

# Cape Coral High School Parent Newsletter

# SEAHAWK TALK

## Principal's Message

Dear Seahawks,

I hope you are all having a great summer and enjoying some well-deserved rest. I am excited to start my journey as your principal this year and looking forward to meeting all of our students and families. I am a big believer in getting our students involved in the many different athletics and activities that we offer at Cape Coral High School, and building a solid school culture. While we will go over many opportunities for students, we will also be setting expectations for the new year. Please visit our school website ([cch.leeschools.net](http://cch.leeschools.net)) and review our school's Dress Code, Bell Schedule, and Athletics and Activities for this year.

We are working hard to prepare for the 2023-24 school year, which will begin on Thursday, August 10th. You should have received a post card with important upcoming dates, but I wanted to highlight a couple of important things:

### Google Classroom Codes:

Please join the Google Classroom for your grade level as a great deal of information will shared here:

- Class of 2024: pmiys4m
- Class of 2025: vg4bxc4
- Class of 2026: vfj2og5
- Class of 2027: hgpskqh

### Student Schedules:

You will have access to your schedule by noon on Tuesday, August 8. In order to see your schedule, you will log into Focus ([lee.focusschoolsoftware.com](http://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com)) using your district email and user credentials. If you notice there are classes missing or you would like to request a schedule change, you can do the following:

You will be permitted to request a change when you initially return to school August 10 and August 11. This process will be shared with you on the first day of school.

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### ADMINISTRATION

Principal – Ryan Jackson

Assistant Principal for Curriculum – Troy Beall

Assistant Principal – Leslie Cornwell

Assistant Principal – Marla Wunderlich

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## Principal's Message ...continued from cover

### Open House:

We are looking forward to our **in-person** Back to School Open House, which will be held on Wednesday, August 9th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. This will provide you an opportunity to meet your teachers, tour the school, request schedule changes, get information about athletics and activities, purchase parking passes (\$30 or \$75 for personalized), lockers (\$10), PE uniforms (\$20), and much more. We will accept cash, check, or credit cards for any purchase.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Ryanjj@leeschools.net](mailto:Ryanjj@leeschools.net).

Please enjoy the rest of your break, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Ryan Jackson

Principal

## School Advisory Council (SAC) Meetings

The 2023-2024 School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings will be approximately once a quarter. These meetings will be held via zoom. A link will be sent out through school messenger to all parents and staff to invite them to attend the meetings. The upcoming meeting dates are: —————>

Day/Date	Time
Tue., Aug. 22, 2023	6:00 pm via Zoom
Tue., Oct. 17, 2023	6:00 pm via Zoom
Tue., Dec. 12, 2023	6:00 pm via Zoom
Tue., Feb. 27, 2024	6:00 pm via Zoom
Tue., May 7, 2024	6:00 pm via Zoom

## IB Program

### Interested in joining IB?

If you are entering 9th or 10th grade at CCHS there is still time to join the CCHS IB program! Students who want an academic challenge, an international education, and who have at least a 3.0 GPA and passing math and ELA assessments are encouraged to apply. Please contact the IB Coordinator, Mrs. Katelyn Uhler, for more information and for an application – [KatelynAU@leeschools.net](mailto:KatelynAU@leeschools.net).

## Seahawk's Eye

The Seahawk's Eye received 42 awards from the Florida Scholastic Press Association's (FSPA) spring awards. FSPA is one of the only organizations that still judges students journalistic work, and the Eye competes every year. Of the awards received, 23 were honorable mentions, 14 were excellent, and 5 were All-Florida which is the highest honor a high school journalist can earn.

## Scholarships Recognition

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## CCHS Interact Club

Interact is a student organization that pairs with a local Rotary Club to complete volunteer/service projects in the community. Consider joining us and impacting your neighbors while earning service hours that can be used for scholarships. To find out more, join the **Google Classroom: jdemf27** or contact Mrs. Recupito (jessicare@leeschools.net) or Mrs. Page (LeighAnneAP@LeeSchools.Net).

## CCHS Choral Department

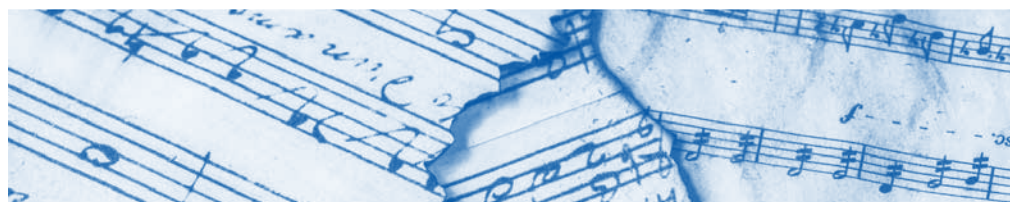
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### Important Dates/Events

- September 12th:** All State Day 1 @5pm. Location TBD.  
**October 12th:** All State Day 2 @5pm. Location TBD.  
**October 17th:** Fall Concert! 7pm @CCHS Auditorium.  
**November 9th-10th:** District State Solo and Ensemble. Times and location TBD.  
**December 7th:** Winter Concert @7pm. Location TBD.

