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ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL

"Your future begins here."

From Mr. Clover's Desk

From Mr. Clover's Desk:

The new school year is off and running on alternating Blue and White academic days. The students seem to be adjusting rather well and it is an adjustment for everyone. I truly believe that the elongated instructional block will benefit our students in math and science. You will see a flag flying after school and during the school day on the main flag pole and a pole by the bus ramp, reminding parents and students which academic day is to be followed.

Estero High School had a good year on their FCAT grades, and plans are in place to move us to the next level this year. One area that needed immediate attention was Science. In the past we allowed students to choose what upper grade science they wanted. Few were taking the most challenging science courses or chemistry. Our indicators showed that we scored very low on chemistry on the FCAT test. Effective this year, all students scoring upper level 3 or higher on FCAT math are required to take chemistry. Students with less math ground will be assigned to physical science, which exposes students to chemical terminology.

The School Public Accountability Report and the annual Yearly Progress Report is available to all interested parties in the main office. Please call to set up an appointment to review these documents.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Florida Department of Law enforcement, is pleased to announce the Florida Sexual Offender/Predator Email Community Notification Services is now available. Please visit the Lee County Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.sheriffleefl.org> for further information.

I am looking for a great year at Estero High School. Remember to make the most of your child's high school years, both you and your child need to get involved with the school. Our website is currently under new management and construction, (please bear with us), so visit our site for updated events and announcements. The EHS SAC, (old PTA), meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 in the Medical Academy. You may always call Parentlink for grades, which are updated every Wednesday evening. If you are having a problem with Parentlink please contact Mr. James Nassiff at Estero High School.



Yours,
George Clover
 Principal


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Announcements ⁷

Cross County season begins

August 22nd was the unofficial kick off of Estero's cross country season. With over 400 runners registered for the event it was a great success, and surpassed the 300 plus entries from last year's race. Coach Sommer though was not as pleased as he could have been. There was no rain the week before the race, leaving a drier than normal course. He couldn't get the fire department to come out and soak the fields the night before the race. But beyond that, it was a great race, with Estero's Eric Montoya taking home the first place prize for male runners, and Darlene Hanlon from Ida Baker taking first for the female side.

With an influx of freshman runners joining the team this year, both girls and boys, Estero expects a competitive and fun season. All the runners have displayed a ton of dedication, discipline and most of all desire as we get ready to run into the season. Expecting them all to get better as they get a few more miles under their feet, Estero, should have a fun and successful season, and a great start to the program for the next few years.

But, with all sports, there is always room for more runners. Anyone interested in running, cross country or track should check with Coach Sommer in the AD's office. It will be your first step to a lot of fun and excitement for the next 4 years.

Interact club

The EHS Interact Club will kick off the school year with their first planning meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2009. The Interact Club is a service club sponsored by the Bonita Springs Morning and Noon Rotary Clubs. The club meets every other Thursday in Room 513 in the Medical Academy Building. All Estero High School students are welcome to join!

Last year, the students accumulated 686 service hours while participating in 14 various projects around the school and community. As one of the largest service clubs on campus, this year will be even better with the combination of our terrific officers, hardworking club members and the energetic new students who will be joining us.

Interact Sponsors: Mrs. Fabbro and Mrs. Klinker

Estero adopts oncourse

Estero has adopted OnCourse, an online lesson planner that includes automated staff websites. This system provides for enhanced communication and collaboration among educators, students and parents. Through the OnCourse teacher websites, parents and students can access homework assignments, school calendars, and other important information. To visit the websites, visit the Estero Homepage at: <http://est.leeschools.net/>

Through the faculty link, you will be able to view the information.



Medical Academy news

In April 2009, the Estero High School Medical Academy submitted an application to the Florida State Board of Nursing and to Prometric Inc., to become a testing site for the C.N.A credential. The application was approved and the Medical Academy students were able to take the C.N.A test on our own campus in June. The students did phenomenally well. Our pass-rate was the highest among the local academies. This year we plan to do even better. Our goal is to prepare all of our Medical Academy students to pass the test on the first try.

