

Canes Counselors Newsletter

May & Summer 2025

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, it's more important than ever for students to stay focused and finish strong. The last few weeks play a critical role in determining final grades, completing important assignments, and preparing for end-of-year exams. Maintaining strong attendance, staying organized, and giving your best effort can make all the difference.

Why These Weeks Count:

Final Grades Are Still in Progress: Every assignment, quiz, and test between now and the last day can significantly impact final grades.

Attendance Matters: Being present in class means not missing out on important reviews, exam prep, and the opportunity to ask last-minute questions.

Exam Performance Is Key: Exams often make up a large portion of semester grades. A strong finish can help boost a borderline grade or solidify a strong one.

Exam Preparation Tips:

Create a Study Schedule: Break up your study time into manageable chunks over several days. Don't cram!

Use Review Materials: Take advantage of any study guides, review packets, or practice exams your teachers provide.

Stay Healthy: Get enough sleep, eat well, and take short breaks while studying to stay sharp and focused.

Ask for Help: If you're struggling with a concept, reach out to your teacher or a classmate well before the exam.

Summer School Information:

HOPE Summer School Registration is now open and available in the Counselor Google Classroom. Students interested in taking HOPE over the summer should register as soon as possible.

Credit Recovery Notification: Students who need to make up credits will be notified within the next two weeks.

Summer School Dates: Summer school will run from June 5 to July 3. Please plan accordingly.

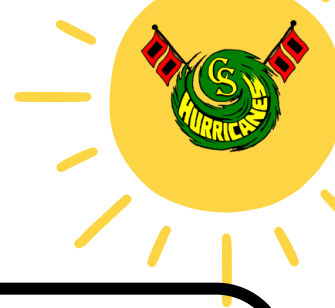
Let's all work together to ensure the school year ends on a high note. Encourage your student to stay motivated, take advantage of available resources, and finish the year with pride and purpose!





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AP Test Day Attendance

To support student safety and increase accountability during AP testing, we are implementing a new AP test day attendance policy. Students should sign in and out as they would on a regular school day. If a student plans to arrive late for an afternoon AP Exam or leave campus after a morning AP Exam (excluding EOC exams), a parent or guardian must properly sign them in/out through the attendance office. Please note that "AP Testing" will be accepted as a valid reason for an excused absence. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and structured testing environment.

Important Dates

May 5-15 - AP Testing
May 8 - 9th grade FAST
May 15 - 10th grade FAST
May 19-22 - Senior Exams
May 19 - US History EOC
May 20 - Algebra EOC
May 21 - Geometry EOC
May 22 - Last day of tutoring
May 26 - Holiday No school
May 27-30 - Underclass exams
May 27 - Senior Awards
May 28-30 - Early Release
May 28 - Graduation
May 30 - Last day of school

College & Career Corner

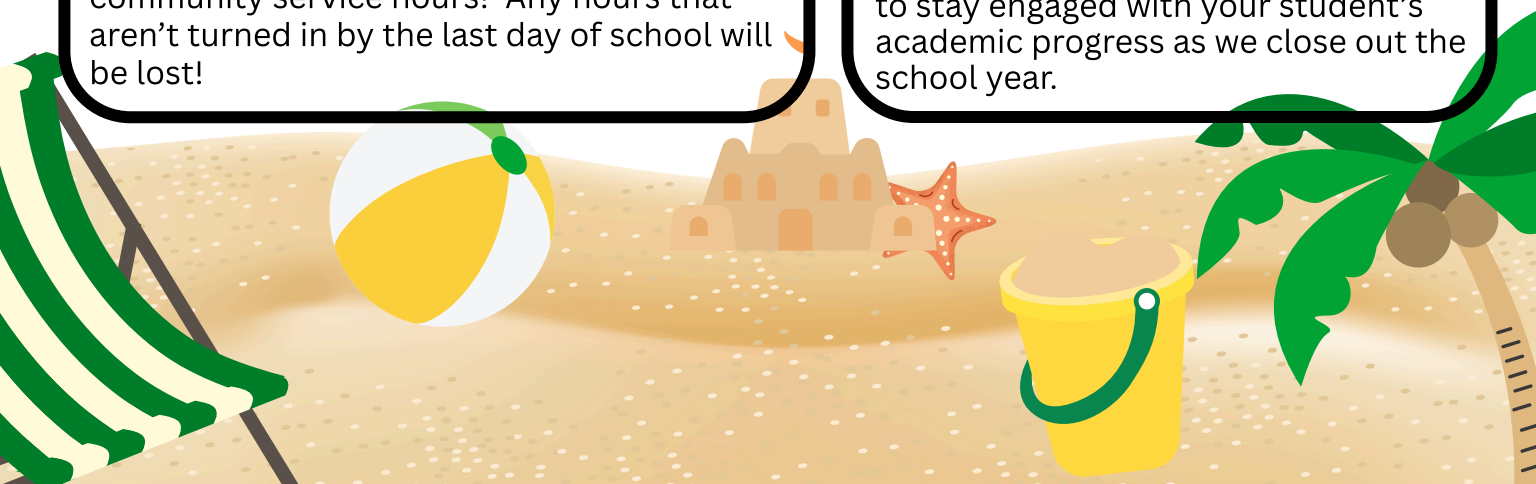
Seniors: Make sure you are keeping up with scholarship deadlines - check the counselor google classroom daily!

