



COUGAR NEWS

August 1, 2025



THE CARDINAL MOONEY UPDATE:

- Orientations
- Back to School Info
- New Faculty & Staff
- Academic Services
- Uniform

HOUSE LEADERS GETTING READY!

FOR SURELY I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR
YOU, SAYS THE LORD, PLANS FOR YOUR
WELFARE AND NOT FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU
A FUTURE WITH HOPE.
JEREMIAH 29:11



2025-26 ORIENTATIONS

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

Thursday, August 7th | 6:30 PM

Principal Hopper and the administration will provide new families with important information related to CMHS academics and expectations for the school year. Students are welcome to attend!

TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

Friday, August 8th | 9 AM - 12 PM

Student leaders will help orient transfer students to what it means to be a Mooney student. Students will learn about important programs at Mooney and receive their iPad and class schedules.

Dress in school uniform! ID badge photos will be taken!

Snack and water provided.

FRESHMEN STUDENT ORIENTATION

Monday, August 11th | 7:50 AM - 2:35 PM

Freshmen will be provided with everything they need to have a successful start to the school year. This includes learning about the Mooney House System, meeting their teachers, and receiving their House Placements, iPads and schedules. ID badge photos and School Pictures will be taken!

Please come dressed in school uniform!

Pizza lunch provided.

12TH GRADE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Tuesday, August 12th | 7:50 AM - 11 AM

Dress in School Uniform. No lunch will be served.

Seniors will receive their House Placements, schedules, lanyards, school IDs, Yondr Pouches and new iPads. Parking Passes will be available for purchase.

10TH & 11TH GRADE STUDENT ORIENTATION

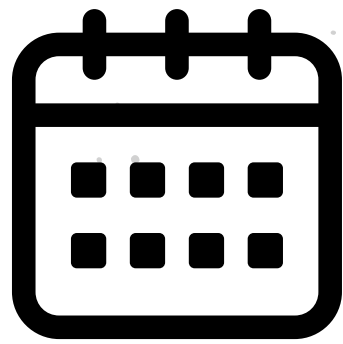
Tuesday, August 12th | 12 PM - 2:35 PM

Bring your fully charged iPads. School Pictures will be taken.

Students will receive House Placements, schedules, lanyards, school IDs and Yondr Pouches. Parking Passes will be available for purchase.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2025-26 school calendar is available on the CMHS school website, or by clicking [here](#).

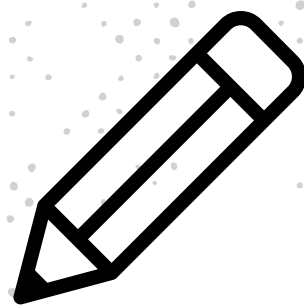
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SCHOOL LUNCH

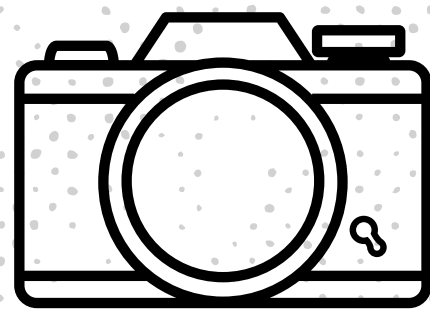
Lunch is available for purchase daily. Check next week's Cougar News for the Menu.

Please note that these menus are subject to change.



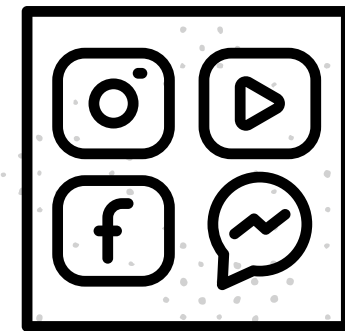
SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Summer assignments are required for certain courses. Visit the CMHS website, or click [here](#), to find summer assignments. Note that most summer assignments are due the first day of classes, August 13th!







