

### **May 15, 2017**

Congratulations to Jenna Skrelunas, who was selected as the Most Influential Senior at the recent Take Stock in Children Senior Banquet.

Rebecca Cole was recognized at the 2017 Pasco Battle of the Belts Awards Ceremony for her essay, and congratulations to the National Science Honor Society for their recognition of Anclote High School's Battle of the Belt Campaign.

AHS will be celebrating the Class of 2017 at our Night of Excellence tomorrow night at 6:30 in the gym. Wednesday night JROTC will honor their cadets with an Awards Night also beginning at 6:30 in the gym.

The Class of 2017 looks forward to celebrating at the Senior Breakfast this Thursday at 8:30 in the gym. District Finals for underclassmen also begin Thursday and continue through May 25.

Semester 2 and Year grades, including District Finals, will be rolled into MyStudent on Saturday, May 20. The Class of 2017 Graduation Walk List will be posted on Tuesday, May 23rd at noon in Student Services. Final grades will not be available prior to this date.

### **May 7, 2017**

I would like to thank Mrs. Holloman and Student Government for hosting our 2017 Prom on Friday. The night was a tremendous success capped off with the crowning of Mallory Baack and Marquez Cooper as Prom Queen and King.

Congratulations to Senior, Anthony Neri, on his 3rd place finish in at the State Competition. Anthony attends Marchman Technical College for the HVAC program.

As we head into the final week for seniors we continue with AP Testing and District Finals. Seniors should closely monitor MyStudent for academic progress as we finish out the fourth quarter. Graduation caps and gowns will be distributed Monday during lunches and yearbooks will be distributed on Tuesday. Other important dates for Senior events are posted on the school website.

The last day for Seniors is this Friday and the Senior Picnic is 11:30 Saturday, May 13th at Anderson Park – Shelter 8. The Senior Class Council has worked very hard in organizing the picnic and is looking forward to celebrating with the Class of 2017!

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to remind all students of the expectation to maintain Shark Spirit and Pride in all actions and behaviors. Consequences for inappropriate behavior may result in suspension. It is important for students to remain focused and finish strong.

### **May 4, 2017**

This morning at 7:00 a.m. I received a report of a possible threat of violence to the students at Anclote High School. Students saw this threat posted on social media and immediately reported it to an adult. Myself and the School Resource Officer were able to locate the bus on which the student was transported and held the unloading of all buses until the student was safely escorted off of the bus. The student was not found to be in possession of any weapon and the situation was turned over to the Pasco Sheriff's Office. I commend the students for their diligence in reporting the threat of violence and encourage all students to do the same if they witness any posts or comments that may indicate a concern for the safety and well-being of others. As always, we appreciate your support in continuing to monitor social media used by students and working with us to ensure their safety.

**April 30, 2017**

State Testing continues this week with the Algebra 1 EOC Monday and Tuesday.

This week is Staff Appreciation Week at Anclote High School. I encourage students and families to reach out to our Shark staff this week and show your appreciation for all they do for our students throughout the year.

Anclote High School's 2017 Prom is Friday, May 5 at the Bayanihan Event Center. Tickets will be on sale Monday and Tuesday this week. Prom Court selection will be Tuesday during lunches.

District Finals for Seniors begins this Thursday, May 4th. District Finals count 10% of the final grade. Students will be on a modified exam schedule from May 4 through May 11.

Caps and Gowns will be distributed during lunches on Monday, May 8th and yearbooks will be distributed Tuesday, May 9th.

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to remind all students of the expectation to maintain Shark Spirit and Pride in all actions and behaviors. Consequences for inappropriate behavior may result in suspension, including into the next school year. It is important for students to remain focused and finish strong.

**April 23, 2017**

State Testing continues this week with the US History EOC Monday and Tuesday and the Biology EOC will be Wednesday and Thursday this week.

This year's Prom is Friday, May 5 at the Bayanihan Event Center with tickets on sale for \$60.

As recently reported by Pasco County Schools, Anclote High School will have a new start time for the 2017-18 school year. The student schedule will begin at 8:50 and end at 3:05 next year. Additional information can be found on the school webpage.

