



# Canes Counselors

## January Newsletter



### STARTING THE SECOND SEMESTER STRONG: TIPS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Dear Parents and Students,

As we begin the second semester, it's a great time for a fresh start. To set students up for success, focus on three key factors: attendance, grades, and midterm make-up plans.

**The Importance of Attendance:** Consistent attendance is crucial for staying engaged and avoiding learning gaps. Parents should help students catch up on missed work and communicate with teachers to stay on track.

**Focus on Grades:** Now is the time to review grades and address any concerns. Encourage students to set up a study schedule, discuss issues with teachers, and seek tutoring if needed to maintain or improve grades.

**Midterm Make-Up Exams:** If your child missed midterms, they should arrange make-ups with teachers as soon as possible. Don't wait until the last minute!

**Staying Organized:** Using a planner or digital calendar can help students stay on top of assignments and reduce stress.

**Support Is Available:** Teachers, counselors, and staff are here to help. After-school tutoring is available on Mondays and Thursdays until 4:15, with bus transportation provided.

With focus on attendance, grades, and organization, students can have a successful second semester. Let's work together to make it a great one! Thank you for your support!

# 2025

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## CORAL SHORES CODE OF APPEARANCE: EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

At Coral Shores High School, we believe that students should take pride in their appearance while maintaining a focus on learning. A positive educational environment is enhanced when clothing and appearance are appropriate, respectful, and do not interfere with the school's activities. Each student is expected to dress in a manner that reflects responsibility and supports the mission of the school.

To ensure that all students adhere to these standards, please be aware of the following examples of inappropriate clothing and attire:

- Apparel referencing drugs, alcohol, violence, weapons, or being sexually suggestive
- Apparel with profanity or hate speech
- Clothing worn incorrectly (e.g., improper fit or attire meant for another purpose)
- Sagging or low-riding pants or slacks
- Strapless garments, crop tops, tube tops, backless garments, or clothing that exposes midriffs
- Tops with spaghetti straps or a single strap
- Shorts, skirts, or dresses shorter than mid-thigh length
- Clothing with holes above mid-thigh
- Pajamas or house slippers
- Hoods
- Hats or sunglasses (worn indoors)
- Apparel with chains or spikes
- Self-defense keychains
- Bandanas worn or displayed

By following the Coral Shores Code of Appearance, students will contribute to a respectful, safe, and focused environment, fostering success both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation!

The full MCSD code of appearance is available online in the [student handbook](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 9 - Report Cards Posted  
January 14 - FAST Grade 10  
January 15 - FAST Grade 9  
January 15 - SAC Meeting 6PM  
January 16 - FAST Makeups  
January 20 - No School

## SENIOR REMINDERS

Seniors – check your online college portals for updated deadlines! This includes housing, decisions, and meal plans.  
Scholarships are starting to roll in! Make sure you check the Counselor Google Classroom and the CSHS College and Career Website for updates and deadlines!

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**IT'S NO JOKE!**

**SCHOOL TEXT TIPS**

**FALSE REPORTING**  
ON SOCIAL MEDIA, SCHOOL TEXT TIPS, OR FORTIFY FL

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

Hacer una amenaza o un informe falso es un delito.

Fa yon menas oswa yon fo rapo se yon krim.

IF YOU COMMUNICATE A THREAT TO KILL, DO GREAT BODY 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 883.10, FLORIDA STATUTES.

FALSE REPORTS ON FORTIFY FL ARE NO JOKE!  
IF IT IS FOUND THAT ANY PERSON, PARENT OR CHILD KNOWINGLY SUBMITTED A FALSE TIP THROUGH FORTIFY FL 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.

**FORTIFY FL**  
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  
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**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

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!

BELONG EXCEL SUCCEED TODAY - BE YOUR B.E.S.T.

**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 Portal 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 440000) 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!"

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

**FOCUS**

**APPLY NOW FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!**

SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE OR VISIT  
[FRAPPS.HORIZONSONLANA.COM/MN02](https://FRAPPS.HORIZONSONLANA.COM/MN02)

888.KEYSSCHOOLS.ATS

**Canes Counselors Parent Website**