering job skills in everything from communications to mechanics. Participants are given a business problem to solve and take a written test on business principles. During this activity, the team is judged on their use of business management and economic principles, analysis of farm records and management resources and consideration given to risk management practices. This event enables members to apply the skills they have learned in challenging real-life situations. CDEs help students develop the abilities to think critically, communicate clearly and perform effectively in a competitive job market.

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 629,367 student members as part of 7,757 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at FFA.org, on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog. About National FFA Foundation The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. Governed by a 19-member board of trustees comprised of educators, business leaders, individual donors and FFA alumni, the foundation is a separately-registered nonprofit organization. About 82 percent of every dollar received by the foundation supports FFA members and agricultural education opportunities. For more, visit FFA.org/Give.

CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY

The South Lake High Construction Academy has been hard at work building a Habitat for Humanity house in Mascotte. Habitat for Humanity of Lake and Sumter County has partnered with South Lake to build four houses over the next four years. The first house is coming along nicely and will be ready for the new family to move in before the end of the school year. The students are getting valuable, real-world, and experience in construction. These students will be ready for a great career building homes and other structures when they graduate. We couldn't be more proud of these students who are not only getting a high school credit, but enhancing their community by helping those in need.

YEARBOOK

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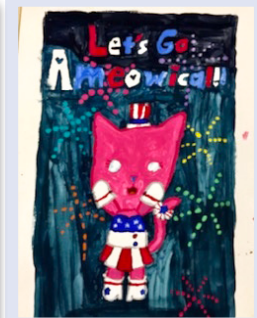
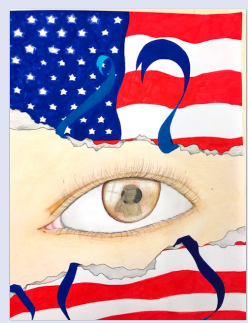
ART

South Lake Art Students participated in many exhibits and had opportunities to showcase their artistic talents. The Holiday card contest, sponsored by the Lake Co Museum of art chose 3 top prize winners: Matthew Roth, Tatiana Dominguez and Jenna Satterfield for their amazing card designs.

The Presidents Hall of Fame hosted a patriotic themed contest and Lili Suero was chosen for creating the best artwork.

The South Lake Art League put on a show for High School students and many of South Lake art students were chosen to exhibit their art in the gallery.

Thanks to all who hosted these events and gave our art students the chance to show their art.



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Dear Parents:

Please be aware of the attendance policy set by the Lake County School Board. Here are a few of the attendance concerns that we come across most often. Please feel free to review the Attendance Policy in the Lake County School Website, Code of Conduct for more information.

- **Only 2 "parent notes" will be excused per 9 week period.**
- **Documentation explaining absence needs to be turned in within 2 school days after the return of the student.**
- **3 tardies per 9 weeks = 1 excused absence.**
- **If more than 15 minutes tardy to class will constitute an absence in that class for that day.**

You are not able to check out your students the last 20 minutes of school. Please check them out before then if the need arises for you to pick up your student for any reason.

It is very important that you let our school nurse know if your child has a medical concern. For example: If your child has Diabetes, Asthma, Allergies, etc., a folder will be created in the clinic for them with the medical concern. This information is critical so that in the event that an issue arises with your child while in school, we will know how to respond and help your child, without wasting precious time trying to figure out what is wrong.

Please stop by and see Holly Cabral, LPN or call her at 352-394-2100 Ext. 5441 if your child has a medical concern. You can also email her at Cabralh@lake.k12.fl.us and she will contact you if needed. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe.

AVID


AVID recruitment for the 2021-2022 school year is happening now. Students in AVID get access to unique scholarships and tutoring to assist them with rigorous coursework. If you know someone that would like to join AVID they can contact Eric Calabrese, the AVID Coordinator, at calabrese@lake.k12.fl.us or stop by Flight Academy 225 for an application.

TUTORING

Free ELA Tutoring! Available to any student at SLHS and SLHS Lake Live.

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Bright Futures:

Deadline AUG. 31st 2021 (date has changed) www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org to create an account

Scholarship applications/information – SLHS website:

information tab: scholarship tab



BASKETBALL

Girls Basketball finished up the season with a 15-7 record. Back to back 15 win seasons for the first time in a long time.

Sophomore Ellasyn Matlak won 6A District 8 Player of the Year for the second year in a row. She averaged 15.4 Points per game, 6.8 Rebounds per game, 5.2 Assists per game, and 3.1 Steals per game. She finishes her sophomore year surpassing 600 career total points, at 623.



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