

Cougar Tracks



L.A. AINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Message from the Principal

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Dear L.A. Ainger Families,

Good evening! We hope this message finds you well. We are thrilled to update you on several exciting events happening at our school in the coming weeks:

Track and Field:

Our track and field season is right around the corner! Practices will begin soon, and we encourage all students to participate. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their athletic skills and teamwork.

Soccer Season:

Soccer season is also approaching! We are excited to see our students showcase their talents on the field. Team selections will take place soon, so please encourage your children to join and be part of the action.

Band MPA:

We are proud to announce our participation in the upcoming Band Music Performance Assessment (MPA). This event will provide our talented musicians with the opportunity to perform and receive valuable feedback. Details on performance dates will be shared soon, so stay tuned!

We appreciate your continued support and encouragement as our students engage in these enriching activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us anytime. Your student's success is our priority here at L.A. Ainger.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fourman,
Your Proud Principal
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Good Job!

Students of the Month

August

Luke Ciccarone,
Peighton Shaw, Alden
Freeman, Hayley
Brockman, Andrew
Sillitoe, Eleacea Karuzis

September

Vivien Micallef,
Jayshayla Costa,
Cayden Early,
Ethan Doyle, Maya
Shabanova, Noah
Cooke

October

Ty Winow, Lexi LeClair,
Caleb Stancil, Elsie
Walsh, Efim Beliankii,
Haylee Vielhauer

November

Jackson Hawkins,
Riona Samaan,
Jacob Mauger, Lydia
Rodriguez, Spencer
Yock, Megan Decker

The Controlled Open Enrollment Window Information

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.

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. 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.

Parents or guardians who have any additional questions may call 941-255-0808, extension 2141.

Attendance Reminder

Reporting Student Absence

There must be communication between the school and home regarding each absence. All absences must be reported and explained by a parent or guardian within two (2) school days after the student's return to school. All absences are considered unexcused until the school receives explanation, written or oral, from the parent/guardian. The principal or designee has the authority to determine whether or not an absence is excused. Excessive excused absences for illness may result in the student being required to provide a doctor's note or other substantiating medical evidence.

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Art News

Congratulations to LAM Art students who won in the Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest:

1st Place Eliana Bruno

2nd Place Annalee Collins

3rd Place Emily Azevedo

Awesome job by all the 6th grade art students who participated in this art competition.



Charlotte County Fair - Student Art Exhibit January 31st – February 9th

Come and check out the talented L.A. Ainger students, who have their art work displayed at this year's fair.

Congratulations and outstanding job by all our student artist.



Yearbook News

We have some exciting news about our 2024- 2025 yearbooks! Yearbooks will be completed by April 18 and be delivered to our school by May 16th!

Yearbooks are now on sale ONLINE only at <https://yearbookforever.com/> for \$35.00. You may also purchase personal ads for your child. If you are a business owner, you may also purchase business ads.

If you would like to add pictures to the yearbook, download the app: yearbook snap. Our school access code: Cougar. Upload your photos to the appropriate photo category. If you are unable to do this, please email photos to jennifer.harris@yourcharlotteschools.net

Also, we still have some 2023-2024 yearbooks available for purchase. If you would like to purchase last year's yearbook, send the \$35.00 by cash or check made payable to LA Ainger Middle School. The front office will collect your money and hand you a book full of last year's memories.

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SCIENCE Fair

Science Fair News

Our students at L.A. Aigner did an awesome job with their research and projects for the 2024 Science Fair held in the media center on November 20th. We had over eighty projects submitted to the fair. They explored interesting questions like what happens to our teeth when we consume sugary drinks to decomposition of paper products and what mediums work the best in growing plants. One project discovered if the water found in school is safe to drink, while another tested which type of tumbler gives the most bang for your buck.

Science fairs play a crucial role in nurturing curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills among students. These events provide a platform for students to delve into scientific exploration, fostering a love for learning and discovery. We love science fairs at LAA, they provide hands-on learning, problem-solving skills, communication skills, and confidence building.

Congratulations to all our young scientists! What an awesome event!

Student	Grade	Placement	Student	Grade	Grade
Maggie Probst	8	First Place	Sophia Szeremy	8	Second Place
Austin Parsons	7	First Place	Spencer Yock	8	Second Place
Isabella Beiewaltes	8	First Place	Juliet Henry	7	Second Place
Hayley Brockmann	7	First Place	Brynn Jordan	8	Second Place
James Hooper	7	First Place	Stana Barron	7	Second Place
Cameron Townsend	7	First Place	Samantha Yusk	8	Second Place
Austin Hubartt	8	First Place	Yulia Krivtsova	8	Second Place
Julie Pfaffendorf	8	First Place	Connor McCloud	8	Second Place
Amelia Hassan	8	First Place	Mia Callier	8	Second Place
Oliver Izzo	8	First Place	Megan Decker	8	Second Place
JJ Lokay	8	First Place	Alexis LeClair	8	Second Place
Luke Dowling	7	Second Place	Roxy Lam	8	Third Place
Mark Pavlyuk	8	Third Place	Sophia Munoz	8	Third Place
Kayden Vanatta	8	Third Place	Tyler Knapp	7	Third Place
Gavin Rau	7	Third Place	Logan Tressmer	8	Third Place
Elijah Lee	7	Third Place	Brendan Grubbs	7	Third Place
Frank Wood	7	Third Place	Sarah Galynsky	8	Third Place
Nathalie Leon	7	Third Place	Evan Riser	7	Third Place
Nolan Davel	8	Third Place	Kimberly McMahan	7	Third Place
Eloise Randall	7	Third Place	Oliver Mauceri	8	Third Place
Cai'La Brown	7	Third Place			

