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

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Eagle Family,

It is hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the half-way point of this 2019-20 school year! I am proud to say that the students and staff of South Lake High School have demonstrated academic success, performed admirably in extra-curricular and club activities, and been involved in a number of rewarding community service projects.

We are proud to announce that South Lake High School will be Lake County's next Digital Discovery School. Every student at South Lake High School will have the opportunity to be issued a Chromebook that will be used to access online textbooks as well as to participate in collaborative learning in their classrooms. Students will have access to the device at school and home during the 2019-20 school year.

In order to receive a Chromebook, students will need to return a signed parent/student agreement form and pay a technology fee of \$32 per year to cover the cost of the device and provide access to the device after school hours. The technology fee can be paid using the Revtrak online option on our school's website, or by cash at the SLHS Media Center. The signature page of the parent/student agreement form has been sent home with your child, and should be returned to their language arts teacher or to the main office if they are dual-enrolled or do not have a language arts class. The full version of the Chromebook parent/student agreement can be accessed on our school website or on our social media accounts.

Additional services such as providing a filtering solution that will follow the device when it goes home will be provided. Students in need may apply for waiver opportunities to cover the cost of the technology fee. To get more information on the initiative, please check the South Lake High School website for a document that contains frequently asked questions. More information will be provided in the next few weeks, so make sure to follow South Lake High School on social media through our Facebook page and Twitter account for the latest details.

Respectfully,  
Steven Benson, Principal

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### WHO'S WHO AT SOUTH LAKE

#### Principal

Steve Benson

#### Assistant Principals

Rene James Discipline -  
9th/10th Grade (A-G)

Donna Jesaitis Discipline -  
11th Grade

Linda Nichols Discipline -  
12th Grade

Michael Spencer Discipline -  
9th/10th Grade (P-Z)

Kevin Thompson Discipline -  
9th/10th Grade (H-O)

#### Guidance Counselors

Ms. Melanie Googe - Freshman

Mr. Robert Merrill - Sophomore

Ms. Grace Maldonado - Junior

Ms. Donna Scheetz - Senior

Ms. Betsy Bains - MTSS, 504, HSCA



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**2019-2020 NJROTC Orienteering Season Kicks Off**

The Florida Orienteering Season starts with an NJROTC sanctioned meet at Wekiva Springs State Park in November. Fielding its largest team ever, the SLHS NJROTC Orienteering Team expects to be a top-level competitor for the 2019-2020 season. Orienteering involves navigating cross-country over unfamiliar terrain with a map and compass in order to locate control markers in a competitive race that requires speed, accuracy, and mental decisiveness on the part of the competitor. The idea is to find as many control markers as possible, in the correct order, in the least amount of time. The sport is becoming increasingly high tech with the advent of electronic control markers, GPS tracking devices, and real time participant course monitoring.



This year's team includes: seniors – Brett Coolidge, Jalexie Roman, Harold Vargas, Daniel Mejia, Justin Cosentine; juniors – Xavier Vasquez, Luis Guevara, Zane Kempny, Diego Menendez, Von Bumgardner, Citlaly Fernandez, Dominic Mattia, Tyler Hamilton, Evelina Peroni, Cassidy Larson, Teandra McGough, Oscar Perez, Donovan Maynard, Matthew Diaz, Angel Ubarri, Wyatt Naylor, Nathan Flick, James Dahl, Marissa Medellin, Nataly Peraza, John Kepfer; sophomores – Jade Rodriguez, Alexia Chin-Lenn, Melanie Quiceno; freshmen – Rohan Williams, Kaedon Hampton, Estrella Bravo, Haley Hall, Luis Ramirez, Omesh Guman, Jim Rivera Cruz, Jackson Kleinschmidt, Tiana McGough, Trinity Mercer, Jada Colon, Allison Jones, Amy Roman, Gabriella Alti, and Xavier Austin. Team Captain Oscar Perez leads the team.

**NJROTC Competed in the Iron Bear challenge at Central High School in the beginning of October.**

First competition of the year will be held at Lake Howell on November 2nd. Another competition on December 1st will be at Gaither High School. Drill down is scheduled for December 19th.



**The NS1 class has had the following promotions:**

**To the rank of Seaman Apprentice:**

Mary Baker, Nick Bass, Gabby Alti, Omesh

Guman, Allison Jones, Melissa Nanga, Grace Wilson, Jamahri Gachette, Amy Roman, Priscila Rubio, Lorelei Teninty, Luis Ramirez, Evansky St. Louis, Rohan Williams, Kaedon Hampton, and Aaron Jimenez.