SCHOOL PICTURES

Official school portraits are taken on students' Orientation Day! Save \$10 on portrait orders when you pre-order before picture day by clicking [here](#)!



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Follow us on our official school accounts for the latest news, student highlights and Cougar pride!

-  CMHSSarasota
-  @cmhs.sarasota
-  @cmhs.athletics
-  @Cmhs.Cougarnetwork



WELCOME

MEET THE NEW FACULTY & STAFF

(Left to Right)

Katherine Ross, Mathematics

Cody Porter, TV Production & Sports Broadcasting

Liz Taylor, Digital Art

Lisa Cohen, Information Technology Coordinator

Carolyn Keber, Mathematics

Carol Cassidy, Assistant Principal for Student Life

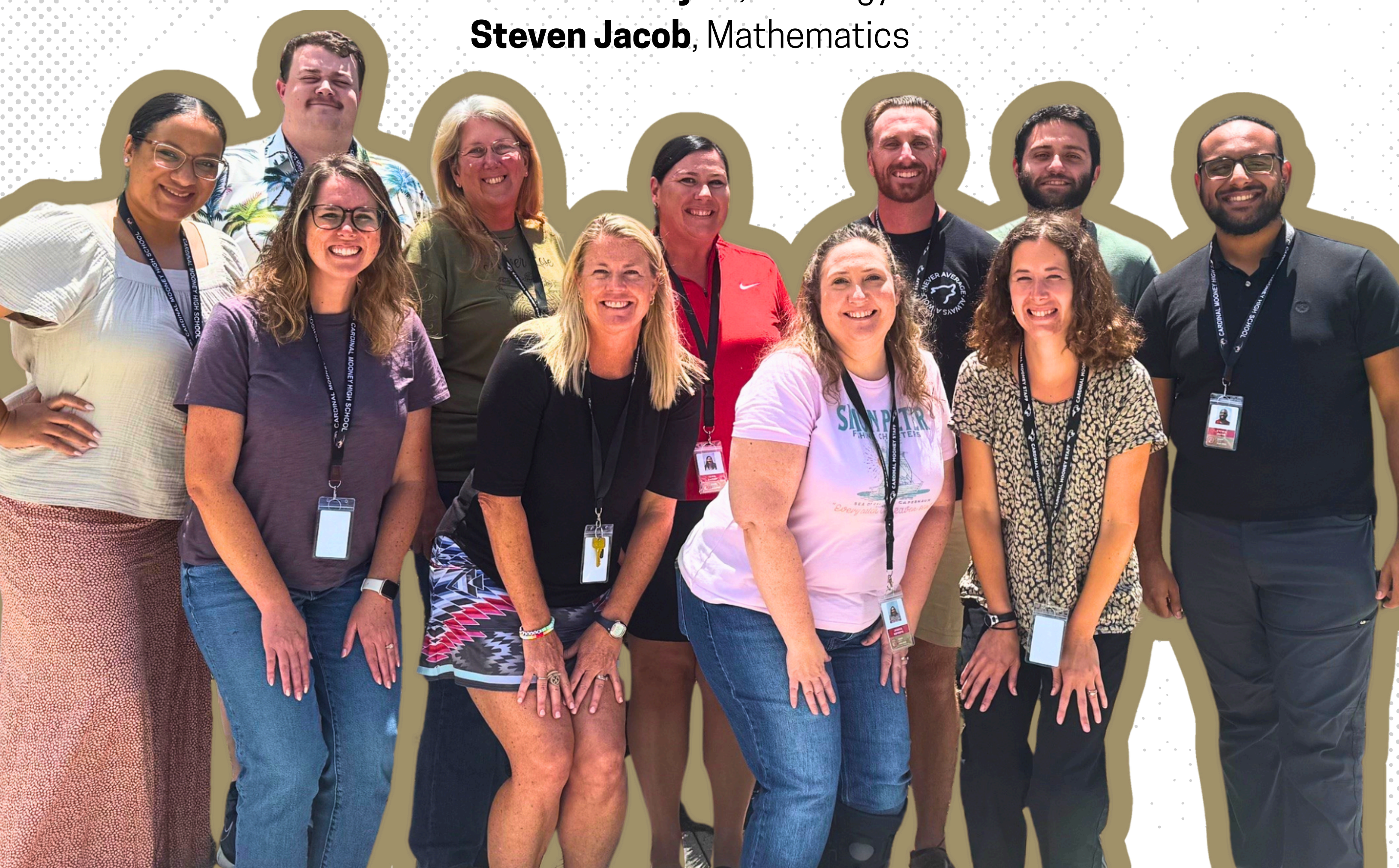
Jessica Esposito, Mathematics & Social Studies

