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For Parents, Students, Staff  
and Community of  
South Lake  
High School

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Eagle Family,

As we are well underway in the second semester of this 2021-22 school year at South Lake High School, we have found ourselves in the middle of a second wave of COVID-19 positive cases among students and staff. While all of the waves have been challenging, this latest variant has caused a tremendous strain on our faculty and staff due to its highly contagious nature. I am beyond grateful to all of the SLHS faculty and staff who have graciously stepped in to cover classrooms, office areas, and duty stations along with a number of district staff members that volunteered to cover classrooms during this most recent surge in positive cases. I am also appreciative of all the ways our students have adapted to the challenging dynamics and have taken them in stride. Through it all, our commitment to providing a safe and positive learning environment has remained. I want to thank you, our parents, and our entire school community for your patience, support, and encouragement during these challenging times.

We are already preparing for the upcoming 2022-23 school year and are excited to share with you that we will be recruiting our second cohort of fifty (50) incoming freshman students to become a part of our Cambridge University/AICE international diploma program. AICE stands for Advanced International Certificate of Education and is an international, rigorous curriculum that we launched back in August at SLHS. To find out more information or to submit an application, please visit our SLHS website or call the school office. In future years, we plan to add additional AICE courses that any student can register to take a la carte.

Additionally, we are proud to have introduced several new exciting opportunities for students in our Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training (NJROTC) program this year. Select NJROTC cadets have had the opportunity to partake in on-campus dual enrollment courses in partnership with Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. Students have had the ability to learn flight skills on two state-of-the-art flight simulators, fly one of several unmanned aerial drones in our fleet, build their own drone, and become proficient in skills needed to acquire a private pilot's ground license through the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA). These are exciting and innovative opportunities uncommon to many high schools, and we are proud that SLHS students can be at the cutting edge.

Furthermore, students in the SLHS Construction Academy built and handed over the keys to a new home for a family in Mascotte last year in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, and are in the process of building a second home this school year. Many of our other Career and Technical Education programs are also involved in innovative learning opportunities that prepare students for various career paths. I urge you to encourage your student(s) to take advantage of the variety of course offerings and programs that we have to offer, as it is our goal for every graduating senior to have experienced success in something beyond high school by earning an industry certification, completing college course credit, or passing an Advanced Placement (AP) exam or AICE exam.

Respectfully,  
Steven Benson, Principal

### WHO'S WHO AT SOUTH LAKE

**Principal**  
Steve Benson

#### Assistant Principals

- Michael Spencer** -  
9-12th grade; Last names: A-C
- Rene James** -  
9-12th grade; Last names: D-I
- Donna Jesaitis** -  
9-12th grade; Last names: J-M
- Kevin Thompson** -  
9-12th grade; Last names: N-Sa
- Linda Nichols** -  
9-12th grade; Last names: Sb-Z

#### Guidance Counselors

- Melanie Googe** -  
9-12th grade; Last names:  
A-C and the HSCA program
- Donna Scheetz** -  
9-12th grade; Last names: D-I
- Betsy Bains** -  
9-12th grade; Last names: J-M  
and the AICE program
- Robert Merrill** -  
9-12th grade; Last names: N-Sa  
and the Aviation  
Academy program
- Juanita Stallings** -  
9-12th grade; Last names: Sb-Z

SENIORS

**GPA's**

The GPA's for the senior Honor Stoles will close in December at the end of this semester.

- Honors Stole: 3.5-3.74 weighted
- Magna Stole: 3.75+
- Summa Cu Laude Stole: Top 5%

Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be determined at the end of the Spring Semester.

**Bright Futures Information for the Class of 2022**

- Bright Futures opened October 1st, 2021 you must apply by August 31st 2022
- Students must submit SAT/ACT testing scores to at least 1 of 11 state colleges/universities each time you test.
- No testing extension for class of 2022 all testing must be taken by June 30th
- Volunteer hours must be complete upon graduation

**Graduation**

Graduation is on May 21st at 9:00 AM at Eagle Stadium on campus.

- If you have any questions specifically about SLHS Graduation, please Email Candice Fisher at: [fisherc1@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:fisherc1@lake.k12.fl.us)

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

NHS society inducted 27 new members this year. All new members have a 3.75 or higher grade point average.

Kelsey Boswell	Diego Escobar	William Mosely	Caylee Rountree
Ryan Boyd	Grace Flynn	Kaelyn Neuhauser	Callie Schell
Saray Caraballo	Andrea Gamez-Heredia	Emilee Powell	Tristan Swain
Olivia Carrasquillo	Karley Jameson	Mohammad Rahman	Parker Trowbridge
Reese Ciccotelli	Kennedy Kelly	Isaac Rajaram	William Yates
Kaylin Cockefair	Dawson Kirkland	Brianna Ritman	
Adan Cooper	Ava-Catalina Londono	Amy Roman	



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1. Students get 10 hours of actual drive time with a certified instructor.
2. Most auto insurance companies offer a discount for having taken the course.
3. Safety protocols have been implemented to keep us safe and masks must be always worn while in the car.
4. It is totally FREE to all Lake county residents (even virtual and home-schooled students are welcome to take the course)

Students can stop by Mrs. Wilson's room (217) on the main campus to pick up an application or print it from the school or county website. All applications must be returned to Mrs. Wilson for submission. Feel free to share this information with others who may be interested. There are classes at all the High schools in Lake County.



