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# Charlotte High School

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## December 3rd, 2024

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For The Parents, Staff, Students And Community Of Charlotte High School

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello, CHS Family:

I hope this message finds you well! I want to share some exciting insights about the incredible work our faculty and staff are doing to enhance student learning right here at Charlotte High School. Research consistently shows that regular attendance, accountability, and engaging, rigorous learning experiences are key to student success. That's why our dedicated team is hard at work during our Early Release Days and Professional Learning Days, even when our students are off campus.

These Professional Learning Days are not just a break for students; they are vital for our teachers' growth and, ultimately, for your child's learning experience. Recently, we had the privilege of working with a Model Schools Trainer who guided us through several important objectives aimed at elevating our teaching practices. Here's a glimpse into what we focused on:

1. **The Importance of Rigor:** We delved into why it's crucial to intentionally incorporate components of rigor into our lessons.
2. **Creating Engagement:** Our discussions centered around how thoughtful work, high-level questioning, and academic discussions can create opportunities for every student to engage deeply with the material.
3. **Aligning with Best Practices:** We connected our learning with Marzano's Instructional Strategies, ensuring that our evaluation model supports our teaching goals.
4. **Practical Engagement Strategies:** Teachers learned a plethora of new engagement strategies that they can implement in their classrooms immediately.
5. **Developing Meaningful Learning Experiences:** We collaborated to design upcoming lessons that incorporate engagement strategies, thoughtful work, and high-level questioning.

Throughout our training, we kept asking ourselves some essential questions:

- How does rigor guide our teaching practices and contribute to student learning outcomes?
- How can we create high expectations for ALL students?
- How do we engage ALL students in high levels of thinking?

These questions sparked vibrant discussions among our faculty, leading to a wealth of ideas that will make learning more relevant and engaging for our students. Our goal is clear: we want our students to go home more exhausted from thinking than our teachers are from teaching!

As we strive to enhance our students' learning experiences, we've noticed that our attendance rate is currently one of the lowest in the district. This is concerning because when students miss school, it's nearly impossible to recreate the rich discussions and learning that occur in the classroom.

I kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day. While I understand that illness can't be avoided, it's crucial for students to be present when they are well. Even missing just 5-10 minutes of class can significantly impact their learning. Your partnership in prioritizing daily attendance is vital to your child's academic success.

I am incredibly excited about the rigorous learning that lies ahead in our classrooms. With your continued support and our faculty's commitment to professional growth, we can create an environment where every Tarpon thrives.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our CHS Family and for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,  
Angie Taillon

# Tarpon Line



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never graduates!"

## ADMINISTRATION

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**Veronica Alache**, 11th & 12th (A-L)  
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Go Tarpons!



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December 11	Students Early Release (Teacher Professional Learning)
December 23 – January 3	Winter Break
January 20	MLK Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
February 12	Students Early Release (Teacher Professional Learning)
February 17	Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

## PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

It is imperative we have accurate records (new addresses, phone numbers, etc.) so we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency involving your son or daughter. In addition, there are times when teachers and other school personnel also need to speak with parents and/or guardians. To make changes, you may update in the FOCUS Parent Portal or call 941-575-5450 & select extension \*7008.

## ABSENCES/EXTENSIONS

**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: 941-575-5450**

Please be reminded that on the day your child is absent from school, the Attendance Office should receive a phone call before 7:30 a.m. from the parent or guardian explaining the absence. In addition, for your convenience, a 24-hour voice mail is available before and after school hours so you are able to leave messages regarding absences. Other important extensions you may need are as follows:

Offices	Extensions	Offices	Extensions
Attendance	*7000	Ese	*7111
Athletics	*7004	Facilities	*7112
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Clinic	*7002	Media Center	*7088
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Custodial	*7078	Registration	*7006
Data Entry	*7008	Social Worker's Direct Line	941-205-0379
Dean/Discipline	*7049	Sw Office	*7142

(Make sure to add the \* before selecting extension number)



Bullying, which includes cyberbullying, occurs when a person or group of people purposefully and repeatedly hurt, embarrass, or frighten another. During freshman year, all Tarpons participate in a classroom lesson about bullying run by our Assistant Principal and School Resource Officer. Students are educated about how to identify, react to and report bullying. As a parent, it is important to have open dialogue with your child about their experiences at school. If you become aware of a bullying situation, please report it immediately. Charlotte High School does not tolerate any form of bullying. For more information, or to report bullying, see the "Students & Parents" section of our website.



