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### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we are already well into the second quarter of the school year. The weather is changing and before we know it, winter break will be here. This is a very important time academically for all students. At this point, each student should have a clear idea of where they stand in all of their classes. Now is the time to make sure your child stays on track, or makes the extra push needed to raise their grades to an acceptable level. Please continue to check your child's grades on FOCUS and if your student is struggling with their classes or not living up to their potential, please contact the teacher or counselor. Lely has several opportunities for tutoring, during lunch and after school. This is a great way to get that extra help. Have a great finish to the first semester. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Parents, remember that if you would like to get involved at Lely, please consider joining the SAC. The group meets on the first Monday of every month and we would love to have more members. The next meeting will be on December 2 at 5:30 p.m., in the principal's conference room. If you have any questions, please call Joni Mottola at 377-2003.

### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

We have some very important dates as we approach the end of the 2019 calendar year. The last day of school before fall break is November 22nd, students will return to school on December 2nd. Students will be taking important district exams and midterms in the month of December. It is very important that students be in school all day every day in December. The last day of school before winter break is December 20th and is an early release. Please do your best to make travel arrangements around these dates. We will no longer send home report cards unless we receive a parent request. Parents can view report cards and stay up to date on student progress through the CCPS Portal. This can be accessed at portal.collierschools.com. Quarter two interims will be published on December 2nd and December 20th is the end of Quarter two. Students will receive their PSAT results in December, with these results students get valuable information about their academic strengths. We encourage students to use this information when thinking about course selection for the next school year. We also encourage parents to talk with student about Naviance. This platform provides valuable information about college and career options. Naviance also contains tools to help students build resumes. Students should access Naviance through Canvas, which is available through the CCPS portal.

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Parents may review their children's instruction materials at the school site. Parents may also schedule an appointment to review currently adopted instructional materials at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Administrative Center. Please contact Julia Lorenzo, Instructional Materials Manager at LorenzJu@collierschools.com or 377-0103.



### **NEWS FROM ATTENDANCE AND DISCIPLINE**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending us such fine students. We are very pleased with the positive things that are occurring at Lely High School and we are very excited about the things to come. As a part of our continuing efforts to provide safety to our school, all students are required to wear ID Badges during the school day. The majority of our students are complying and we continue to remind all students of the importance of keeping our campus safe. As a part of our PBIS initiative, we will be celebrating students who have a 4.0 and above GPA and Perfect Attendance......stay tuned for more details. Remember, a photo ID is required when visiting Lely High School. Also, remember, **"See it, Say it, Don't spread it, Report it"**.

We are Lely!

Rhoderica Washington- Assistant Principal of Attendance and Discipline Israel Lopez- Assistant Principal



### **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

I want to share the good news that for a third year in a row, Lely High School has led the district among all the district's high schools with the highest percentage of students passing Cambridge AICE exams!

In 2017, LHS was number one; in 2018, LHS was number one; in 2019, LHS was number one! We have a great team of knowledgeable Cambridge AICE teachers, supportive administrators and parents, and remarkable Cambridge students who are dedicated to their academics that make our success possible.

The coursework our students work through is often difficult: they devote countless hours studying; researching; working on projects; writing grueling essays; and sitting for long exams that require well-written, concise responses, but all their efforts pay off in the end when they receive a Cambridge diploma along with a Bright Futures Scholarship, and college credits. Lely's continued success with the Cambridge AICE Program gives us yet another reason to be proud of being a Trojan.

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### **GREETING FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT!**

Wow, how the time flies; the second quarter is quickly coming to a close. As we enter the holiday season it is very easy to fall behind in school with everything else that is going on. Parents, please encourage your student to keep up with their studies. When you miss one lesson in math it often affects the lessons following it as well. Please encourage your student to ask questions in class when they



do not understand, and to attend the FREE lunch tutoring provided by Mrs. Szczepanski in 2-204, or Ms. Rivera in 1-209. In addition many of the other math teachers have created their own extra help hours. Please contact Mrs. Szczepanski at 377-2146 or <u>szczes@collierschools.com</u> for more information on the free tutoring.

To ensure that your student is on track for the Algebra 1, or the Geometry End of Course Exam coming in the spring; students will be taking a district created benchmark test in December. Your student's teacher will be working very hard to prepare them for this exam. There are numerous

online resources available to help your student prepare for these important exams. One such program is ALEKS. All students enrolled in Algebra (all versions) and Geometry (regular and honors) have access to this online program. They are currently using it in class but they are also able to access the program from home as well. Please do not hesitate to contact your student's math teacher, or the math coach Mrs. Szczepanski, if you have questions regarding any of these resources.



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### SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The learning continues on a daily basis up in the social studies department! Our US History teachers just got back their QB 1 results and our kids were tied for first place in the county with their scores! Mrs. Butun was recognized as a teacher of distinction by Champions for Learning! Congrats Mrs. Butun! Our AP Government scores from last year were outstanding! 2nd place in the county with a 54% pass rate. This pass rate was above the state and global average for AP Government. Congrats to all of our Social Studies teachers, keep up the good work and keep inspiring young minds who want to learn!



