

Dear Cooper City High School Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year! As the Proud Principal of Cooper City High School, I am so excited to begin what I am certain will be the best year yet. Being a Cowboy is something truly special. All stakeholders play a vital role in continuing our long-standing culture of High Expectations, well-established Tradition of Excellence, and deeply ingrained Cowboy community Pride. Our amazing students, committed faculty and staff, engaged parents, and supportive community members are what make Cooper City High School unique and noteworthy. The partnerships and relationships we have built and fostered within our Cooper City HS community are the heart of what makes us stand out and shine.

Our theme last year was **"Back Together, Stronger than Ever"** and it is with great Cowboy Pride that we celebrate accomplishments we achieved despite great adversity. I would like to formally congratulate our students, faculty, staff, and community as Cooper City High School continues to hold an enviable position amongst the very best academic institutions in the State of Florida and the Nation. The Florida Department of Education recognized Cooper City High School as a **School of Excellence** and we are so proud of our 2021-2022 "**A" school grade designation** as we have achieved the *highest points earned at our school since this school grade model was instituted*. This remarkable accomplishment places us in the **top 3 traditional High Schools in the District!** Recent rankings by US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT named CCHS a recipient of the Silver Medal for being one of the **2022 Best High Schools and one of America's Most Challenging High Schools** among 24,000 public high schools across the Nation, ranking in the **top 6.8%** of performing schools. These rankings are based on our academically challenging instructional programs, college curriculum breadth, graduation rate, student performance, and quality of college and career preparation. Despite the challenges our Cowboy family and community experienced over the past two and a half years, I can proudly assert that we came together and found innovative ways to engage in academics, sports, and activities; we learned to be more flexible, creative, and appreciative; and we concluded another school year filled with many successes.

This year, as role models in our children's lives, we will continue to focus on the positives and turn any challenges into opportunities to grow and learn. It is important that we display an optimistic attitude each and every day as we begin the school year centered around high standards, coupled with intentional focus on social-emotional learning, inclusiveness, and continued growth for all students. Our theme for this school year is "**Aim for Greatness**," as we celebrate our proud past and look forward to a bold future. In this new year, together, we will continue to carry out our tradition of excellence with our stellar academics and strong Cowboy pride.

High school is an exciting time for our students to discover who they are and what they value. It provides a sense of place and belonging that will build confidence and inspire students to try new things, grow in unexpected ways, and achieve beyond their imagination. At CCHS, we believe students learn best in a place where they are encouraged to reach their full potential, led by teachers and staff dedicated to supporting the child's whole self. To this end, we encourage our students to ask questions, share insights, and collaborate with peers and leaders to create and develop inclusive and supportive school culture. We offer a diverse array of challenging and engaging courses and activities to meet the academic needs and nurture the passions of our scholars, with a focus on building community and thinking critically. Our Cowboy scholars are challenged and encouraged to seek pathways that lead to the best version of themselves and to enjoy their high school journey. As these goals are developed and achieved through commitment from vital team members, we invite you to join our Team Cooper commitment to leading with relationships, grace, and respect.

As always, at Cooper City High School **safety and security** remain our top priority: **if you see something, say something.** We all play a role in safety here at CCHS as we aim to provide the highest quality education in a safe and secure environment. As the proud 18-year educator and a 7-year member of the incredible Team Cooper, it is truly an honor and privilege to continue to serve our amazing Cooper City High community. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with all stakeholders as we ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. Together, we will continue to accelerate student achievement through innovative pedagogical practices while nurturing a culture of kindness, care, and compassion in a safe and secure environment. I appreciate and value your partnership and encourage you to reach out to me and my team at any time with questions, concerns, and ideas. Our assistant principals, office staff, counselors, teachers, and support staff are ready to work with you as partners in your child's education to ensure everyone's safety, wellness, and academic success. <u>You can contact us at</u> <u>CCHS</u> to address your questions, comments, and concerns, and you are invited to follow us on Twitter: <u>@Principal_CCHS</u> for updates.

