

245 Cougar Way Rotonda West, FL 33947

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Office Hours: 8:00a.m. to 4:15p.m.

> **Principal: Bruce Fourman**

Assistant Principals: Nicole Davel Matina Pulliam

Guidance Counselors: Kelly Gilbert Kevin Skavhaug

School Resource Officer: Officer Tameris

> **ESE Liason: Lucinda Kelley**

Dear L.A. Ainger Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer with family and friends. As we anxiously await the scores from the state, I do believe our students have achieved an A!!! Outstanding job by our students, teachers, and staff. We are excited to begin the new school year and continue our success for all.

As we begin the new year, we have some policies from last year that will continue, but with minor changes. One: students will continue to need to wear their ID badges everyday. This year, students will be charged 5 dollars for an ID replacement. The IDs are now part of dress code as well, so there could be discipline should students not wear their ID's. The cell phone policy will continue this year as part of the legislation passed last year. The minor change will be that if students are found with the cellphone out during the school day, and a staff member has to confiscate it, a parent / guardian will need to pick the phone up. Please see our website for further details on other changes coming for the new school year as well as changes to the "Code of Conduct". We appreciate your support as we enter the new school year.

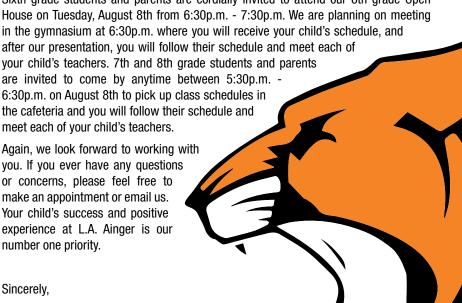
Sixth grade students and parents are cordially invited to attend our 6th grade Open House on Tuesday, August 8th from 6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. We are planning on meeting in the gymnasium at 6:30p.m. where you will receive your child's schedule, and after our presentation, you will follow their schedule and meet each of

are invited to come by anytime between 5:30p.m. -6:30p.m. on August 8th to pick up class schedules in the cafeteria and you will follow their schedule and meet each of your child's teachers.

Again, we look forward to working with you. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment or email us. Your child's success and positive experience at L.A. Ainger is our number one priority.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Fourman Your Proud Principal





Important Dates



OPEN HOUSE: August 8th

- 7th and 8th grade students and parents: anytime between 5:30pm-6:30pm. Pick up class schedules in the cafeteria and follow your child's schedule to meet each of their teachers.
- 6th grade students and parents: 6:30pm-7:30pm. We are tentatively planning on meeting in the gymnasium where you will receive your student's schedule. After our presentation, you will follow their schedule and meet each of your student's teachers.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: **August 12th**

Before School Care Info



- Before school supervised care starting at 7:00am
- Breakfast provided through Champs Café
- Homework help
- . Free tutoring

\$35.00 per child per week (\$25 sibling discount)

Annual registration fee: \$20.00 per child. Any questions contact:

Matina.pulliam@yourcharlotteschools.net Or 941-697-5800

Daily Schedule

7 Class Periods

Announcements: 9:05-9:10 1st period 9:10-10:01 2nd period 10:05-10:56 3rd period 11:00-11:51 4th period (lunch) 11:51-1:23 5th period 1:27-2:18 6th period

2:22-3:13 3:17-4:10

A lunch= 7th Graders B lunch= 6th Graders

7th period

Lunch

A Lunch 11:51-12:21 4th Hour 12:25-1:23 4th Hour 11:55-12:22 B Lunch 12:22-12:52 4th Hour 12:56-1:23

4th Hour 11:55-12:53 C Lunch 12:53-1:23

C lunch= 8th Graders

EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

Early Release Dates: September 18th December 11th February 12th April 30th

7 Class Periods				
Announcements	9:05-9:10			
1st Period	9:10-9:40			
2nd Period	9:44-10:14			
3rd Period	10:18-10:48			
4th Period	10:52-12:24			
	A lunch 10:52-11:22			
	B lunch 11:23-11:53			
	C lunch 11:54-12:24			
5th Period	12:28-12:59			
6th Period	1:03-1:34			

1:38-2:10

TDAP Booster Info

7th Period

Florida Statute (F.S. 1003.22) requires students to have the Tdap booster immunization before starting 7th grade. Students entering 7th grade who do not have the Tdap booster before the first day of school on August 12, 2024, will not be permitted to attend school until the Tdap booster is administered and documentation (Form HD 680 Certificate of Immunization) is received by the school. Please contact your child's physician or the Charlotte County Department of Health at 941-624-7200 to schedule an appointment for the Tdap booster.