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## ROTC

While making a weekly instructional visit, Ms. James got a little more than she bargained for - and a chance to show those cadets a thing or two about flying in stormy weather. It was great to have Ms. James fly with Eagle Airlines and get some refresher training.



## CONSTRUCTION

Construction Academy students have been working hard on various community projects. The Habitat for Humanity students recently completed the painting of two houses in our community. One was for a resident in need and another for a Veteran who could no longer do the work themselves. They have also begun building the new home in Mascotte. Other classes built an amazing Gypsy Wagon in partnership with our Theater Program and the Education Foundation of Lake County. The wagon is used as a prop at the Renaissance Faire. Our students are doing many great things for their community and fellow students while gaining valuable experience in a trade.



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### JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

Rising Seniors (C/O 2022)\*\* Schedule your senior photo session @ Cady Studios [www.Cadystudios.com](http://www.Cadystudios.com)

### AUGUST 19, 2021

**Senior Photo Sessions** will be available on campus. Photos will be taken in the auditorium 10 AM - 6 PM.  
**Appointments are required.**  
Schedule @ [www.cadystudios.com](http://www.cadystudios.com)

### SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

**Underclassmen Picture Day!**  
Students will take their photos through their Social Studies class. If a student doesn't have a Social Studies class, please email Ms. Knowles at brown6@lake.k12.fl.us

### NOVEMBER 9, 2021

**Underclassmen retakes.** Any 9-11 grade student who missed picture day or does not like their initial photo can be photographed on this day.

### SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

**Senior Photo Sessions** will be available on campus. Photos will be taken in the auditorium 10 AM - 6 PM.  
**Appointments are required.**  
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### NOVEMBER 15, 2021

All seniors must be photographed by Cady Studios prior to this date to be included in the yearbook. Seniors who are photographed after this date will not have a portrait in the yearbook.

### JANUARY 14, 2022

Senior page purchases due.  
Purchase at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com)

### MARCH 22, 2022

Final Yearbook Publication Deadline

### APRIL 1, 2022

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## BAND

On Saturday, November 6th, 2021, the South Lake High School Screaming Eagle Regiment took the field at the Florida Bandmasters Association District 19 Music Performance Assessment at Leesburg High School, in Leesburg, Florida. They performed with great fervor, and received a great ovation as they took the field for the last time this year. They received Superior Ratings in all captions, including Music Performance, Visual Performance, General Effect, Percussion, and Color Guard. They also received Straight A's in all sub-captions of ALL the adjudicator's judging sheets. With the temperatures dipping into the low 50's, they were still able to maintain a super high caliber in their performance and demonstrate an amazing level of maturity in their performance. This was yet another great showing by our students, and they represented our school again at the highest level, both on and off the field.

Please help me in congratulating the following students for making it into the All-County Honors Band:

- Zachery Smrekar, Flute (12th Grade)
- Andrea Gamez-Heredia, Flute (10th Grade)
- Leilany Velasco- Orozco, Flute (10th Grade)
- Jasmine Landaberde, Clarinet (12th Grade)
- Nicole Gonzalez-Hernandez, Clarinet (12th Grade)
- Brianna Hill, Clarinet (10th Grade)
- Jadan Perkins, Clarinet (10th Grade)
- Braden Gilchrist, Alto Saxophone (10th Grade)
- Phoenix Vazquez, French Horn (10th Grade)
- Taylor Horton, Trombone (10th Grade)
- Liam Conard, Tuba (12th Grade)
- Amy Roman, Percussion (11th Grade)



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## SPEECH AND DEBATE

Four dynamic students competed at the National Civics & Debate Championships this past weekend representing South Lake High School with honor and superior skill. The Debate team is in only its second year and sent four students to the FCDI Nationals. The students competed in Congressional Debate, Extemporaneous Debate and Impromptu Speaking. Rudi Darden scored two perfect scores in Extemporaneous Debate. Kellie Munoz placed 3rd overall in Extemporaneous Debate. Kayden-Harmony Greenstein placed 4th in Congressional Debate and 12th in Extemporaneous Debate. Victor Cruz placed 6th in Extemporaneous Debate and 13th in Congressional Debate. Victor, also placed 5th in Overall Competition.

These students will also be travelling to Tallahassee on January 27-28th to be recognized for their accomplishment.

We are extremely proud of what each student accomplished and want to thank their parents for their support, as well.



## ALMA MATER

Dear alma mater,  
 blue and silver shine,  
 Now while we face  
 our foes and  
 mountains climb.  
 We will never  
 lose our way;  
 your guidance  
 shall endure.  
 Among the hills,  
 our South Lake High  
 shall never  
 stand obscure!

## CLASS GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

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- Class of 2023: ovgzwjf
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**South Lake Art students have been busy!**

2 South Lake Art students won places in the Holiday Card Contest sponsored by the Lake Art Museum. Gaia porter won 2nd and Molly Garcia was 3rd place. Each student won a monetary prize and 25 printed cards of their design.

South Lake Art students also placed in the South Lake Art Gallery where their work was displayed from November to December. Our art students received many accolades from the community for the work they created.

Students also helped repair the large Christmas cards that were displayed during the Christmas season in Groveland. These cards were originally created over 15 years ago by former South lake art students and were now repaired by our current students.

