

# North Fort Myers High School

Center for Arts & Media • Home of the Red Knights

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**Vision:** To prepare every student for success

**Mission:** To guide students in a purposeful and challenging direction and to inspire mastery of skills for lifelong success

**Motto:** Where pride and tradition become success

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2nd Quarter of the 2021-2202 school year!

I would like to take this opportunity to share how proud we are of our Red Knight students! Our students continue to demonstrate what it means to be flexible and resilient. They entered our building under modified COVID-19 protocols and have adapted to the changes that have occurred based on what has happened in our community. It is no secret we saw a spike in positive COVID-19 cases at the beginning of the school year, and yet, the students took the protocol changes in stride, readjusting to one-directional hallways and assigned seats in the cafeteria. The efforts of our community and the protocols we have in place have reduced our positivity rates and students are beginning to see what life was like before the pandemic. We have eliminated assigned seats in the cafeteria, allowed full-capacity spectators at outdoor



events like football games and just recently opened our campus to visitors for evening events like a choir performance and orchestra concert. It is wonderful to see our Red Knight students demonstrate what they are capable of on the athletic field or performing arts stage. One may find it hard to believe that the Class of 2025, our freshmen students, last "normal" school year was sixth grade, however each day, a little sense of normalcy returns to all of our students and they are realizing that we are getting through our current situation together.

On the topic of being together, one of my roles as Assistant Principal is to monitor student attendance. Research has proven that regular attendance is paramount to success in school and it is imperative students are present in every class period, every day. Please allow me to explain our attendance procedures: Students are marked Present when they are in class at the time attendance is taken. This is especially important when being on-time for school.



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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Students are considered on-time and present for their 1st block class (1st or 2nd period) when they are in the classroom at 7:05am to begin instruction. Students who are not present in class at 7:05am are to report to Student Services to obtain a tardy pass. Students accumulating three (3) or more tardies in a quarter will receive a consequence. Please see the chart below for escalating consequences:

| Offense                           | Consequence                                                |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st tardy to school               | Tardy pass and warning                                     |
| 2nd tardy to school               | Tardy pass and warning                                     |
| 3rd tardy to school               | Phone call home                                            |
| 4th tardy to school               | After School Detention (1:45pm-2:45pm Tuesday or Thursday) |
| 5th tardy to school               | After School Detention (1:45pm-2:45pm Tuesday or Thursday) |
| 6th tardy to school               | All day time-out in Center for Corrective Action           |
| Additional tardies beyond six (6) | All day time-out in Center for Corrective Action           |

\*Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct for 6-12 Grade for more information. Tardies reset each quarter.

If a student is not present when attendance is taken, teachers will mark students Absent Unexcused. If a student is not present in class and their absence needs to be excused, parents are to email 0311.Attendance@LeeSchools.net; please refer to the Code of Conduct for Students, Board Policy 4.16, and the NFMHS Student Handbook found on our school website for reasons accepted as excused. Students sent home due to a COVID-19 related illness or quarantine are marked present using a Google Classroom (Q) code for the time period they are under quarantine. This code signifies a present code, however, they are not physically present on campus. Students with a Q code are expected to participate in instruction through assignments posted on Google Classroom. If a student is too ill to participate in class, parents or guardians are instructed to contact the Attendance Secretary, Ms. Welch, using the 0311.Attendance@LeeSchools.net email so she can update the attendance to Absent Excused. Chronic and habitual tardiness and poor attendance will result in a contact by me, our school Social Worker, and our School Counselors so appropriate interventions can be implemented.

### CHECK OUT THE RED KNIGHTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Follow Us...  
@NFMHSAthletics  
@NorthFtMyersHS



Like Us...  
@NFMRedKnights  
(official school FB page)



Follow Us...  
@NorthRedKnights

Lack of regular school attendance may result in loss of credit and driving privileges. If you have any questions about attendance, please contact your child's teachers, their School Counselor, Ms. Welch, Mrs. Rey-Gomez (School Social Worker), or me. Our team is available to support your student and family.