Fourth quarter progress reports go home with students Friday. Parents are encouraged to review academic progress, in addition to attendance, with students. Seniors have just three weeks left,

including District Finals. Seniors should monitor MyStudent regularly to ensure academic success in all classes.

#### **April 9, 2017**

FSA ELA Testing is this week. All 9th and 10th graders will participate in this state assessment. It is very important that students are in attendance every day as the FSA ELA is a two-day test.

Prom Tickets are now on sale for \$60. This year's Prom is Friday, May 5 at the Bayanihan Event Center.

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Congratulations to Alexx Smith, who recently competed at the State Weightlifting meet. Alexx earned a 2nd Place finish in Class 1A at the 129 lb weight class.

#### **March 26, 2017**

FSA Reading retakes will be administered Wednesday and Thursday this week. Students must be present both days for this two-part test.

Prom Tickets go on sale this Thursday for \$60. This year's Prom is Friday, May 5 at the Bayanihan Event Center.

The Loss of Privilege list for the 4th quarter will be posted Monday in Student Services and on the doors to all Learning Community Commons. Students on LOP may not participate in any activities or events during the 4th quarter as a result of excessive absences or discipline referrals. All students have the opportunity to appeal their LOP status by completing an appeal form, which is available in Student Services. All appeal forms for LOP must be returned no later than Wednesday, April 5th.

JROTC will compete in the State Drill Meet this Saturday – good luck to all of our Cadets!

March marked a month of great achievements for many of our Shark students. Our Shark Band performed in the Music Performance Assessment, receiving an overall rating of Excellent and a Superior in Sight Reading. Rayden Connelly was selected as Anclote High School's Turn-Around Student of the Year. Lady Sharks Junior, Lyndsey McWhorter, was chosen as All Conference Player of the Year for Pasco County. Senior, Marquez Cooper, was selected as the Florida Dairy Farmers Player of the Year and is a Finalist for Mr. Basketball. Congratulations to our TEDX winner, Paige Gray, who will represent AHS in the county competition in May. Finally, the Talent Showcase before Spring Break was a tremendous success with 3rd place going to Anthony and Vincent Mottola, 2nd Place to Kamryn Belloise, and William Isham was the big winner for his incredible dancing number. Congratulations to all of our Shark students!

#### **March 12, 2017**

The third quarter will end this week with Quarterly checks and a teacher planning day on Friday. The PERT test will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday to those students interested in Dual Enrollment next year. Parents are encouraged to review attendance and grades in MyStudent as we close out the third quarter.

Anclote High School will welcome our inaugural Cambridge students with a celebration on Tuesday night beginning at 6:00 in the Shark Zone. We look forward to bringing this prestigious program to the students of West Pasco.

On Thursday this week students will compete in our TEDX school event with the winner representing AHS in the county competition.

Come out and see our awesome Sharks on Wednesday for the Talent Showcase beginning at 2:30 in the gym. On Thursday, the tenth grade AVID students will be visiting Keiser University and JROTC will be hosting the Cadet Ball at the Spartan Manor.

This week in sports the Girls and Boys Tennis teams take on Wesley Chapel and Mitchell high schools, while the Baseball team hosts Land O'Lakes on Tuesday and travels to Hudson on Friday. On Tuesday, the Girls and Boys Track teams will compete in a Quad Meet at Mitchell. Check out the school calendar for all of our athletic events.

#### **March 5, 2017**

Anclote High School is very proud to announce the Class of 2017 Valedictorian, Samantha Williams and Salutatorian, Dominick Gallo. Congratulations on this prestigious honor. Your hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence is greatly admired.

Congratulations to our Anclote Chorus which earned ratings of straight Excellents at their Music Performance Assessment this weekend. We are very proud of our music program!

Congratulations to the JROTC unit on hosting the Area 9 Drill Meet this weekend with 18 high schools participating. Anclote JROTC won numerous awards in the competition.

This week in testing, FSA Writing make ups for ninth and tenth grade students is Monday and retakes for eleventh and twelfth graders is Tuesday.