Last year was our first year to compete in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition. We sent 10 students to the regional competition. Every one of those students took home a top medal. Several went on to compete at the state level in Orlando. This year our students will again work hard to advance their skills and compete in the HOSA awards.

Teachers nurrently out of field fall 2009

Florida law stipulates that any teacher who is instructed to teach a class and does not hold full endorsement in that area be identified. The following teachers are out of field for one or more classes during the school day: Mary Martha Murry – Reading, Aimie Petrikas – Reading and ESOL, Jorge Romanach – Reading, Matthew Brock – ESE Math, Don Johnson – ESOL, Brandy Stafford – ESOL and Nikki Stewart – ESOL.

Announcements

Homecoming week celebrations

Homecoming Week is September 21, 2009 through September 25, 2009. We have just finished plans and received approval for the week's activities. This year's theme is "Estero Rocks the Galaxy".

In keeping with tradition, the classes will be competing in several contests. The class that has compiled the most points at the end of the week's activities will receive half of the profits made by Student Council from the powder puff football and volleyball games, Nite Trax, and ¼ of the spirit wells. The class that wins the spirit wells will also win ¼ of the spirit wells. The other half of the proceeds will be kept by Student Council to help defray Homecoming costs.

This year, classes will be awarded points for student participation in dress-up days. The class with the highest percentage of participation for the week will be awarded first place.

Students will be permitted to wear hats all week if the hats are part of their spirit attire. No bandanas can be worn! All other aspects of the dress code will be enforced. Please see daily schedules for dress up day guidelines.

Dress Code for Homecoming Dance: Semi-formal; no denim; adequate coverage. Estero High reserves the right to refuse admittance to any student whose attire is deemed inappropriate.

calendar of Events

Oct 16-	Progress Report
Oct 28 -	End of first quarter
Oct 29 -	Professional Duty Day (No school for students)
Oct 30 -	Hurricane Make Up Day
Nov 11 -	Veteran's Day (No school for students)
Nov 13-	Progress Report
Nov 25,26,27 -	Thanksgiving Break (No school for students)
Dec 21-Jan 1 -	Winter Break (No school for students)
Jan 8-	Progress Report
Jan 18 -	Martin Luther King Jr. (No school for students)
Jan 20, 21, 22 -	Early Dismissal
Jan 22 -	End of second quarter
Jan 25 -	Hurricane Make Up Day
Jan 26 -	Professional Duty Day (No school for students)
Feb 12-	Progress Report
Feb 9-11 -	FCAT Testing Dates (Florida Writes)
Feb 15 -	President's Day (No school for students)
Feb 16 -	Inservice Day (No school for students)
March 12-	Progress Report
Mar 9-19 -	FCAT Testing Dates (Math and Reading)
Mar 31 -	End of third quarter
Apr 1 -	Professional Duty Day
Apr 2 -	Good Friday (No school for students)
Apr 5-9 -	Spring Break (No school for students)
Apr 12 -	First day of fourth quarter
Apr 16-	Progress Report
May 14-	Progress Report
May 31 -	Memorial Day (No school for students)
Jun 11,14,15 -	Early Dismissal
Jun 15 -	End of fourth quarter
Jun 15 -	Last day for students

PE DEPT NEWS

- All students are required to dress appropriately for participation. district code enforced. Proper T-shirts, at least finger tip length athletic style shorts, socks and proper athletic shoes. No flip flops, crocs, dress shoes etc.
- The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items: students can rent PE lockers for \$5.00 small \$10.00 for a large.
- All students are given a PE Dept Expectations/Health Form which their parent/guardian(s) are asked to complete and then students return to their PE Teacher before participation for credit can start. until then, students will be given a written assignment for class credit.
- All PE teachers have a website where you can stay up to date with homework assignments and make up work assignments.

Culinary classes

The culinary 2 and 3 classes this year will have a small herb and vegetable garden. This will be their responsibility to raise the herbs and vegetables that they will use in class. This group of students will also put their skills to work on making a few lunches for the faculty members. This fundraising project will put their entrepreneurship skills to work as part of the Prostart Program that they are enrolled in.