Our Cooper City Family is strong, our staff is dedicated, and our students are ready to succeed. I look forward to another wonderful year together and seeing you at our many events throughout the year as we support and cheer on our Cowboys. Here is to a fantastic 2022-2023 school year!

With Cowboy Pride, Vera Perkovic, Principal





Important Dates

August 16 - First Day of School August 29 – SAC, SAF, PTSA meetings

August 30 -**Open House** September 1 -**Professional Study Day:** 11:40 AM release time September 5- **School Closed** September 13 - **Interim Reports Issued**

September 26- School Closed September 27 -SAC, SAF, PTSA meetings

The faculty and staff of Cooper City High School cordially invite you to attend our **2022-2023 Open House** on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

Report Concerns for Safety

Reminder: A safe and secure learning environment is our highest priority. Incidents of concern for safety should be reported without delay. Responsibility: Know to report incidents of concerns for safety without delay. Resources:

• Online:

- https://www.browardschools.com/Page/35294
- Call: 754-321-0911
- Text: 'SBBC' space with your text message to 274637(CRIMES)
- Email: school911@browardschools.com
- Free Mobile Applications:
- SaferWatch and FortifyFL

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Back to School Headline News Important Information and Reminders

Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up Students should be dropped off and picked up in the parent loop for arrival and school dismissal. We offer several programs and activities that are beyond the regular school day. Students must remain with the adults in charge while on campus. Students who are not involved in approved before and after school programs/activities must exit the campus if they are not supervised. Please ensure that you have a process in place for your child to exit our campus by 3:10 pm if not in a supervised activity.

Student Early Sign-Outs Per School Board Policy, no student sign outs will be processed after 2:10 pm daily. Also, anyone picking up a student must have parental permission and be of legal age.

Code of Student Conduct Parents and students must review and understand the guidelines outlined in the Broward County public schools Code of Student Conduct. This document is available on the BCPS website. Failure to adhere to any school and/or district policy could result in suspension or expulsion from school.

Mandatory Back to School Forms

Please visit our website to complete the Mandatory Back to School Forms:

https://scaweb.browardschools.com/bts/

Safety and Security

The safety and security of our students, staff and schools remain the highest priorities for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and of course Cooper City High School (CCHS). With this in mind, we encourage everyone to 'say something if you see something' because the safety of our schools is the collective responsibility of the entire community. Everyone is encouraged and expected to report suspicious or dangerous behavior, as well as any threats to our school. Reports can be made to any staff members, however, preferably to one of the school's administrators or security staff members. Reports can also be made anonymously through the FortifyFL, Saferwatch applications; Call the Broward County tip line at 754-321-0911; Text: 'SBBC' space with your text message to 274637 (CRIMES); Email:

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THE POWER OF INFORMATION

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!



SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com School Website



DOWNLOAD these APPS

SaferWatch Application - If you see something, say something. FortifyFL Application- Report suspicious activity to the appropriate school safety agencies.

BCPS Mobile App -Stay on top of your child's academic progress



Student & Staff IDs are MANDATORY every day!

ID Badges must always be worn and visibly displayed by students, faculty, and staff while on campus. Additionally, individuals visiting campus must wear some form of identification (district-issued identification badge or sitebased generated visitor or volunteer badge) while on campus. Upon entry to campus, all visitors must be processed through the RAPTOR System. This includes, but is not limited to, parents, District staff, vendors, volunteers, and members of the public. An official photo identification will be requested. Your name, date of visit, time of arrival, purpose for visit and time of departure will be reported in a visitor's log.

Consent for Health Services Form 2022/23

The Parent/Guardian Consent Form for health services must be completed and returned to the school clinic if you content and wish for your child to receive any of the school health services listed below. Please review the form provided in this link. Consent for Health Services Form 2022/23

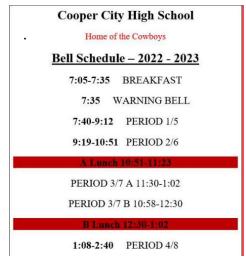
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Back to School Headline News

VERA PERKOVIC, PRINCIPAL

DR. CARLA HOZEBIN-ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL-12TH GRADE ANGELICA PEREZ-ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL-11TH GRADE MARCO CACERES-ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL-10TH GRADE AMIRA BRITTON-ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL-9TH GRADE