This week in sports the Girls and Boys Tennis teams take on Wiregrass Ranch and Gulf high schools, while the Baseball team hosts River Ridge on Tuesday and travels to Pasco on Friday. Good luck to our Boys Weightlifting team which competes in the District Meet on Wednesday at River Ridge.

#### **February 19, 2017**

Congratulations to Samantha Williams for being named National Merit Finalist, a tremendous accomplishment with only 15,000 students selected nationwide by the College Board.

This week on campus Anclote High School will be hosting a College Fair on Monday and Career Day on Thursday for juniors and seniors. We are very excited to have more than 40 participants in College Day tomorrow in the gym.

Our Band students will be participating in Solo Ensemble this week at Mitchell High School. In addition, JROTC will be taking students on a Field Trip to Clearwater Coast Guard and our Special Olympians will compete at River Ridge Thursday.

Congratulations to our boys and girls track teams who hosted the Anclote Invitational on Friday with the boys team finishing 4th and the girls team 7th. Marquez Cooper was selected as Gatorade Outstanding Male Athlete of the invitational.

Four of our wrestlers have advanced to Regional competition following their outstanding performance in Districts this weekend. Brice Arlt – First Place, Alex Roberds Second, Drew Ferrell Third and Owen Lott finished Fourth in their respective weight classes.

This week Boys Weightlifting competes at Hudson while the Tennis teams take on Hudson and Land O Lakes. Thursday night both the Baseball and Softball teams play at home beginning at 7:00 – come out and support Anclote Athletics.

#### **February 12, 2017**

Congratulations to DJ Proper and Sara Dicarlo on signing their National Letters of Intent on February 1, National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Both ladies will be playing Volleyball at the next level as DJ will be joining the Hillsborough Community College Hawks and Sara will be traveling to Georgia to join the Piedmont College Lions.

Our JROTC Cadets will be visiting the James A Haley VA hospital on Tuesday this week and will compete in a Drill meet at Zephyrhills Saturday.

There will be an AVID Parent night this Thursday at 7:00 in the Shark Zone. AVID students will also be attending the Engineering Expo this Saturday at USF.

Anclote High School is very proud to announce this year's Art of Recycling winners: Kisha Ortiz was awarded Most Innovative and People's Choice for her Looking on the Other Side piece, Best Use of Printed Material went to Jessica Skrelunas for Life is Ruff When You Don't Recycle, and the Pasco Art Council's Special Award went to DJ Proper for her Aluminum Joker. Be sure to check out the school website for pictures of the outstanding artwork.

#### **February 5, 2017**

Selected ninth grade students were invited to attend a Cambridge meeting on Monday to learn more about this incredible accelerated learning opportunity. Please contact Mrs. Beatty-Woodall with questions on our new Cambridge Programme.

Student Government is hosting this year's Winter Formal – a Valentine Celebration. The dance is Friday, February 10 from 7:00-10:30. Tickets are on sale for \$15. Tickets must be purchased during lunches and will not be available at the door.

Seniors – Herff Jones will be on campus during lunches on Tuesday for information on graduation orders.

Spring sports baseball, softball, tennis and track are now underway. Congratulations to Wrestlers Andrew Ferrell and Alex Roberds who took first place in the Berkley Prep tournament this weekend and to runner ups Bryce Arlt and Owen Lott. A big shout out to our Lady Sharks Basketball team who beat River Ridge Friday night for the District Championship. This week our Boys Basketball team will host Pasco Tuesday night in the first round of District play and the girls will host Weeki Wachee Thursday in Regional competition. Game times are 7:00 – come out and support our Sharks!

### **January 29, 2017**

Students received information on the 2017-18 course selection process, in addition to course cards during the recent grade-level presentations. Parents are encouraged to discuss the course selection with students as schedule changes will be extremely limited. Identified ninth grade students will receive detailed information on the Cambridge Program on Monday, February 6, as well as information on the application process. This information can also be found on the school website.

Student Government is hosting this year's Winter Formal – a Valentine Celebration. The dance is Friday, February 10 from 7:00-10:30. Tickets are on sale for \$15.