The FOCUS portal allows parents and students 24/7 secure access to information such as attendance, assignments, grades, and discipline. Please visit [chs.yourcharlotteschools.net](http://chs.yourcharlotteschools.net), click on this link and get started today!

## CHS STUDENT ID CARDS

Once students are issued IDs in the fall, they are expected to wear their ID over their neck and it must be visible at all times. Students will be required to show their ID when entering the school building and when they enter and exit the school bus. Students who do not have their ID will be issued a temporary badge. Those who repeatedly do not bring their ID to school may face disciplinary action.

If an ID is lost or needs repair, students should stop by the Dean's Office to get their ID or lanyard repaired or replaced. Students needing additional IDs, sleeves, or lanyards will pay \$3 for an ID and \$2 for a lanyard. Replacement sleeves are free.

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## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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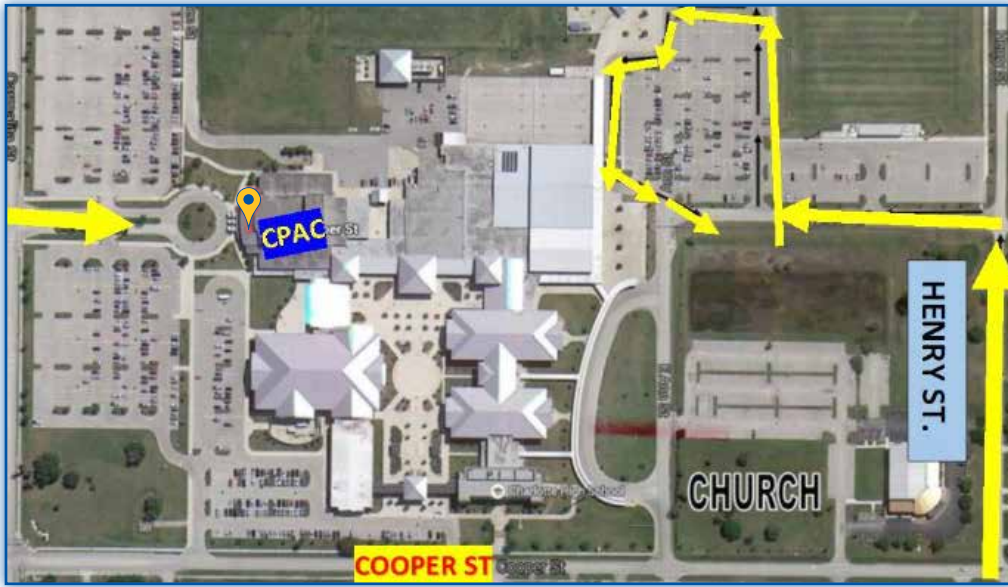
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### DIRECTIONS FOR PARENT PICK UP



Our **MAIN** parent drop off/pick up area is just off Henry Street behind the Deep Creek Church. There are signs on Cooper Street directing you to this area. This is the largest area and is designed to accommodate a large volume of traffic. Students dropped off here enter the school on the gymnasium side of the campus.

Our **SECONDARY** drop off/pick up area is at CPAC. Because of the volume of students dropped off at CPAC, there is usually a waiting time to get in and out due to the seniors who drive to school who also use this area.

**FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, VISITOR PARKING LOT OFF COOPER STREET IS NOT A DESIGNATED DROP OFF OR PICK UP AREA.**

### CAREER CENTER NEWS

The 25/26 FAFSA will be open in December. If you plan to attend a college/university or trade school before August, you will need to fill out the 24/25 FAFSA that is currently open. You will then need to fill out the 25/26 when it opens, too.

The Bright Futures application is now open through August 31, 2025, for seniors. After school help sessions are available in the Career Center. Check REMIND often for upcoming dates.

