Bradenton Christian School

Panther Press

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Welcome Back Panthers!

We are roaring off to a great start with 976 students from Preschool – 12th grade where we have the privilege to prepare their hearts and minds for Christ! With such a great start to the school year, we thank all those from the founding families of BCS in 1960 all the way through to the present for such a great Godly heritage for educating our covenantal children along side the church and the home. Thank you for being an integral part of the Bradenton Christian School Community. God continues to bless BCS by providing:

- 15 new teachers for our school year
- 98 people came out for Campus Beautification Day
- 3 weeks of rich learning and meaningful chapels
- Successful openings for our sports seasons

We are privileged to have each student and teacher at BCS and we want to share this privilege with you. So, be on the lookout for our Panther Press to come to you every month this school year with past and future happenings.

Blessings! Dr. Jeff Hoogeveen, BCS Superintendent



Beautification Day 2023

The BCS Beautification Workday had an amazing turnout with servant hearts pouring into BCS. Parents, grandparents, teachers, students, administrators, and staff all showing up to beautify our campus God has blessed us with again this school year. Thank you so much to those who came and worked hard and connected with other BCS families.





Panther Press Spotlight

The Panther Press is a monthly publication all about Bradenton Christian School. Each month The Panther Press will be focusing on various topics and events of importance to our campus, community, and families.

Panther Press will be sent to all current and past families as well as alumni, grandparents, and community churches.

This year BCS had a record breaking year for new hires. We are blessed to welcome 15 new teachers! Special shoutout to Kelly Seagreaves, Human Resource Director who works diligently to connect our staff throughout our campus. BCS is always looking for talented, Christ-centered faculty and staff members! Please check out the link if you are interested in opportunities at BCS <u>https://www.bcspanthers.org/about-us/employment-opportunities</u>

If a loved one of yours wants to receive The Panther Press or you want to feature a story about BCS, please contact BobbiJo Norris at bnorris@bcspanthers.org.

Welcome all our new teachers!

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This fail, I will be teaching 8th and 7th grade Math at BCS. I was born and raised in California and an the youngest of 4 sibilings (I sister and 2 brothers). I attended a small Christian school from K-12 and afterwards was accepted to UC Berkeley, where I met my husband. After graduation. I began teaching Middle School students, spending most of my 20 years teaching 7th grade Language Arts and History and 8th - 8th grade math, Filteen years ago, my husband and 1 got married in Colombia, since that is where my family is from and we still frequently visit because I have a lot of family still there. A year ago, we decided to make the move from California, and that is when our 2 children, Isabella (8th grade) and Joshua (1st grade) began to attend BCS and our family officially became Panthers! Besides traveling, I also enjoy being at the beach, reading WW2 and mystery novels, watching action movies, playing and watching baccer and tennis, learning new card California, the OG park is still the best in my heart), going to concerts, and of course, traveling back to California to visit allour family and finends who harven't moved out here, yett Currently, we attend to kewood Ranch Bagits Church where we love to volunteer in the children's ministry. This next school year, I am so excited to encourage students to conlines to wark hard and not give up as well as to help them realize that



Middle School Math Belinda Ramierz

Belinda Kamierz

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Hello BCS family. My name is Jeff Skinner and I will be teaching High School Digital Technology. I've been a teacher in three different countries with my lovely wife and two daughters. If I'm not playing tennis or volleyball, I enjoy traveling while reading a biography on any beach. I'm am looking forward to a great year and an opportunity to teach and learn from these amazing students.



