

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE** Dr. Kassandra Fried

Dear Cypress Bay High School Community,

As we approach the final stretch of this academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable accomplishments of our students, the tireless efforts of our staff, and the continued support of our families. The fourth quarter is a time to reflect, refocus, and rally together as we finish strong; continuing to elevate and excel in all that we do.

Over the past few months, our Lightning family has truly shined and I encourage you to review our Fourth Quarter Newsletter to stay up to date with all of our accomplishments. As we look ahead, our focus turns to ensuring every student finishes the year confident, prepared, and successful.

Literacy remains a cornerstone of student success, and this quarter, we are implementing our "Crunch Time" literacy initiative, a targeted plan designed to strengthen reading comprehension and assessment skills across all grade levels. Students will participate in structured practice opportunities that reinforce critical thinking and test readiness strategies to help them shine on upcoming assessments.

In addition, we are providing Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) in each core content area to support all students in achieving and maintaining proficiency on End-of-Course (EOC) exams and state assessments. Whether through after-school sessions, tutoring, or content-specific review workshops, we are ensuring that every student has access to the tools they need to succeed.

Together, let's maintain our momentum and finish the year with purpose and pride. Thank you for your continued partnership in making Cypress Bay High School a place where students don't just succeed, they thrive. Let's continue to elevate and excel, together.

With gratitude and optimism,

Dr. Kassandra Fried Principal