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### JROTC NEWS

With 2019 coming to a close, the Lely High School JROTC Battalion is already off to a great start for the 2019-2020 school year. The program's commitment to service, leadership and post-graduation planning remains unwavering and its leaders are looking forward to continued prosperity.

During the first quarter alone, the program has accumulated approximately 1,900 volunteer hours for the community. One of the most memorable and profound events attended by the program's cadets was Lely Palms Veteran Day event. The twenty cadets who attended this event with me are proud to say that they were able to be a part of a wonderful Veterans Day Celebration. The cadets were humbled by the experience and have gained a greater appreciation for the opportunities that life has granted them. Knowing that they have made a small difference in the lives of those who have gave so much to this country means the world to the cadets. For Lely JROTC cadets giving back to the community is not merely a pastime, it is commit to service and a building block for a better tomorrow.

The Battalion's S-2 assistant, Cadet Captain Jennifer Trejo, also had the honor of serving the community beyond Collier County. During the first part of November, Cadet Captain Jennifer Trejo had the opportunity to experience and understand what the men and women who fought in WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War endured and sacrificed for their county on a flight to Washington D.C. According Trejo, "each veteran's story was unique and being able to embark on a trip with them was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Their stories were a tribute to their ardent and selfless service. I am proud to have been able to sit in the same place with those great men and women." On the arrival back home, the veterans of Honor Flight Mission were welcomed by family and friends. Many of the veterans found this as a very warming welcome home. Some even said it was more welcoming than when they originally returned from war, which at the time was not supported by the American people and soldiers were disrespected. Trejo was able to help ensure that their welcome was as warm as possible and has gained an even greater appreciation for the services of our veterans.

In addition to service, Lely High School JROTC' commitment to post graduation planning has already presented splendid results. Cadets Major Vanessa Alvarez, the battalion's DCO, Major Priscila Castaneda the battalion's S-1 and Major Brandon Valdez the battalion's S-4, have already been accepted to Georgia Military College with a conditional \$150,000 scholarship. Cadet Captain Austin Mauk has also jumped started his military careers. Cadet Captain Austin Mauk enlistment in the U.S Marines, will equivalent to about a \$81,000 scholarship as a result of the Montgomery G.I Bill. Cadet Colonel Isabel Muguerza, the Battalion Commander, and Cadet Major Lauren Shiveler, the Battalion's XO, have also made great strides. Both Muguerza and Shiveler have already received the first of hopefully many college acceptance letters TO Florida Southern College both also receiving \$80,000 plus in scholarships. They hope to continue on their path of intellectual growth and inspire the next generation of cadets to strive for excellence. The Battalion as a whole hope to achieve continued success in all post-secondary endeavors, whether it be military service or post-secondary education. The senior class hopes to raise two - three million dollars in scholarships by the end of the school year. Surpassing that goal would be ideal.

In regards to the Battalion's future plans, it is preparing for its JPA inspection in hopes of matching or possibly surpassing its near perfect score of 99.75%. The Battalion is humbled by its pass successes, but believes that there is always room for improvement. With the support of Lely High School and the community, the Battalion envisions a bright future for its cadets.

The Lely JROTC mission is accomplished when the student achieves success, both academically and as an individual. The JROTC program promotes self-discipline, confidence and pride, while providing a safe environment that challenges the students to reach their full potential. The words used to describe these ideals in academic terms may be different from the military terminology, but they remain highly intertwined as our goals remain the same; the success of the student in class and in life. I Hope this letter finds you well.

If you have any question or concerns regarding 10-12 graders please call me at (239-377-4253) or email me at <u>harpm@collierschools.com</u>. MSG Santiago would appreciate a telephone call at (239-377-2051) or email at <u>SantiaLa@collierschools.com</u> for all 9 graders.

Chief Warrant Officer Michael Harp





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### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Career and Technical Education department has been working hard and providing students with many work based learning opportunities. Students from the Criminal Justice Academy received some hands on training with traffic stops.

The Criminal Justice Academy also went on a college visit to FGCU. The Criminal Justice Academy also visited the Florida Highway Patrol and Public Service Academy in Fort Myers.

NAF students go on a Work Site tour of the JW Marco Marriott. Where they were able to ask questions and see how the hotel operates up close.

On Saturday, 11/2, Lely's Engineering Club competed against 27 other teams from across southwest Florida. Team members spent the day competing in a series of qualifying rounds which led up to elimination rounds in the afternoon. The team had a great time getting to know the other students and learning from this competition.

The CTE department will continue to provide the students of Lely with exciting Work Based Learning opportunities throughout the year. If you would like to help out with any of these please feel free to contact Adam Peterson <u>petersad@collierschools.com</u>. Thank you.





### LELY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Lely Physical Education is determined, dedicated and committed to teaching classes that move students with a purpose because a body in motion stays in motion. Students who are participating in Individual Sports, Weight Training, and Hope classes are engaged with learning authentic life skills such as accountability, communication and self-discipline.