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High School Digital Technology Jeff Skinner

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I will be teaching 4th grade math and science for the 2023-2024 school year. This will begin my 20th year of teaching. I have been fortunate to have taught secondary mathematics along with helping other teachers master their craft through instructional coaching. My degrees are Bachelors in Secondary Mathematics and a Masters in Curriculum, Instructional and Assessment. I have always lived in Florida. I grew up in St Petersburg, graduating from St. Pete High School am married to my amazing husband Jeff; we have four children and three grandchildren. We currently attend Bayside Community Church in Lakewood Ranch. My husband and I enjoy going antique picking, crafting and restoring old furniture. This year I am looking forward to inspiring my students through fun, engaging, hands on lesson. I hope to build in them a love for math and science

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4th Grade Math & Science Debora Woodin

Debora Woodin



I will be teaching Algebra I and Algebra I Honors, as well as an exciting new course on Life Skills. I have teaching experience in both private and public schools in Florida and Ohio, and attended the University of Cincinnati for my undergraduate degree and Wright State University for my Master's degree. My husband Peter, and I enjoy all things outdoors, and can be found at my happy place, the beach, in my free time. I'm blessed to visit with my four year old granddaughter every day, and two of my three grown children live nearby in Bradenton. I love Bayside Church, paddle boarding, and all things math!

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High School Math

Tamela Behm

Welcome all our new teachers!

Welcome ΤΟ ΤΗΕ ΤΕΑΜ

This year I will be teaching high school math and a section of physics at BCS. After high school, while studying physics at UF, I came to trust in the Lord and quickly felt called to the mission field. After changing my degree to classics where I studied Greek, I got married, went to seminary, and eventually went to China for two years. I then returned to gain further education and received my ThM in New Testament. During this time I also taught Latin at a high school in NC. My wife, four kids and I, are now back in our hometown and are looking forward to serving at BCS. I grew up in this area and I love being with my family, hanging out at the beach, visiting state parks, camping, and scuba diving. We are members of Crosspointe Fellowship on the island and I am involved in leadership of a small group and playing percussion with the band.



High School Math

David Moss

In refcome ΤΟ ΤΗΕ ΤΕΑΜ

My name is Kaitlynn Yates, and I am from Oxford, MS. I received my B.A in Literature and M.A. in English Education at the University of Mississippi, and have taught at a classical Christian school for the past two years. I am fortunate to be teaching Honors British Literature, Classical/Contemporary Literature, and AP Literature and Composition in the fall. I am excited to be serving as Yearbook Advisor as well. Discipling children is my passion and purpose, so I look forward to shepherding students and advancing God's kingdom at BCS

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High School English Kaitlynn Yates

Kaifynn Jates



After completing my Bachelor's degree at Oxford University in England and Master's degree from Porida State University, I prusued a career in magazine publishing at Christianity Today. (My boss was Billy Graham). An English and history instructor of 33 years, I spend my summer vacations building schools around the world with Be the Change Valunteers – in drought-stricken Malawi; alongide former boy soldiers in Gautemala; in Nelson Mandela's hometown of Umata, South Africa, and most recently, uniting genocide survivors and perpetrators in Rwanda. The story of my travels is told in the newly released book from Trilogy Publishing, Hand Delivered Hope. As members of the Sarasota KP search and Rescue team, my family and I are dedicated to assisting local law enforcement, by recovering missing persons, with my nationally certified Begian shepherd, Quasar. Serving as the bookstore manager at Light of the World Church has afforded me opportunities to shore, in ways both great and small, with people from all walks of life, from policical personalities to shore, in ways both great for God to "do a NEW thing" (Isaiah

Believing for God to "do a NEW thing" (Isaiah 4319) wa at BCS are looking forward to a NEW start in '23 – NEW friends, NEW classes, NEW challenges, NEW expertise, NEW victories. "If any one is in Christ", says 2 Corinthians 517, "the NEW creation has come: The old has gone, the NEW is here?"



