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Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Hello Parents and Community members,

The final month of the calendar year finds the students and staff near the mid-point of the 2023-2024 school year. The holiday season is in full swing and many among us are eagerly anticipating the upcoming Winter Break, with students' last day being December 22nd, which will be an early dismissal day for students. We will not be holding any after-school tutoring or activities that day, so please plan for early pick up of your student.

The month of December is loaded with events, so please take the time to review the calendar included in this communication. Our students are major players in many of our activities, so we appreciate your support of them as they involve themselves in our school projects. We have just finished our Cross County season and are wrapping up the boys' and girls' volleyball season. Our student athletes add so much joy to our school and always represent us so well!

With the hectic pace of this time of the year, I want to stress the importance of a strong academic finish for all our students. If you need information about your student's academic progress, you can visit the Focus Parent Portal or call to speak with a counselor or administrator.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. This is a wonderful time of year, and it is a great time to take a few moments to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for: family, friends, and educators in our lives that make our experiences even more special. Have a great Winter Break and we will see you in the New Year!



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

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### Important Dates

December 4  
Band Winter Concert

December 8  
Winter Wonderland Dance

December 11  
Band Winter Concert

December 18  
Orchestra Winter Concert

December 22  
Early Dismissal Day  
End of Qt. 2

December 25 -  
January 5  
Winter Break

January 8  
Professional Duty Day  
No School for Students

January 15  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
No School

# EVERY STALLION, EVERY DAY



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**

# FOCUS Parent Portal

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



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



*"8th Grade Students- Second deposits for Gradventure will be collected on 12/15. The standard amount is \$85.*

*Still wanting to attend gradventure? We have 10 spots remaining before the trip fills up! See Mrs. Garry in Room 17 if you need forms or Information!"*

**YOUR'RE INVITED TO/  
ESTAS INVITADOS A**

# 6TH & 7TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT/ NOCHE DE PADRES DEL 6TO Y 7TO GRADO

**DECEMBER 14TH/14 DE DICIEMBRE  
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM/EMPIEZA A LAS 5PM**

**TOPICS/TEMAS:  
ACADEMIC HISTORY/HISTORIA ACADEMICA  
SCHOOL EVENTS/EVENTOS ESCOLARES  
GOOGLE CLASSROOM & FOCUS  
TESTING/EXAMENES**



### Attention all Eighth Graders!!!!

It is time to make plans for high school. As you may know all eighth graders must participate in the Student Assignment Process to be assigned to a Lee County high school for 2024-2025.

\*This assignment is dependent, of course, on whether or not a student is promoted to ninth grade at the end of this school year. If you have passed all classes, credits owed etc., and attended school according to the district's requirements, the recommendation will be for promotion to ninth grade.

Plan now to submit your **STUDENT ASSIGNMENT** application, which will run from January 15, 2024, to February 15, 2024. All applications submitted during this round will be treated equally as this **IS NOT** first come, first served. If you do not participate in the application process, you will be assigned to a high school. All applications must be submitted online. You must have a **FOCUS** (parent account). You must have your **PIN** number.

Additional applications for special programs: This application is due sooner, so please make a note of what the deadline for the special programs are. Contact the high school for more information. (International Baccalaureate (IB) at Fort Myers High School and Dunbar High School, Center for the Arts at Cypress Lake High School, Dunbar High School IB/ STEM Academies, Cypress Lake Advanced Placement, Cambridge Program at Estero High School, Cambridge at South Fort Myers High and Collegiate Academy at Bonita Springs High School). Your grade point average (GPA) and F.A.S.T. scores become particularly important for any of these special programs and honor classes. It is imperative that you keep your **GPA** up. If you are interested in special programs, you must submit two applications, the regular **STUDENT ASSIGNMENT** application, and the special program application. The special program application must be sent directly to the appropriate school along with a copy of your Student Assignment Zone application receipt or online confirmation. Students interested in Cypress Lake High School's Center for the Arts may also need to participate in auditions and/or interviews.