Good luck to the Lady Sharks Basketball team as they compete in the District Tournament at Pasco High School this week. Baseball practice starts Wednesday, February 1st and the Boys Weightlifting team takes on Gulf this week.

The Loss of Privilege list for this quarter was posted last week. Students who have more than five unexcused absences in any one period during second quarter, or any level 2 or 3 referral are placed on the LOP list. Students on LOP lose the privilege of participating in all extra curricular activities for the remainder of third quarter. All students have the opportunity to appeal their LOP status. Appeal forms are available in Student Services and all appeal forms are due no later than Friday, February 3rd.

Students impacted by the recent school zoning changes were mailed a letter with information regarding School Choice, in addition to receiving information on Curriculum Night at Gulf High School this Tuesday at 6:00. It is also important that all students who currently school choice to Anclote High School complete a new application during the February 1- March 1 window. Impacted students can see their school counselor for additional information.

Remember to order your yearbook! They are on sale now for \$60 and can be ordered online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) or see Ms. Weber in room 3-129. Also, any senior interested in putting in a recognition ad in the yearbook need to place their order by January 31st.

**January 22, 2017**

Grade Level presentations continue this week in the Shark Zone. Seniors Monday, Sophomores Tuesday and Juniors Wednesday. Students who do not have an English class on campus are encouraged to attend during one of their open periods.

Seniors – the count down begins – less than four months to go. Be sure to stay focused on finishing strong. Important information will be shared with Seniors on Monday in the Shark Zone – make sure you attend the grade level presentations.

A number of students have received schedule changes that take effect Monday. These changes were necessary to ensure students have a certified teacher for their English classes. Every effort was made to minimize the impact on students, however, we understand how difficult these changes are this time of year. We appreciate your understanding and patience with this transition. Our teachers are focused on continuing to engage students in rigorous experiences in preparation for the state FSA assessments.

We are excited to offer our students the opportunity to take advantage of the community school dental clinic at Gulfside Elementary School. Consent packets went home with all of the students last week. If your student needs another packet or if you have questions about the program please contact Mrs. Hoxie, our school social worker.

In sports this week Tennis, Softball and Track seasons all start Monday. Good luck to all of our Spring athletes. Baseball season will begin Wednesday, February 1st.

**January 16, 2017**

Report cards will be distributed on Friday rather than Tuesday this week due to a delay with MyStudent.

This week in sports Girls and Boys Basketball continue, along with Girls and Boys Soccer. Boys Weightlifting begins their season tomorrow. For a complete list of events please see the Athletic calendar on the school website.

I have some very tragic news to share with our Shark families. A member of the Class of 2016, Cory Teabout, passed away last night from injuries sustained in a car accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this very difficult time. To assist students and staff, additional Student Services staff will be on campus tomorrow for support for those in need.

**January 8, 2017**

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017!

Prior to the holiday break, the State of Florida released graduation rates for 2015-16 and I am very proud to announce that Anclote High School increased the graduation rate by 4 percent from 70 to 74%. In addition, I am excited to announce that Anclote High School has been approved by Cambridge International to offer the Cambridge Programme beginning in the 2017-18 school year. Additional information about this rigorous, high academic opportunity will be available on the school website next week.

As we begin the second semester this week all students will receive a new schedule Monday morning. First period classes will be posted on the doors to each building. Students will receive an updated schedule during first period, which will supersede any previous schedule.

This is an exciting time for the Class of 2017 with Seniors down to their last semester. I encourage students to remain focused on meeting graduation requirements and maintaining high academic performance.

Seniors – don't forget to order your yearbook! They are on sale now for \$60 and can be ordered online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) or see Ms. Weber in room 3-129. Also, any senior interested in putting in a recognition ad in the yearbook need to place their order by January 31st.

#### **December 11, 2016**

District Finals and Quarterly Assessments begin Thursday, December 15. AHS will be on a modified exam schedule for six days. Additional information is on the school website.