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Spring Sports at Ainger

Our Ainger Athletics program is off to an exciting start this spring! The next sport on our schedule is Track and Field, and we're thrilled to see our talented students in action. The team will start practice on January 27th and then participate in the County Championship Meet on Saturday, February 8th, at Charlotte High School, starting at 9 a.m. Any student with a current school sports physical is welcome to join the team. The events offered are: 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1600M, 4x100M relay, 4x400M relay, and Long Jump.

Following Track and Field, we'll kick off our Boys and Girls Soccer Teams in February. This year, we're excited to host all home games at Lemon Bay High School. Students interested in trying out for the soccer teams are encouraged to join us in February with the season starting on February 10th.

Soccer (Boys/Girls)

Games: 5:30pm/6:30pm

- 2/20 . . . PCM @ PGM (G/B) / MMS @ LAA (G/B)
- 2/27 . . . PCM @ MMS (B/G) / LAA @ PGM (B/G)
- 3/4 . . . LAA @ PCM (G/B)
- 3/6 . . . PGM @ LAA (G/B)
- 3/13 . . . PGM @ LAA (B/G) / MMS @ PCM (B/G)
- 3/25 . . . LAA @ MMS (G/B)
- 3/27 . . . PGM @ PCM (G/B)
- 4/3 . . . MMS @ PGM (B/G) / PCM @ LAA (B/G)
- 4/5 . . . Playoffs @ Centennial Park at 10am
(Saturday)

Home Field

MUM/PCMS = Port Charlotte High School

LAA = Lemon Bay High School

PGMS = Charlotte High School

*G = Girls / B = Boys

In addition to these competitive sports, our Intramural Program is offering exciting opportunities this spring! Students can participate in soccer, archery, weightlifting, running, and flag football with a sign permission slip.

We're looking forward to a great season and encourage all students to get involved, whether on the field, in the gym, or cheering from the sidelines. Go Ainger Athletics!

After soccer, we'll gear up for Wrestling to start March 24th. The season will culminate in the County Tournament on May 3rd at Charlotte High School.

Wrestling

Dual Matches

Match time: 5:30pm

- 4/17 . . . PGM @ PCM . . . LAA @ MMS
- 4/24 . . . MMS @ PGM . . . PCM @ LAA
- 5/1 . . . PGM @ LAA . . . MMS @ PCM

County Tournament

Time: 10am start

5/3 (Saturday) @ Charlotte High School



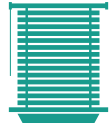
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Testing Update

Hello families! State testing season will be approaching in April and May. It is vital that students are in attendance for testing dates. Please make sure students are well rested and eat breakfast at home or school on these dates:

Writing (all students)- April 1st

FAST ELA (all students)- May 6th

FAST Math, B.E.S.T Algebra EOC, and Geometry EOC (all students dependent of math class)- May 13th

NGSSS Civics (7th grade) and Science (8th grade)- May 20th

NGSSS Civics (8th graders enrolled in Civics)- May 21th

Additionally, here are some important testing policies to review with your child:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to access any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at

any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom). If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test may be invalidated.

- **Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator may be used.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that

“discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**

- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss any testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

In addition to state testing, below are the dates for semester 2 exams.

- Exams for all students- May 23rd-29th
- If students miss an exam and does not make it up on or before June 3rd, the grade will be entered as a 0. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have additional questions.

We look forward to a great testing season and rest of the school year!

Thank you,

Nicole Davel, *Assistant Principal*

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AINGER WRESTLING TEAM



SEASON STARTS APRIL 7th

Matches are on the following Thursdays:

- April 17th L.A. Ainger @ Murdock Middle (A)
- April 24th Port Charlotte Middle @ L.A. Ainger
- May 1st. Punta Gorda Middle vs. L.A. Ainger

These matches start at 5:30 pm

Practice starts April 8th

Practice Schedule- Report to Gym Right after school 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm TUE, WED & THU

The County Tournament is on Saturday, May 3rd at 10am @ Charlotte High School

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Credit Recovery students are encouraged to attend.



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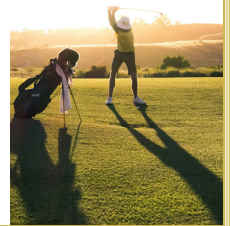
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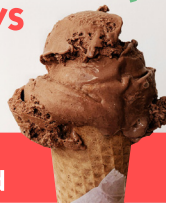


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