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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As a continuation of my August newsletter article, I am excited to delve deeper into our 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan (SIP). This year, our focus is on providing our students—our Tarpons—with diverse learning experiences that will empower them as they explore their options in Enrollment, Enlistment, or Employment. By exposing our students to a variety of courses, we aim to help them identify their passions and strengths, enabling them to make informed decisions about their futures.

The primary goal of this year's SIP is to enhance both the rigor and relevance of instruction across all grade levels and subject areas. But what do we mean by rigor and relevance?

Rigor refers to the level of challenge presented to students and the depth of understanding required to master content. It means pushing our students to think critically, solve complex problems, and engage deeply with the material. On the other hand, relevance pertains to making real-world connections that render learning meaningful and applicable to our students' lives. When lessons resonate with students and relate to their experiences, they are more likely to engage actively in their learning process. Engaged students tend to attend school regularly, pay attention in class, and invest effort into their work. This heightened engagement ultimately leads to improved academic performance, which we will track through our school-wide data.

In addition to enhancing rigor and relevance, our SIP places a strong emphasis on incorporating academic discussion and project-based learning into our curriculum. Project-based learning (PBL) allows our Tarpons to engage in hands-on projects that foster essential skills such as collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and adaptability.

These skills are increasingly vital in today's workforce and educational landscape. By participating in PBL, students not only deepen their understanding of the subject matter but also develop competencies that will serve them well in their future careers. As our students acquire these skills, they become more likely to succeed academically and professionally, contributing to a positive school-wide culture.

Another critical component of our SIP is ensuring that our students attend school every day. Regular attendance is crucial for students to grasp critical lessons that cannot simply be made up by completing assignments on platforms like Canvas. Consistent presence in the classroom fosters a learning environment where students can engage directly with their peers and teachers, participate in discussions, and experience the full breadth of our curriculum.

We appreciate your ongoing support in making your child's education a priority. Together, we can create an environment that not only challenges our Tarpons but also connects their learning to the world around them. By fostering a culture of engagement, we can help our students thrive academically and prepare them for their future endeavors.

Let's embark on this journey together as we work towards enhancing the educational experiences of our students in the 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,

Angie Taillon



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Go Tarpons!



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UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 11	End of Quarter 1
Oct. 14	Teacher Work Day – No Students
Nov. 5	Election Day – No Students
Nov. 25-27	Hurricane Make-Up Days – No School Unless Needed
Nov. 28, 29	Thanksgiving Break – No School

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

SAC is comprised of parents, students, and CHS staff members who are dedicated to the continued development, and maintenance of quality education programs at CHS. To become a member of this very significant council, please contact the Principal's Office.

COUNSELOR NEWS YOU CAN USE

Juniors and Seniors!

Can you believe it? The 1st quarter wraps up on **October 11th!** Time flies, right? But don't worry; many exciting opportunities are coming your way.

First up, mark your calendars for the **ASVAB** on **October 18th at 7:30 AM!** This test is your gateway to exploring opportunities in the military, so if you're interested in enlisting or just want to check out your skills, this is the place to be.

For those retaking the AICE exams, we've got you covered on **September 30th, October 1st, and October 2nd!** Don't forget, it'll cost you \$100, so bring cash or a check made out to Charlotte High School.

Need some academic support? We have **Math Tutoring** every Tuesday in **C-121** after school. Plus, our awesome National Honor Society volunteers will be around every Wednesday, ready to help with any subject in **C-121**.

Juniors, listen up! If you're interested in the National Merit Scholarship and would like to take the PSAT to earn a qualifying score, we will be testing here at Charlotte High School on **October 24th**. Hop over to see the Counselor's secretary ASAP. It's only **\$18**, and space is limited, so don't wait too long!

Lastly, a heads-up for our seniors: **Homecoming Week** is coming up fast from **October 28th to November 2nd!** Get ready to show your school spirit!

Freshmen and Sophomores!