Estero Rocks the Galaxy! Homecoming week September 21-26, 2009

Don't miss out on our fun-filled week of events! Contact Amy Ott (AmyOT@LeeSchools.net) or Annmarie Ferry (AnnmarieF@LeeSchools.net) if you would like to volunteer!

Monday, September 21st -

- Cookout 6-8 pm (\$3 adults: \$2 for students)
- Volleyball Game 6:30
- Powderpuff Game 7:30
- Dress-up day: PJ Day
- Nite Trax tickets go on sale in the office (\$3)

Tuesday, September 22nd -

- No evening events
- Dress-up day: Space Day

Wednesday, September 23rd -

- Nite Trax 7 pm
- Participants must arrive at 6 pm
- Dress-up day: Blue and White Day

Thursday, September 24th -

- No evening events
- Pep Rally 12:30-1:45
- Dress-up day: Class Color Day

Friday, September 25th -

- Parade begins at 6:30 pm
- Football game versus Palmetto Ridge 7pm (\$5)
- Come support your Wildcats!

Saturday, September 26th -

- Homecoming Dance 8-11pm
- Tickets \$20 at the door (\$15 in advance)

Testing

Once again, Estero High School is a testing center for the ACT. Students can get registration information from their guidance counselor or register online at: www.actstudent.org

Improve Test Scores for College Entrance by accessing ACT Prep Tests on www.actonlineprep.org
User names and passwords were distributed to students last year. For new students or if you need to refresh your memory, please see your English teacher.

SAT Registration Deadlines

2009-10 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010

ACT Registration Deadlines

2009-10 Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 12, 2009*	August 7, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009
February 6, 2010**	January 5, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test® (Fcat)

2009-10 Test Dates	Participants	Test
October 12 - 16, 2009 Or October 19 - 23, 2009	Grades 11 - Adult (New Students/Retakes)	Reading & Mathematics Sunshine State Standards Retake Tests
February 9 - 11, 2010	Grades 10	Writing Sunshine State Standards Test
March 9 - 19, 2010	Grades 9 - 10 and Retakes	Reading & Mathematics Sunshine State Standards Tests
March 9 - 19, 2010	Grades 11	Science Sunshine State Standards Test

Phone use during school hours is prohibited

Student use of cell phones during school hours is prohibited by the School District of Lee County. Students who use their phones during class will be required to pick up their phones at the end of the day after the first offense. Parents will be required to pick up cell phones from the office for the second and subsequent offenses.

Parental Controls are available with most cell services for a free or minimal charge. Parent Controls include the ability to filter media or block phone access during school hours. Please contact your phone provider for more information.

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H1N1 (SWINE) flu guidelines/procedures

In preparation for the coming school year and the annual flu season, Lee County Public Schools is following its established procedures for students and staff, listed below:

School staff will increase vigilance to identify students exhibiting flu-like symptoms.

Custodians/building supervisors will increase focus and frequency of cleaning commonly touched areas (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, handrails, etc.).

Symptomatic students will be sent to the school's clinic for evaluation by a Clinic Assistant and/or School Nurse.

Clinic Assistant and/or School Nurse will determine if a child should be isolated due to symptoms.

Schools will identify an area where students can be isolated from general student body. Parent/guardians of isolated students will be contacted and requested to pick up their child(ren) as soon as possible.

Students with influenza-like illness must remain at home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol).

A fever is a temperature which is elevated above 100 degrees. If symptoms do not subside, parents should seek medical care from their doctor or health care provider.

Students will be allowed to use hand sanitizers at school under the supervision of adults. School District officials will continue to work closely with Lee County Health department officials to determine if any additional steps/action is warranted.