**\*\* If interested in joining choir, please see Ms. Hamman in room 131 during the first week of school!**



Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions/concerns. Thank you for all that you do to support your child!

Lisa Hamman, Choral Director

## CCHS Seahawk's Band

### Band Events:

- Mandatory Marching Band Parent Meeting July 14th 6:00pm - 8:00pm
  - Drumline Only Camp #1 July 17th 8:00am - 11:00am
  - Drumline Only Camp #2 July 18th 8:00am - 11:00am
  - Marching Band Pre-Season Practice July 19th - July 29th (No Sunday) 7:00am - 4:00pm
- For questions please contact Mr. Ortega via email: [EduardoJO@LeeSchools.net](mailto:EduardoJO@LeeSchools.net).

## Cape Coral High School Spirit Store

<http://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/florida/capecoral/cape-coral-high-school>

## The Seahawk Talk Podcast

The Seahawk Talk is a podcast completely run by the students in keyboarding II-IV. They prepare the questions, film, record, mix, and compile the audio you will hear. Our newest podcast episode is up and live! Thank you to Ms. Marinelli for being such an awesome guest! The link is below:

<https://youtu.be/DshQB8pFLZ4>

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## CCHS Student Government

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Student Government officers! I can't wait to see all of the amazing things they are going to achieve in the next year.

### Executive Board

- **President:** Mikayla St. Germain
- **Vice President:** Madison Lison
- **Secretary:** Jaelle Rodriguez
- **Fundraising Director:** Kyra Hayes
- **Communications Director:** Janelle Carlota

### Class of 2024

- **President:** Analise Valentin
- **Vice President:** Renee Bella
- **Secretary:** Veronica Varona
- **Fundraising Director:** Tristan Hyatt
- **Communications Director:** Isabella Lauzon
- **Community Service Director:** Mikala Allen
- **Outreach Director:** Jacob Martinez

### Class of 2025

- **President:** Adriana Jenkins
- **Vice President:** Desiree Gowie
- **Secretary:** Rebecca Lozandier
- **Fundraising Director:** Kiera Williams
- **Communications Director:** Sophia Fallacara
- **Community Service Director:** Olivia Toro
- **Outreach Director:** Blake Tran

### Class of 2026

- **President:** Austin Hewitt
- **Vice President:** Natalie Lee
- **Secretary:** Cayden Linton
- **Fundraising Director:** Sabrina Manso
- **Communications Director:** Hannah Johnson
- **Community Service Director:** Mia Soto
- **Outreach Director:** Isabella Tamayo

## Important Dates

July 25th, 8:00am-12:00pm – Purchase lockers and Parking permits (all grade levels)  
 August 8th, 12:00 PM – Student Schedules released through FOCUS  
 August 9th, 4:00 PM-6:00PM – Back to School Open House  
 August 10th – First Day of School  
 August 30th – PD Early Dismissal Day  
 September 4th – No School, Labor Day  
 September 25th – No School, Yom Kippur  
 October 13th – End of Quarter 1  
 October 16th – No School, Professional Development for Teachers  
 October 25th – PD Early Dismissal Day

## Attendance

Students have the right to a free and appropriate public education, but they assume the responsibility to attend regularly and on time. Parents/guardians are responsible for the attendance of their children within the compulsory attendance age, 6 to 16. Parents have the responsibility to inform the school of their child's absences and to explain the cause of each absence. Learn more about Florida State Statutes, Part II, School Attendance.

Regular and punctual school attendance is crucial for a student's academic success. The research findings make a clear case for engaging families to reduce chronic absenteeism. Good attendance habits begin at home with the right messages from parents and caregivers.

### Why It Matters

Children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

The good news is that when students attend school regularly, they can see outsized literacy gains.

### Attendance Standard

- All students are required to be on time and present each day school is open during the school year.
- Students may not be absent from school without permission of the principal/designee.
- The school principal or designee is the only person authorized to excuse a student's absence.
- A note from a parent/guardian is a request that a student's absence be excused.
- A pattern of non-attendance is, missing 10% to 19% or more of school, whether the absences are excused or not. At such time the principal shall refer the student to the Attendance Review Committee to determine if early patterns

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of truancy are developing and identify root causes. An intervention plan will be put in place to identify potential remedies and improve the student's attendance.

