

# CANES COUNSELORS

## December Newsletter



### HELPING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FINISH STRONG THIS SEMESTER

As the end of the semester approaches, many high school students may feel a mix of stress and exhaustion; but with your support, they can finish strong and set themselves up for success in the coming months. Here are a few ways you can help your child stay on track as they head into the final stretch:

1. **Encourage Time Management** - The end of the semester often brings multiple assignments, tests, and projects. Help your student create a realistic study schedule that breaks down larger tasks into manageable chunks. Encourage them to prioritize assignments based on deadlines and difficulty.
2. **Create a Positive Study Environment** - Ensure your child has a quiet, well-lit space for studying. A clutter-free area with minimal distractions can boost focus and productivity. Check in occasionally to offer support, but respect their need for space and independence.
3. **Monitor Progress and Offer Encouragement** - Stay involved by regularly checking in on your child's grades and assignments through their school portal. If they're falling behind, offer gentle reminders or help them reach out to teachers for clarification. Celebrate small victories, like completing a tough project or acing a quiz.
4. **Promote Self-Care** - Stress can take a toll on your child's well-being. Encourage breaks during study sessions, ensure they get enough sleep, and provide healthy snacks to fuel their brain. Physical activity can also be a great stress reliever, so suggest a walk, bike ride, or simple stretch during study breaks.
5. **Stay Positive and Focused** - The end of the semester is an important time for reflection. Help your child stay motivated by focusing on progress rather than perfection. Remind them that challenges are opportunities for growth and that their efforts are what truly matter.

With your support, your student can finish the semester feeling proud of their hard work and ready for the next academic challenge. Stay positive and keep the lines of communication open!



### STAY INVOLVED

As your student progresses through high school, staying engaged in their academic life is key to their success. One of the easiest ways to stay informed is by using the FOCUS Parent Portal, where you can access up-to-date information on your child's grades and attendance. Regularly checking these helps you catch any issues early and ensures your student is staying on track.

If you haven't yet registered for the FOCUS Parent Portal, it's simple to get started! Just follow the instructions in this [FOCUS Parent Portal Registration Guide](#) to create your account and begin monitoring your student's academic progress.

Your involvement makes a big difference, and we're here to support you and your student every step of the way!

Thank you for being an active partner in your student's education!



### IMPORTANT DATES

12/3 - College 101 6PM  
12/4 - FAST Reading Retakes  
12/10 - FCLE (12th Grade)  
12/10 - SAC Meeting 4:45PM  
12/11 - Algebra EOC Retakes  
12/12 - Geometry EOC Retakes  
12/16 - Winter Concert 7PM  
12/17 - 7th Period Exam  
12/18-20 - Early Release  
12/18 - 1st/2nd Period Exam  
12/19 - 3rd/4th Period Exam  
12/20 - 5th/6th Period Exam  
12/21-1/5 Winter Break  
1/6 - Professional Day - No Students



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### SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY INFORMATION

#### Safety and Security: Understanding Protocols and Responsibilities

Dear Students and Families,

Safety and security remain a top priority at our school. This week, we want to clarify two important safety protocols and address the seriousness of false reporting.

#### Lockdown vs. Hold in Place

- **Lockdown:** This procedure is used when there is an immediate threat to safety on or near campus. During a lockdown, doors are locked, lights are turned off, and everyone remains silent and out of sight.
- **Hold in Place:** This protocol is used when there is a situation requiring movement to be temporarily restricted. For example, it may be used during a medical emergency or a non-immediate threat. Hallways are cleared, but classroom instruction continues.

#### The Consequences of False Reporting

False reporting of emergencies is not only disruptive but also has serious consequences. It diverts critical resources, causes unnecessary fear, and may result in legal penalties for those responsible. Students are urged to always report accurate information and think critically about the impact of their actions.

We encourage families to discuss these protocols and the importance of responsible communication with their students. To learn more, please visit the district's page on this topic: [School Safety is No Joke](#). The page includes a letter from the superintendent and a valuable video resource.

Thank you for partnering with us to maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone.