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Beginning of the Year Info

Is There a Dress Code?

Please make sure to access CCPS Code of Conduct and our schools Student Handbook located on the school website under the student tab for any questions. Please make sure the year 24-25 is listed on the front of the handbook for the most up to date information. Don't hesitate to call or email the school if you have any additional questions. Thank you!

Shorts/skirts/dresses should go to the mid-thigh. All pants/shorts/skirts should be worn at the waist. Midriffs and undergarments should not be exposed. Cell phones must be put away in backpacks and cannot be seen or heard!

It is expected that the students will NOT wear the following:

- Caps, hats, or sunglasses while on campus. No hoodies will be allowed on heads while in classrooms/campus buildings.
- Attire that promotes the use of alcohol, drugs, violence or other illegal activities.
- Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could cause injury or disruption.
- Halters, backless or sleeveless dress or tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscles shirts, pajama pants/tops/dresses, tops with low or revealing necklines, midriff shirts, or short shorts or skirts. No jeans with tears above Mid-thigh

What Do I Need to Bring on the First Day of School?

Supplies: School supply lists will be given by the teacher during the first day of class. For the first day, please send your child with #2 pencils, one spiral notebook, one pocket folder, and a simple planner for the year to write test and due dates down.

Keep an Eye on your Student's Education!!!

Focus Parent Portal - www.focus.yourcharlotteschools.net

Stay informed of your student's grades & attendance. Grades are updated bi-weekly.

L.A. Ainger's Website - www.yourcharlotteschools.net/lam

- Up to date information about Ainger activities, postings from the principal and more.
- Teacher's Website- for any individual classroom information

Bullying Hot Line – www.yourcharlotteschools.net/lam

- Click the "Bully Reporting" button
- L.A. Ainger does not tolerate bullying. Please report any type of bullying instances on our "bully button" located on our school website.

How Will I Know What Bus?

Student bus schedules will be mailed to home address in early August. Additional information may be found online:

- For Charlotte County Bus riders go to www.yourcharlotteschools.net and click the following tabs: Departments>District Support Services>Transportation>Bus Stop Information
- Sarasota County residents go to www.sarasotacountyschools.net

What are Lunches Like at L.A. Ainger?

Breakfast and lunch are FREE for every student at Champs Cafe. There are three lines in the Ainger cafeteria. One line serves the hot lunch listed on the monthly school lunch menu. The other lines serve either pizza, chicken sandwich, hamburgers, or salad.

What Happens When I'm Absent?

If a student is going to be absent, a parent/guardian should call the attendance hotline (941) 697-5800 (Option 1) to report the absence. It is the student's responsibility to request make-up work and to set up a time to make up quizzes or tests. Students will receive **2 days** to make up work for excused absences.



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- Parent/Child Conflict
- Teen Anger Management
- Bullying
- Crisis Services
- Substance Use Disorder

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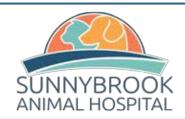
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PTO News

L.A. Ainger Middle School PTO would like to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year!

PTO is a volunteer organization that gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience for our Ainger students. PTO uses its resources to support the efforts of teachers and to provide learning and enrichment opportunities for our students. The PTO helps to fund educational trips, classroom equipment & supplies, special events for students and teachers, end-of-the-year class field trips and more! We hope you will be able to join us in our efforts to make this school year a success! We look forward to meeting you!

Save the Date!

- 1st PTO Meeting August 19th at 6:00pm in the Media Center; SAC meeting starts at 5:30pm – come for both!
- 11th Annual Golf Tournament November 09th at the Hills Golf Course in Rotonda
- Cougar Color Run Family Walk/Run Date/time TBD

Stav Informed!

- Facebook Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LAAPTO/
- Remind to receive messages from PTO, Text to: 81010, Message: @ laaingerp
- Email Us! aingerpto@gmail.com

Get Involved!