Link to 2022-23 Bell Schedules

Food and Nutrition

https://www.browardschools.com/free-lunch

Cooper City High School is a Non-Community Eligibility Provision (Non-CEP) School and students must complete a Meal Benefits application for the 2022-2023 school year at MySchoolApps.com. Students will receive lunch meals at the determined eligibility. Universal Free Breakfast is still offered at no charge to the students at Cooper City High School. The District transitioned our school back to prior COVID operations, our meals prices will remain \$2.00 in Elementary, \$2.35 in Middle and \$2.50 in High School. We encourage Parents, Guardians and Caregivers to create an account for you student at My School Bucks at <u>www.myschoolbucks.com</u>. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals for \$0.40 for lunch. To apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals complete an application at www.myschoolapps.com. If you are unable to complete an application online, contact Food and Nutrition Services at 754-321-0250 to receive a paper Multi-Child Application for Meal Benefits. If you complete a paper application, please return the form to: Food and Nutrition Services, 7720 W. Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite#204, Sunrise, Florida, 33351. After your application has been processed, a notification of your child's meal eligibility will be sent to the e-mail address provided or through the postal services. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at Cooper City High School at 754-323-0200



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REGISTER 2 RIDE

https://www.browardschools.com/register2ride

All eligible students needing bus transportation for the upcoming school year MUST register for bus assignment. Use the webpage below to register for a bus assignment for the next year.

School bus transportation providers across the nation are experiencing challenges due to driver shortages. Broward Schools is implementing a new initiative that will require all students eligible for school bus transportation for the 2022/23 school year to register.

In order to receive a bus assignment for the 22/23 school year, please follow the following Register 2 Ride Instructions 1.) Navigate to <u>https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/Ride</u> and answer the question "Are you going to ride the school bus for the 2022/23 school year?"

2. Log in with a student account, i.e.:

06XXXXXXXX@my.browardschools.com

3. Press Submit to complete. You may return to the form at any point before the deadline to update your answer.

Register 2 Ride Contact Info

For more information, including a list of frequently asked questions, visit <u>browardschools.com/Register2Ride</u>, call the customer service line at 754-321-4499 or email <u>register2ride@browardschools.com</u>

Students registered by July 15th are guaranteed a bus assignment for the first day of school. After July 16th, all transportation requests will still go through the registration platform located on the Broward County Web platform. Eligible students will be routed expeditiously to their school sites.

"Register to Ride" will be available via the PTWeb Portal at <u>http://www.browardschools.com/register2ride</u>.

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https://www.browardschools.com/coopercityhigh

School Counseling Corner

Counselors

Ronald Ziccardi- Guidance Director Cheryl Chartrand - 9th Grade Rosedale Joseph - 10th Grade ZaeVista Arnold 11th Grade Beatriz Dominguez - 12th Grade Christine Siwek- BRACE Advisor Secretaries

Mercedes Lopez, Secretary Jodi Wild, Secretary

ESE Support Personnel

Raquel Moon- ESE Specialist

Castellanos, Tonia- Speech/Language Pathologist Kitman, Michele - ESE Support Facilitator, 9th Grade Jones, Claudia - ESE Support Facilitator ,10th Grade Dermer, Heidi- ESE Support Facilitator, 11th Grade Garcia, Nicole - ESE Support Facilitator, 12th Grade

Advanced Academics

Lisa Jones, AICE Cambridge Coordinator Melissa Megna, AP Coordinator Megna, Melissa- Student Assessment Specialist

The School Counseling Team Welcomes You Back!

We are looking forward to another exciting year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's counselor. We are always available to help you. Please check our website, Canvas, and Naviance for important Guidance information. Above are the names of our awesome School Counseling Team!

Family Counselors

Shantelle Moxie- Family Counselor Asia Gaylord - School Social Worker Jacqueline Bell- School Psychologist

Student School Account

Use **Clever** to log into your school account. Username: student number (06012345) Password: P + mm/dd/yyyy (Example: P05/22/2001) 2 digit birth month 2 digit birth day 4 digit birth year

Use Canvas for classes, assignments, homework, and communication with teachers.

