Estero High School

October 2023 Volume 10 Monthly Newsletter

Hello Wildcat Family,



We are almost through the first quarter and hopefully you are keeping up with your student's progress using the FOCUS website! Please communicate with the guidance department if you need to schedule a conference with one or all of your student's teachers, or need to inquire about after-school tutoring or Back on Track opportunities that we have available.

Our counselors have begun the process of calling our seniors down to give senior contracts which include all graduation requirements that each individual student needs to reach. Please reach out to your student's counselor if you need to discuss their academic progress.

Principal Mike Amabile

Administration **Carol Cassidy** Kasey Cobb Scott Nicklas Jennifer Seluk

Athletics/Activities Director

Gary White

We have many exciting events coming up this month including our homecoming week from October 9 through October 14! Our SGA has been working extremely hard on planning our events including the Powder Puff Games and a haunted homecoming dance! We will host the 5th annual Jaws vs Claws Football Game against Bonita Springs High School on November 3rd. I have truly enjoyed celebrating all of our seniors during fall sports/activities! We would love to see our Wildcats in attendance to as many events they are able to attend!

Please continue to encourage your student to get involved in the activities they are passionate about, as we have something for everyone here at Estero!

Wildcat Pride,

Mike Amabile Principal Estero High School

School Information

Phone: 239-947-9400

Website: est.leeschools.net

Social Media Twitter: @EsteroHS Facebook: Estero High School Instagram: esterohigh

Dr. Christopher S. Bernier, Superintendent

Lee County School Board

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Vision

Where students come to learn and leave to succeed.

Mission

To provide each member of our diverse student body with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly complex world.

Athletics

Attention all Athletes!

Students interested in participating in any sport for the school year must complete an online athletic clearance. Click this link for more information: https://athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org/

New athletes, and those whose paperwork and physical has expired, can find required athletic forms on the Estero High School Website under Athletics here: https://est.leeschools.net/our_students/athletics or stop by the athletic office to get a packet.

Check out our FanCloth team store. Stock up for next season today! Thank you for your support!

https://fancloth.shop/NZENH



Estero High School Season Passes

Season Passes are on sale now for only \$50.00 Good for all home games- Fall, Winter, and Spring May not be used for FHSAA State Series events Scan this QR code to purchase. Scan this QR code to order.

You can use this code to purchase individual events as well. After scanning and pulling up site, click Estero High Events, top right corner, for a listing of events and individual purchasing.

Athletics

For information and scheduling updates, please check out our Athletics page.

https://est.leeschools.net/our_students/athletics

*Schedules are subject to change

Leadership in action!!!!



Wildcats are going places!

Madison White had 11 photographs chosen to be on display at the Baker Museum as part of the prestigious Artis-Naples Student Photography Institute. She won Best in Show Honorable Mention! Congrats!!!



Key Club

Estero High School's Key Club meets in room #508 in the medical building until 2:30 pm. Check the Google Classroom for meeting times. Students must have a signed copy of the permission form to attend any club meeting or activity. This form will be valid all year. As a club in good standing with Key Club International, there is a dues fee of \$15. Key Club Tshirts will be available for sale at a later date. All of this information and the forms are posted on the Key Club google classroom.

The code is **phkcuhf**.

Please direct questions to the advisor Mrs. Susan Delago at susanlde@leeschools.net or to the president Caprice Wells at cw06205@students.leeschools.net

Pathways Club

If you are interested in the Pathways club please contact Mrs. Moses's room, 207. Can't wait to see you all there!

Interact

Interact Club Meetings take place in room 510.

Please contact Mrs. Puckett for more information.

Be involved! Service before Self!



Photography Club

Photography club will meet once a month after school on Mondays from 1:45-2:30 in room 506 (Mrs. Reddish).

Share your photos, submit to contests, and make new friends.

Join the google classroom to get more information:

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The Literature **Appreciation Club**

The Literature Appreciation Club is new to Estero this year! If you love to read please join us on Tuesdays. We will meet in Mrs. Houghton's room. We will be setting up club goals and activities in the first few meetings.