Juniors: Sign up for common app, fix up your resumes, and start writing your application essays! Don't wait until the last minute to get started!

Everyone: Don't forget to turn in your community service hours! Any hours that aren't turned in by the last day of school will be lost!

Accessing FAST & EOC Scores

End-of-year testing is now in full swing at our school, and students are working hard to demonstrate all they've learned this year. Parents and guardians can stay informed by accessing their child's statewide assessment results through the [FOCUS Parent Portal](#). To view these results, simply log in to your FOCUS account and click on the Florida Statewide Assessments icon. This is a great way to stay engaged with your student's academic progress as we close out the school year.



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Support for Students and Families

The loss of a peer is a deeply emotional and difficult experience, and it's okay to feel overwhelmed, confused, or even unsure about how to grieve. Every person processes loss differently, and there is no "right" way to feel. What's most important is to know that no one has to go through it alone.

At our school, we are committed to supporting every student and family during this time of grief. Our school counselors and social workers are here to help you navigate your emotions and offer a safe space to talk, reflect, or just be. Whether you need someone to listen or help you find additional resources, please don't hesitate to reach out.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, please know that there are people who care and are ready to help:

☎ For Immediate Help: Call 911

■ Guidance Care Center 24/7 MRT (Mobile Response Team) Crisis Line:
(305) 434-7660 — Press 8 to speak with someone right away.

Whether you're struggling with stress, anxiety, depression, or anything else — you are not alone. Reach out. Someone is always ready to listen.

Please take care of yourselves and one another. We're here for you.

ATTENTION CORAL SHORES PARENTS!
PLEASE VISIT THE NEW

CANE'S COUNSELORS PARENT RESOURCES WEBSITE

<https://www.keysschools.com/Page/7500>



Monthly Newsletters,
Family Resources,
Tutoring Information
& More!

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STAY CONNECTED THROUGH FOCUS PARENT PORTAL


MCSO's FOCUS Parent Portal provides parents and guardians a real-time view of their child's grades, attendance information and progress monitoring results.

HOW TO REGISTER:

- GO TO KEYSSCHOOLS.COM
In the right-hand corner, click Parents. From the menu, select Parent Resources. Under Other Parent Resources, click **FOCUS Parent Portal Registration**.
- CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT
If you are creating an account for the first time, click the orange box that says "I DO NOT HAVE A FOCUS Parent Account and would like to create one (even if my child is already enrolled)" link at the center of the page.
- ENTER PARENT INFORMATION
Enter your First and Last Name exactly as it appears on your identification. Then enter your active email address and create a password.
- LINK YOUR CHILD
You will now click "I would like to ADD A CHILD who is already enrolled" to link your child to your account. Enter your child's Student ID number (begins with 44000) and Birth Date for MM/DD/YY then click add student. Repeat these steps to add any other children.
- FINISH
Once you have successfully added all desired children, click "I am FINISHED adding students. Please take me to the Portal."

*Note in the future you will need to use the username provided and the password you create to access your portal again.

Already registered? Login to the Portal directly from our District site under the Parents tab.



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Hear something? See something?
DO SOMETHING!

STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Help Keep Our School Safe



**CORAL SHORES
SCHOOL**

How you can help:

Hear about any threats of violence to the school? Drugs on campus? Bullying? Suicide thoughts or talk?

Simply text a message to school officials with any information you think they should know.

Your name and number will be blocked so you will remain anonymous. If you do wish to be contacted, be sure to include your name and phone number in your text.

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**TEXT TIPS TO
(305) 432-3364**

No tip is too small, but remember that it is a crime to intentionally send in a false or misleading tip. For more information visit <http://schooltexttips.com> or speak to your school officials.

CORAL SHORES After School Tutoring

Mondays & Thursdays
2:35-4:15

STARTS
SEPTEMBER 30TH



SUBJECTS AVAILABLE:

- Math
- English
- Science
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- SAT/ACT Test Prep
- Study Hall

Bus transportation provided
No registration needed

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IF YOU COMMUNICATE A THREAT TO KILL, DO GREAT BODILY HARM, CONDUCT A MASS SHOOTING OR AN ACT OF TERRORISM IN A WAY THAT ANOTHER PERSON CAN VIEW IT, YOU ARE COMMITTING A SECOND-DEGREE FELONY UNDER SECTION 863.10, FLORIDA STATUTES.

FALSE REPORTS ON FORTIFYFL ARE NO JOKE!

IF IT IS FOUND THAT ANY PERSON, PARENT OR CHILD KNOWINGLY SUBMITTED A FALSE TIP THROUGH FORTIFYFL OR ANY OTHER TIP REPORTING TOOL, INFORMATION ON THE DEVICE USED TO MAKE THE CLAIM WILL BE PROVIDED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THE PERSON MAY BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