We are approaching the end of the quarter, be sure to tie up any loose ends, turn in missing assignments, meet and discuss concerns with your teachers; finish strong!

This year we are hoping to increase our Dual Enrollment admissions and will be offering Spring Accuplacer testing to Sophomores who qualify. If you would like to participate in Dual Enrollment and you have a 3.0 GPA or higher; sign up using the "Google Form" link in Remind. Next, go to www.fsw.edu/admissions/dual and complete your application. Lastly, make an appointment to take the Accuplacer test at FSW. NOTE: They accept walk-ins every afternoon after 1pm (based on seat availability)

Testing: PSAT (9th-11th) on October 24th. A great study resource for PSAT is Khan Academy. Visit khanacademy.org to brush up on Reading/Writing and Math skills!

If you have not already done so, log into your Xello account (via ClassLink) and complete your "About Me" section. Feel free to start on the lessons! You'd be surprised what career options may be a great fit for you! Remember, Charlotte High is all about the 3 E's, Enroll, Enlist, Employ... it's time to figure it out! Let Xello guide you.

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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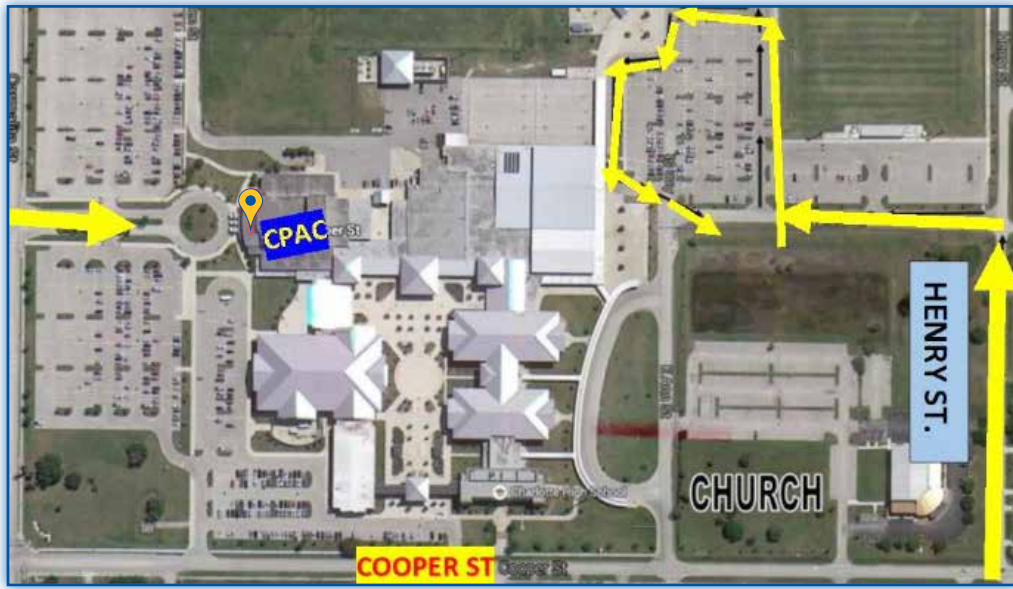
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DIRECTIONS FOR PARENT PICK UP



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.



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.

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.



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, click on this link and get started today!

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ASVAB will be given on Thursday, October 17, 2024.



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All recruiter contact information is on the College and Career Readiness website.

FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

To apply go to: FAFSA.GOV

Opens October 1st. Complete at home with Parent/Guardian support.

WHY YOU SHOULD FILL OUT THE FAFSA ASAP

For a better chance at more state and school aid. Need I say more? Schools and states have a limited amount of aid, and many states have a FAFSA deadline of "as soon as possible after December," (meaning they actually could run out of financial aid) so it's good to be at the front of the line!

Get it out of the way so you can focus on other things, like college applications, college coursework, or applying for scholarships.

It makes comparing colleges easier. If you submit your FAFSA early there's a chance that colleges will give you an estimated financial aid offer early, giving you more time to compare colleges before the college decision deadline.

