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Principal Message

Dear Green Wave Family,

As we wrap up the first semester and begin the second half of the school year, it is a good time to reflect on all the great things the Green Wave family has accomplished so far this year. While there are far too many to include every accomplishment in this short newsletter, here are a few highlights:

- Girls Weightlifting Team: Once again, our Girls Weightlifting team claimed the LCAC championship, with several athletes winning their weight class.
- DECA Achievements: 23 students placed in the top three at the recent DECA Regional Championships.
- Cross Country Excellence: Masha Dorofeev won the FHSAA Cross Country Class 3A State Championship.
- Academic Recognition: Victoria Busch was named an alternate for the prestigious Sunshine State Scholars program.
- Musical Achievements: Several of our jazz musicians earned All-County Honors, while Brandon Sareh made the All-State Honors Jazz Band.
- Athletic Success: Several of our athletic teams earned District and Regional Championships, and qualified for the FHSAA State Championships.
- Marching Band Recognition: The Green Wave Marching Band earned Straight Superiors at the Marching Band MPA this fall.
- Choral Honor: Kaylee Jones made All-State Chorus.
- Eagle Scout Achievement: Scott Kula achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in the Boy Scouts of America.
- National Merit Recognition: Krina Parikh, Deep Patel, Dhruva Sharma, and Shawnak Shenoy were recognized as National Merit Scholarship Commended Students, while Megan Emery and Jaya Parsa were selected as National Merit Semifinalists.
- Unified Flag Football Team: Our Unified Flag Football team finished third at the FHSAA State Championships.

Again, this is just a sampling of the many accomplishments. As we move forward and start the second semester, this is a good time for students to evaluate their academic performance from the first semester, set new goals, and adjust if necessary. As always, if you need help, please let us know—we are always happy to support our students.

I am excited to see what the next several months bring for the Green Wave family.

Thank you,
Chris Engelhart, Principal



Chris Engelhart
Principal

Mission Statement

To provide a safe, student-centered culture where each student achieves his/her highest potential through a tradition of excellence.

Vision

To become the highest performing public high school in the State of Florida

Core Values

Integrity, Excellence, Tradition,
Consistency, Respect



The Green Tea



Students at Fort Myers High School were asked about their Semester 2 Goals, here are their responses:

- Get good grades/A's
- Study better for tests
- To manage my time better and procrastinate less.
- Stay organized

Here are some tips to help reach those goals:

How To Stay Organized

Staying organized can make managing a busy schedule much easier. You can start by using a planner or calendar to track everything: homework, deadlines, tests, and even small tasks like meetings or practices. Break larger projects into smaller steps, like setting deadlines for research, drafts, and revisions. Keep materials organized with labeled folders or binders and use digital folders with clear file names for easy access. To-do lists like a checklist can also help you focus, but make sure you prioritize urgent tasks and cross them off as you go. Having a daily routine for studying or homework keeps things consistent, while starting assignments early reduces stress and improves quality. Don't forget to take short breaks during study

sessions to stay energized and avoid burnout - take screen breaks and stay off electronics! These habits, along with good sleep, can allow you to stay on top of your schedule and prevent stress from being disorganized. You may even think of a mini-reward system to keep you motivated and inspired!

Keep these tips in mind before you go on Spring Break, here are some common plans that students plan to do while out from school:

- Hang out with friends
- Sleep in
- Travel/vacation
- Go to the beach
- Make music
- Work

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Student Spotlight

Reaching Eagle Scout Rank

Eagle Scouts is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts program and involves outdoor activities like camping, swimming, and learning first aid, as well as developing practical skills and leadership. Most scouts begin their journey in Cub Scouts, progress to Boy Scouts, and participate in summer camps while earning merit badges. A significant requirement is completing a service project that benefits the community. Congratulations to our own Fort Myers' freshman, Scott Kula, who completed this prestigious accomplishment. For his project, Kula built a Little Free Library for a nonprofit organization in his neighborhood, aiming to bring the community together and support a charitable cause. While he plans to help his troop with future projects, he feels ready to move on from his own service initiative.

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Sam Sirianni 23rd Annual Golf Scramble
 April 26, 2025



**Fort Myers NHS:
 Latest News & Announcements**

Congratulations to our new members! On October 17th, we held our annual ceremony, where 91 new members were officially inducted into the National Honor Society!

In other news, we are selling NHS t-shirts! You can buy them from Mrs. Grossman, NHS Faculty Advisor, for \$10 in room B211.

Some of our latest volunteer opportunities these last few months have included events with **Gulf Coast Humane Society, Habitat 4 Humanity, and Greenies Give Back Pickleball Tournament!** There are many large upcoming opportunities at **ArtFest**, from January 31st to February 2nd; you can sign up to volunteer at <https://artfestfortmyers.com/>.

