



Our Mission Statement

To provide a unique, caring and flexible learning environment that motivates students to take charge of their future success.

The Academy | **THE HOWL NEWSLETTER** 2022



Mr. Ham
Principal

Greetings Wolfpack Families!

I want to take a moment to review with you our amazing start to the school year as well as the rebound The Academy made after the storm. The start of the 2022-23 school year was filled with a group of motivated students and an energetic staff. Like most of West Florida, Hurricane Ian left The Academy a mess, but it wouldn't stop Charlotte County Schools from making a quick rebound. With the tireless efforts of our restoration crew, they were able to get the buildings and classrooms ready for teachers and students. There was some concern that it would be difficult to regain the momentum that we had at the start of the year when we returned in the middle of October. Nevertheless, our resilient staff and student body quickly readjusted and finished the first quarter of the school year successfully. As a result of the efforts by the Academy staff and the driven student body, over 80 students made honor roll in the first quarter.

Moreover, The Academy was also able to hold its annual Fall Festival. Thanks to the efforts from Mrs. Silvers and our SGA, the event was a great time for all. Now that we are in the middle of the second quarter our focus is our winter graduation. We want to continue to encourage our potential graduates to finish their graduation requirements. All potential graduates received their list of remaining graduation requirements at the graduation meeting on November 17th. Due to the hurricane, Quarter 2 will end on January 20th. Graduates last day will be on January 13th. It's imperative that they, as well as the rest of our student body, finish strong.

I want to congratulate Mrs. Stephens for being chosen as the Support Employee of the Year by her peers at The Academy. Mrs. Stephens was an excellent choice and is vital piece to our front office staff. Mrs. Silvers was chosen as The Academy's Teacher of the Year by her peers and also made it as one of the five finalists in all of Charlotte County! I want to congratulate both ladies and let them know how thankful we are to have the both of them at The Academy.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. I'm hopeful that everyone will be happy to find time to enjoy the season. Go, Pack!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ham



IMPORTANT DATES



JANUARY	
January 4	Students Return
January 12	Exams Day 1 *Part 1 Undergrads *Graduate Exams
January 13	Exams Day 2 *Part 1 Undergrads *Graduate Exams Graduate's last Day Academy Awards Grad Send-Off
January 18	Graduation at CPAC
January 19	Undergrad Exams Day 1
January 20	Undergrad Exams Day 2
January 20	Last day of Q2

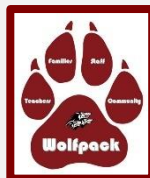
EXAM DAY DETAILS	
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January 19	Undergrad Exams Day 1 -Periods 1 & 3
January 20	Undergrad Exams Day 2 -Periods 2 & 4

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2022 ...

Meet the newest members of the Wolfpack Family



Christy Bishop
Geometry



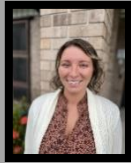
Sara Harlow
English



Amber Maksymiak
English



Christina Kowalski
Paraprofessional



Ariel Vincze
Admin. Assistant



Christine Vella
Admin. Assistant

Changes in the den!



Mr. VanVolkom is the new Senior Sponsor.



Cassandra Silvers
2022 Academy Teacher of the Year



Our Career Quest gets a fresh start with some stellar veteran teachers. Ms. Lukackova & Ms. Perrault have moved their talents to the CQ program.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Seprena Stephens
2022 Academy Support Employee of the Year

Out-of-Field Teachers for Fall 2022: Kim Brooks (Social Studies), Dianna Charles (Biology), Brad Dugan (Science), Dan Flaherty (Business Ed), Sara Harlow (English 6-12), Zuzana Lukackova (English 6-12), Amy Schopfer (English 6-12).

Student Spotlight

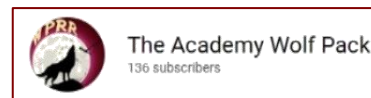
Dennis Ruiz, III



Dennis Ruiz, III is a junior at The Academy. He is projected to graduate in May 2022. He started as a member of the Wolfpack family this year. His older sister Faith is an Academy Alumni, Class of 2020. Dennis is the father of Dennis Ruiz, IV with his girlfriend Jessica. Dennis credits The Academy with the current successes he's had. "I was struggling mentally and academically in school when I was at NPHS but coming here just helped me so much because I'm supported in all those areas. The Academy is my safe zone." His future goal, once he graduates, is to start his own food truck business. "It's great because one of my favorite teachers, Mr. Flaherty, is teaching about that right now in my Business Ownership class." Dennis says that he and his friends have been talking about owning a food truck called **Cuts & Grubs** that specializes in traditional American foods but taken to the next level. Dennis is grateful to be at The Academy for what he is learning in class, but also because of the great teachers he has, including another teacher he absolutely loves, Ms. Schopfer. Dennis says, "She's always there when I need her. She's always there to be that bright spot and give me energy." Dennis is glad to be a member of The Pack, and has some words of advice to any current and future students. He says, "No matter how hard life gets, don't ever forget to push through because at the end of the day there's always a bright path. Even though you might feel lonely, there's always someone to bring light into your life, there's **always** a light at the end of the road."

"For the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf."

Rudyard Kipling



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