



# THE HERON'S CALL

Lee County School District

Parent Newsletter

December 2, 2019

## A letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed the time off over the Thanksgiving holiday. Our music department is busy with holiday concerts to kick off the season. Please check our Dates to Remember and come out and enjoy our wonderfully talented students.

It is that time of year again for our eighth grade students to enroll in high school. The Student Assignment open enrollment dates for Batch 1 begins January 13, 2020 and ends February 28, 2020. Eighth grade students will be receiving their enrollment packets by mail. Please make sure your address is correct and up-to-date.

The upcoming winter break will begin on Monday, December 23, 2019 and students are scheduled to return on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. Students should take advantage of the winter break and read, read, read. I wish all our students and parents a restful winter break and a safe and healthy new year.

Sincerely,

**Michael S. Carson**

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Principal



### Dates to Remember

#### Tuesday, December 3

5:30–7:30 Music Concert  
5:45 Volleyball @ Gateway Charter

#### Wednesday, December 4

10:00-12:00 Unified Sports Basketball Game

#### Thursday, December 5

6:00 Beginning Theater  
Deck The Stage  
5:45 Volleyball @ TOMS  
Playoff

#### Friday, December 6

10:30 Cross Country Championship @ Estero Rec Center

#### Saturday, December 7

4:00-5:30 Light Up Estero Performance @ Estero Community Park

#### Tuesday, December 10

5:30 Band/Steel Drums Concert

#### Thursday, December 13

10:00-2:00 Choir/Orchestra Lee Health Park Performance

#### Tuesday, December 17

9:45-11:00 Geography Bee

#### December 18, 19, 20

2:00 Student Early Dismissal

#### December 23–Jan 7

**Winter Break**

**Students Return On  
January 8, 2020**



### Attention all Eighth Grade Students—Important Open House Dates for High School

Estero High School	December 10, 2019	5:30 pm
Ft. Myers High School	January 8, 2020	6:30-8:30 pm
Dunbar High School	January 14, 2020	6:30-8:30 pm
Dunbar IB/Stem information night	December 3, 2019	6:30-8:00 pm
Bonita Springs High School	December 9, 2019	6:00-8:00 pm
Cypress Lake High School	January 15, 2020	6:00-8:00 pm
South Ft. Myers High School	January 9, 2020	6:00-7:30 pm





## The Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County Perspective

### One Wish

Commercial advertisements bombard us this time of year telling us what we should buy, trying to convince us they have the answer to finding the perfect gift. A tradition for some parents this time of year is to ask children to make a list of the gifts they would like. What if the question was asked differently? If children could have one wish of something they would like from their parents, how would they answer? A few years ago one of the JAC's community partners asked that very question to youth in their after school program. The majority of the youth wished for things that money can't buy. Some wished that their parents would respect them more. Some wished that their parents would listen to them more. Some wanted their parents to talk to them more. Most wished that their parents would spend more quality family time together. As we approach this holiday season, the JAC Perspective reminds our readers that not all gifts we give to our children can be purchased. Spending time with youth, taking time to talk, taking time to listen, making time for family meals and other family activities, and being emotionally available to our children, are gifts we can give to our children every day. We don't have to wait for special occasions. In doing so, we may be giving our children the gift that they want and need most of all.

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**Soccer Tryouts begin  
December 10, 2019**

**Attention Sixth Grade Parents  
Florida State Law Requires Updated Immunization  
Records to Enter Seventh Grade**



#### PTO NEWS

A BIG Thank You to TOMS Parents who donated to the Bakeless Bake Sale. PTO raised over \$1,000.00 which will go towards future Honor Roll Assemblies.

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NEWS

Three Oaks Middle sold 697 books at the Scholastic Book Fair. The next Book Fair will be April 2020. This will be a buy one get one free event.

### **Student Council**

This year student council collected enough food and gift cards to supply seven families of Three Oaks Middle School students with food and trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner. Students donated gift cards and student council members collected sweet potatoes, mashed potato mix, gravy, vegetables, and stuffing mix to round out a Thanksgiving dinner.

Student council sponsors various fundraisers throughout the school year to help fund different activities and requests for the student body and teachers of Three Oaks Middle.



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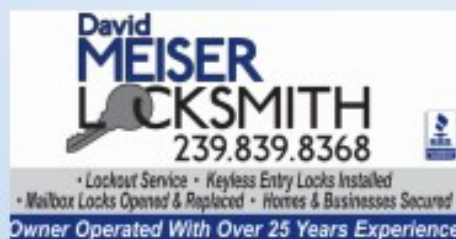
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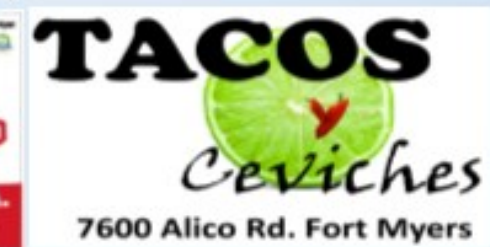
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