Middle School Study Hall Janet Ross

Janet Ross

Nefcome TO THE TEAM

When I stepped on BCS compus over three years age God put it on my heart that 1. My 3 children would all be going to this school and 2.1 was going to be a teacher there as well. At the time, though, I did not have my teaching certificate and didht know where to start. Two and a half years later, I passed my PE Certification test, and will be finhing the losit of the necessary classes this fall to complete my FL teaching certification (1 currently posses a) temporary certification (1 currently posses a) test correct (1 currently currently currently (1 currently currently currently currently currently currently currently currently currently to tarted teaching Physical Currently current of the continue to met with ocupies and the idmails who also go there and hope to get more involved in the youth program. My formily loves to be active, and I love the warm sunny, outdoorst that Florida perfectly provides or us if 1 can be outside, especially near water, then 1 and pape. I am sexcited to finally be where I am supposed to be, where 6 dod was preparing me all along to be the High School Physical Education teacher at Brademion Christian School.



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Rebecca Wright

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Welcome all our new teachers!



I will be the new 4th grade ELA teacher at BCS this coming school year. I have been teaching for many years in the United States and abroad in three other countries. I have an undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education and two master's degrees. My first degree is Curriculum and Instruction: Literacy K-12th grade and my second degree is in leadership and technology. I am still learning all I can as I am a lifelong learner and I have many things to learn. I have been married for 25 years and have two beautiful girls. One is 16 years old and the other is 13 years old. I love to read romantic suspense novels and I love watching television, although I'm so looking forward to going to the beach as much as possible. I am not sure what church we will attend, but we will be praying about that and looking for one once we arrive. I hope this school year leads to lasting friendships and awesome memories with my students

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4th Grade English

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Jamie Skinner

Defcome TO THE TEAM

I will be teaching English and Literature classes for 9th and 10th grades. I have experience teaching Middle School ELA and Special Education. Also, I have taught GED Adult Education courses. I'm married to Jason and have two teenagers, Jace and Averi Jace is in college, and Averi will be a sophomore. I love to read, travel, and have fun outdoors. Since I just moved here within the week, I am currently looking for a church. Previously, I attended Cornerstone Community Church and First Baptist Church in my hometown. I've enjoyed reading many books with my junior high classes, including The Giver (one of my favorites). I look forward to meeting the BCS family and having a wonderful year!



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High School English

Ardrea Barkston



I will be teaching High School Art this year at BCS! This is my ninth year teaching, 8th year teaching art. Before that I was a youth director at a church for three years. I received my degree in studio art from New College FL and my permanent teaching certificate through SCF.

I am married and we have one daughter who will be starting in the PK3 program this year.

I love to paint murals in my spare time, read, and play video games. My husband and I share a passion for travel and trying new foods.

We currently attend Bayside North River Campus.

I love Pokémon, Zelda, Disney...basically most scifi/fantasy. I am looking forward to having the same students every day and merging the word of God with art!



High School Art Alexandra Miranda

Alexandra Miranda

In refcome

I am excited about joining BCSI I will be teaching Spanish I. Spanish is my fourth language diongside Italian and French. I have been teaching for over 20 years and hold a Bachelors is international law, and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction, I have tought various subjects from world history, American history, and Ilterature for International communities with ESL (ELL have also taught French levels I and 4 honours. I have two teenage girls, one who is 18 going on 19, studying in a fashian university in Milan, Italy, and a younger daughter who is 14. I have leved one year abroad in Italy, setting my daughter in school, and I attended an evangeliad Christian church "Saboath' in Milan where I am involved with evangelising conferences, praying with a moms in prayer group, and with leading a "life" group once a week at my home.

week of infrintence in the intercession group as a prayer warrior for Healing Rooms of Manatee. I was part of a home church that was started during covid. I am currently pursuing a health and life coaching certification that I would like to incorporate within my classroom and have a passion for Christian family counselling. My favourite books are books that deal with this topic. I love traveling, cooking, and learning about cross culture.



High School Spanish Sabrina Toglia

Sabrina Toglia

Welcome all our new teachers!



I araduated from Calvin in 1993 and first taught at West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science. It was one of the nation's first charter schools. I married Sarah in 1998. We moved to Florida in 2001. I taught one year at Lee Middle school and moved to IMG Academy in 2002 teaching all grades of middle school science. I worked at IMG through the end of the 2023 school year and now join the BCS family. I have one son, Sam (7th grade). As a family we travel by tent on road trips. Sarah and Leach entered our respective 50th states on this summer's trip. Individually I enjoy inline skating and photography.