More scholarship eligibility. Some scholarships look at your FAFSA results—and some of those scholarships have early deadlines. Don't disqualify yourself from those scholarships.

FFAA

(Florida Financial Aid Application- Bright Futures & more)

To apply go to: floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

Opens October 1st. Seniors can complete this in October at school with Mrs. Nicklas through Government and Econ classes or at home. It is due by August 31, 2025 (your graduating year).

Bright Futures Award Table

For more detailed information regarding requirements and award amounts visit floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org then click Bright Futures. Students need to get volunteer and/or work hours turned into Mrs. Sorrentino in A-108.

Type	Curriculum	High School GPA	ACT	SAT	PERT	Vol. Hours	Work Hours
FAS	4- English 4- Math 3- Science 3- Social Science 2- World Language	3.5 Weighted	29	1340	N/A	100	100
FMS		3.0 Weighted	25	1210	N/A	75	100
GSV	3 full credits in a single Career and Tech Ed program	3.0 Weighted in non-elective courses & 3.5 unweighted GPA is career education courses	R-19 E-17 M-19	R-24 W&E-25 M-19	R-106 W-103 M-114	30	30
GSC	Earn 5 Post Secondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications					30	30

Institutional Scholarships

Colleges and Universities always offer their own scholarships. Apply to schools early so you can get the scholarship applications in right away. Be sure to check deadlines for their scholarship applications as well.

Local Foundations

I recommend that students apply to the following foundations. All of these foundations support Charlotte County students. Charlotte High School is represented every year for most of these. Students need to check the College and Career Ready website for the most current deadlines. Many of these deadlines are in the spring.

Charlotte Community Foundation

- Community Foundation of Sarasota County
- Gulf Coast Community Foundation
- Southwest Florida Community Foundation
- Uncommon Friends Foundation
- William G and Marie Selby Foundation

CHS College and Career Ready Website

tinyurl.com/cncready

All of the local scholarships offered to our CHS seniors are found on my website. We have over 30 local organizations supporting our seniors with their own scholarship applications. We also have over another 30 organizations that use our **Charlotte High School Local Scholarship Application** to make an applicant selection. Directions for the Local Scholarship Application are available on this website, as well. As scholarships become available, they will be posted.

Scholarship Search Engines

There are many scholarship search engines that students can utilize starting Freshman year. All of the engines listed below can be found on my website as well.



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ABSENCES/EXTENSIONS

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OFFICES	EXTENSIONS	OFFICES	EXTENSIONS
ATTENDANCE	*7000	ESE	*7111
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BOOKKEEPER	*7007	GUIDANCE/CURRICULUM	*7035
CAFETERIA	*7077	MAIN OFFICE	*7001
CLINIC	*7002	MEDIA CENTER	*7088
CPAC	*7086	PRINCIPAL	*7011
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)

HOMECOMING

Homecoming tickets will be on sale during all lunches and before or after school in G205 from September 30th through November 1st. Ticket prices are as follows: \$40 regular admission, \$50 regular guest admission, \$60 VIP (limited tickets available), \$70 VIP Guests.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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NEWS FROM PBIS

The Tarpon PBIS team (staff & students), is thrilled about our plans this year for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at CHS, aimed at fostering a positive and supportive learning environment for all students. These plans include opening the MOJO Store on October 1st, introducing a new token economy-Tarpon Tokens, and revamping Student of the Month. These initiatives will not only enhance student behavior and engagement but also promote a culture of respect and responsibility within our school community. We want to extend our thanks to our generous local donors, WrightWay/Cara Reynolds and Downtown Gatorz, whose support plays a crucial role in making this program possible. Local contributions ensure that we can implement meaningful activities and resources that benefit our students, helping them thrive both academically and socially. Together, we are building a brighter future for our students! If you would like to contribute to our efforts, please reach out to team leader, Summer Nicklas at summer.nicklas@yourcharlotteschools.net.

