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SECOND QUARTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
Mr. Jorge Souza

As we move through the 2026-2027 school year, I want to take a moment to thank each member of our Cypress Bay community for the energy, dedication, and commitment you bring to our school each day. From our students' accomplishments in the classroom, on the field, and in the community to our staff's unwavering support and innovation, the Lightning spirit continues to shine brightly.

As we proudly celebrate Cypress Bay High School's 25th Anniversary, we also take time to reflect on the generations of students, families, educators, and community members who have shaped our school into one of Broward County's premier high schools. This milestone reminds us that our success is built upon a legacy of excellence, pride, and connection that continues to grow with each passing year.
Our theme, "Where Lightning Sparks a Legacy," reminds us that the legacy we build is rooted in the connections we make. Every act of kindness, collaboration, leadership, and perseverance leaves a lasting impact on those around us. Through these daily interactions, we continue to create a culture where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to succeed.

Our commitment to academic excellence remains at the center of our work. Through initiatives that support literacy, academic acceleration, student engagement, and college and career readiness, we are helping students reach their full potential while ensuring they remain connected to the resources and opportunities that will shape their futures.

As we continue this school year, let us remain intentional in building relationships, strengthening our school community, and supporting one another. Together, we will honor the legacy of the past 25 years while creating new traditions, new connections, and new opportunities for future generations of Lightning students. The next chapter of Cypress Bay's story is being written today, and each of us has a role in shaping the legacy that will endure for years to come.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE BAY

As Cypress Bay High School celebrates its 25th Anniversary, we reflect not only on our tradition of academic and athletic excellence, but also on a legacy of service that has defined the Lightning community since our founding. For twenty-five years, Cypress Bay students have demonstrated that true leadership extends beyond the classroom through acts of compassion, volunteerism, and community engagement. From supporting local families to impacting lives around the world, service has remained at the heart of what it means to be a Lightning.

Over the years, countless student organizations have dedicated their time and talents to serving others. Through programs such as Best Buddies, Key Club, UNICEF, Habitat for Humanity, HOSA, Harvest Drive, tutoring initiatives, beach cleanups, and numerous individual service projects, Cypress Bay students have consistently answered the call to make a difference.

One of the school's most impactful traditions is its commitment to supporting children's healthcare initiatives. Cypress Bay's Dance Marathon program partnered with Nicklaus Children's Hospital through the Children's Miracle Network, raising more than $9,200 during its inaugural effort in 2015. More than a decade later, that tradition of giving continues to grow, with Dance Marathon raising $33,866.84 in 2026 alone, demonstrating the enduring generosity and dedication of our students.

Our students have also made a global impact through UNICEF. Between 2013 and 2016, Cypress Bay students raised approximately $74,000 to support children around the world, including a remarkable $41,000 contribution recognized by UNICEF in 2016. These efforts exemplify the compassion and global citizenship that continue to characterize our student body.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE BAY

The Lightning spirit of service extends throughout the local community as well. Habitat for Humanity volunteers participated in restoration projects, awareness campaigns, and fundraising efforts that generated more than $20,000 to support improved housing conditions. Marine Science Society members have collected more than 600 pounds of trash and over 30 pounds of cigarette waste from local beaches, helping preserve South Florida's natural environment for future generations.

For many years, Cypress Bay has also served as a central partner in Harvest Drive, collecting food, supplies, and donations for families experiencing hardship. As both a collection and distribution site, our students, staff, and community organizations have come together to support thousands of families during times of need. More than 100 clubs participated in Harvest Drive efforts during 2026, continuing a tradition of service that has united the entire school community.

During the holiday season, student organizations have consistently found meaningful ways to give back. National Honor Society supported hundreds of children through the Salvation Army's Angel Giving Tree Program, while HUSH and DECA collaborated to create more than 100 holiday cards for patients at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, bringing hope and encouragement to children and families during challenging times.