Join us at PTO Meetings – Attending meetings is a great way to find out what is happening at our school and to share new ideas. Meeting schedule is to be determined.

Volunteer for an Event – It takes many volunteers to ensure the success of events for our students. Sign up for Remind or check our Facebook page to find out about volunteer opportunities.

Please join us for our first meeting of the year

PTO MEETING

Monday August 19th @ 6pm (in the Media Center) SAC meeting begins at 5:30pm

Meetings are the 2nd Monay of the month. Any changes are announced through Remind

Don't be shy! Membership is FREE! All are welcome! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month.

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 19TH @ 6pm- PTO MEETING in media center SEPTEMBER 9TH @ 6pm- PTO MEETING in media center SEPTEMBER (DATE TBA) - Cougar Color Run

OCTOBER 14TH @ 6pm- PTO MEETING in media center

NOVEMBER 9TH - ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT at Rotunda Hills Golf Course

(BIGGEST FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR - REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:30AM)

MORE EVENTS BEING ANNOUNCED SOON! *Volunteers are needed and MUCH appreciated!*

STAY INFORMED!

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/LAAPTO REMIND APP/TEXTS: Text @laaingerp to 81010

We look forward to working with the staff and all of you in support of L.A. Ainger Middle School students. Whether you donate your time, your services, your skills or your spirit, YOU will be the reason we are successful for our students! Please join us!

Lena Kowalewski, President Kelly Shamasian, Vice President Kati Payne, Secretary Marina Royzen, Treasurer

Family Sponsorship Fundraiser

PTO supports our school, builds our community & provides educational enrichment for our children. This fundraiser is in lieu of sending students home with the task of selling door-to-door, collecting money & delivering goods.

Please help us avoid that by supporting our PTO with your donation and helping us achieve our goals to support our students and faculty. We know families are busy and we thank you in advance for your support!

*Due to Hurricane lan, many are still cleaning up, including schools. In order to provide some of the same experiences we have in the past, we are hopeful and grateful for your donations!

- \$15 I don't want to bake, so here's the money I would have spent on those cupcakes.
- \$25 I don't want to hit up friends, family & co-workers, so here is the money I would have spent buying wrapping paper.
- \$50 I don't want to walk, swim or run in any activity that has the word run in it.

 Here's the money I would have spent on my child's "free" t-shirt
- \$\ \ \ \ \$55 I don't want to attend any fancy balls, so here is the money I would have spent on a new outfit.
- 🔲 \$100 I really wouldn't have helped anyway, so here's \$100 to forget my name.
- \$___I am making this donation to express my appreciation for having nothing to buy, sell or do except fill out this form.
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Student Council

Join the Student Council and Make a Difference!

Hey Cougars!

Are you looking for a way to get involved, make new friends, and have a direct impact on our school community? The Student Council is the perfect place for you! We organize monthly Socials, the winter dance, the 8th grade Farewell dance, and various fundraisers throughout the year.

Everyone is welcome to join this exciting club! Our first interest meeting is on Thursday, August 22nd, at 8:40 AM in Mrs. Dausy's room (E2). Regular meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 8:15 AM.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to contribute to our school and have fun while doing it. We can't wait to see you there!

Go Cougars!

Shawntel Dausy Student Council Advisor

PE News

WELCOME...

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our physical education department is very excited and looking forward to working with our students this year. You can expect us to be transparent, consistent, open-minded, and willing to assist our students in any way possible to help them succeed. We, in turn, will expect our students to be respectful, prepared for class and demonstrate good judgement and sportsmanship. Active participation in P.E. is a requirement as well as adherence to classroom rules and school policies.

<u>Dress:</u> Appropriate attire for participation in physical activities is strongly encouraged. This provides freedom of movement and safe participation for all our participants. Students are required to wear tennis shoes/sneakers both in the gym and on the field. Students may not wear sandals, crocs, slides or boots. If a student needs to borrow appropriate footwear, they may contact their coach for assistance. Students should plan to bring a water bottle with them to each class.

<u>Phones/Earbuds:</u> Students may not have cell phones, or earbuds, out during P.E. class. These items must be stored in the students' bookbags during the class period. They may not be brought out to the field under any circumstances.