Volunteer/work forms may be turned into Mrs. Sorrentino in A-108 before Winter Break. Final hours should be turned in by mid-April.

Local Scholarship applications will open in December. Be sure to watch your REMIND messages for updates. The College and Career Ready webpage will house the scholarship information. No matter what your "E" is, you will qualify! Pick up a sample resume or personal essay in the Career Center, if you need one.

FAFSA and other financial aid help nights are coming soon, Tarpons! Watch your REMIND messages for upcoming dates.

Common App help was available every Wednesday in October through November 6th in the Career Center after school. If you still need help, please stop by. Be sure to add Mrs. Nicklas as an Advisor on your Common App, if you would like her to review it.

The SSAR (Self-Reported Academic record) does take a few days to process, so do not wait until your college application deadline to submit the SSAR.

Sign up for the SAT at SAT.org or the ACT at ACT.org. Seats fill up fast so don't wait!

If you are a senior and you have NOT picked up a Scholarship Prep Checklist or an All About Me sheet, please do so soon! Many students have already applied for schools, have been accepted, and have their financial aid and scholarship opportunities at those schools completed. Stay on track! Reach your goal!

Stop by the Career Center any day of the week (with teacher permission) or during your lunch time. Contact Mrs. Nicklas at extension 7079, via REMIND, or email at summer.nicklas@yourcharlotteschools.net

Enroll! Enlist! Employ! What is your goal? Xello can help. Be sure to complete lessons in Xello to help you reach your post-secondary goals! Tarpons, revisit the Xello icon on classlink as often as you can.

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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our September and October Students of the Month! We are very proud of each of them for their leadership and hard work:

### Student of the Month-September

9th: Luviah Belle O'Grady    11th: Mariana Colon  
10th: Kaiden Johnson    12th: Zavien Rodriguez

### Teachers/Staff who nominated our winners-September

Mrs. Derby    Mrs. St. Cloud  
Ms. Alumbaugh    Mrs. Dorr

### Student of the Month-October

9th: Jessica Velasquez    11th: Richard Lehmkuhl  
10th: Chevy Hicks    12th: Maddie McQueen

### Teachers/Staff who nominated our winners-October

Mrs. Reams    Coach Galley  
Mrs. Nicklas    Ms. McQueeney

## TEACHER AND SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Charlotte High School's Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Smith, and our Support Employee of the Year, Lauri Kennedy! They are both very deserving of the recognition! Thanks for all you do for our Tarpons and CHS!



## COUNSELOR NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Freshmen & Sophomores

You've made it through the first quarter of this school year! That's a huge accomplishment. As you continue your journey, remember that this year is crucial in setting the stage for your high school career and beyond.

#### Focus on Your Future:

- **Classes:** Keep up the great work in all classes, including any online courses you may be taking.
- **Graduation Requirements:** Don't forget about HOPE and Performing or Practical Arts credits.
- **College and Career:** Start thinking about your future. What courses align with your goals?

#### Need a Boost?

We are here to help! Schedule an appointment or reach out via Remind. Let's discuss your progress, set goals, and create a plan for your academic success.

#### Remember:

- **Recover Failing Credits:** Use Edgenuity to get back on track.
- **Registration:** Semester 2 registration is coming up fast. Be prepared! Let's make this year your best yet!

### Juniors:

Hello Juniors! As we wrap up the 2nd Quarter, it's time to gear up for the ACT/SAT! Start planning your testing day for a smooth college journey ahead! Remember, you've got graduation in sight—stay on top of your GPA, credits, and exams like the Algebra 1 EOC and Reading Assessment. If you're catching up in Edgenuity, prioritize those courses! Do you have questions or concerns? Scan the QR code or message me on Remind! Keep pushing; you're doing amazing!

### Seniors:

Hello Seniors! Can you believe 1st Semester is almost over? Now's the time to check your FOCUS accounts and make sure you're on track for graduation! Keep an eye on those credits and GPA, and don't forget about your assessments! The college application process is in full swing, so check out the ACT/SAT schedules if you want to boost your scores! Khan Academy is a fantastic resource to help you study! Remember, every little effort counts this year—keep pushing forward! If you have any questions or concerns, I'm here for you! Let's finish strong!