If you have any questions about a particular high school, please visit that high school's website and attend their open houses!

Please check with the high schools to confirm the following dates:

**BONITA HIGH** - December 19, 2023, at 6pm

**CYPRESS LAKE HIGH** - January 9, 2024

**DUNBAR HIGH IB /STEM** - November 30, 2023, 6:30pm

**ESTERO HIGH** - January 10, 2024 at 5:30

**FORT MYERS HIGH** - December 14, 2023, at 6:30pm

**FORT MYERS HIGH IB** - January 11, 2024, at 6:30pm

**SOUTH FORT MYERS HIGH AICE/Cambridge ONLY** - December 5th, 2023, from 5:30pm

**SOUTH FORT MYERS HIGH** - January 11, 2024 6-7:30pm

If you have any further questions, please contact me at [vivianjc@leeschools.net](mailto:vivianjc@leeschools.net)

### !!!Atención a todos los alumnos de octavo grado!!!!

Es hora de hacer planes para la escuela secundaria. Como sabrá, todos los estudiantes de octavo grado deben participar en el Proceso de Asignación de Estudiantes para ser asignados a una escuela secundaria del Condado de Lee para el año 2024-2025.

\*Esta asignación depende, por supuesto, de si un estudiante es promovido o no al noveno grado al final de este año escolar. Si aprobó todas las clases, créditos adeudados, etc., y asistió a la escuela de acuerdo con los requisitos del distrito, la recomendación será para la promoción al noveno grado.

Planifique ahora enviar su solicitud de **ASIGNACIÓN DE ESTUDIANTES**, que se extenderá desde el 15 de enero de 2024 hasta el 15 de febrero de 2024. Todas las solicitudes enviadas durante esta ronda se tratarán de la misma manera, ya que **NO ES** por orden de llegada. Si no participa en el proceso de solicitud, se le asignará una escuela secundaria. Todas las aplicaciones deben ser enviadas en línea. Debe tener un **FOCUS** (cuenta de padres). Debe tener su número **PIN**.

Solicitudes adicionales para programas especiales: esta solicitud debe entregarse antes, así que tome nota de cuál es la fecha límite para los programas especiales. Comuníquese con la escuela secundaria para obtener más información. (Bachillerato Internacional (IB) en Fort Myers High School y Dunbar High School, Centro para las Artes en Cypress Lake High School, Academias IB/STEM de Dunbar High School, Cypress Lake Advanced Placement, Programa de Cambridge en Estero High School, Cambridge en South Fort Myers High y Collegiate Academy en Bonita Springs High School). Su promedio de calificaciones (GPA) y F.A.S.T. Los puntajes se vuelven particularmente importantes para cualquiera de estos programas especiales y clases de honor. Es imperativo que mantenga su **GPA** lo más alto posible. Si está interesado en programas especiales, debe presentar dos solicitudes, la solicitud de **ASIGNACIÓN DE ESTUDIANTES** normal y la solicitud de programa especial. La solicitud del programa especial debe enviarse directamente a la escuela correspondiente junto con una copia del recibo de solicitud de la Zona de Asignación Estudiantil o la confirmación en línea. Es posible que los estudiantes interesados en Cypress Lake High School's Center for the Arts también necesiten participar en audiciones y/o entrevistas.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre una escuela secundaria en particular, visite el sitio web de esa escuela secundaria y asista a sus jornadas de puertas abiertas.

Por favor consulte con las escuelas secundarias para confirmar las siguientes fechas: que estar lista el medio de la página.