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INTERACT CLUB	TARPON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (TLA)
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Senior Events Class of 2025

Event	Day	Date	Location	Time
Senior Parent Meeting	Monday	8:39	CPAC	6:00 PM
Senior Sunrise	Friday	8:23	Football Field	6:40 AM
College Fair	Wednesday	9:15	Port Charlotte High	6-7:30
Panoramic	Friday	10:18	Keller Gym	7th
Homecoming Week	Mon. - Fri.	10/28-11/1	School	During day
Homecoming Parade	Tuesday	10/29	Charlotte Harbor Event Center	5:00 PM
Powder Puff Game	Wednesday	10/30	Football Field	6:30 PM
Homecoming Dance	Saturday	11/2	Keller Gym	7:00 PM
Holiday Celebration	Friday	12/13	Calvertia	2nd and 3rd
Senior Package Money Due	Friday	12/20	Mrs. Zusman - C110	All Day
Lockin	Friday	3/7	Keller Gym	11 PM - 5 AM
Grad Bash (Grad Bash Dress)	Saturday	4/5	Keller Gym	12:00 PM
*Senior Class Meeting	Friday	4/25	Keller Gym	4th and 5th
Prom	Saturday	5/3	Charlotte Harbor Event Center	7:00 PM
Senior Exam Week	Mon-Fri	5/5-5/9	Charlotte High School	All Day
Senior Awards (invite only, Grad dress)	Wednesday	5/7	CPAC	6:00 PM
Senior Sunset	Friday	5/9	Football Field	6:00-8:00 PM
All Obligations Due	Friday	5/9	Library, Package, Textbooks	All Day
**Graduation Practice (School Dress)	Monday	5/12	Aux Gym	4:00 PM
**Graduation Practice (School Dress)	Tuesday	5/13	Aux Gym	8:00 AM
*Graduation Practice (School Dress)	Wednesday	5/14	Aux Gym	8:00 AM
*Graduation (Grad Dress Required)	Thursday	5/15	Charlotte Sports Park	7:30 PM
Project Graduation	Thursday	5/15	Keller Gym	11:00 PM

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 Graduation tickets will be distributed at the end of the final practice 5/14.
 Events, dates, times, and places subject to change.
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The Class of 2025 kicked off their year with the Senior Sunrise on August 23. The Senior Class got to take first period off while they enjoyed donuts and games at the football stadium. SGA members coordinated the games and activities and everyone had a great time and enjoyed a beautiful sunrise! Special thanks to the Dunkin' Donuts at 19220 Veteran's Hwy for fulfilling our very large order of over 400 donuts!

Senior Dues are \$130, which pays for senior activities, t-shirts, cap and gown, diploma cover, graduation ceremony, senior video and graduation video, scholarships, class gift, graduation photo, and medallion. They can be turned in any time to Mrs. Zusman in room C-110. Dues should be turned in before December 19! We do accept partial payments if you would like to pay a little at a time. The Senior Information Form is online at <https://bit.ly/SeniorInfo2025>. Seniors need to fill out this form as soon as possible so we have all of the information that we need. Students must be logged into ClassLink to complete the form.

We are seeking donations from alumni, community members, and local businesses to help offset the cost of senior activities. Senior year is expensive, but also a time that students will remember for the rest of their lives. As the cost of activities rises, it becomes more difficult to make it all happen without passing those rising costs on to the seniors. We do not want to do that! Our hope is that alumni, businesses, and community members will come forward to help offset some of these expenses. Donations are tax deductible and we will recognize you/your business on our social media, Tarpon Line, and graduation program. Please contact Emilie Zusman for information: emilie.zusman@yourcharlotteschools.net

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Choose the School at which the student attends and will compete for.
Choose Sport. *You can also **"Add New Sport"** if a multi-sport athlete. Electronic signatures will be applied to the additional sports/activities.
7. Complete all required fields for Student Information, Educational History, Medical History and Signature Forms. **(If you have gone through the AthleticClearance.com process before, you will select the Student and Parent/Guardian from the dropdown menu on those pages)**
8. Upload the physical form (EL2 page 4 only). You must upload your physical in order to be cleared. Physicals are valid for 365 days. If the athlete does not have medical insurance, you can purchase insurance online at www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com.
9. Once you reach the **Confirmation Message** you have completed the process.
10. All of this data will be electronically filed with your school's athletic department for **review**. When the student has been **cleared for participation**, an email notification will be sent to the parent.