We are looking forward to an amazing wrap-up to the 1st Semester!

Once a Red Knight, Always a Red Knight.

Mrs. Samantha Hutchinson

### ALL STATE CHOIR

Boaz Galindo, Savannah Koller, Jamie Deluca, and Claire Fischinger will represent NFMHS in the All State Choirs in January at the conference in Tampa!

### ALL STATE BAND

Congratulations to the following band students for being accepted into Florida Music All-State Bands in January!

Ian Laufer, Rafael Freeman, and Celeste Schreiber

### MUSIC - PROMISING SINGER

Congratulations to Erica Aichholz for winning the "Most Promising Singer of 2021" scholarship to study music at FGCU!



### HONORS ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to senior My Vu who was accepted into the Florida Music Education Association Honors Orchestra. She will be attending the FMEA All State Conference in Tampa in January to rehearse and perform with the orchestra.

### SIGHT READING CHOIR

Congratulations to Claire Fischinger for being awarded a seat in the Florida All State Sight Reading Choir after receiving one of the top 10 scores in sight reading for her voice part!



## A MESSAGE FROM GUIDANCE FOR FAMILIES OF CURRENT SENIORS

NFMHS Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2022:

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship application opened in October. In the link below, click 'create a student account' to begin the application. Attached you will find the eligibility criteria for the Bright Futures Scholarship (<http://leecountysd/emailattachment.php?id=27392&caid=31340&name=Bright%20Futures%20Student%20Handbook.pdf>) Bright Futures Student Handbook.pdf).

The Volunteer documents required to submit community service hours are available in the Counseling Office at North Fort Myers High School and on your student's Class of 2022 Google Classroom. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) also opened in October and can be accessed at the link below. It is recommended that you fill out the FAFSA Form as soon as you can to ensure that you don't miss out on available aid. For assistance in filling out the FAFSA, please click the link below to access resources and to register for a free FAFSA informational event. Go Knights!

Creating a Student Account - Florida Bright Futures: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

FAFSA Form: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

FAFSA Assistance/Resources: <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college/college-101-finishing-the-fafsa>

## CROSS COUNTRY ADVANCING TO REGIONALS AND STATES

Congratulations to the Ladies Cross Country team for advancing to Regionals.

Lexi Neumann  
Savannah Taylor  
Katrina Placencia  
Skyla Stevens  
Trinity Castillo  
Hannah Brock  
Ava White  
Jacqueline Anguiano

Also a Huge Congrats to Nekhi Perry and Lexi Neumann on advancing Individually to States!



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## SGA UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Winter Spirit Week will take place from December 13th - 17th. Dress Up Day Information is on the flyer to the right. Please join in on the fun and dress according to the daily theme.

There will be several contests throughout the week. Spot the Elf on a Shelf around campus, decorate an ornament for our courtyard tree, and help your teachers decorate their classroom door. Stay up-to-date on contest details in Google Classroom, code hyaoln2. Prizes will be awarded for all of the contests!

Our Holiday Movie Knight is on December 15th at 7:00 pm. Join us at the Football Stadium for a movie on the field. Students voted on favorite holiday movie, and "Home Alone" was our winner! Tickets are available on GoFan for \$5 in advance and \$7 on show day. Concessions will be available including pizza, drinks, candy, popcorn, and hot cocoa. Please remember to bring a blanket or towel to sit on and that normal stadium rules apply. (No bags larger than a clutch and no outside food and drinks allowed)

We are thrilled to be able to have a DANCE again! Join us for our Winter Formal on December 17th from 7-10 pm in the Courtyard. We will have a DJ, Photo Booth, and refreshments available as you are whisked away to a Winter Wonderland. Tickets are \$30 and available on GoFan. Tickets will open to SENIORS only to purchase on December 1st and 2nd, then open to JUNIORS on December 3rd-5th, and open to ALL NORTH STUDENTS beginning December 6th. A limited number of tickets are available so please get your tickets as soon as possible once they go on sale for your grade level.

