



ISSUE 2
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Principal's Message

Hello Lemon Bay Families. We are moving right along through quarter two and midterms will soon be upon us! I am hoping that we have seen the end of hurricane season 2025 and I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families recovering and rebuilding from the storms. As you know, with the number of school days missed, we have enacted the three hurricane makeup days Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving break.

At this point in the school year, we are finishing up an unbelievably successful Fall Sports Season and we are about to begin our Winter Sports schedule. As well, we are competing in Band competitions, ROTC competitions, and Drama is getting ready for their fall/winter musical Catch Me If You Can.

As we move towards finishing up the 1st semester, attendance continues to be a major focus for our school as it has a direct impact on student grades and academic performance. Please take a minute to read the importance of attendance.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE!

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in their career.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.

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- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, please contact us.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you. Email can be an easy and convenient way to communicate with teachers.

- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Additional Incentives this Year!

- Students who meet the criteria below can exempt their midterms and finals (this is for both underclassmen and Seniors!)
 - A/B average for those two quarter grades
 - 5 or less absences in that period (excused and unexcused combined)
 - 5 or less tardies in that period
 - No out of school suspensions
 - Communicate with the school
 - Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance in Focus to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.

I hope you found this article informative. I am looking forward to a great finish for our first semester of school.

Go Mantas!!!

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2024-2025

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 Ms. Booher Grade 9
 Mrs. Johnson Grade 11
 Mrs. Ragazzone Grade 10
 Mrs. Dailey College and Career Counselor

Mrs. Robinson School Social Worker
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 Mrs. Rawlins Guidance Office Administrative Assistant
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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.

Manta Rays “RIP” into Bullying

Student conflicts occur on any high school campus. Those conflicts typically result in a difference of opinions. Overcoming differences and embracing diversity is what we believe makes Lemon Bay High School a great school for our students. Our students strive to support each other and demonstrate kindness and compassion. Our school district and school take a strong stand to ensure bullying behaviors do not occur. Keep in the mind, the following “RIP” acronym if you are unsure if bullying is occurring and should be reported:

- R** = Repeated (occurs more than once)
- I** = Imbalance of Power (is the victim perceived as younger, weaker, less smart, or less socially accepted)
- P** = Purposeful (it was deliberate or intended, not accidental)

What is Bullying? Bullying, which includes cyberbullying, occurs when a person or group of people repeatedly hurt, embarrass, or frighten another person. Cyberbullying means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication regardless of whether the bullying occurs on or off school grounds. Examples of cyberbullying include but are not limited to: text/instant messaging, e-mails, creation of a webpage impersonating another person and/or other electronic means through the internet.

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- Local Law Enforcement**
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- State-Level Officials**
State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

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Bullying is not:

- An altercation between equals
- Good natured playful teasing among equals or peers
- An isolated incident

You can report a bully situation on our school's website using the “Report Bullying” button. You can also talk to an Assistant Principal about a situation you feel needs reported. Remember, we are here to help!

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Athletes of the Month



LEMON BAY MANTA RAYS

OCTOBER
Good Sportsmanship Award

Eva Gressley-CHEERLEADING

I would like to nominate Eva as she is a member of SGA, student class president, founder of the Beta Club and is still able to maintain good grades, attendance, and an amazing attitude. She comes in on non practice days to work with the JV team when needed and is always helping teammates and others.



OCTOBER
ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Ailee Briggs
WRESTLING

LBHS GIRLS WRESTLING NOW HAS IT'S FIRST WORLD MEDAL AND IT'S GOLD!
Ailee Briggs defeats Brazil's Santos in the AAU world finals in Bahrain today to capture the region and place at State an AAU world title.

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Creative Writing Club

Hello,

As president of the **LBHS Creative Writing Club**, I'd like to briefly introduce our organization. We are a club that meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays in Mrs. Powell's room (326), aiming to provide a community and opportunities for young writers of any experience level. Our hour-long sessions are centered around brainstorming, student-generated prompts, self-expression, open communication, feedback, and snacks. We also prioritize artistic growth, positivity, and allowing students with similar literary interests to connect. From poetry to storytelling of any genre/form, we welcome, support, encourage, and influence each other to put pen to paper- and create art. We also involve ourselves in activities such as volunteer work (writing workshops at nearby elementary/middle schools), events such as **Shout Out at the Bay** (The LBHS Annual Poetry Slam), the Mantalogue (a collection of our work), and more. *The club is always open to new members*, and I both highly recommend the experience and encourage those who are interested to get involved. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions see me or Mrs. Powell.

Thank you!!
Oriana Gunderson"

Think Pink

Lemon Bay High School Think Pink has been hard at work, raising funds for the American Cancer Society and Dollars for Mammograms, Unfortunately they had to take a break during October because of the storms. If you would like to help Think Pink, please go to the Link below to donate.

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Friday, December 6, 2024**

*This is the deadline for you to purchase your ad and turn in any pictures and/or writing you would like in the ad. (Please give us scanned copies of your photographs instead of originals if they are not digital images)

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- ¼ page color (vertical) \$140 (4.25" x 5.25") (No more than 4 pictures)
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- Business card size(b/w) \$35 (for businesses only, not for students)

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2. Mail check to: Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224
3. Mail check and photos/ad to: Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224

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Classes are held on Fridays throughout the year and cover topics like commitment, character, composure, and confidence. This is the 21st class of MALA and we are looking forward to a great year.

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When can a student visit the CRC?

DURING THEIR LUNCH, BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL OR A PASS FROM THEIR TEACHER.

Where is the CRC located?

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Why is the CRC a great resource for students?

STUDENTS CAN EXPLORE AND PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE!

PARENTS & STUDENTS – sign-up for the CRC's REMIND Text based on graduation year

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Class of 2026

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Message: @crc2026

Class of 2027

Text to: 81010

Message: @crc2027

Class of 2028

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ASVAB TEST

The school day test has been re-scheduled for December 5th. Stop by the CRC to sign-up December 3rd!

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100+ PACER CLUB

Congrats to our PE students that have joined the 100+ PACER club this year:

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Lemon Bay Band

Lemon Bay High School Band Celebrates Historic Marching MPA Success!

We are thrilled to announce that YOUR Lemon Bay High School Marching Mantas recently earned Straight Superior ratings at the Florida Bandmasters Association District 11 Marching Music Performance Assessment (MPA) — a milestone not seen in over 25 years and possibly for the first time in school history! This exceptional achievement reflects the dedication, skill, and teamwork our students bring to every performance, and we couldn't be prouder.

Our band also performed a successful Fall Concert, demonstrating their growth and commitment to excellence. With these achievements, we look forward to more outstanding performances this school year.

We invite you to join us for our Winter Concert and Silent Auction on December 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM. Enjoy an evening of festive music and exciting auction items, with all proceeds benefiting our band. Tickets are available online at teachtix.com/lemonbayhighband/winter-concert-silent-auction-2024.

Additionally, don't miss our LBHS Band Car Show Fundraiser on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 9 AM to 1 PM in the Lemon Bay High School front parking lot. This family-friendly event will showcase unique vehicles and support our band's future.

Fundraising supports both our general band account and a special fund for our Gatlinburg trip to the Smoky Mountain Music Festival in April. This life-changing trip would not be possible without your support. Every donation, auction item, and car show registration directly benefits our students.

For more information on supporting the band, please visit www.bandoflbhs.com or email us at sponsorship@bandsoflbhs.com. Thank you for championing our talented students — we look forward to seeing you at these exciting events!