The story of Cypress Bay is one of connection, commitment, and care for others. As we look ahead to the next twenty-five years, we remain proud of the legacy of service built by our students and inspired by the countless ways they continue to make the world a better place. Together, we are proving that when Lightning sparks a legacy, that legacy shines far beyond our campus walls.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE BAY



2014 | Relay For Life



2019 | Dance Marathon Donations



2020 | Harvest Drive


2022 | Holiday Cards

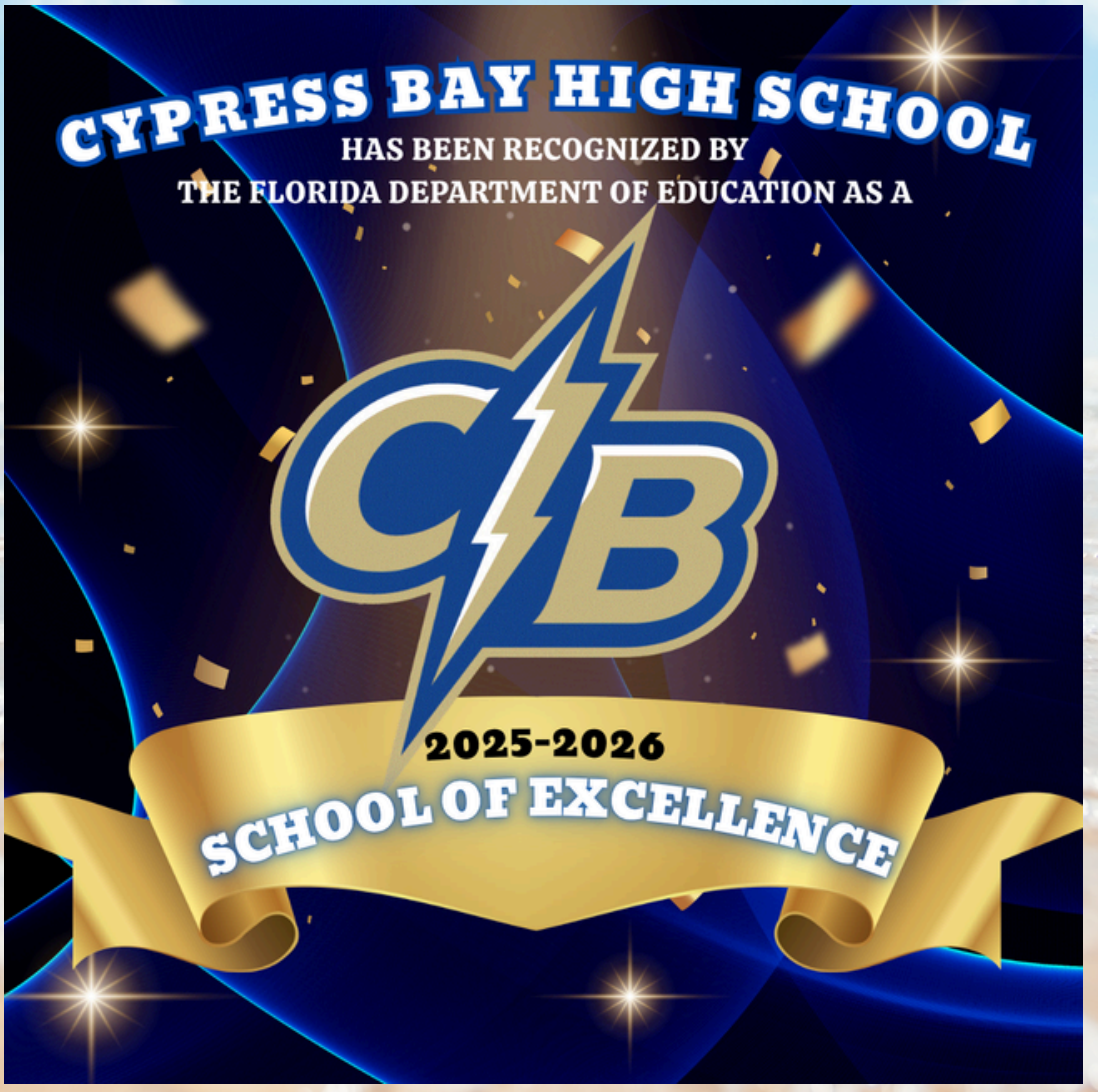

2025 | Beach Cleanups


2023 | Beach Cleanups


2026 | Dance Marathon

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

We are proud to share that the Florida Department of Education has released the list of 2025–26 Schools of Excellence, recognizing schools that have performed in the 80th percentile or higher within their grade level for at least two of the last three years. This distinction is an incredible testament to the hard work and commitment of our students, staff, and families.