If you have any Winter Week questions, please contact Kim Blakely at [kimberlyabl@leeschools.net](mailto:kimberlyabl@leeschools.net)



## SGA'S ACTIVITIES IN QUARTER 2

It's been business as usual, and we've been more than busy....

Our Quarter 2 Months in SGA:

### October Movie Knight

-On October 27th, SGA hosted a Movie Knight, showing Halloweentown, on North's very own Moody Field. About 400 people attended, and SGA provided NFMHS with a fun, fall social event to celebrate the opening of school functions and activities from Covid-19!

### Golisano Children's Hospital Candy Drive

-In October, SGA was able to collect candy from NFMHS students to creatively package and distribute candy-bags amongst the patients at G.C.H.

### SGA Meeting

-We had our FIRST IN-PERSON SGA meeting on October 14th, which was held after school until 2:30! We discussed Movie Knight plans, and other general SGA information.

### December Spirit Week (More Info Above!)

-SGA will be organizing a December Spirit week, where all students and staff are encouraged to participate to welcome Winter Break! This week will lead up to the NFMHS WINTER FORMAL!

## OTHER UPCOMING DATES

### General Events:

- SGA Work Days-November 4th, November 18th, December 2nd, and December 9th
- SGA Meetings: November 18th, December 9th
- Movie Knight(S): Dec. 15th
- Everblades Game- Dec. 4th

## SGA'S SPIRIT SQUAD

At Spirit Squad Games, SGA cheers on our North teams and encourages them to win!

Check in with an SGA officer to earn points.

Quarter 2 Spirit Squad Dates:

December 13th-Girls Basketball @6pm-NFMHS

January 7th-Boys Basketball @7:30pm-NFMHS

Please turn in Dues (\$25) to Mrs. Blakely in room E-124 as soon as possible!

Remember to obtain 15 SGA points per quarter, for a total of 60 for the year!

Please contact officers for any information pertaining to SGA, or email Mrs. Blakely at [KimberlyABL@Leeschools.net](mailto:KimberlyABL@Leeschools.net)





## TECHNICAL THEATER DESIGN AND PRODUCTION

Tamatoa - students are learning cutting-edge professional costume building skills at NFMHS, as well as, experiencing innovative animatronic modeling and creation. Students working on this project: Kailei Booth, Omar Alvarado, Jessica Connor, Savannah Trojan, and Rachel Hardin. Final painting will occur this week, and we will begin programming the animatronic (RC) operated eyes of the wearable helmet for Tamatoa.



Cosplay and Props for stage and screen: students are using online 3D modeling programs to bring their imaginations to life. One such project was the Little Red RidingHood mash up costume. Rhea "Benby" Dailey found, modified, and printed her idea mask for Halloween. David Ramirez is redesigning a Jedi Lightsaber, Mariangel Ramirez is building an animatronic Flounder puppet for The Little Mermaid Jr. show, Emily Shipley reimagined an Infinity Gauntlet, and Josh Fassler is currently building a prop from the second Terminator film.





## YOUNG WRITERS EXCELLENCE AWARD



North received a delightful surprise this morning. In my mailbox was this trophy and letter from Young Writers, a national writing contest organization.

Well...our students' submissions earned North Fort Myers High School first place. Thank you to the ELA Department for promoting the contest.

## CREATIVITY FOR A CAUSE

Creativity for a Cause club will meet the first Friday of every month in room E105. Mrs. Simon is the new sponsor and is excited to work with students to make a difference for others!

## JROTC RAIDERS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Our Raiders teams took two titles this quarter in competitions. They are the Mixed Raiders West Zone Champions as well as taking first in all of Lee County.



## DRAWING STUDENT PROGRESS

Ms. Lindsay's Drawing 1 students have created some amazing underwater landscapes this semester. Check them out! These artists include Sonya Pietrusiewicz, Jolie Hunt