NHS seniors, remember you must complete and log all your hours by Friday, February 14th, in order to earn their NHS cord and designation on their diploma.



If you have any other service project suggestions or if you know of a business or organization that needs volunteers, please contact Mrs. Grossman at elisaag@leeschools.net. Our NHS members are always looking for new opportunities to lend a hand! Please check the NHS Google Classroom for additional volunteer opportunities as well.

Out of Field Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Fort Myers High School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation.

- Kennan Beck – English 6-12
- Marcus Blythers – ESE K-12
- James McIntyre – Elementary Ed K-6

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates.

- Jessica Anthony
- Kennan Beck
- Eric Brodsky
- Makenzie Carner
- Takeena Estevez
- Ligia Forbes
- Meadow Karr
- Taylor LaPaugh
- Teneka Williams Lyons

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IB Updates

Congratulations!!! Our **Learner Profile** nominations for **Principled** were...

William "Connor" Curry
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Matthew McCarty
Finaly Shippas
Maggie Macdiarmid
Elliot Rohl

Alexis Davis
Chloe Reverendo
Luke Scrabis
Emma Shi
Ella Edsell

Students who are Principled act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. They take responsibility for their actions and their consequences.

ATL Focus for Quarter 3: *Thinking Skills* The ability to creatively and critically analyze, apply, evaluate, synthesize, conceptualize, contextualize, reason, and solve problems.

Are you interested in joining our IB Parent Organization?

What is the IB PO? The IB Parent Organization supports the International Baccalaureate (IB) program by fostering communication between parents, students, and educators, organizing events, raising funds, and providing resources to enhance the educational experience and promote the values of the IB curriculum.

Our next meeting is January 23rd at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. See you there!

ACT Test Dates 2024-2025

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 5	February 28	March 16
June 14	May 9	May 26
July 12*	June 6	June 20

Register online at www.actstudent.org

Costs | ACT: \$68 | **ACT with Writing:** \$93 | **Late Registration Fee:** \$38



ACT Registration

SAT Test Dates 2024-2025

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 8	February 21	February 25
May 3	April 18	April 22
June 7*	May 22	May 27

Register online at www.sat.collegeboard.org

Costs | SAT: \$68 | **Late Registration Fee:** \$34



SAT Registration

Students are responsible for checking the admission requirements of the college(s) they are applying to before registering

- to test so they know if the ACT Writing section is necessary.*
- Students needing fee waivers can check if they qualify automatically, or obtain a fee waiver application packet, from Mrs. Butts in the Counseling Office.
 - Fee waivers are only available to students in 11th and 12th grades.
 - Students may receive up to 2 ACT fee waivers and up to 2 SAT fee waivers. Fee waivers cover late registration fees for the ACT test.
 - *August 31 marks the end of the permitted time to earn an ACT or SAT score for Bright Futures. These are the last test dates in the 2024-2025 window.

CEEB/ACT/SAT Code for Fort Myers High School: 100515

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Last name is L-Z Ms. Wallace	Last name is L-Z Ms. Moore	Last name is L-Z Ms. Wallace	Last name is L-Z Ms. Moore

SCHOOL COUNSELOR GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES

Join your grade-level Google Classroom! In Google Classroom you will be able to schedule a meeting with your School Counselor, our IB Coordinator, or College and Career Specialist, and you will also receive important information, learn about scholarship and volunteer opportunities, and so much more to support your success!

Calendar scheduling links to schedule a meeting are located in your grade-level Google Classroom under the Classroom tab.

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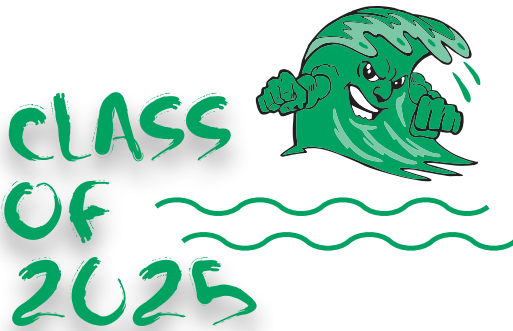
It's time to prepare for Financial Aid!
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):

Prepare now so you can complete the 2025–26 FAFSA form as soon as it's available. Here are some ways you can get ready:

- Create a [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) account (if you don't already have one).
- Learn about the [documents you may need to fill out the FAFSA form](#).
- Determine your [dependency status](#) and whether your parent(s) or spouse will be required to contribute information on your FAFSA form.
- If you're a dependent student, use the [Who's My FAFSA Parent?](#) wizard to identify which parent(s) will be a required contributor on your form.

FFAA (Florida Financial Aid Application):
 In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first [Create a Student Account](#). After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.