Middle School Science Eric Van Zytfeld

Eric Van Zyffeld

Nelcome

This year I will be teaching second arade at BCS. I am excited to be a part of the BCS family. Last year I comp my Student Teaching at BCS with 3rd grade and I am honored that I was offered the second grade teaching position for the 2023-2024 school year! I have my Bachelors in Elementary Education from Western Governors University. My husband is active duty in the military with the United States Coast Guard. He will be retiring this year with 20 years, so we are finally able to settle down for good. We have lived all over the United States with our four boys. I will have a 9th grader, two first graders, and a PK3 next year and they are all excited to be at BCS as well! I was born and raised between St. Petersburg, FL and Bradenton. I am happy to be back to my hometown to raise our family. We attend Bayside Community Church NRR campus and love being a part of our community church. I love to relax with my family and enjoy a low key day in the back yard or by the pool. I can't wait for the school year to start and to meet all of my wonderful students and their families! It will be a great year!

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2nd Grade Katie Gill

Katie Gil

Our Panther mascot made a visit to students for the first few days of school!







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Drumline Bootcamp

This month at BCS, our Drumline Class experienced a "Boot Camp." Class of 2023 Graduate and veteran Drum Major, Josh Seagreaves dedicated his time and talents to building up this blooming generation of percussionists. Josh started each day with rudiments for the team teaching them the value of a practice routine. He has been instilling in them the sense of team and the culture of their part in keeping the fire going. Josh also composed several original pieces to learn. These pieces are challenging, sound amazing, and will live in the BCS drumline repertoire for ages to come.

All of these offerings truly edify these students and this program. Josh is a wonderful example of using your Godgiven gifts for His purposes and His people. The beauty of Music and the Arts is a reflection of God's goodness and His love for us. Our gifts are meant to bless God, minister, celebrate, and point to a wonderful Creator. Josh, the Drumline and the entire Arts program stand to serve that end. We thank you, Josh! May God bless you as you move on to College of William and Mary. Come back soon!









Church Connection

Calling all BCS youth! Are you looking for a youth group or local church community to get involved in? We have information for you.

- Bradenton CRC- Wednesday Evenings 6:45pm -8:30pm <u>https://bradentoncrc.org/ministries</u>
- Bayside Community Church- Middle School services are during regular weekend times. High School is Wednesday Evenings at 6:30pm. <u>https://www.mybayside.church/ministries/</u> <u>bayside-youth</u>
- West Bradenton Baptist- Wednesday Evenings door open at 5:30pm <u>https://fortheneighborhood.com/students/</u>
- Grace Community Church- Middle School services are during regular weekend times. High School meets Sunday nights from 5:30pm -7:30pm. <u>https://www.gracesarasota.com/channel/e</u> <u>quip/youth</u>
- North River- The Swell on Sunday Evenings 4:30pm -7:00pm <u>https://www.gonorthriver.org/students</u>
- The Bridge Church- Wednesday Evenings
 6:30pm -8:00pm

https://www.bridgechurchfl.com/students If you would like your church featured in Panther Press for youth events, please email BobbiJo Norris at bnorris@bcspanthers.org. If you would like to speak at chapel services for BCS please contact Calvin Morley at CMorley@bcspanthers.org.

Middle School Tailgate Fun

What an amazing time at the BCS Middle School tailgate before the first varsity football game! Hotdogs, drinks, and games made for a perfect pre-game gathering. We loved seeing families come together and get to know each other better. Our awesome mascot even made an appearance and joined in the fun!







Announcements

Interested in Volunteering?

Many hands make light work. The following verse is a famous expression of the need for Christian goodness to be visible in the world. Doing the work given by God is how His disciples distribute His light.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:15-16.

Volunteering is far more than signing up for an event or completing a task. You are creating community, connecting with new families, and allowing God to shine through you.