Please join us in room 124.

Interested in GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance)? Please contact Ms. Roche in the NE Hallway, room 128. She would love to speak with you about club interest and involvement for the 2023-2024 academic year! Be involved!

Yearbook

Class of 2024: Please go to cady.com/schedule to schedule your senior portraits. Don't be left out of your senior yearbook! #Cady #CadySenior

www.cady.com/schedule







10/9 - Halloween Spirit
10/10 - Country vs.
Country Club
10/11 - Barbie vs. Ken
10/12 - Iconic Duo
10/13 - Class Colors
No face masks or full face paint.
th - Gray, 10th - Red, 11th - White, 12th - Blue
This is the Official and Final Dress Up Days!

FEA- Future Educators of America Need Community Service Hours? Scholarships for College? Real-life Teaching Experiences may be Available!

Join FEA! Google Classroom: cyxel6r

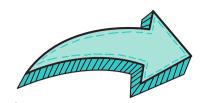
Requirements: Excellent Attendance, Strong Interest in Young Students & Education, Desire to be Active in Your Community

Questions , please email Ms. Roche at MelissaARo@LeeSchools.net



Room 117
Thursday's
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm
Community service projects for Ronald
McDonald House, Golisano Children's
Hospital and other locations of your choice.

Estero Newspaper
"On the Prowl" Estero High
School's student
newspaper, meets
each Monday
after school in
room 402.



SAC Meetings

If you are interested in joining the SAC Committee, please email Ms. Seluk (JenniferAS@Leeschools.net).

Please join us next year. Your input matters!

2023 - 2024 SAC Meeting Dates:

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 $\cdot 11 - 27 - 2023$

 $\cdot 01 - 22 - 2024$

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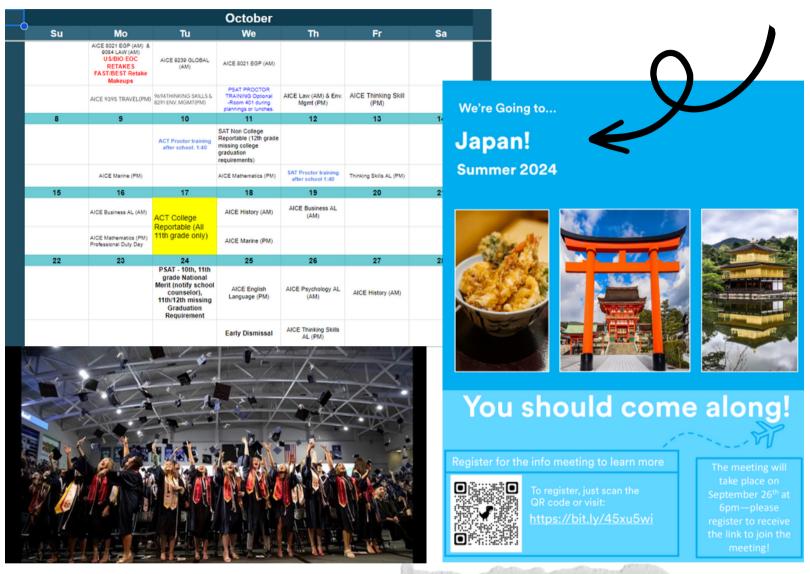
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In accordance with Florida State Board Rules, the following teachers are highly qualified, but are either teaching out-of-field or working to meet ESOL requirements.

Out-of-Field Darren Hartje-Nelson Ivana Schmidt Craig Van Scoy

ESOL
Ashley Giordano
Darren Hartje-Nelson
Madeline Huseman
Margaret Nitychoruk
Kyle Reisen
Jennifer Shue
Craig Van Scoy

OCTOBER TESTING CALENDAR



Class of 2024 families! If you would like to celebrate your senior's achievement, ads are now available for purchase in the 2024 Estero High School yearbook! Please fill out the attached pdf and return it to Mr. Leiderman. Space is limited. Business ads are also available for purchase. Both can also be purchased at www.jostens.com.

Yearbooks are currently for sale as well. The current price is \$75 until 10/27/23. Yearbooks can also be purchased at www.jostens.com or via cash or check made out to Estero High School.

