# THE COUGAR PRESS QUARTERLY

**Learning & Leadership=World Class** 



#### Caloosa Middle School A Title I School

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Mission: To inspire a passion for learning and leadership.

Vision: To become a world class middle school.





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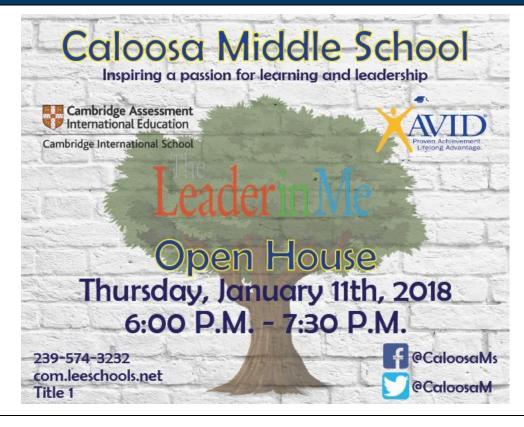
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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### **Important Dates for Quarter 3:**

Winter Break: December 25th - January 5th

#### **January**

1/9 - SAC Email Meeting

1/15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School

1/11 - Choice Open House Event

1/19 - Quarter 2 Report Cards

1/25 - Q.2 Straight A Party

1/31 - Monthly PBS Reward

#### **February**

2/9 - Interim Report Card Day

2/13 - SAC Meeting

2/19 - President's Day - No School

2/20 - Teacher In Service Day- No School for students

2/23 - AVID Family Night

2/28 - Monthly PBS Reward

#### March

3/8 - Student of Merit Award Ceremony

3/9 - Spring Dance

3/13 - SAC Meeting

3/15 - End of 3rd Quarter

3/19 - 03/23- Spring Break

3/29 - Monthly PBS Reward

3/30 - Good Friday- No School



## **Coming Up**

# What is National Junior Honor Society?

By: Luis Cabrera



January 22-26, 2018

Caloosa Middle is so excited !!

NJHS. It stands for National Junior Honor Society. What is it though? NJHS is an elite club for the smartest/brightest students. It is the middle school equivalent of NHS. If you invest your time and work hard in NJHS, you will be awarded in the future. You can get community hours and have possibility of earning scholarships.

According to Wikipedia, "The National Junior Honor Society is an international student organization that consists of chapters in middle schools." Once you are in high school if you want to apply it will no longer be known as NJHS. From high school it is called NHS, which stands for National Honor Society. In NJHS students will do community service and help the community in general. Being in NJHS is in honor for students and teachers. It is an elite club for the brightest and hardest working students.

#### How can I get in NJHS?

According to the NJHS website itself, "First, you will need to learn if your school has an NJHS chapter. If so, check your student handbook or speak with someone in your main office to identify the chapter adviser. This is a faculty member who will be able to tell you the cumulative GPA required for consideration and a timeline when students who meet this benchmark will be invited to submit information about themselves to be considered for membership. If your school does not have a chapter, encourage your principal to learn how to start a chapter. (Please note that NJHS membership is managed solely through the school and its chapter membership guidelines. The NJHS national office does not contact students individually.)" Caloosa Middle School is proud to sponsor its own chapter of NJHS.

**Out Of Field Teacher Notification:** Lee County recognizes that teachers, at times, must be assigned duties outside their field certification:

Language Arts Amanda Shadrick Nancy McShea **Math** Teresa Myer Gifted
Kaitlyn Moore
Alexandra Smith
Diane Palmieri
Stephanie Fearn

ESOL
Bridget Fieler
Anna Schladt
Sarah Haidar
Terrence South
Nancy McShea

**ESE**Terrence South

Reading Bridget Feiler

# **Outstanding Students**



Brothers Jayson and Nicholas Ford are regular go-to helpers, and no job is too big or too small for these young boys.

Though there is a three-year age gap, the boys stick together when volunteering. Most of the time, they volunteer with Jayson's Boy Scout troop.

Check out the rest at:

http://www.news-press.com/story/life/moms/2017/12/07/meet-six-kid s-who-give-back-fort-myers-naples-area/930977001/



Middle school student Lily Carosiello is an old hand at this massive food-packing project and was even one of the trainers. She feels good about giving back!

http://newspr.es/2B3O3nl

# **OVERDUE BOOKS?**

Library books are due every 2 weeks. Stop by the media center to renew your books today! Media center is open from 9:15-4:05 each day.

# Leaderin Me

By Dr. John and Jane Covey

The Importance of Goals Research has shown that the simple act of writing a goal greatly increases the chances of accomplishing the goal. If the goal is broken down into action steps and the action steps are tracked, goals have an even greater percentage of success.

At school, your child may write his or her academic and personal goals in a Leadership Notebook(Binder). You will gain a lot of information on how your child is doing if you ask your child to tell you about his or her goals. The goals chosen are meaningful to your child so be sure to practice Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood.

The Leadership Notebook (Binder) idea can also be used in your home. Create goals such as reading together, eating dinner at the table, or doing an activity together. Involve everyone in the family in choosing a meaningful goal and action steps. Post the goal and the action steps in a visible place and be sure to track and celebrate progress!

#### **QUICK PARENTING TIP!**

Encourage your teen to keep a journal. Give her a book with blank pages and have her record her thoughts.

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## Student Assignment 2017-18 January 23- March 24, 2017

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2017/18, will be mail their child's personalized application on January 19, 2017. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2017-2018.

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to <u>apply online</u>, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a nine-week application period. <u>There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days</u> since you have nine weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a <u>group</u>.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and who are <u>not</u> enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 23 – March 24) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply on-line – they must be registered in person.

There are **no automatic assignments** – parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

Lee County is home to Florida's top ranked virtual school. Lee Virtual Instruction Program is the only Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade public school in our area. This challenging virtual learning program follows the school district calendar. Students have access many of the same courses as they would in a traditional school including Advance Placement(AP), Dual Enrollment (FGCU, FSW, FMTC and CCTC) along with the flexibility of a dynamic schedule. Students who complete the virtual course of study receive the same accredited diploma as any other public school. There are two application periods for LVIP. The first application period coincides with the Student Assignment's first application period. The second one begins the Monday after Thanksgiving for second semester enrollments and closes prior to final exam week of the first semester. Applying to LVIP does not affect your current School Choice assignment until the student completes orientation and enrollment in the LVIP program. Lee Virtual also offers a variety of summer courses for original credit. Visit Lee Virtual Instruction Program at http://lvip.leeschools.net/.

### Thanks to our Business Partners!

Creating an environment that values and promotes student achievement, Caloosa Middle School's number one goal, cannot be the sole responsibility of educators and the schools. It requires the concerted effort of the entire community. We would like to thank the following businesses for partnering up with Caloosa Middle School and making Caloosa Middle School a better place for learning.

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