25th CYPRESS BAY ANNIVERSARY

Cypress Bay High School is proud to celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

Fall Kickoff

Alumni Event

Friday, October 23rd
CB vs. Doral Academy
Join us for football, school tours & more!



Lightning Showcase

Tuesday, December 15th
Celebrating the legacy that build the Bay!
Enjoy an evening of historical highlights, local bites & the brightest stars of the Bay!

Legacy Walk



Lightning Fest

Community Event

Saturday, April 3rd
CB families past, present & future welcome!
Enjoy a day of rides, snacks & entertainment!



Get Updated Info on our 25th Celebration!

FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS



Boys & Girls Swimming — BCAA District Champions!
The Cypress Bay Boys and Girls Swim Teams made waves at the BCAA Championship, with both teams earning first place! These incredible athletes brought home the gold, while also shattering school and county records. A true testament to the power of hard work, dedication, and perserverance.



Sound of Thunder Marching Band- Best Band Overall at the Crown Jewel Music Festival!
Cypress Bay's Sound of Thunder Marching Band, took home top honors at the Crown Jewel Music Festival in Vero Beach. The band earned awards for Best in Visual and Best in Percussion, and was also named Best Band Overall. The achievement reflects the talent, discipline, and teamwork of every member of the band.



Boys Football- Overtime Win Over Western
In a thrilling rivalry matchup, Cypress Bay football defeated Western 21-18 in overtime, earning its first victory over the Wildcats in 11 years. The win marks a historic moment for the program and a proud night for the Cypress Bay community.



National Merit Semifinalists — 26 Lightning Scholars!
Cypress Bay is proud to celebrate 26 National Merit Semifinalists this year! This prestigious recognition honors students who rank among the top scorers in the nation on the PSAT/NMSQT. Congratulations to these outstanding scholars!



Chorus Fall Concert
Cypress Bay's chorus students took the stage for their Fall Concert, delighting families and friends with a night of beautiful music. Congratulations to all of our talented singers and their director on a wonderful performance!





Homecoming Week 2026: “Clash of the Comics: Bayverse!”

Cypress Bay brought comic book adventures to life during Homecoming Week 2026 with this year’s exciting theme, “Clash of the Comics: The Bayverse.” Throughout the week, students and staff embraced the spirit of heroes and villains through creative dress-up days, immersive hallway decorations, and spectacular class floats that transformed campus into a larger-than-life comic book universe.

The excitement reached its peak at our Homecoming Pep Rally, where students, staff, athletes, and performers showcased their Lightning pride through music, dance, spirited competitions, and unforgettable performances. The energy and enthusiasm on display reflected the strong connections and school spirit that make Cypress Bay such a special place.

The celebration continued under the Friday night lights as our undefeated Lightning Football Team delivered an impressive Homecoming victory, energizing the crowd and demonstrating the determination and excellence that define Cypress Bay athletics. With the Sound of Thunder, cheerleaders, and Lightning fans filling the stadium with excitement, it was a night to remember.

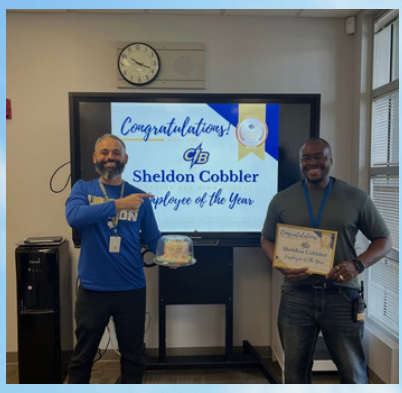
As we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, Homecoming served as a reminder that the Cypress Bay legacy is built through connection, tradition, and community. From longtime Lightning alumni to our newest students, every member of the Bayverse plays a role in shaping our story. Homecoming 2026 was more than a celebration of school spirit; it was a reflection of the pride, unity, and lasting legacy that continue to make Cypress Bay extraordinary.