Senior portraits are due by 12/1/23. Please make an appointment today at www.cady.com.

Please contact Mr. Leiderman if you have any questions!

Counselor Corner

School Counselors



Ms. Moschella A - Gre



Ms. Hensley Gri - Pal



Mrs. Schultz Pam - Z

Be a part of the future TODAY!!!

Join FEA
Future Educators of America

Google Classroom cyxel6r

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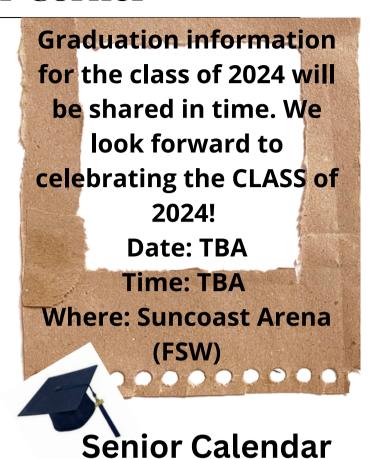
JOIN MS. ROCHE IN ROOM 128

Fuery-Other Thursday @ 1:40-2:90
Aug. 31, Sept. 14&28, Oct. 12&26, Nov. 9&30, Dec. 14,
Jan. 11&25, Feb. 8&22, Mar. 7&28, Apr. 11&25,

May 9&23.

Real-life Teaching Experiences may be
Available

We need ALL 2023-24 Officers



Follow the Google Classroom for important information regarding the Class of 2024.

If you have questions regarding graduation, please reach out to EHS at 239-947-9400



Counselor Corner

Student Services

Website

Students can access information on courses, graduation, Bright Futures, Senior Exemption, and other important school info.



https://sites.google.com/leesc hools.net/ehscounselors/home



Google Classroom Codes



Seniors Class of 2024	7alx6sy
Juniors Class of 2025	mwdzxvu
Sophomores Class of 2026	kj25gja
Freshmen Class of 2027	76nybxy

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Class of 2024!

You can now book your senior portrait at www.cady.com! Choose the time that you want, on the day that you want, at CADY Studio in Ft. Myers. Contact Mr. Leiderman (ScottEL@leeschools.net) if you have any questions!

Important Reminders

Medications in Schools

Students cannot take any medication while at school, either prescription or over the counter, without a doctors order. All approved medications must be kept in the clinic. Forms for this process can be found on the district website here:

Medications in Schools



<u>Tutoringing Schedule</u>

Connect with Lee live tutoring online





Cambridge/AICE

Important Information and Reminders for all Cambridge Students

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the November 2023 AICE exam schedule. The deadline to register for the Nov 2023 exam series has closed. The next opportunity to retake an AICE exam will be in the Spring - the June 2024 exam series (see link below for June 2024 provisional timetable).

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the June 2024 provisional AICE exam schedule. Use this to plan ahead because if you miss an exam you will be required to pay for it!

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Cambridge Diploma tracking guide. To earn the AICE Diploma you need to pass 7 courses (at least one in each category and Global Perspectives).

Passing an AICE exam is how a student earns college credit. Would you like to know the college credit equivalency for each AICE exam? Visit our school <u>Cambridge/AICE</u> webpage for to look up Credit Equivalency by College or Florida Credit by Exam Equivalencies (link)

Bright Futures Scholarship Application (FFAA) opens October 1st! Seniors are required to complete the Florida Financial Aid Application in order to be considered for the Bright Futures Scholarship. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to learn about the Bright Futures Scholarship application and other relevant information.

Parents/Guardians: All students enrolled in an AICE or AP course received the <u>Advanced Courses Parent Acknowledgement Form</u> to take home for a parent/guardian to read, sign, and then return to their teacher. If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact your child's Advanced Course (AICE or AP) teacher.

Have questions about Cambridge/AICE?

Email Mrs. Hutto at carolynhu@leeschools.net or see her in her office in Student
Affairs.