There are many ways you may volunteer at Bradenton Christian School.

- Bouwer Cup Golf Tournament
- Auction
- Giving Tuesday
- All Pro Dads
- Moms in Prayer
- Gala
- Check out our events that are coming up (<u>https://www.bcspanthers.org/get-</u> involved)



Meet the School Board Members

- Russ Dozeman- Board President
- Steve Strite- Vice President
- Jim Price- Treasurer
- Nathan Kragt- Secretary
- Kory DeHaan- Athletics
- Kris Cox- Foundation
- Hillary Koester- Building and Grounds
- Geoff Henderson- Education
- Sandy Bouwer- Admissions

If you would like to send correspondence to the board members, please email <u>bsecretary@bcspanthers.org</u>. The Board Secretary will forward the communication to the Board President along with any of the other board members as appropriate.

Reminder

When dropping off students, **please refrain from waiting in parking spots** in front of the High School/Middle School/PAC or Fine Arts buildings in the morning. Faculty and student drivers need to have quick access to their parking spots to arrive on time. If you need to park there are guest parking spots in front of the High School.



Announcements

Important Dates

- September 4: No School
- September 11: 9th/12th Parent Workshop
- September 12: Late Start 9am (see below) •
- September 15: Bouwer Cup Golf Tournament
- September 18-22: Homecoming •
- September 29: No School •
- September 29-October 1: Spiritual Retreat

Late start dates and details

BCS has invested into a program called Teaching for Transformation (TfT). TfT provides a framework for teachers to inspire their students to live out their Christian beliefs in action and not be satisfied with just "head-knowledge." BCS is passionate about TfT. This program is on going and we are committed to enrich the hearts and minds of your children, our teachers will be meeting one hour monthly to incorporate TfT into our daily curriculum.

- September 12 •
- October 10 •
- November 7 •
- December 12 •
- February 13 •
- March 12 •
- Start time on these Tuesdays is 9:00am for • Elementary School and 9:10am for Middle and **High School**
- Elementary drop off beings at 8:40am, that is when supervision begins
- Students will be admitted to class at 8:55am (Elementary) and 9:00am (Middle & High)
- Parents who need to drop students off before 8:40am please register for before school care. Before school care for students in K-5 will be offered from 7:40am - 8:40am for a fee. Email mjones@bcspanthers.org or call 941-792-5454, ext. 157 for more information.

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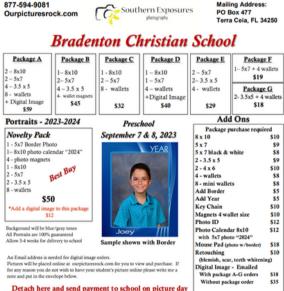
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BCS picture day is coming up in the month of September.

- Middle School: September 5th
- High School: September 6th
- Pre K: September 7th 8th
- Elementary: September 19th 20th •

Our pictures are taken through Southern Exposures Photography. Below is a smaller version of the form that will be sent home with your child. You may fill out the form and add your payment information and return it to school on the day your child takes pictures. Please make sure your child is in proper dress code attire.



Detach here and send payment to school on picture day

You may purchase pictures from Southern Exposures website as well at https://www.ourpicturesrock.com/clients/. Password is panthers.

If needed, picture retake day is October 12th.



Events

Bouwer Cup Golf Tournament

Join us for the Bradenton Christian School Bouwer Cup Golf Tournament Friday, September 15, 2023 at IMG Academy Golf and Country Club.

- The tournament will be a scramble format with an 8:30 shotgun start.
- Entry fee is \$135 per player and \$120 for alumni which includes greens fee, cart fee, continental breakfast, lunch, and a player gift.
- Learn more by going to our BCS website at <u>https://www.bcspanthers.org/get-</u> involved/golf-tournament
- Contact: BobbiJo Norris at <u>bnorris@bcspanthers.org</u> (941) 792-5454 ext. 114.