Anclote High School is collecting gift cards during the Holidays for Shark students in need. I encourage any families who would like to donate a gift card in \$5, \$10, \$20 or any denomination from places such as WalMart, Target, WaWa, McDonalds, Subway, Dunkin Donuts, or the like please send them in with your student, or drop them off to Mrs. Vann, our bookkeeper. Our Shark students appreciate your generosity.

As a reminder to students and parents it is the expectation that all students will be off campus by 2:15 each afternoon, unless under the direct supervision of an AHS staff member. Parents are encouraged to clarify with students their purpose for staying after school and confirm supervision.

I would like to invite our Shark families to the Holiday Band Concert tomorrow night beginning at 7:00 at the River Ridge Center for the Performing Arts. In addition, the Holiday Chorus Concert will be Friday night in the Band room at 7:00.

Congratulations to our Interact Club for the incredible job they did in hosting the Holiday Food Drive, in partnership with Corporal Sekeres and the Pasco County Sheriff's Department. I am very proud to announce that our Anclote Sharks collected the most items in the district and won the county competition!



Good luck to all of our athletes who will be competing this week. Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls and Boys Basketball, Girls Weightlifting and Wrestling teams all are in action this week. Check out the Athletic Calendar on the school website for dates and times.

**December 5, 2016**

Algebra 1 NGSSS/FSA EOC testing is tomorrow and Wednesday this week.

I would like to address a concern raised on social media in regards to an insect problem on campus. The information being circulated is incorrect. There was an isolated incident, however, this is being addressed by our plant manager.

I would like to remind students and parents that all students should be off campus by 2:15 each afternoon, unless under the direct supervision of an AHS staff member. Parents are encouraged to clarify with students their purpose for staying after school and confirm supervision.

Good luck to JROTC Raiders who will compete at the State competition this Saturday. Our Shark Band will also be participating in the Holiday Parade Saturday night.

Good luck to our Pasco County All Stars who will be representing AHS in the FCA East West Game at Sunlake High School, Thursday at 7:00.

**November 13, 2016**

This Tuesday we will be having our first REP the Sharks Ribbon Day, where staff will recognize students who exemplified Respect, Excellence, and Pride during the first quarter.

PERT Testing will take place Wednesday on campus. Students should see their school counselor for additional information.

Second quarter Progress Reports will go home with students on Friday this week.

On behalf of everyone at Anclote High School, I would like to wish all of our Shark families a very Happy Thanksgiving. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday November 28th.

**November 6, 2016**

Good Evening this is Principal Williams calling to make sure parents and families are aware of the parent meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, November 14th, at the River Ridge High School Center for Performing Arts. This meeting is to explain proposed boundary changes for schools in the southwest region of the school district. While not all families will be effected, I encourage you to visit the district website, [pascoschools.org](http://pascoschools.org), and click on the Rezoning tab under Helpful Links. When the page opens, scroll down to West Side Schools and click on the link to the West Side Schools 2017-2018 Boundary Committee Meeting 3 Minutes. Minutes from the final meeting will be posted Monday afternoon.

### **November 6, 2016**

Congratulations to Jessica Skrelunas, Anclote High School's Most Outstanding Senior. Jessica was selected by her peers and the staff for this prestigious honor.

On Tuesday this week, we will be having our Inaugural National Science Honor Society Inductions beginning at 6:00 in the Shark Zone. Congratulations to all of our inductees.

AHS will be hosting the Pasco County School District Job Fair this Thursday in the gym from 3:00-6:00. Those interested should check out the district website for additional information.

This Friday we will be having our first REP the Sharks Ribbon Day, where staff will recognize students who exemplified Respect, Excellence, and Pride during the first quarter.

Our Lady Sharks and Varsity Boys Basketball teams will be hosting Blue & White games on Friday, November 11, beginning at 4:00. Be sure to come out and join in the fun as we kick off the season!

Girls and Boys Soccer, as well as Girls Weightlifting is now underway. In addition, our Special Olympians will compete at the Disney's Wide World of Sports this weekend. Good luck to all of our athletes.

