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# S Stallion News

Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts Newsletter

## Principal's Message

What an amazing month September was! Our students started playing intramural sports, to include basketball and cross country and it is fulfilling to see them practice their athletic skills, as well as their sportsmanship. Additionally, we have several clubs that started so please check in with your student about the daily announcements regarding these.

We are still in the middle of Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations and our students really showed some spirit during our dress up spirit week. Be sure to check out our Facebook or Twitter page to see their happy faces!

Instructionally, there are such engaging events happening in our classrooms. As our content area teachers (math, science, social studies, reading, and language arts) prepare their students for the next FAST test in December, every Stallion is learning to demonstrate their skills through high-energy labs, technology tools, writing strategies, and Close Reading for details. The number one predictor of student success is quality instruction so daily student attendance is a critical component to that success. Thank you for ensuring your students get to school on time and regularly.

In the coming months, we will continue providing rigorous lessons to ensure all students are advancing their knowledge and skills, but we also want to address the whole child so be sure to reserve some time in December to come see one of our Arts performances. Our dancers, instrumentalists, and visual artists truly demonstrate their creativity in ways you'd never imagine.

I also invite you to join us at our next School Advisory and Parent Teacher Organization meeting. These meetings are a great way for you to get your voice heard, but also for me to share all the current happenings at our school. Please check our school website for upcoming dates. We'll also be discussing the annual Fall Carnival, taking place on our campus November 3rd. The more engaged our parents are, the better engaged our students will be, so please know that I appreciate all that you do to support the school.

Never hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of assistance with your student. Likewise, our veteran front office staff is amazingly knowledgeable about how to make sure your student is successful in every aspect of his/her educational journey.

**Yours in Partnership,**  
*Melissa Layner*  
**BSMCA Principal**



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## Important Dates

**October 13th**  
**End of Quarter One**

**October 13th**  
**Movie Night**

**October 16th**  
**Professional Duty Day**  
**No School**

**October 17th**  
**Volleyball Tryouts begin**

**November 20-24**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**Holiday**  
**No School**

# EVERY STALLION, EVERY DAY





## FOCUS Parent Portal

Make sure you sign up for a parent **FOCUS** account to: monitor grades, receive important notifications and more.

[https://www.leeschools.net/parent\\_portal](https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal)



## Out of Field Teachers

In accordance with Florida State Board Rule 6A-1.0503(3), the following teachers are highly qualified but are teaching out-of-field or are working to meet ESOL requirements, gifted requirements, or reading requirements.

### The following teachers are out-of-field:

Kelly Herrera - Reading  
Sean Bennett - Science  
Regina Brown - Science  
Paige Mell - Science  
Gileta Nauseda - Science  
Kristie Dougherty - Science  
Jill Berggren - Science

Latinos In Action presents

# MOVIE NIGHT

A Million Miles Away

## Friday, October 13th

@ BSMCA Cafe

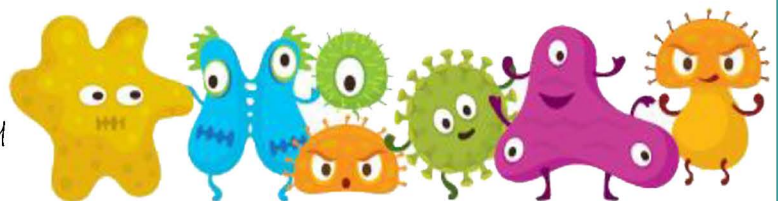
**Don't Miss It**

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students!

Before your child can begin the 7th grade he/she must have documentation of having received the following immunizations: Tdap booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria, pertussis) after the age of 10.

We encourage all parents to have their child seen by a private physician or health care provider in the community prior to the busy summer season to receive the required immunizations. Private physicians and clinics charge according to their established fees. Vaccines required for children are available free of charge from all Lee Health Department facilities. Remember you must bring your child's immunization records with you to help determine what immunizations are required and to provide the information necessary to fill out the Florida Certificate of Immunization Form DH-680.

# immunizations



The Lee County Health Department provides school age immunizations free of charge at:

LCHD Michigan Avenue Clinic, 3920 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33916 (239) 461-6100

For more information concerning school immunization requirements contact the Lee County Health Department at (239) 332-9601



Email me at [jesikast@leeschools.net](mailto:jesikast@leeschools.net) for any questions

## LATIN DANCE CLUB

- Do you want to learn how to dance some Latin dances?
- Join the G.C. for more information: A5YEEV7
- Club will be every Monday 4:15-5:15 PM



## ANIME CLUB

- Are you interested in Anime Club?
- Applications available in Ms. Torres' room
- Due by Sept. 13th
- Club will be every Wednesday 4:15-5:15 PM



# NJHS

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 1/19, 2/2, 2/23, 3/1, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17

### NJHS is:

- Collecting food and old towels/sheets for Gulf Coast Humane Society for both dogs and cats.
- Always accepting non perishable food items, gently used uniform tops and bottoms of all sizes, as well as toiletry donations for school families in need.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