*If you have any questions, feel free to contact the athletic department at 941.575.5450 x *7004*

For Sports Schedules, go to:

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

BOYS SOCCER

Do you Love the game of soccer? Do you have what it takes to play at the high school level? The Charlotte High School Boys Soccer program is seeking dedicated and talented student athletes to join their "Believe Soccer Tour" for the 2024-25 season.

Tarpon Boys Soccer has set a high standard on and off the field. The boys program fosters a positive and supportive environment where players can learn valuable life lessons while honing their soccer skills.

Tryouts for the upcoming season begin on October 14, 2024, at 2:45pm. mandatory sessions throughout the remainder of that week.

TARPONS FOR OUR TROOPS

"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. Last school year, we collected and organized supplies to send monthly care packages to Army bases around the world. Thanks to the outpouring of our community, our first few shipments of over 45 boxes were sent to an Army base in South Korea and to an Air Force Base in Italy. This year, the CHS Interact Club will be helping Tarpons for Our Troops collect much needed items for local Veterans, as well. Some of our community sponsors include Shirlou Fisher, Kathy Alexander, Patty Dorr, Judy Lynch Portraits, Publix of Punta Gorda, the employees of the Punta Gorda Post Office, Tarpon staff, students, and parents, Kathy Sanders, PGMS Student Council and Diane Combs, Gene Mari Wallis-Morgan, Dunkin' Brands, and Moose Lodge #1693. 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 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. A very special thank you to our 24/25 sponsor, Judy Lynch Portraits.

NJROTC

Your Tarpon Navy NJROTC has been busy this school year presenting the Colors at several Charlotte High School home football games as well as the flag detail and security detail. On September 19th, we had the honor of presenting the Colors at a Tampa Bay Rays game vs. Boston Red Sox. On September 21st, we competed in our first Academic brain brawl of the season at Boca Raton Community High School, where we placed second out of twenty-four teams starting the season strong. Our cadets are spending many hours preparing for upcoming events such as Iron Bear, Academic, and Orienteering competitions in the near months.



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REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OR THREATS

Students, parents, CCPS employees, and members of the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activities and potential threats to schools. Any suspicious activity or threat shall be promptly reported to one of the following individuals, agencies or reporting tools:

- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- **The FortifyFL Reporting APP** or to the Crimestoppers Tip line (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808.
- Calling 9-1-1.

Note: Reports may be done anonymously.

NHS

The CHS National Honor Society would like to welcome our officers for the 2024/2025 school year. President - Ava Hall, Vice President - Jaiden Halvorsen – Madison McQueen, Secretary – Abigail Wasson, Treasurer - Olivia Bek, Historian – Hailey Schortz, Public Relations.

On Wednesday August 21, we inducted our newest members:

- Katie Beeler, Jordyn Burkey, Gisele Davis, Kerrigan Burke, Claire Hegarty, Alexandra Iacobelli, Matt Moldoff, Madison Planer, Kasey Roy, Caleb Ruggiero, Angela Sanchez, Matthew Schuler, Logan Stchur, Olivia Baran, Elizabeth Eubank, Aubree Hoke, Jaxson Moenning, Madison Poitras, Arista Turner, Lexi Angelini, Luke Bailey, Madeline Bradsher, Sophie Calvino, Leif Bretan, Sam Bretan, Madleany Carralero-Perez, Emily Dominguez, Emry Gaerlan, and Micah Schaeffer.

We look forward to a fantastic year of scholarship, leadership, service, and building character.



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