School Safety Definitions	
Lockdown	Hold in Place
<b>Definition:</b> A lockdown is a security measure used when there is an <b>immediate threat of violence or danger</b> on or very near the school campus, such as an active intruder or armed individual. It is intended to secure students and staff in the safest location possible.	<b>Definition:</b> A hold in place is a less severe measure, typically used for <b>non-violent situations</b> where movement in the hallways needs to be restricted. The threat is usually <b>not immediate or violent</b> , such as a medical emergency or maintenance issue.
<b>Procedure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All doors are locked, including classroom and exterior doors.</li><li>• Lights are turned off, and students/staff move away from windows and doors.</li><li>• Students and staff remain silent and hidden, often in a designated "safe spot" in the classroom.</li><li>• No one is allowed to leave the classroom until the lockdown is lifted by law enforcement or administration.</li></ul>	<b>Procedure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hallways are cleared, and students/staff remain in their current location (e.g., classroom, office).</li><li>• Teaching and regular activities within classrooms continue as normal.</li><li>• No one is allowed to leave the room until the hold in place is lifted by administration.</li></ul>
<b>Example:</b> An armed individual is spotted in the school parking lot. A lockdown is immediately initiated to keep everyone safe until law enforcement resolves the situation.	<b>Example:</b> A student has a medical emergency in a hallway, and emergency responders need unrestricted access to that area. A hold in place is initiated to ensure privacy and safety while resolving the situation.

## IT'S NO JOKE!

**SCHOOL TEXT TIPS**

**FORTIFYFL**

### FALSE REPORTING

ON SOCIAL MEDIA, SCHOOL TEXT TIPS, OR FORTIFY FL



**Hacer una amenaza o un informe falso es un delito.**

**Fè yon menas oswa yon fo rapò se yon krim.**

**IT'S NOT A JOKE. #THINKBEFOREYOUPOST**

[www.fl.gov](http://www.fl.gov)

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.

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### FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



#FORTIFYFL  
GETFORTIFYFL.COM

Download on the App Store  
GET IT ON Google Play

DOWNLOAD NOW



## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

DROP OFF CANNED FOOD AND NON-PERISHABLES IN THE BOXES! YOU RECEIVE TWO CANES CASH PER ITEM.

WHEN:  
NOVEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER 20.

WHERE:

DROP OFF AT THE CSHS FRONT OFFICE OR LOOK FOR CLASSROOMS WITH LABELED BOXES! A LIST IS PROVIDED BELOW.

MS. KURRE'S CLASSROOM

MR. OWENS' CLASSROOM

MS. ROSENOW'S CLASSROOM

MS. ANDERSON'S CLASSROOM

MR. SZYMANSKI'S CLASSROOM

MS. GILMORE'S CLASSROOM

MS. BETANCOURT'S CLASSROOM

MS. THOMAS' CLASSROOM

MS. SHANNON IN THE LIBRARY

MR. DUTTON IN THE FRONT OFFICE



### RECOMMENDED ITEMS

-CANNED CORN  
-CANNED BEANS  
-CANNED SOUP  
-CANNED FISH  
-CANNED CHILI  
-DRIED FRUITS  
-DRIED  
VEGETABLES  
-POWDERED MILK  
-RICE  
-OATS  
-CEREALS  
-CRACKERS  
-JERKY  
-PASTA  
-FLOUR  
-SUGAR

Email  
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for any questions.

ATTENTION CORAL SHORES PARENTS!  
PLEASE VISIT THE NEW

## CANE'S COUNSELORS PARENT RESOURCES WEBSITE

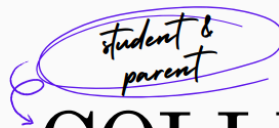
<https://www.keysschools.com/Page/7300>



Monthly Newsletters,  
Family Resources,  
Tutoring Information  
& More!

CSHS & TSIC PRESENTS:

2024



## COLLEGE 101

You've been accepted - What Now?  
Everything you need to know about getting ready  
and going to college!

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
CORAL SHORES HIGH SCHOOL  
MEDIA CENTER



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

## PBIS BASKETBALL BUYOUT

Use your Canes Cash to purchase a ticket to support  
the CSHS Boys Basketball Team as they play Palmer  
Trinity at Home on Friday 12/6!

Tickets will be sold during Homeroom 12/4  
Students with approved tickets will be excused  
from 6th & 7th period on Friday!



**DECEMBER  
6TH  
1PM  
5 CANES  
CASH\***

\*STUDENTS MAY NOT HAVE ANY  
APPROVALS ON TARDIES THE WEEK OF  
12-2 - 12-8 (10-ATTENDING)  
STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
MAKING UP ANY MISSED WORK

## Race for INCLUSION

Unified Champion Schools



**Tuesday, December 3**

Unified Champion Schools across Florida will unite for the  
Race for Inclusion - celebrating ALL abilities and raising funds for  
Special Olympics Florida athletes.



Plus, 50% of the funds raised by each school will  
directly benefit your school's Unified programs.  
This means that every dollar raised helps provide your school with resources  
for inclusive sports, leadership programs, and activities that empower  
students of all abilities to come together and thrive.  
**Get Started Now!**