CAMBRIDGE

International Examinations

Excellence in education

Parents

EHS Cambridge/AICE Parent Handbook or check out the EHS Cambridge/AICE Information on the <u>Estero Cambridge/AICE information webpage.</u>

Student Dress Code

The purpose of the Dress Code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without the distractions of unsuitable dress and grooming, as well as developing good habits that will lead to "dressing for success" in college and career. Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times.

The responsibility for the personal appearance of the student rests with the parent/guardian and the student. Personal appearance shall not disrupt the educational process. A student who is dressed appropriately is demonstrating a respect for self and others, as well as contributing to a safe and orderly learning environment. The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress to be interpreted and enforced by the principal or designee. Each principal has the authority with his or her staff and community, as permitted by School Board policy, to establish additional standards at individual schools.

If any of the following dress code issues are noticed, it may result in disciplinary action. Please see our School Website for a complete list of acceptable dress.

Ensure all clothing items are appropriate and that the dress code is followed at all times. If you are unsure about any of the standards listed above, ask an administrator prior to wearing it at school. Violations may result in disciplinary consequences or students being asked/required to change their attire prior to returning to class. It is our goal to correct the problem as quickly as possible to avoid missed instructional time.

Below are disciplinary actions that will apply for students that fail to comply with the dress code:

- Infractions will result in the student being asked to change and a phone call home. Once the student changes, the student will be sent back to class.
- If the student refuses to change, the student will be written an insubordination referral and will sit in ISS for the remainder of the day. Alternatively, a member of the student's family is permitted to bring a change of clothing for the student.

Electronics Policy

Our main goal within the classrooms at Estero High School is to keep the focus on academics. Due to an overwhelming amount of classroom referrals being Electronic/Telecommunication device referrals, 34% of total referrals for the 2022-2023 school year, Estero High School will be enacting a new Electronic/Telecommunication Device policy within the classroom.

- Upon entering the classroom, students should get class materials out and place bags (backpacks, purses, etc.) in the front of the classroom or area away from student desks designated by the teacher. Student bags are to remain in the front of the classroom or designated area for the duration of the class period.
- If a student leaves the classroom for a reason other than lunch or dismissal, they are not permitted to retrieve their cell phone from their backpack.

Please see our website for complete details.

Cell Phone Policy



1st Offense: Warning by teacher.

<u>2nd Offense</u>: Student will be sent to ISS to turn in device where it will be secured by Security. Parent/Guardian will be notified.

Returned to student at end of day.

3rd Offense: Student will be sent to ISS to turn in device where it will be secured by Security. Parent/Guardian will be notified and requested to come pick up cell phone.

4th Offense: Parent Meeting will be scheduled with student and family. Student will be placed on cell phone contract if behavior continues.

5th + Offense: Student will be placed on cell phone contract.

*Refusal to turn in electronics to security/student services will result in student being picked up from school bu parent/quardian.

Students may be placed on a cell phone contract if behavior continues.

Parent Information

FOCUS Parent Portal

Child's Assignment Grades • Class Grade • Attendance • Referrals
Progress Monitoring Results • Report Cards • Interim Report Cards
Beginning of the Year Forms such as Student Emergency and Health Information

Every student must have at least one parent create a FOCUS Parent Portal account. Parents will be able to complete student emergency and health information forms. Parents can use FOCUS all year to check their child's grades, attendance, and assignments.

For more information and instructions in English, click here: https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review? uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:9a877d96-1b58-4016-a390-87b29b09f387

Spanish version:

https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review? uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:13e4977c-59e2-4d65-b68d-3852c36f3c62



Parent Account Resources

Create a Parent Portal Account:

https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/

Link a child to your FOCUS Parent Account: https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/index.php?action=login