Estero Fast Cat 5K opens Cross Country season

By Patti Jones

On Saturday, August 22nd, EHS was host for the annual Fast Cat 5K (3.1 mile) cross country race which is the annual fund raiser for the Wildcat Harriers and the first test for area high schoolers wanting to see how their summer conditioning paid off. The Fast Cat has a reputation for being a grueling test and past races have often been through knee deep water. This year the test was endurance as the course was accidentally measured over a 1/4mile too long. Over 400 runners signed up, many from local high schools as Fort Myers, Cypress Lake, Barron Collier, Ida Baker, South, Immokalee, and Gulf Coast were represented. Senior Erick Montoya showed he had lost none of his speed, winning in convincing fashion in 17:23 minutes. Most of the EHS runners trained with the 3D Running Club this summer which entailed grueling morning practices on the hills and through the sand at Alico Road and Estero Community Park and trails in Koreshan Park. Coach Jeff Sommer has a rugged Cross Country schedule which includes competition at the State of Florida's three top races which will test EHS mettle against the best in and outside the state. The EHS Boys looked poised to make a run at the 2A State Championship as they are hungry to improve on their fifth place finish at State in 2008. Montoya is joined by veterans Jose Farnot (senior), Jesse Littlefield (Junior), Aaron Rojas (soph), Julian Chavez (soph) and freshmen Jose Cartagena and Steven Briner to round out the varsity 7. Alex Vasquez (Junior), Kevin French (Junior) and Efrain Lopez (Soph) add extra strength and will press for a place on the varsity. The big surprise though may be the girls team. After reaching the state finals last year, the squad led by Senior Alex Chura, returning Senior transfer (from Pennsylvania) Ali Gunns, Seniors Brittany Cavalos and Katie Erickson, Junior Kendra Adams, and Sophomore Joey Story add five fast and focused Freshmen: Kasey Smith, Aja Curth, Maria Frank, Katie G. Solis and Katie K. Solis. Yes, these might just be the fast girls your mother warned you about!

Girls soccer

There will be a meeting for all girls interested in playing soccer, Tuesday September 15th afterschool in room 107 with Coach Ali Fabbro. Any girls unable to make this brief meeting should see Coach Fabbro any time during school hours before the 15th mtg. Tryouts/ Practice begins Mon October 12th 2:30pm- 4pm. See the Athletic Office for all paperwork required by the FHSAA. (this includes the proper form for physical which must be signed my parent/guardian and notarized. Please call Ali Fabbro 947-9400 ext 248 for more information.

Boys basketball

The official date for the start of conditioning will be on September 14th, starting at 3:30 sharp. We will be holding conditioning three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Conditioning will end around 6:30.

Coaches corner

The Wildcats football team hit the practice field to start the 2009 season on Monday, August 10th and have been working hard ever since. For the first week, the team practiced twice a day, in the morning from 8:00 to 10:30am and again at night from 6:00 to 8:30pm. With teacher workdays taking place during week two, the Wildcats had special teams practice from 4:00 to 5:00pm and then returned an hour later full- padded and practiced from 6:00 to 8:30pm.

The Wildcats are making the move down from Class 3A to Class 2A in 2009. They are members of Class 2A District 6 along with Desoto County (Arcadia), Hardee (Wauchula), and Immokalee High Schools. The Wildcats will take on Ida Baker High School in the 2009 Fall Classic to start the season. Non-district opponents for 2009 include South Fort Myers, St. John Neumann (Naples), Lemon Bay, Palmetto Ridge (Homecoming), North Fort Myers, Fort Myers, and Cypress Lake (Senior Night) High Schools. 2009 marks the renewal of an old rivalry with the Green Wave on the schedule for the first time in four years.

When the Wildcats take the field against Ida Baker High School, Coach Dombroski will be the only familiar face, and voice, on the sideline. Since the end of last season, Coach D has hired a totally new staff to guide and mentor the Wildcats in 2009. Calvin Hudgins was hired in June to help coordinate the offense. Coach Hudgins will coach the receivers. He spent the last four years at Elizabeth City State University, in North Carolina, where he coached the running backs. Justin Vasquez, who joined the staff mid-way through the season in 2008, will coordinate the Varsity and JV defenses and coach the inside linebackers. Tim Copeland, who came over from Cypress Lake High School, will be in charge of the offensive line and run the JV program. Gary Gauden, who returns to Estero after spending two seasons at South Fort Myers, will coach the quarterback and head the freshmen program. Matt Brock, Estero's head wrestling coach, will coach the outside linebackers. Tony Patterson, who worked with the Wildcats in the Spring, will be in charge of the defensive secondary. And finally, Bryan Goidosik, recently transplanted from South Carolina, will coach the defensive line.