### **October 30, 2016**

It was very busy this past week on campus with a visit from Air Force representatives and the VAPOR Supercar, we well as being featured as Channel 10 News School of the Week. Our Energy and Nursing Academies were featured by the Channel 10 News crew, as well as a visit to our Journalism classes from News Anchor Allison Kropff. Anclote High School would like to thank School of the Week sponsor, Duke Energy, who presented our Sharks with a check for \$1000!

ASVAB testing will take place Thursday this week. Interested students should contact Sgt. Major Placeres.

I am honored to announce Anclote High School's 2016-17 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Teresa Caraker, and SRP of the Year, Mrs. Lisa Morris. Congratulations to both ladies who continuously exhibit what it means to REP the Sharks!

Our Lady Sharks and Varsity Boys Basketball teams will be hosting Blue & White games on Friday, November 11, beginning at 6:00. Be sure to come out and join in the fun as we kick off the season!

### **October 9, 2016**

I would like to congratulate our students and staff on another successful, and memorable, Homecoming Week. The Varsity Sharks shut out the Fivay Falcons 39-0 Saturday Night and

Alexis Braman and Braxton Johnson were crowned Anclote High School's 2016 Homecoming Queen and King.

Monday there will be a Junior/Senior Class meeting at 8:30 in the gym. Herff Jones will be on campus for the Class Ring and Graduation presentation. Herff Jones will also be on campus the following week for two parent nights to assist families with questions and orders.

I am excited to announce that Fox13 has selected Anclote High School for this week's MyFoxPrepRally with Charlie Belcher. This is a terrific opportunity to showcase our amazing Shark Spirit!

The Golf Teams compete this week in Districts at Crescent Oaks while the swim teams take on River Ridge. The Lady Sharks Volleyball team plays Tarpon Tuesday and hosts Hudson on Thursday. Also on Thursday, the JV Football team plays River Ridge at home. Friday, the Varsity Sharks travel to Wesley Chapel to take on the Wildcats. Saturday, our Marching Sharks competes at King High School, while JROTC hosts the annual Raiders Meet.

#### **October 2, 2016**

Homecoming has arrived – so get ready to show your Shark Spirit! Dress up and participate in the parades during lunches this week to earn points for your class. Join us Wednesday night at 6:00 for Spirit Night where classes compete in a variety of games and activities. Thursday the Lady Sharks Volleyball team hosts their Dig for a Cure Night with game time at 6:00. Friday night the Varsity Sharks take on the Fivay Falcons at 7:00 with the Homecoming Dance from 8:30-11:30. Check out the school website for Homecoming Week details and dress up days. As a reminder, students must be in dress code and no masks are permitted during Homecoming Week.

#### **September 25, 2016**

Gigante Productions will be on campus Monday for Club Pictures. Students interested in retakes will also be able to have their picture taken on Monday. The Senior Class Panorama will be taken in the gym Monday morning at 7:35.

Homecoming is just around the corner – so get ready to show your Shark Spirit! Voting for Homecoming Court will take place Monday and Tuesday during lunches this week, with voting for King and Queen on Friday. The Homecoming Dance will be Friday, October 7 with tickets going on sale next Wednesday for \$15. Check out the school website for Homecoming Week details and dress up days.

In sports this week the Boys Golf team takes on Pasco Tuesday, while the Swim teams compete against Ridgewood. On Tuesday, our Lady Sharks Volleyball team will host Gulf at home. The JV Football team continues their winning streak with another big win last week, but will have a bye this week. Friday, the Varsity Sharks travel to Gulf to take on the Buccaneers. On Saturday, the Cross Country teams compete at Weeki Wachee, while our JROTC Raiders travel to Boca Ciega to compete in a Raider Meet.

#### **September 18, 2016**

Homecoming is just around the corner – so get ready to show your Shark Spirit! Nominations for Homecoming Court will take place Thursday and Friday during lunches this week, with voting next week. The Homecoming Dance will be Friday, October 7 with tickets going on sale next Wednesday for \$15.

In sports this week the Golf teams take on Land O'Lakes Tuesday, while the Swim teams compete against Hudson and Springstead Wednesday. On Thursday at home this week, the Volleyball teams play River Ridge and the JV Football team hosts Ridgewood.