- For enforcement of school attendance purposes, unless acceptable documentation is submitted, an accumulation of daily unexcused absences that equal five (5) days in a calendar month or ten (10) days within a ninety (90) calendar day period, may be exhibiting a pattern of non-attendance as determined by the Attendance Review Committee.
- If the student exceeds the ten (10) parent/guardian notes in a school year, principals may request additional documentation for subsequent absences. (School Board Policy 4.16).
- Chronic tardiness is defined as six (6) or more tardies to school or to an individual class per quarter.

#### **Make Up Work**

A student who is absent and the absence is determined to be an excused absence, as defined by School Board Policy 4.16, is required to make up all course work missed. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments from the appropriate teacher(s) upon returning to class immediately following an absence. The student will be given the number of days absent plus one additional day to make up all work missed for full credit.

At Cape Coral High School, our goal every school year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year.

Clearly going to school regularly matters! We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before. Ensure your students go to school every day unless they are truly sick
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up.
- Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

If your child is absent please contact:

0621attendance@LeeSchools.net

Student may bring in a professional note from: Doctors, Dentist or other professionals  
Parent may write a personal note for 10 school days.

If for any reason you have questions please contact: Therese Edwards, Social Worker, Therese@LeeSchools.net.

## **CCHS Twitter Accounts**

In addition to CCHS' webpage, you can find information and photos of the students in action at the official Twitter accounts for some of our clubs, athletic teams and grade levels. A few of the main ones are listed below, but there are many others!

Name:	Twitter address:
Cape Coral HS	@CapeCoralHS
Cape High Seahawks (Athletic Department)	@CapeHighSports
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## 2023-2024 SAT and ACT Testing Schedule

Registration deadlines are approximately a month before the test. Students can use concordant scores for graduation requirements when it comes to the FSA ELA or Algebra 1.

- **SAT:** 8/26/23, 10/7/23, 11/4/23, 12/2/23, 3/9/24, 5/4/24, and 6/1/24
- **ACT:** 9/9/23, 10/28/23, 12/9/23, 2/10/24, 4/13/24, 6/8/24, and 7/13/24

Parents or Guardians of a student with an active Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan, did you know that your student is able to apply for their IEP or 504 accommodations on the upcoming SAT, AP and ACT exams? If you are interested in starting this process, please contact your student's counselor.



## Counseling Department

1. The **FAFSA** is a free application for Federal Student Aid that is used to determine students' eligibility for post-secondary financial aid. We encourage all of our seniors to complete this application to see if they qualify for financial assistance to help pay for college or a technical program. The website is: <https://fafsa.gov/>
2. The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), administers a variety of state-funded grants and scholarships to assist Florida residents with the cost of their postsecondary education. This **Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)** can be submitted at: <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm>. Completing this application serves several purposes, including student application for all the various levels of the **Bright Futures Scholarship**. For more information regarding each respective level and its requirements please go to: <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>. Students need to attain a certain GPA, SAT/ACT test scores, and community service hours to qualify for the various levels of the Bright Futures Scholarship. They should meet with their counselor to discuss submitting service hours.

**Both the FAFSA and FFAA applications open October 1st.** Please reach out to your student's counselor if you have any questions or concerns.

### Counselor contact information:

- All IB Students (Leslie Robillard)
- [LeslieJR@leeschools.net](mailto:LeslieJR@leeschools.net)
- A-F (Catherine Drake)
- [CatherineDr@leeschools.net](mailto:CatherineDr@leeschools.net)
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- P-Z (Rachel Grundl)
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### Google Classroom Codes:

- Class of 2024 (Rising Seniors): pmiys4m
- Class of 2025 (Rising Juniors): vg4bxc4
- Class of 2026 (Rising Sophomores): vfj2og5
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## Clubs