Use MS **Teams** for conferencing with teachers, peers, support.

Use **Pinnacle** for attendance and grades.

Use Naviance to make decisions about careers and colleges

BRACE & College Corner

College Corner

Message from **BRACE** (Broward Advisors for Continuing Education)

Welcome Class of 2023! As you begin your senior year and the college application process, know that it's a "process" and I'll be here to help you along the way, whether at school, e-mail, phone or virtually. Be sure to check the e-mail address you entered in your NAVIANCE account. I will be sending you important e-mails throughout your senior year to keep you in the know on everything associated with the post-secondary process, regardless of what you plan to do after high school. These e-mails will have the info you'll need on how to apply to college, the financial aid process, reminders, scholarship opportunities, etc. Don't miss out and check your e-mails often! If you need assistance, please feel free to e-mail me anytime at:

christine.siwek@browardschools.com

Christine Siwek Cooper City High School **BRACE** Advisor



BRACE Things to Do and Upcoming Events:

- 12th Grade: Look for upcoming BRACE Senior Visits -Personalization Periods in early September to learn about your options after high school; how to apply to college, send HS transcripts, and pay for college
- Grades 9-12: Via Clever, explore Naviance and update your email under the "About Me" tab
- 12th Grade: Complete the "Beginning Senior Survey" in Naviance
- 12th Grade: Start your On-line College Applications if you are interested in attending 4-year colleges. Go to college website under "Undergraduate Admissions" and apply as a First Time In **College Freshman**
- 12th Grade: Consider retaking the SAT or taking the ACT for your post-secondary goals
- 11th Grade: Sign-up the October PSAT when available

Naviance Student:

This web tool provides the resources you need to make decisions about careers and colleges. It enables us to communicate more effectively by email and allows us to share important guidance & BRACE news and educational updates in a more efficient way with all registered users.

Advanced Placement

The first 2 weeks of school students will enroll in AP classroom with their AP teacher. Once they enroll in AP classroom, they will be automatically registered for their 2022 AP exam. Students who are taking an AP exam with FLVS or BVS will register for their AP exam online with Mrs. Megna, Student Assessment Coordinator.



AICE Cambridge International

Cambridge International exam scores for 2022 were released in August. Students were emailed their Cambridge International log in information. If you did not receive your log-in information, please contact Mrs. Megna, Student Assessment Coordinator or Lisa Jones, AICE Cambridge Coordinator. Please visit our website, https://www.browardschools.com/coopercityhigh for additional

information

Mental Health and Wellness Resources

Reminder: Self-awareness of one's mental health and emotional state is essential, and asking for help when needed is imperative.

Responsibility: Know who you should contact when you need assistance. **Resources:**

- Family Counseling Program Call Center: 754-321-1590
- Broward County Public Schools Mental Health Hotline: 754-321-HELP (4357)
- First Call for Help: 2-1-1
- National Crisis Text Line: 741741
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)



Advanced Academics

- · Cambridge AICE Diploma
- College Board Advanced Placement Capstone





Support Personnel

Pam Bates- Information Management Specialist

Megna, Melissa- Student Assessment Specialist

Miele, Alex- Instructional Technology Specialist

Marimon, Kathryn- Bookkeeper

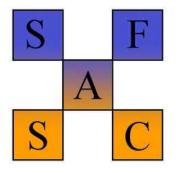
Perez, Ivette- Budget-keeper

TBA- Registrar



Parents and Guardians – Get Involved - We need you!







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School Advisory Council (SAC)

Cooper City High School welcomes your involvement on our School Advisory Council (SAC). SAC is an essential line of communication between school staff, parents, students, and community liaisons. The SAC serves as a mechanism for participatory management and shared decision-making. The primary goal of SAC is to improve the education for all students. SAC members help establish educational priorities, assess school needs, and identify resources to meet those needs. SAC decisions are instrumental to the educational experience to students at CCHS. We encourage you to commit to attend.