Congratulations to our Special Olympics Bowling Team who earned first place in a recent competition.

### **September 11, 2016**

I would like to invite everyone to our Shark Family Night this Friday. Shark Family Night is our version of Open House where families can meet the teachers and have a tour of the school. The Title 1 presentation will begin at 5:00 in the gym, where families will find staff from various departments, as well as information on clubs and activities. Families can then join us for a BBQ tailgate beginning at 6:30 before the Varsity Football game at 7:30. Come out and join us for a fun night with our Shark family!

Seniors interested in preparing for college can join our school counselors for a Financial Aid Night this Tuesday at 6:00 in the Shark Zone.

First Quarter Progress Reports will go home with students this Friday. Parents are encouraged to continuously monitor attendance and grades using myStudent. Directions for creating a myStudent account can be found on our school website.

Congratulations to our JV Football team in their win over Land O Lakes last week and on their 2-0 start to the season. Our Varsity Sharks made school history with a victory over the Gators 30-7 on Friday night in their first game of the year. This week in sports the Boys Golf team competes against Hudson and Fivay, while the girls have a match against Sunlake. The Volleyball teams play Sunlake at home Tuesday and travel to Hudson on Thursday. JV Football will play Wiregrass Thursday and the Varsity Sharks host the Hudson Cobras Friday night following Shark Family Night. Good luck to all of our student athletes.

### **August 30, 2016**

The district continues to monitor the current weather situation carefully and will notify schools and the community if there is any decision impacting the opening/closing of schools. Because these types of storms are often unpredictable we have made the decision to move Shark Family Night, along with the pep rally and tailgate to Friday, September 16. In the event the weather does indeed worsen throughout the week, we want our staff and families to be able to focus on ensuring the safety and well being of their homes and families. Families are encouraged to monitor the school and district website for the most up to date notifications impacting schools due to weather concerns.

**August 28, 2016**

I would like to invite everyone to our Shark Family Night this Friday. Shark Family Night is our version of Open House where families can meet the teachers and have a tour of the school. The Title 1 presentation will begin at 5:00 in the gym, where families will find staff from various departments, as well as information on clubs and activities. Families can then join us for a BBQ tailgate beginning at 6:30 before the Varsity Football game at 7:30. Come out and join us for a fun night with our Shark family!

School pictures for underclassmen will be tomorrow through English classes. Students without an English class can have their picture taken during their placeholder period.

Senior pictures will be Tuesday in room 3-138. Students can see Ms. Weber for available appointment times and sitting fees.

School shirts will be sold during lunches on Wednesday this week – the cost for shirts is \$12.

Students interested in a parking pass can return completed forms to Mr. Hodges in Student Services. Students must provide proof of successful completion of the Safe Driving course, which is available on Canvas. Beginning Tuesday, September 6th all students interested in driving to school must have an current parking tag.

This week in sports the Boys Golf team take on Pasco Wednesday while the swim teams have a meet against River Ridge. Lady Sharks Volleyball host Land O'Lakes Tuesday and Ridgewood Thursday. Our JV Football team hosts Sunlake this Thursday, while the Varsity Sharks host Mitchell Friday night.

**August 21, 2016**

I would like to thank our students and staff for a terrific first week as we start the school year. Grade level presentations continue this week with the Sophomores on Monday and the Seniors Tuesday. Students who do not have an English class can attend the presentations during their placeholder period.

Students can pay school fees by cash or check in the front office at the end of first period this week. Parents can also go to our school website and pay online with a credit card.

School shirts will be sold during lunches on Wednesday this week – the cost for shirts is \$12.

Senior pictures are this Wednesday in room 3-138. Students can see Ms. Weber for available appointment times and sitting fees.

Students interested in a parking pass can return completed forms to Mr. Hodges in Student Services. Students must provide proof of successful completion of the Safe Driving course, which is available on Canvas. Once all information has been verified, Mr. Hodges will issue the parking pass.

This week in sports the Golf teams take on Gulf Tuesday as do the Swim teams on Wednesday. Lady Sharks Volleyball will travel to Mitchell Thursday, while the JV Football team will play at Wesley Chapel. The Cross Country teams will also compete at Wesley Chapel on Saturday. Good luck athletes!