Finally, good discipline is an absolute must for us to have a great physical education program. Any disruptive behavior which impairs our ability to teach will not be tolerated. Severe disruptive behavior will be redirected to the school's disciplinary team.

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Ainger Athletics

Join the Excitement of Cougar Athletics!

Welcome back, Cougar family! As we kick off another thrilling school year, we're excited to invite new athletes to join our Athletic program and participate in the upcoming sporting events. Whether you're an experienced player or trying a sport for the first time, we have a spot for you!

Basketball: Our basketball season runs August 19th - October 5th, and we're looking for new talent to join our boys' and girls' teams. If you have a passion for the game and a drive to compete, come out and give it a shot! First game will tip off at 5:30 on August 29th.

Volleyball: In October, our volleyball season starts. October 14th - December 9th. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, make friends, and be part of a dynamic team. No experience? No problem! We welcome all skill levels.

Spring Sports: As we move into the spring, we have an exciting lineup. Try your hand at Track and Field, join our Soccer teams for some competitive matches, or step onto the mat with our Wrestling team. Each sport offers a unique way to stay active, challenge yourself, and represent our school.

Remember, all athletes must have an updated physical on file to participate. Make sure to get your physical done so you're ready to join the fun.

We encourage all students to step out of their comfort zones and try something new this year. Your enthusiasm and spirit make a huge difference. Let's make this year the best one yet for Cougar sports!

Go Cougars!

Shawntel Dausy Athletic Director Shawntel.dausy@yourcharlotteschools.net



Regular School Calendar 2024-2025

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Band

Beginning Band

Welcome to our 2024 exploratory Beginning Band Members! This is a unique class that is being offered for the first semester of 6th grade with the option to continue second semester into "normal band". Since students don't have band in elementary school, this is their opportunity to try it and see if they like it!



A few highlights of the program:

- No experience is necessary. You'll learn to read and play music on an instrument of your choice.
- There are no outside of the school day commitments the first semester. You can do band AND other things.
- Starter instruments are provided by the school including flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, euphonium and percussion. Accessories to play them (cleaning supplies/reeds) will also be provided by the band boosters. Students will "audition" for their top two choices.
 - Students that choose to continue with band will also be eligible to play sax, oboe/bassoon, French horn, tuba, piano, bass, quitar and drum set.
- Band is fun! We will have some after school events and performances, but you are not obligated to attend them the first semester... but you might want to!
 - The famous Band Lock-in takes place in November
 - The EOY Band Trip will take place in May.



7th and 8th Grade Ensembles

Following our spring concerts in April, students completed a band retention google form. Students that indicated that they wanted to continue next year were given a placement letter and spoken with individually by Mr. Ostrow. For the new school year, our rising 6th and 7th graders were placed in Intermediate and Advanced Band. If they excelled and wanted to be in jazz band, they were also placed in jazz band. Students that are percussionists were placed in our percussion ensemble class.

Congratulations to everyone! Placement was based on instrumentation (balance of instruments), performance achievement (Beads), and daily class attendance. For example, if there are 40 returning clarinetists, the split was 20 and 20 in order from highest to lowest scores.

Please note, the class lists provided to the office do not guarantee placement in these ensembles as other factors such as TAG classes, state test scores, and other student requests might interfere. If you have a concern with your child's placement, please contact Mr. Ostrow immediately at tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net.

Band Parent Pizza Social

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Our first event is our annual Band Parent Pizza Social and Informational in the cafeteria on Thursday, August 22nd beginning at 6pm. A free dinner will be provided for 6-8th grade band families. At this meeting, a general overview about band will be presented. Family and friends will also be invited to sponsor the band or sign up to assist throughout the school year. To see all of the events and performances, check out our band webpage by scanning this QR code:





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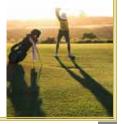
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- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- The FortifyFL Reporting APP or to the Crimestoppers Tipline (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and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

Note: Reports may be done anonymously.



L.A. Ainger uses the Remind App to communicate with the stakeholders in our community by sending text messages to their phones. To subscribe to any of the classes, simple text the "@ code" listed below to the number **81010**.

- "L.A. Ainger Middle School Families" text: @laaingermi
- "L.A. Ainger Middle School PTO" text: @laaingerp

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