39th BCS Family Festival & Auction

On Saturday, November 4, BCS will be hosting the 2023 "Harvest Blessings" Festival & Auction on campus. The community event is a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun while raising funds to help keep Christian education accessible.

The Festivities begin at 3pm with the Festival and Silent Auction. The Live Auction will begin at 6:45pm which is always a memorable time filled with high energy and excitement!

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact BobbiJo Norris (<u>bnorris@bcspanthers.org</u>) at (941) 792-5454 ext. 114 or Heidi Sikkema (<u>hsikkema@bcspanthers.org</u>) at (941) 792-5454 ext. 160.



Sports

Sports in Season

- Volleyball
- Football
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Swimming
- Cheer

To stay up to date on BCS sports, click the link below

https://www.bcspanthers.org/athletics/teamsc hedules

Varsity Volleyball First Home Game

Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball girls! They secured a win in 3 vs Lemon Bay. Game highlight shoutouts to Jillian Zoerman with 13 kills, Faith Allen with 11 kills, Kirsten Benigni with 13 digs, Addelyn VanDuinen with 15 assists and Lexi Joyal with 22 assists. There are several home games to attend to cheer on our Lady Panthers.





Varsity Football First Home Game

Huge congrats to our BCS Varsity Football team on their impressive 35-0 victory over Keswick Christian! A massive shoutout to our defense who have kept both teams we have played under 100 yards and only 6 points scored! Plus, Colton Dempsey ran for 117 yards against Keswick. Congratulations Colton! Coach Nate shares, "I really am so proud of the way we are coming together as a unit. The expectation is 'Greatness' and we are getting closer and closer to that."

Let's keep up the momentum! Go Team!







Sports

Home Game September 25 & Homecoming



Homecoming is a time to gather as a community and welcome home Alumni. On September 22nd, BCS is hosting St. Stephens with kickoff at 7pm. This district game will lead us right into homecoming weekend.



Congratulations Swim Team

Great news from the recent competition. The BCS Swim Team showed their skills with impressive performances. In terms of overall results, BCS defeated Southeast while facing a loss against St. Stephens.

Our outstanding girls' team demonstrated their strength by achieving victories against both St. Stephens and Southeast.

The boys' team secured a win against Southeast but encountered a setback against St. Stephens.

The dedication and hard work of our athletes paid off as we achieved an impressive total of 21 personal bests at this meet.



Swim continued...

Highlighting our exceptional individual performances, we had 8 first-place finishes:

- Jack Freed: 1st in 200 Free & 100 Back
- Tegan Stermer: 1st in 200 IM & 100 Back
- Reagan Pye: 1st in 500 Free
- Jack Salle: 1st in 500 Free
- Malaika Muneio: 1st in 100 Breast
- Riggs Klika: 1st in 100 Breast

Additionally, our relay teams showcased their teamwork and determination with 4 first-place wins:

- Boys and Girls 200 Individual Medley Relay
- Boys 200 Freestyle Relay
- Girls 400 Freestyle Relay

Congratulations to all our swimmers for their remarkable achievements! #BCSSwimMeet #TeamEffort



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Thank you Sponsors

Market your business to the community through BCS!

This year, businesses have the opportunity to sponsor the Panther Press. As many of you know, the Panther Press is a monthly publication during the school year that showcases our community and all the amazing events, happenings, students and faculty. These newsletters are sent electronically which means timely delivery and accurate information. Additionally, all publications will be uploaded to our website. Imagine the exposure for your business throughout the school year for a minimal cost of \$200.

For more information contact BobbiJo Norris at bnorris@bcspanthers.org.



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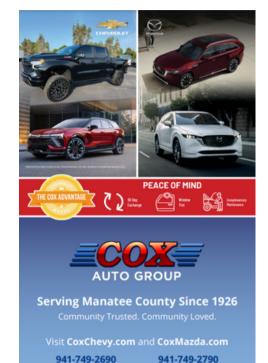
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