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

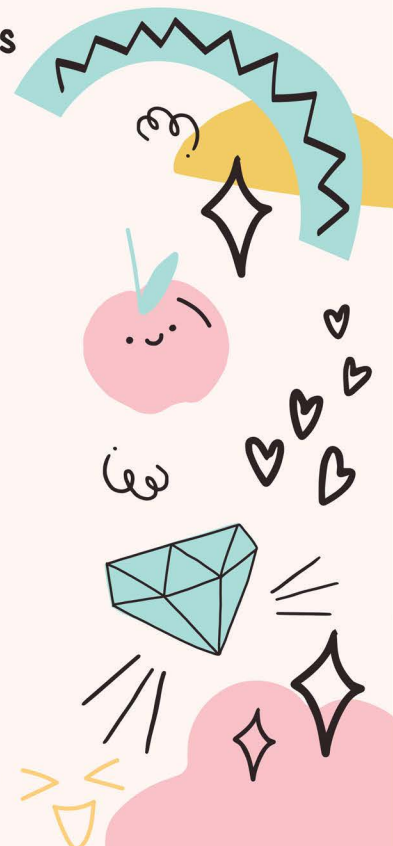
## LATIN DANCE CLUB

- 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:

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.

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



**NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**



## After School Band Club

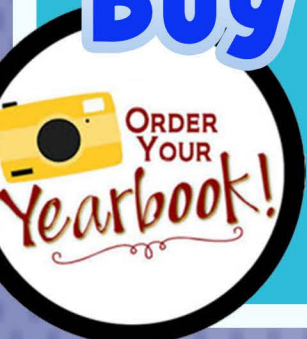
**After School Band Club has begun! The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm to 5pm. Please join the Google Classroom for more information ixlz4n7**

## Performing Arts Club

**The Performing Arts Club will begin meeting Monday mornings from 8:30 to 9:10 in Mrs. Lubeckers room beginning again in January! This year's musical is Matilda.**



# 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!

Hey 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Females,  
Join the Girl Power Club



Topics: Various



Date:

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's**

**December 6th & 20th**

**Time: Afterschool (4:00p.m. - 5:15p.m.)**

**Location: Media Center**

Google Classroom Code:

# nnhh2sx

Contact Us:  
Mrs. Hudson-Shelton @ [keniah@leeschools.net](mailto:keniah@leeschools.net)

Looking to join a group to empower you and to build self-esteem; then join the Girl Power Club. We meet after-school in the media center twice a month.



# Spotlight Artist

## Art



Leila W.H.

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

I drew a dragon eye. It came out great and it really made me proud.

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

I think that art has positively affected my time at BSMCA because it has made it more fun and something I look forward to coming to school for.

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

Being able to visualize both real objects and abstract thoughts is key to a successful future.

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

Audition for the arts! Then you are guaranteed to get art classes for all your electives!

## Band



Jairo S.

**What instrument do you play? Percussion and Steel Drums**

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

Learning to play the drums is something I am very proud of.

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

I have band for three electives. Band class offers me the opportunity to learn more about music and be a part of performances.

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

I want to look into being a part of marching band in high school.

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

My advice would be to practice everyday. The more you practice the better you get.

## Drama



Payton W.

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

I am proud of being able to express myself in ways that I normally could not.

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

Being in the arts is the reason I love to come to school. I get to do what I love with my friends.

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

I want to be an actor when I grow up. I know I am learning the skills that will guide me in the right direction.

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

My advice would be to be confident and project your voice, you are worth being heard.



# 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

## Volleyball

Date	Team	Location	First	Second
11/7	Three Oaks	Three Oaks Middle	Boys 6:00	Girls 7:00
11/9	Gateway Ch.	Bonita Middle Gym	Girls 5:15	Boys 6:15
11/14	Bonita Ch.	Bonita Middle Gym	Boys 5:15	Girls 6:15
11/16	Three Oaks	Bonita Middle Gym	Girls 6:00	Boys 7:00
11/28	Gateway Ch.	Gateway Charter High School 12770 Gateway Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33913	Boys 6:00	Girls 7:00
11/30	Bonita Ch. (Home Team)	Bonita Middle Gym	Girls 5:15	Boys 6:15
<u>PLAYOFFS START</u>				
12/5	TBA	TBD	Boys	Girls

**\$4 entry for parents and \$2 entry for students**

## Soccer

**Soccer Tryouts for boys and girls begin January 9th.**

## Check out BSMCA on Facebook:



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

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## Partners

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