**To the rank of Seaman:**

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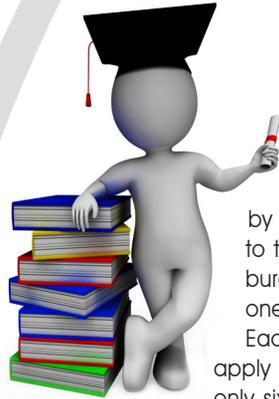


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## TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP

One of our South Lake High School students, Kristoper Ganesh, is one of 12 semi-finalists for the Take Stock in Children's Leaders for Life scholarship. The mission of the Leaders for Life (L4L) fellowship program is to enable highly motivated Take Stock in Children scholars that have demonstrated strong leadership skills, moral character, and academic success, to excel in a university environment by providing them with the tools and resources necessary to empower them to develop to their fullest potential. The ultimate goal of the program is to eliminate the financial burdens normally associated with a university education and allow the fellows to devote one hundred percent of their attention to their studies and personal development. Each year, more than 100 of Take Stock in Children's top students from across Florida apply for the L4L fellowship program. Following a highly competitive selection process, only six high school seniors are chosen for this prestigious honor that enables these well-rounded academics to obtain resources for postsecondary success. Another eight students are selected as L4L fellowship program semi-finalists and receive a MacBook Pro to bolster their achievements both in and out of the classroom. Kristoper was chosen as one of these eight students.

## CHORUS

South Lake High School's Soaring Eagles has been chosen to participate in the 2019 Candlelight Processional and Mass Choir Program at the Walt Disney World® Resort on Saturday, December 21st. This event offers our chorus students the opportunity to perform sophisticated Disney repertoire under a guest conductor with a 50-piece orchestra alongside celebratory narrator, Warwick Davis. Our students will be performing in the 6:45pm and 8:15pm shows.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 25-29th:	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 19th:	End of Second Grading Period
December 20-January 6th:	Winter Break/Student Holiday
April 25th:	Senior Gradbash
May 19th :	Graduation at 7:00 PM



AVID

AVID recruitment for the 2020-2021 school year is happening now. Students in AVID get access to unique scholarships and tutoring to assist them with rigorous coursework. If you know someone that would like to join AVID they can contact Eric Calabrese, the AVID Coordinator, at [calabresee@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:calabresee@lake.k12.fl.us) or stop by room 17-225 for an application.

## ATTENTION PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Please be aware of the attendance policy set by the Lake County School Board. Here are a few of the attendance concerns that we come across most often. Please feel free to review the Attendance Policy in the Lake County School Website, Code of Conduct for more information.

- Only 2 "parent notes" will be excused per 9 week period.
- Documentation explaining absence needs to be turned in within 2 school days after the return of the student.
- 3 tardies per 9 weeks = 1 excused absence.
- If more than 15 minutes tardy to class will constitute an absence in that class for that day.

You are not able to check out your students the last 20 minutes of school. Please check them out before then if the need arises for you to pick up your student for any reason.

It is **very important** that you let our school nurse know if your child has a medical concern.

For example: If your child has Diabetes, Asthma, Allergies, etc., a folder will be created in the clinic for them with the medical concern. This information is critical so that in the event that an issue arises with your child while in school, we will know how to respond and help your child, without wasting precious time trying to figure out what is wrong.

Please stop by and see Holly Cabral, LPN or call her at 352-394-2100 Ext. 5441 if your child has a medical concern. You can also email her at [Cabralh@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:Cabralh@lake.k12.fl.us) and she will contact you if needed. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe.

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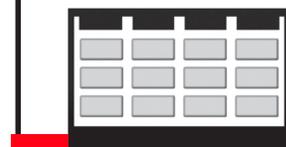
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 mountains climb.  
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 lose our way;  
 your guidance  
 shall endure.  
 Among the hills,  
 our South Lake High  
 shall never  
 stand obscure!

## HEALTH SCIENCE AND HOSA HAPPENINGS

The month of October has been very eventful for our Health Science Foundations class. These are second year students in our program and we are focusing on careers in healthcare, aspects of team work, as well professional qualities of a healthcare worker. We have had the pleasure of having an intern graduate student from Georgia Southern, and an Athletic Trainer,



both from Hohman Rehab, come speak to the students about careers in the field of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training. The students also held a mock job fair to present their healthcare career projects. We also welcomed a representative from Donate Florida, along with a liver transplant recipient

who shared her incredible story with the students and educated them about the process of organ donation. We then ended the month with a Pumpkinectomy Surgery where the students played the roles of a surgical team and performed surgery on their patients as a team.



HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) is getting into the swing of things. We participated in the Halloween 5K and created a spook zone where we won 3rd place and a \$200 prize. We fundraise as an organization to help offset the costs of competition related expenses. The students are choosing categories of competition in which they will compete and beginning to prepare and practice their skills. We will hold the first round of testing in December and then Regionals will be held at Osceola Technical



Institute in January for those that move on past the initial testing phase. The health-related competitions are some of the highlights of being in HOSA. We will also be participating in

Pine Ridge Elementary's 2nd Annual Celebration of Science where we will be teaching students about the importance of CPR and the use of AED's when a patient experiences a cardiac arrest while focusing on the hearts electrical conduction system.

HOSA will also be selling Grateful Grams for \$1 each from November 6th-20th. We want to spread positivity around our campus and give the students and staff a chance to express gratitude for others at our school.

- Mrs. Carroll

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