If you have questions or concerns, please email Courtneybbu@leeschools.net.



Our Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 18, at 10 AM at Alico Arena on FGCU's campus. We are excited for our anticipated graduates, and celebrating their accomplishments, as well as their future plans! Each graduate will receive 6 tickets for their guests. The ceremony will be live-streamed over the school district website for family/friends who are unable to attend in person. Senior Parents should expect regular updates this semester and pay close attention to emails from FMHS Administration and our Senior Class Sponsors/School Counselors.



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- Full payment must be received at time of order. Make check payable to Fort Myers High School Athletics. Mailing address: 2635 Cortez Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33901- Attn: Athletic Director
- Banner sizes:
 Stadium, Baseball/Softball, & Tennis - 3 X 5 vinyl banner
 Gymnasium -2 x 4 vinyl banner

Advertiser Company Name	Contact Information

- Email high-resolution logo to: stevenc@leeschools.net
- Fort Myers High School Athletic department will maintain final approval of all Banner Ads and reserves the right to decline any advertiser if they do not meet the district guidelines.
- Additional advertising opportunities available.
- Advertising forms can be mailed directly to the school with the check.
- Any questions regarding Advertising can be directed to Steven Cato at 239- 334-2167 ext. 207 or by email stevenc@leeschools.net

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Fort Myers High School Athletics Update

Athletic Schedules:

Spring Sport Schedules are posted on the school website. Look at all that is happening within the FMHS athletic department and come out to support your Greenies!

Athletic Booster Club:

Joining the athletic booster club is one of the best ways of supporting your child and the athletic programs at Fort Myers High School. There are many different options available. The **Platinum Booster Club Pass** provides free admission to all regular season home events for your immediate family. Contact Membership chair Angela Cervio - cerviofamily@gmail.com.

Student Spirit Pass:

Get into all the action. The **FMHS Student Spirit Pass** is a one-time fee of \$50 and it allows for free admission into all regular season events. This is exclusively for Fort Myers High School students. Can be purchased directly through GoFan.co.

Advertising and Sponsorships opportunities:

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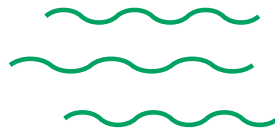


Spanish National Honor Society: Spreading Joy and Preparing for Success

The Spanish National Honor Society (SHH) at Fort Myers High School has been busy making a difference in both academics and the community. This holiday season, the society spread cheer by fulfilling the wishes of three students in need. Through their generosity, SHH members brought a little extra joy to the holidays for those who needed it most.



2022
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In celebration of the season, we came together for a "Dulce Navidad" event, where members sampled a variety of delicious Hispanic sweets and enjoyed pizza with friends. It was a fun, festive occasion that brought members closer while honoring the rich cultural traditions of the Spanish-speaking world.

Looking ahead, the society is gearing up for the upcoming IB spoken test, scheduled for March 7-11. To ensure all members are well-prepared, we will be hosting "Pizza and Practice" sessions after school. These practice sessions will give students the opportunity to refine their speaking skills while enjoying some pizza!

Thursdays, January 30th – March 6th from 1:45-2:30pm

Greenies Give Back hosted a winter pickleball tournament to raise money to buy art supplies for children in the Pediatric Oncology unit of Golisano Children's Hospital. Eighteen teams signed up to play and they raised almost \$500 dollars! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great success!



Upcoming Testing

- 4/1 (BEST Writing and FCLE)
- 4/25 (AICE Gen Paper)
- 5/1 (FAST ELA PM 3, FCLE Retake, FAST ELA Retake)
- 5/6 (Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, and U.S. History EOC- both initial and retakes for all EOC tests)
- 5/7 (Biology EOC)



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25-26 School Year Course Registration

School Counselors will begin course registration processes, including class visits to review graduation requirements and guiding students through course selection and making their course requests, starting in February, and concluding no later than April. Students and parents will receive emails with details that can assist.

Dual Enrollment Opportunities

In February, we will begin sharing information about dual enrollment opportunities with FSW and FGCU through Weekly Wave and grade level Google Classroom communication. Eligibility requirements, application deadlines, and registration dates will be forthcoming as we wait for final updates by the end of January from FGCU and FSW.

FGCU's program is full time and students may enroll for their junior and/or senior year(s). FSW's program can be full or part time. There are specific GPA and test score requirements.

Students also have the opportunity to dual enroll with Cape Coral Technical College or Fort Myers Technical College. Interested sophomores or juniors must connect with their School Counselor to start the process. Dual enrollment with our technical colleges is full time, so planning ahead for graduation requirements is critical. Students must be on track to graduate, as it pertains to credits, GPA, and state assessment requirements.