SAC meets on the last week of each month (except September) of the school year at 3:00 pm in the CCHS Auditorium:

August 29, 2022	January 30, 2023
September 19, 2022	February 27, 2023
October 24, 2022	March 27, 2023
November 28, 2022 (Joint SAC/SAF)	April 24, 2023
December (No Meeting Date)	May 22, 2023 (Joint SAC/SAF)

School Advisory Forum (SAF)

School Board policy requires that each school have a School Advisory Forum (SAF) composed of parents, teachers, community members, school administrators, non-instructional support staff, and other stakeholders. The SAF provides an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss and recommend actions on a variety of school issues.

The School Advisory Forum (SAF) shall foster and promote communication between its stakeholders, the school, and the Area Advisory Council. The SAF shall bring forth recommendations, concerns and interests to and from their Area Advisory Council.

SAF meetings are held right after the monthly SAC meeting

Cooper City High School PTSA

Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year!

The PTSA board would like to welcome our CCHS Cowboy Family back for the 2022-23 school year. Your PTSA is working hard to support our school and the needs of our students and faculty. In order to continue our support, we are asking for your help. By joining the PTSA and purchasing spirit gear from our online store <u>coopercityhsptsa.memberhub.store</u> you will be helping to ensure that we are able to maintain our level of excellence. With the proceeds, we will be able to fund scholarships and projects that come up during the school year. All members will receive a discount card to use at several local businesses.

Please visit MemberHub store to join PTSA and/or purchase Spirit Wear (i.e.: CCHS Hoodies, T-shirts, hats, magnets).

Thank you in advance for your support, it is greatly appreciated. By working together, we can continue to make CCHS the best. We hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy. Go COWBOYS!!!

Your PTSA Board Members for 2022-23 President-Andria Gross Vice President Ways and Means- Lisa Mallozzi Vice President Volunteer Coordinator-Monica Schlosser Vice President Membership-Ana Safrin Treasurer-Josie Monroe Recording Secretary-Dawn Azzarito Corresponding Secretary-Tracy Penick Teacher Liaison- Heidi Dermer

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Cooper City High 2022-2023 Red-Black Calendar

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Report an Absence: https://www.browardschools.com/d omain/16050

Our school values attendance as one of the key ingredients to student learning and achievement. Absenteeism excused or unexcused, regardless of the reason, will undoubtedly have a negative impact on your child's ability to perform at his/her best.

Per state law and district policy, students who accumulate more than 10 absences per semester, will be required to pass the semester exam to receive credit for the course (Please refer to Policy 6000.1 Pupil Progression Plan for any updates to this policy). Also, a student between the ages of 14 and 18 who accumulates 15 unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days will have his/her driver's license suspended by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

IMPORTANT: Please visit the school's website for the new process for reporting absences.



We are excited to welcome our students to a new year and are committed to ensuring that our students feel safe, connected, and motivated to excel both academically and socially!

Students are expected to follow the bell schedule considering that the first few days of school may require students to adjust their routes to ensure that they **make it to class on time**. Classes start at 7:40 am and we ask our families to please ensure students are on time. As always, faculty and staff will be assisting students to help them to find their classes during the first week of school.

Please visit our school's website for more information Link to 2022-23 Bell Schedules

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Cowboy Pride!

Behavior Support

Safety and Security is Paramount

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Please take a moment to watch this <u>important safety and security</u> <u>message</u> from Superintendent Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright. In it, Dr. Cartwright reminds students and families that when it comes to safety, there is no joking around.

Threats of any kind against BCPS schools, offices and staff will result in immediate action by local law enforcement and be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. These include threats made in any medium including texts, phone calls, social media, and email communications.

Please share the video with your children as a reminder that every statement or threat of violence is taken seriously and will have significant consequences for the student(s) who makes them. Watch the <u>Superintendent's video message here</u>.

Consequences of making Threats to Schools, Students Judge Tuter and Judge Williams explain consequences of making threats against schools, students, and employees. Watch this important video about the consequences of making threats against schools, students, and staff.

https://www.browardschools.com/coopercityhigh



Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (no download required) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



GetFortifyFL.com

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