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Controlled Open Enrollment Window and CCPS Magnet Fair is Right Around the Corner!

This is a friendly reminder from Dr. Desjardins, Assistant Superintendent of School Support Services for Charlotte County Public Schools, alerting parents that the month of January is designated as the school district's controlled open enrollment window (school choice). During this month, parents and guardians may select a school in our district other than their child's assigned geographic school for the upcoming 2025-26 school year as long as that school is not closed due to being at capacity enrollment. If a school is "open" to reassignments, it is important to note that your child is not necessarily guaranteed a spot at that location. If there are more reassignment requests for a particular school than available seats, then the district will use a random lottery to determine which students will be allowed to attend that school. If a random lottery is needed, it will be conducted during the first two weeks of February.

To assist parents and guardians with navigating through the different educational programs offered at the middle school, high school and post-secondary levels, the school district is hosting its first Magnet Fair on January 16th at Centennial Park Gym from 5:30pm to 7pm. Secondary and post-secondary schools from across the district will be highlighting their special academic programs such as aviation, cybersecurity and advanced manufacturing. For more information pertaining to the Charlotte County Public Schools Magnet Fair, please visit the school district website, Facebook or Instagram pages.

Any student who is currently on reassignment to a school other than his or her assigned geographic school is no longer required to renew his or her reassignment every year. Your student will remain on that school's roster until your student has completed the highest-grade level offered at that school (5th grade for elementary school and 8th grade for middle school). Out-of-County residents no longer need to renew their reassignment application each year they wish for their student to attend a Charlotte County Public School unless they decide to change the school their student is currently attending.

Reassignment forms are available at any Charlotte County Public School, Charlotte County Public Schools Murdock County Office, or on the web at [www.yourcharlotteschools.net](http://www.yourcharlotteschools.net). A complete listing of schools that are at capacity (closed to reassignments) is also available on the school district's website. If you decide to select a school other than your child's assigned geographic school, be careful to research the special conditions such as athletic eligibility that are attached to reassignment obligations. Transportation is not provided for students who have obtained a reassignment. Out-of-County students no longer need to obtain a signature (release) from their county of residence.

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## TARPONS FOR OUR TROOPS & INTERACT CLUB

"Tarpons for Our Troops" is a support organization at Charlotte High School, with the goal of collecting donated items to send care packages to our troops overseas, who are Tarpon Alumni, and to also be an avenue for Tarpons here at home to support our military personnel. This year, Interact Club has been helping Tarpons for Our Troops collect much needed items for local Veterans, as well. Our club members wrote letters of appreciation to Veterans traveling on the Honor Flight and to our local DAV office, as well.

Please join our Tarpons in supporting our troops through this program where our Tarpon community can truly shine. Contact Mrs. Summer Nicklas at [summer.nicklas@yourcharlotteschools.net](mailto:summer.nicklas@yourcharlotteschools.net) or see her in the Career Center, for more information and learn how you can help with our collection effort. Join our REMIND group to stay-up-to date with meeting dates and for volunteer opportunities. Text @tarpontrps to 81010. Tarpons for Our Troops t-shirts are available for purchase in the MOJO store and in the Career Center. \$20, cash or check made payable to CHS.

Thank you to Erika Kreegel and Southwest Florida West Point families for your generous donations to Tarpons for Our Troops. We were able to ship 12 boxes to 6 Tarpon Alumni serving in our nation's military both overseas and stateside through your kind offerings.

Tarpons for Our Troops would like to thank all of our Tarpon family members who have bravely served in the military. Your dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering spirit inspire us all. We honor your commitment to our country and are forever grateful for your service.

Our Interact Club members have been actively volunteering in our community. Members have helped the Punta Gorda Rotary with a beach clean-up, participated in the SGA Trunk or Treat, and volunteered at local elementary schools for their fall festivals and more. Our next activities include a "Friendsgiving", a Holiday "Re-Giftmas" celebration, and participating in Wreaths Across America in December, supporting our Tarpon Alumni with package donations in connection with Tarpons for Our Troops. Tarpons, there is still time to join Interact Club! Stop by the Career Center for more details.