**Anyone can donate to help out! This is a schoolwide effort.**



## After School Band Club

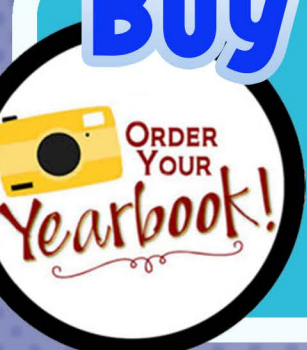
After School Band Club begins September 12th. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm to 5pm. Please join the Google Classroom for more information [ixlz4n7](#)

## Performing Arts Club

The Performing Arts Club will begin meeting Monday mornings from 8:30 to 9:10 in Mrs. Lubeckers room beginning October 16th!



# Buy your Yearbook NOW!



Be sure to buy your BSMCA Yearbook at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) or bring your money to Mrs. Carney in room 16C. Yearbook's are currently \$30 but will be going up in price soon!





# Spotlight Artist

## Art



Emmeline F.

**What is one success you have had in your art class that you are proud of?**

I was really proud when my art made into the District Art Show!

**How have the arts positively affected your time at BSMCA?**

Art has brought out my creativity and helped me explore my artistic side! I like to take my time and concentrate on the details.

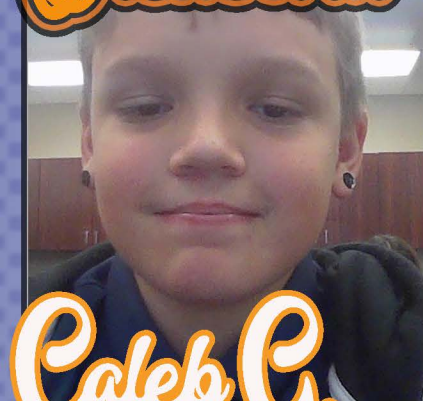
**How do you see art playing a role in your future?**

I think I want to become an Art teacher!

**What one piece of advice would you give to new students in the visual arts?**

Take your time on your art and everything will turn out great!

## Orchestra



Caleb G.

**What instrument do you play?** Cello

**What is one success you have had in your orchestra class that you are proud of?**

I have learned so much in orchestra. Not only have I learned about the cello, but it has helped me become a better team player.

**How has orchestra positively affected your time at BSMCA?**

Orchestra is a great opportunity for a brain break and stress reliever.

**How do you see orchestra playing a role in your future?**

Orchestra has already helped me in my life. It has helped me become more social and it is a great stress reliever.

**What one piece of advice would you give to new orchestra students?**

If you like what you are doing don't give up. Chase all your dreams!

## Band



Michael C.

**What instrument do you play?** The French horn

**What is one success you have had in your band class that you are proud of?**

One success I have had is being able to play the French horn at a professional level.

**How has band positively affected your time at BSMCA?**

It has made school more fun.

**How do you see band playing a role in your future?**

I think the lessons I have learned in band will help me get a job in the future.

**What one piece of advice would you give to new band students?**

Just keep practicing!

## Drama



Louis F.

**What is one success you have had in your elective class that you are proud of?**

One success I have had is seeing how much I have improved and continue to grow.

**How have the arts positively affected your time at BSMCA?**

The dance and drama room are just amazing places to go to every day during school.

**How do you see drama playing a role in your future?**

Drama has taught me to project my voice and be a better communicator. In dance it has helped me to move more and find my rhythm.

**What one piece of advice would you give to new drama students?**

Don't worry if you don't feel confident in your skills, the teacher will help you improve.





# FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

The application was named by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and roll-out.



# INTRAMURALS

## Basketball

**Basketball playoffs begin October 5th. There is a home game October 5th. Come out and support our Stallions. There is a \$4 entry fee for parents and \$2 for students.**

## Cross Country

**Congratulations to all that made the team. They have an upcoming meet October 4th at Three Oaks Middle. The meet begins at 5:45.**

Team	Location	
AREA MEET	THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (18500 Three Oaks Pkwy, Fort Myers, FL 33967)	5:45 PM
REGIONAL MEET	LEXINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL (16760 Bass Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33908)	6 PM
CHAMPIONSHIP MEET	KELLY ROAD COMPLEX (10750 Kelly Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33908)	6 PM FRIDAY NIGHT

\*\*\*Only kids with qualifying time race\*\*\*

## Volleyball

**Volleyball tryouts begin October 17th. The teams will be announced October 31st. For more info join the google classroom: e7ia5zg**

## Check out BSMCA on Facebook:



<https://www.facebook.com/bsmcaStallions>

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Creating an environment that values and promotes student achievement, Bonita Middle School's number one goal, cannot be the sole responsibility of educators and the schools. It requires the concerted effort of the entire community. We would like to thank the following businesses for partnering up with Bonita Middle School and making Bonita Middle a better place for learning:



# THANK YOU