Swim season goes underwater

This will be Coach Seluk's 4th season as Head Boys and Girls Swim Coach at Estero High School and she is particularly looking forward to the 2009 season. As the saying always goes, good things should happen to good swimmers who are doing good work. The boy's team, led by Captain - Nils Langenhagen, is quite strong this year and should be fun to watch. The girl's team is building and will be lead by 2A - 2008 State Champion Molly DuBrasky. The top returning swimmers this year are Kyle Snew, Junior ; Alex Latorre, Junior; Nils Langenhagen, Senior; Molly DuBrasky, Junior; and Mickey Riley, Sophomore. The team is also excited that William Austin Gutierrez, Junior has joined the team.

Estero High School did receive the bid and were granted the honor of hosting the 2A Regional Swim Meet at FGCU on November 5, 2009 again this year and look forward to showing off our community during these tough economic times.

JROTC News

JROTC is off to a great start this year with over 160 cadets in the Wildcat Battalion and 7 Companies. All the cadets will participate in the Homecoming Parade on 25 September at the Track. Please come out and support the students during the parade, they always look great. The parade is a mandatory event for the students. The Raider Competition is early this year on 29 October, a Thursday at Lehigh High School. It is a student day off. For more details and up to date information visit our website at www.schoolrack.com/esteroJROTC also available through the school website.

Key Club 2010

Key Club meetings will be held on Tuesdays in Room 116. New members are always welcome. Upcoming projects are being decided upon at the first meeting. Renaissance and Key club will be hosting the annual canned food drive though in October from the 5-16. Send in your donations of canned goods to help our community out in times of need. The first period class that collects the most goods will receive a continental breakfast as their thank you!

Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

The Academy of Hospitality and Tourism has added two new courses for the 2009-2010 school year which we are excited about. The two additional courses signify that the first students to enter the Academy will be completing their required coursework this year! The two new courses are: Travel Marketing and Management and Hospitality Internships.

Travel Marketing and Management is the third class in the academy sequence. The course is being taught by Mr. Troy Beall who has worked hard over the summer to come up with creative marketing projects for the students. Having been on the math department staff the past few years, Mr. Beall gets to utilize his marketing "expertise" that he learned at Florida Gulf Coast University with the third year students.

Starting in September, the senior academy students will begin their internships in the community. Each student will complete 100 - 125 hours in the hospitality/ tourism field to fulfill the internship requirement. Some of the community businesses that have signed on to be a part of the intern's final step are: Lee County Visitor's and Convention Bureau, Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce, Embassy Suites/Estero, Hyatt Place, Carrabba's/Bonita Springs, Rodes/Bonita Springs, Trianon/Bonita Bay and Petals and Presents Florist. The students are ready to use the skills and knowledge they have learned in class while also gaining hands on experience from their hospitality mentors. A BIG thanks to those businesses that have supported our program.

Renaissance 2010

Back to school Renaissance assembly will be Sept 4 Renaissance 2010

Back to school Renaissance assembly will be Sept 4th. Theme is Youth Mastering Core Academics (YMCA). We will be recognizing the top students that scored a 5 in FCAT reading, 5 in Math, one 5 in Science and 4's in Science. We will have a "feature" dance put on by the EHS Village People..6 of our faculty members will start the dance routine to the theme music from YMCA.

Renaissance will begin selling hoodies in the next few weeks. The price has not been set yet, so begin saving now. The color will be navy blue with the wildcat logo on it.

Renaissance will also produce an Estero High Cookbook this year as their major fundraiser. If you have a recipe you would like to enter in it please contact Jan Doten at 947-9400 ext 280 or Janad@Leeschools.net. As soon as we collect enough recipes we will send it to print and begin selling them. Hope you will enter a recipe or two!



Renaissance and Key Club Events:

Renaissance Meetings will be held on scheduled Wednesdays in room 116. Contact Mrs. Doten for a list of scheduled dates.

Key Club meetings will be held on Tuesdays in room 116. Contact Mrs. Doten for a list of scheduled dates.

Annual canned food drive October 5-16. Students may dropped off their donations to their first period teacher. The class with the most donations will win a continental breakfast.

March of Dimes Bikers for Babies in late October/Early November.