CLUB	SPONSOR	Meeting Day	Meeting Time	Location
Anchor Club		3rd Thursday of the Month	1:40-3:00	Rm. 145
Art Club/National Art Honor Society	Amy Smith & Melissa Heinemann	2nd & 4th Thursdays	1:45-2:15	Rm. 152
Asia Culture Club	Lamar Bryant	Tuesday	2:00-3:00	Rm. 244
Best Buddies	Anina Dall	1st & 3rd Tuesday	1:45-2:45	Rm. 176
Black Union	Clevester Granville	Every other Wednesday	1:35-2:45	Rm. 113
Board Game Club	Macey Davis	Monday	1:45-2:30	Rm 269
CCHS Democrats	Ashley Koehler	Every 3rd Tuesday	1:45-2:15	Rm. 226
Ceramics Club	Marinelli & Heinemann	Tuesday's	1:40-2:40	Rm. 154
Chess Club		Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	1:35-2:45	Rm. 235
Crochet Club	Erica Pease	Every other Thursday	1:45-2:30	Rm. 213
Dignity Closet	Dana Isaac	1st & 3rd Tuesday	1:45-2:45	Rm. 258A
Drama Club	Miguel Torres Lopez	Tuesday	1:45-2:30	Rm 278
Environmental Club	Elizabeth Kominar	Friday	1:45-2:30	Rm. 264
E-Sports	Lamar Bryant	Varies	2:00-4:00	Rm. 244
FL Future Educators	Michelle Williams	Tuesday	1:45-2:10	Rm. 291
French Honor Society/Club	Cindy Taymont	3rd Tuesday of the Month	1:45-2:15	Rm. 117
Gay-Straight Alliance	Brittany Early	Last Thursday of the Month	1:45-2:30	Rm. 227
Global Studies: Bella Verde Farms Garden	Lori Shaw	Thursday Saturdays	1:45-2:45 9:30-11:30	Rm. 260
Guitar Club	Miguel Torres-Lopez	Monday's	1:45-3:00	Rm. 278
Hispanic Honor Society	Gretel Matos	3rd Thursday	1:40-2:10	Rm. 184
HOSA	Crystal Tortosa	Once a Month	1:45-2:15	Rm. 249
IB Ambassadors	Katelyn Uhler	2nd Wednesday	1:35-2:30	Café
Interact	Leigh Ann Page & Jessica Recupito	3rd Thursday of the Month	1:40-3:00	Rm. 145
Key Club	Elizabeth Kominar	Monday	1:45-2:30	Rm. 264
Marching Band	Eduardo Ortega	Tuesday & Thursday	4:00-7:00	Practice Field
M.A.S.E.R. (Robotics Club)	Lamar Bryant	Friday	2:00-3:00	Rm. 244
Mock Trial	Brittany Early	Tuesday	1:45-3:00	Rm. 227
Model UN	Kevin Kent	Thursday	1:45-3:00	Media Center
National Honor Society	Michelle Williams	1st Friday of the month	1:45-2:45	Café
Photo Club	Amy Smith	1st & 3rd Thursday	1:45-2:15	Rm. 153
Place of Discipleship	James Houvener	Friday's	1:45-3:00	Rm. 181
Psychology Lab	Ashely Koehler	2nd Thursday of the Month	1:40-3:00	Rm. 226
Rho Kappa	Ashley Koehler	3rd Friday of the Month	1:45-2:15	Rm. 226
SADD	2nd & 4th Friday	1:45-3:00	Rm. 242D	
Step Team	Janice Taylor	Mon/Wed	1:45-3:00	Hall Cafe
Student Government	Vanessa Soto	Monday	1:45-2:10	Rm. 246
Tri-Music Honor Society	Eduardo Ortega and Lisa Hamman	Third Friday the Month	1:40-2:30	Band Room
Young Progressives	Spiro	Tuesday's	1:30-2:30	Rm. 235/214
Zoology Club	Lori Shaw	1 Thursday a Month	1:45-2:30	Rm. 260
<b>Classes</b>				
Band	Eduardo Ortega	Class Times	See Mr. Ortega	Rm. 129
Chorus	Lisa Hamman	Class Times	See Mrs. Fish	Rm. 131
Dance	Melissa Dominguez	Class Times	See Mrs. Dominguez	Rm. 170 and Dance Room
Expression Literary Magazine	Aaron Smoly	Class Times	See Mr. Smoly	Rm. 160
JROTC	LTC Bleiler	Class Times	JROTC	Rm. 113
Seahawk's Eye	Aaron Smoly	Class Times	See Mr. Smoly	Rm. 160
Yearbook	Stephanie Ortega	Class Times	See Mrs. Ortega	Rm. 247
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## Athletics Department

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Bowling (B)	Lamar Bryant
Bowling (G)	Laura Spiro
Cross Country (B)	Robert Gamache
Cross Country (G)	Robert Berkey
Volleyball	John Gardener and Jamie Sanchez coachjohn.ccva@gmail.com
Golf (B)	AJ Gurgal
Golf (G)	Joelle Frantz
Swimming (B)	Kristen Tedhams
Swimming (G)	Dianne Kimble
Cheerleading	Michelle Williams
<b>WINTER SPORTS</b>	
Basketball (B)	Bobby Ebbert
Basketball (G)	Kevin Care
Wrestling	Trevor Elliott and Austin Trebisovsky
Soccer (G)	Lenny Volberg lvolbergir@yahoo.com
Soccer (B)	TBD
Girls Weightlifting	Michelle Williams
<b>SPRING SPORTS</b>	
Girls Beach Volleyball	John Gardener and Jamie Sanchez coachjohn.ccva@gmail.com
Track (B)	TBD
Track (G)	Robert Berkey
Tennis (B)	Alan Gurgal
Tennis (G)	Melissa Heinemann
Lacrosse (G)	Dianne Kimble and Joelle Frantz
Baseball	Mike Gorton and Mike Padula
Softball	Robert Becker and Michelina Mazzella
Boys Weightlifting	Matthew Abel