TEACHER & EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR





Teacher of the Year: Mr. Ari Novick, Mathematics

Mr. Novick, math teacher and Mu Alpha Theta advisor, is known for his dedication to students and his passion for mathematics, Mr. Novick inspires learners both in the classroom and through his guidance of the school's math honor society. His commitment to student success and his positive impact on the Cypress Bay community make him a well-deserving recipient. Congratulations, Mr. Novick!

Employee of the Year: Mr. Sheldon Cobbler, Technology Support Specialist

We are proud to recognize Mr. Cobbler, Technology Support Specialist, as Employee of the Year. Day in and day out, Mr. Cobbler keeps classrooms running smoothly by troubleshooting technology issues, supporting teachers and students, and responding to every request with patience and professionalism. His dedication and reliability make a daily difference across the Cypress Bay community. Congratulations, Mr. Cobbler!

ROTARY CLUB OF WESTON STUDENT OF THE MONTH





September: Sara Hurtado

Sara Hurtado has earned Student of the Month for September. As Student Government President, she leads with a focus on making every student feel valued, while also taking part in Model United Nations, Harvest Drive, volleyball, and community service. Her drive extends beyond campus: she started her own business, Busy Bee Crafts and now helps at her family's Jeremiah's Italian Ice, where she continues to learn the value of hard work and community connection. Sara plans to study political science and pursue a career in law.

October: Nicolas Budejen

Nicolas Budejen has been named Student of the Month for October in recognition of his achievements in academics, athletics, and service. A National Merit Semifinalist and starting varsity football kicker, Budejen also co-founded the school's American Red Cross Club and gives his time as an SAT and ACT math tutor to help fellow students succeed. Budejen hopes to study Mechanical Engineering in college and use engineering to develop more efficient and sustainable systems.

STUDENT IDS & LANYARDS

Each student receives one school lanyard and three student ID cards at no cost.
After the third replacement ID, a $5 obligation will be added to the student's account for each additional card.
If a student needs a replacement lanyard, the cost is $3 each.

IMPORTANT DATES

Special Nights:
Excel at the Bay- January 26, 2027
Middle School Night- February 9, 2027
Cambridge Diploma Night- February 23, 2027
Underclassmen Awards- April 27, 2027
PTSA Lightning Awards of Excellence- May 6, 2027
Top 5% & Senior Awards- May 12, 2027

SAC/ SAF Meetings:
November 16, 2026
January 12, 2027
February 17, 2027
March 16, 2027
April 13, 2027
May 12, 2027

End of the 2nd Quarter:
December 18, 2026

End of the 3rd Quarter:
March 18, 2027

End of the 4th Quarter:
May 28, 2027

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is a key factor in a child's academic success. Regular attendance is when a student attends more than 95% of the academic school year; this may include up to 8 absences in a 180-day school year. For all attendance matters, please go to:https://www.browardschools.com/attendance

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Counselors are assigned by the students' last name. Counselors can be contacted via email which can be found on our school's website.

Social Workers

Grace Carreto-Nagales
Victoria Skiba

School Psychologist

Ilisa Bianco

Family Therapist

Annie Vargas



Cypress Bay High School

26/27 GOLD (A) / BLUE (B) DAY CALENDAR

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- # Early Release Day
- Professional Study Day
- School Closed
- Exam Day
- A Day / B Day
- Planning Day
- ★ Last Day of Quarter

Update: July 23, 2026

SAFETY & SECURITY

All students must enter the campus through the main white gate, where they will be screened using metal detectors. Certain items, like laptops, umbrellas, musical instruments, large eyeglass cases, and three-ring binders, will trigger alerts and must be screened separately by security staff. Parents should remind students to bring only necessary items and avoid prohibited items. For more information please visit: **https://www.browardschools.com/metaldetectors**



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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

SNACK SALE

SNACK SALE
Thursday, October 8th / 11:00am - 1:00pm
CBHS Court Yard Lunch

FAMILY DAY AFTER SCHOOL SPOT
Thursday, Ocdober 22nd
after school 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

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Friday, October 23rd / 11:00am - 1:00pm
CBHS Court Yard Lunch

Gentle TEETH BRACES

CAR WASH
Saturday, September 24th / 9:00am - 1:00pm
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CAR WASH

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CAR WASH

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GENTLE TEETH
1900 WESTON RD - WESTON 33326
9:00am - 1:00pm

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