#### **August 14, 2016**

When arriving on campus tomorrow students are to check the lists posted in each building for their first period class, teacher and room number. All students will receive a new schedule on blue colored paper in first period Monday. The schedules received at orientation day were tentative. Changes may have been necessary to assist with the balancing of classes. All students must follow the new blue schedules provided in first period tomorrow.

Grade Level presentations will begin this Thursday where students will review school procedures and expectations. Other important information, including emergency cards will be sent home with students through math classes.

For those families who were not able to pay school fees at orientation day, all students will receive information Monday on how parents can pay fees online through School Pay. Fees are located on the student schedules. Parents are encouraged to log on Monday night to School Pay, where payments can be made by credit card.

For those students interested in participating in athletics, Cross Country begins Monday after school at the track. There will be a Swim Team meeting Monday at 1:45 in room 4-137 with practices beginning Tuesday at the Gills Family YMCA. Volleyball tryouts will be Monday and Tuesday this week from 2:00-4:00. Finally, the Varsity Football team hosts Tarpon on Friday night for the Pre-Season Classic – come out and support our Sharks.

#### **August 8, 2016**

I would like to thank all of the families that were able to come to orientation today, even with the unpleasant weather. I also want to apologize for the inconsistencies in being able to take credit card transactions for fees. For your convenience, families can pay school fees with a credit card by accessing our school website and clicking on the link on the right. Parents can also send a check or cash with students the first week of school to pay fees. We appreciate your support in the payment of fees as these funds support needs throughout the school year.

Students who were not able to pick up schedules will be receive a schedule the first day of school. These schedules will also contain fee information for parents. Schedules will not be available for pick up this week.

#### **August 7, 2016**

Orientation Day is Tuesday, August 9th in the gym. Students can pick up their schedules and pay fees from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m in addition to receiving school tours. This year there will be a special area for seniors to pick up schedules and pay fees. Seniors can stop by the Senior Suite to

find out everything you need to know about Senior year! Schedules will not be available after 1:30 Tuesday.

Please be sure to visit our school website for valuable information. In addition families will find a link for completing the online application for free and reduced lunch.

We look forward to seeing our Shark families on Tuesday.

### **July 31, 2016**

Freshmen sharks, are invited to attend the Freshmen Shindig this Tuesday, August 2nd. This is a great way to get to know the campus, see some familiar faces, and make new friends. The event starts in the Shark Zone at 9:00 and ends at 12:00 with a pizza lunch.

On Friday, those students who are in the AVID program are invited to attend an event from 9:00 – 12:00 in the Shark Zone.

Orientation Day is Tuesday, August 9th. Students can pick up their schedules and pay fees from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m in addition to receiving school tours. This year there will be a special area for seniors to pick up schedules and pay fees. Seniors can stop by the Senior Suite to find out everything you need to know about Senior year!

In sports this week, football practice begins tomorrow morning, along with Cross Country at 9:00 a.m. Volleyball tryouts will be in the gym from 6:00-8:00 on Monday and Tuesday. Students interested in participating in fall sports must complete the athletic participation paperwork and pay participation fees.

For additional information on these and other upcoming events, please visit our school webpage.

### **July 24, 2016**

I would like to welcome our new families as we all look forward to the start of an exciting school year.

Shark fall sports begin soon and band camp begins this week. Students interested in participating in fall sports must complete the athletic participation paperwork and pay participation fees. There will be a football parent meeting this Wednesday in the gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. Volleyball tryouts will be Monday, August 1st and Tuesday, August 2nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

I would like to invite all of our incoming Freshmen to a Freshmen Shindig on Tuesday, August 2 from 9:00 – 12:00, where students will participate in a variety of activities. In addition, AVID students are invited to attend an event on Friday, August 5th from 9:00 – 12:00.

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Please be sure to visit our school website for valuable information, including the written text of my weekly messages.

School starts in just a couple of weeks – we are excited to start another year with our awesome Sharks!