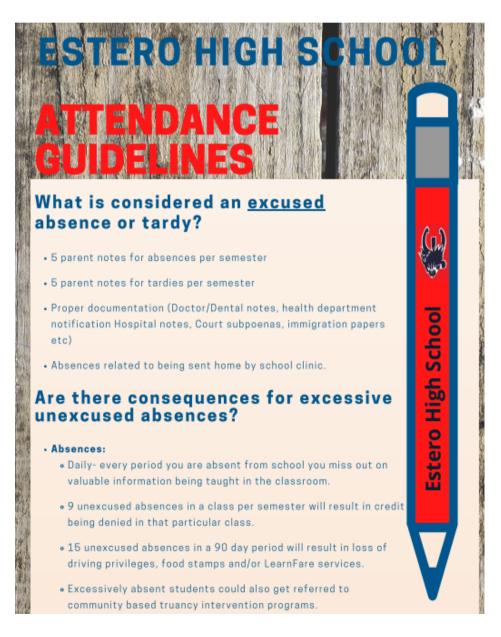
Student Account Info

Students, to access the FOCUS Student Portal, follow these steps:

- **1.** Enter your @students.leeschools.net Email into the Username field.
- 2. Press TAB to open the District Sign-on Page
- 3. Enter your District ID (ex. SJ12345) and password.

Attendance

The School Board of Lee County believes that regular and punctual attendance is crucial for a students academic success. Parents are responsible for their child's daily school attendance. Missing just 2 days per month in one school year, equals 120 hours of class time missed. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduation. Please help us by ensuring your child gets to school and on time. Below outlines Estero High Schools attendance guidelines which align with the Lee County School District Attendance Policies.



Tardy Policy & Dress Code Policy

Tardy to Class (per 2-7)

per period, per quarter

1st Offense - Warning in FOCUS

2nd Offense - Warning in FOCUS

3rd Offense - Warning in FOCUS

4th Offense - Referral. Parent Communication. Phone Call. Lunch Detention assigned

<u>5th Offense</u> – Referral. Cell Phone Contract (3 days). If more than 5 days then Parking Pass will be revoked.

6th Offense - Referral. After-school detention (1-hour).

7th Offense - Referral. After-hours school (2 hours).

8th Offense - Referral. ISS (1 day).

Frequently tardy students will have an administrative hearing, placed on an attendance contract, and/or placed on the No Pass List.



Wildcat Way: Be present and on-time every period, every day.

Estero High School Dress Code



Shirts & Tops:

- Tops must be long enough to cover the stomach and back at all times
- Strapless, low-cut clothing, halters, thin-straps, tube-tops, crop tops, and tank tops are not allowed
- · Tops may not be see-through
- Shirts are not permitted to include any of the following: alcohol, drugs, tobacco, profanity, weapons, or defamatory/insulting visuals

Jeans, Shorts, Leggings, Skirts & Dresses:

- Pants with any size holes above your fingertip length where skin can be seen are not acceptable
- Skirts, dresses and shorts should be around fingertip length (approx. 7 inches from the knee)
- · Leggings may not be see-through

Other:

- · No Pajamas, blankets or pillows
- No Headwear inside the classrooms, medical building auditorium, café (hoods, hats)
- No slippers

Students who are out of dress code will have an opportunity to change or fix the apparel/item and return to class as long as it is not a common occurrence. Students will be placed in the ISS room if they are unable or unwilling to change the clothing infraction item. If a student continues to disregard the dress code, the infraction will be documented in FOCUS and followed up with parent contact. It is our goal to correct the problem as quickly as possible to avoid missed instructional time.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that any, and all clothing items are appropriate for school.

The final decision as to whether an item is appropriate for school rests with the school administration.

Community Partners

Estero Historical Society https://esterohistoricalsociety.com/

ECCL - Estero Council of Community Leaders, a Civic Advocacy Organization https://esterotoday.com/communications/

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING TIP LINE

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FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool.

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Instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

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Let students know!! They can report anonymously from their personal devices or via the icon on their Chromebooks



See something, Say something



School District of Lee County 2023-2024

Instructional Calendar

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Board Approved 12/6/2022

Due to Hurricane Idalia, the District was closed on August 29 and 30, 2023. As a result, the following changes to the Instructional and 12-month Employee Calendars are being made to ensure the number of hours of instruction for students meet statutory requirements:

October 25, 2023 will now be a full student day.

December 21, 2023 will now be a full student day.

December 22, 2023 will now be an early dismissal day for students and a workday for all staff.