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### ESE DEPARTMENT

Hello Students, Parents, & Guardians!

#### EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

Learn about community resources available for students with disabilities. As part of Sharing the Commitment, this free event is an opportunity for parents to connect with professionals and to discover the many local resources available for preschool through high school transition-aged students with disabilities. Local providers and community agencies will be available to speak with parents and students about recreational and vocational activities, educational supports, respite, advocacy, disability awareness, and much more. PLUS, learn about Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) programs that may support your child's future.

- Pre-Kindergarten
- Unified Champion Schools
- Transition Work Study (Project Search, The Life Program, and Community-Based Vocational Instruction)

#### LEARN CONNECT EXPLORE

WHO WILL BE THERE?

- Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)
- Collier County Library
- Collier County Parks and Recreation Adaptive Recreation
- Easter Seals Florida Diagnostic Learning
- Systems (FDLRS)
- Lighthouse of Collier Naples Botanical Gardens Naples Players KidzAct
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Collier County

#### TIME

- 5:30pm to 7:00pm
- Stop by any time during the ESE Expo to visit with community partners. Reading Rescue South Florida Parent Center - Special Olympics

#### DATES

- November 13, 2019
- Immokalee High School (701 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee) January 22, 2020

Gulf Coast High School (7878 Shark Way, Naples)

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#### ¿QUIEN ESTARÁ ALLÍ?

- Agencia para Personas con Discapacidades (APD)
- Biblioteca del Condado de Collier
- Parques y Recreación del Condado de Collier Recreación Adaptativa
- Organización Easter Seals
- FDLRS (Sistemas de Aprendizaje de Diagnóstico de la Florida)
- Lighthouse of Collier (para ciegos) Jardín Botánico de Naples
- KidzAct Grupo de Teatro Juvenil de Naples Players
- NAMI del Condado de Collier (Alianza Nacional de Enfermedades Mentales)
- Lectura de Rescate
- Centro de Padres del Sur de la Florida

Los numerosos recursos locales disponibles para estudiantes con discapacidades desde escuela preescolar hasta la escuela superior. Los proveedores locales y las agencias comunitarias estarán disponibles para hablar con padres y estudiantes sobre diferentes actividades recreativas y vocacionales, apoyos educativos, atención de relevo, abogacía, concienciación de discapacidades y mucho más. ADEMÁS, aprenda sobre los programas de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Collier que pueden mejorar el futuro de su hijo!

- Pre-Kindergarten
- Unified Champion Schools (Escuelas Unificadas Campeonas)
- Transición Trabajo-Estudió (Proyecto Search, Programa de Vida y estudio vocacional basada en la comunidad)
- 5:30pm a 7:00pm
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#### **FECHAS**

- 13 de noviembre de 2019
- Escuela Superior de Immokalee (70 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee) 22 de enero de 2020
  - Escuela Superior de Gulf Coast (7878 Shark Way, Naples)

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- Ajans pou Moun ki gen Andikap (APD) Bibliyotèk Collier County
- Pak e Rekreyasyon Collier County Rekreyasyon Adaptif
- So Pak
- Sistèm Enstriksyon Dyasnostik Florida (FDLRS)
- Fa Collier
- Jaden Botanik Naples Naples Players KidzAct
- Alyans Nasyonal sou Maladi Mantal (NAMI) Collier County
- Sekou Lekti
- Sant Paran nan South Florida Olenpik Espesyal

Pou paran konekte avèk pwofesyonèl e dekouvri ke anpil resous lokal disponib pou elèv preskolè atravè elèv ki nan laj tranzisyon pou lekòl segondè ki gen andikap. Ajans lokal e kominotè yo pral disponib pou pale avèk paran e elèv sou aktivite rekreyasyonèl e vokasyonèl, sipò edikasyonèl, repi, pledwaye, konsyantizasyon andikap, e anpil ankò. PLIS, aprann sou pwogram Lekòl Piblik Collier County ki kapab amelyore lavni pitit ou!

- Pre-Kendègatenn
- Inifye Lekòl Chanpyon
- Tranzisyon sou Etid Travay (Rechèch Pwojè, Pwogram Lavi a, e Enstriksyon Vokasyonèl ki Baze sou Kominote a)

• 5:30pm to 7:00pm Sispann nenpòt lè pandan yon Ekspozisyon ESE pou vizite patnè kominotè Mezon Valerie Reyabilitasyon Vokasyonèl E ANPIL ANKÒ!

#### DAT

- 13 novanm 2019
- Lekòl Segondè Immokalee (701 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee) 22 Janvye 2020
- Lekòl Segondè Gulf Coast (7878 Shark Way, Naples)

### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Parents: how can you help your science student?!

- If your student is in Biology, ask them to show you USA Test Prep.
- If your student is in an AP Science course, ask them to show you AP classroom
- If you are student is in Integrated Science ask them to show you Mrs. Carter or Mrs. Zenz website.
- If your student is in any other Science course, ask them to show you their grades on focus.

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