



Dearest Cypress Bay Family,

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year at Cypress Bay High School, where we are set to elevate and excel to new heights! As the principal of Cypress Bay High School, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and those joining us for the first time. At Cypress Bay, we are fully committed to ensuring that this year is one of academic growth, personal development, and memorable experiences for our students.

Our theme this year is "Elevate and Excel: Reaching New Heights." This theme encapsulates our commitment to pushing the boundaries of excellence and striving for even greater achievements. While we celebrate our past successes, we recognize that there is always room for growth and improvement. Together, we will elevate our standards and excel in all aspects of our educational journey.

To continue to foster strong connections with our students, we will continue our Check N' Connect initiative, where administration engages with students monthly to listen to their concerns and feedback, ensuring their voices are heard.



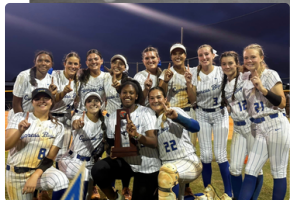
## Education THAT ELEVATES & EXCELS



This year, one of our key initiatives is focused on building a stronger emphasis on implementing additional literacy strategies across all content areas to align with our School Improvement Plan. Literacy is the foundation of all learning and is critical to our students' success in every subject. By enhancing our literacy programs, we aim to equip our students with the skills they need to excel academically and beyond.

Additionally, we are excited to expand on our "Level Up" program, designed to ensure that each and every one of our students has the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. This program will provide our students with a head start on their post-secondary education, making college more accessible and affordable for our families.

I am proud to share that Cypress Bay High School continues to excel in academics, athletics, and extracurriculars. Last year, to name a few successes, DECA won 10 events at ICDC, CBTv earned six first-place awards at the School Television Network competition and two Regional Emmys. In athletics, our Lightning Softball Team became District Champs, our Band and Wind Ensemble earned the Otto Kraushaar Award for superior ratings, and our chorus was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall.







Communication is a cornerstone of our partnership with parents and guardians. We encourage you to stay connected with us through our school website, social channels, and regular newsletters. Your child's safety and security are of paramount importance to us. We continue to implement robust measures to ensure a safe learning environment. Our partnership is essential to ensure the safest and most conducive learning environment for all of our students, teachers, and staff. There are various tip reporting methods that we encourage you to use, which can be located on our school website.



We are honored to announce that our school continues to rank in the Top 3% and is recognized as a Top STEM school by US News & World Report. Additionally, we are thrilled to share that we have maintained our A-Rated status for the 2023-2024 school year.

I am immensely proud to be part of a district that has demonstrated such remarkable dedication and effort, achieving an A status district-wide. This accomplishment truly embodies the essence of collaborative effort among all BCPS educators, families, and students. Together, we have created a thriving educational environment that reflects our collective commitment to excellence and our unwavering support for one another.



Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community. Together, we will make this an exceptional year. I am confident that, with our collective efforts, we will achieve new heights. Our dedicated teachers and staff are committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment where every student can thrive. As we embark on this journey together, I encourage each of you to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Here's to a year of growth, discovery, and achievement! Let us elevate our standards and excel in all our endeavors, reaching new heights together. I am looking forward to all that we will accomplish as a unified Cypress Bay community.



Sincerely,  
Dr. Cassandra Fried  
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