## CHS SPRING MUSICAL

Mark your calendars for CHS Spring Musical - Freaky Friday!

Show dates: March 28,29, and 30 and April 11,12, and 13.

When an overworked mother and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies, they have just one day to put things right again before mom's big wedding. Freaky Friday, a new musical based on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the hit Disney films, is a hilarious, contemporary update on an American classic in which a mother and daughter really see what it is to be a family and experience each other's lives first-hand, if only for a day. "Delightfully spunky" with "timeless appeal" (Variety), Freaky Friday features a new book by Bridget Carpenter (Parenthood) and an original pop/rock score by Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winners Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey (Next to Normal). This dynamic story puts a fresh new spin on a "polished, peppy, modern fairy tale" (The Washington Post).



# SENIORS 2025

Senior dues of \$130 are due by December 20th. Dues received after the 20th will be \$150. If you have paid your senior dues and are interested in going to Grad Bash on Saturday, April 5th, you can turn in your \$250 to Mrs. Zusman in room C110. We have four buses for Grad Bash and sign-up is on a first come basis. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Zusman, Mrs. Stockbarger, Mrs. Armenio, or Ms. Alumbaugh for information.

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For Sports Schedules, go to:

<https://chs.yourcharlotteschools.net/athletics.html>

BOYS GOLF DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

The CHS Boys Golf Team have finally put their stamp on history. This year's team won the school 1st ever Boys Golf Districts. Members of the Team who played were Miguel Guzman (12), Bryce Lang (12), Ty Joyal (12), Tanner White (11), and Cooper McLaughlin (10). All 5 players took home the top 5 spots at districts and Miguel and Bryce taking home Co-District Champion honors.

Other Members of the varsity team are Senior Sullivan Madonna (who also played in regionals), Juniors Evan Robinson, Jake "Coach" Kane, Spencer Gant, Mason Chromey, Sophomores Zach Combs, Austin Griffin, Brixon Nemeck, Mason Wimberly, and Jacob Mastroianni.

Those on the instructional JV squad were Juniors Brody Schneider Nathan Platt, Sophomores Payton Dano, Maxwell Miller, Aussie Walsh, and Freshmen Noah Schaeffer-Rivera and Logan Holley.

The Tarpons look forward to working hard and preparing to win another title.

**"Raise the Banner, and Fill that Wall!"**



**District Team**

Front row Brixon Nemeck, Cooper McLaughlin (All District Team), Miguel Guzman (Co-District Champ), Head Coach Harvey, Bryce Lane (Co-District Champ), Tanner White (All District Team), Ty Joyal (All District Team). Back Row Jacob Mastroianni, Jake Kane, Assistant Coach Smith, Assistant Coach Marlow, Assistant Coach Johnson, Mason Chromey, Sullivan Madonna, Assistant Coach Wantje.



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- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808.
- Calling 9-1-1.

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## PBIS NEWS

The PBIS team at CHS has experienced remarkable success in fostering a positive school environment, primarily through initiatives like the MOJO store, brilliantly managed by CHS Paraprofessionals, Patty Dorr and Kathy Alexander. This vibrant store, stocked with items purchased by or donated by our generous community members, serves as a rewarding hub where students can exchange their hard-earned Tarpon Tokens for various incentives. These tokens are awarded to students who demonstrate good deeds and positive behaviors on campus, promoting an encouraging culture of kindness and responsibility. The upcoming t-shirt fundraiser has further amplified our efforts, raising both funds and awareness for the PBIS program. Together, these initiatives reflect the dedication of our students and staff towards creating a supportive, thriving school community, where achievements are celebrated, and positive actions are consistently recognized. The CHS PBIS Team is working hard for students and staff alike, recognizing Students of the Month and staff members who shine a spotlight on our leaders. This month, we would also like to thank the Reynolds Family for their generous donation to the PBIS MOJO Store, that is sure to be a hit with students, Suncoast Credit Union

Foundation for awarding CHS PBIS with a \$2500 School-Wide Mini-grant, and Crews Bank & Trust for their \$100 donation. Get your holiday t-shirt for \$20, cash or check made payable to CHS. Contact Mrs. Nicklas or visit the MOJO Store to place your order/purchase.

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