Mark DiFilippo, Science

Megan Skerry, Science

Jameson Fajfar, Theology

Steven Jacob, Mathematics





FROM THE ACADEMIC SERVICES

MEET THE TEAM



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Counselor, AP Coord.
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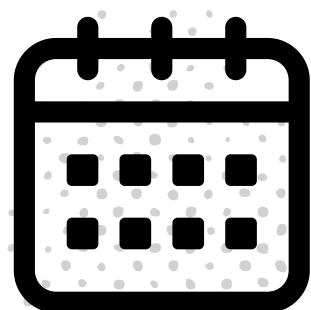
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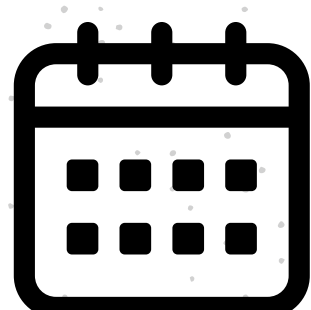


ERICKA MCGARITY
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COLLEGE VISITS ON CAMPUS

Students in the classes of 2026 and 2027 may now begin signing up for colleges visiting Cardinal Mooney in the fall. Students **MUST** log into their SCQIR account to sign up and attend.



SPRING COLLEGE TOUR TRIP

February 11, 2026 - February 13, 2026
Save the date for our annual Spring College Tour Trip for current CMHS juniors.



SCHEDULE CHANGES

A link will be available for students to scan and fill out an online Schedule Change Request Form. Changes will only be made for errors, missing courses, or classes at the wrong level. Students have two weeks to make changes that fall into these categories.

CMHS UNIFORM

These are the only items approved for Daily Dress Code.

Tops



Red or Black Polo with Academic or Cougar Logo

**Girls' Cut now available
Blue for Seniors Only

Sweatshirts



Red or Black Crewneck Sweatshirt with Academic or Cougar Logo
Grey Crewneck Mooney Sweatshirt

Quarterzips



Red or Black Quarterzip with Academic or Cougar Logo

Bottoms



Belt

Khaki pants or shorts

**Shorts must extend to the length of your fingertips when your arms are relaxed at your sides*

Shoes



Sneakers/Tennis Shoes only

OFFICIAL UNIFORM SUPPLIER:

Children's World

ChildrensWorldUniform.com
4525 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota

PE Uniforms are required and available for all PE and athletic classes.



Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School | 2025-2026 Calendar



Subject to change

July

- 1 Fiscal Year Begins
- 4 Independence Day

July 2025						
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January 2026						
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January

- 5 Teacher PD - No School for Students
- 6 Students Return
- 19 MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
- 26-30 Catholic Schools Week
- 28 Grandparents Day 9th/11th
- 31 Mooney Trivia Night

August

- 1 New Teacher Orientation
- 4 First Day Teachers
- 7 New Parent Orientation 6:30pm
- 8 Transfer Orientation 9-12noon
- 11 1st Day Freshmen Only
7:50am-2:35pm
- 12 1st Day Soph/Jnrs/Snrs Only
7:50am-11am SENIORS
12noon-3pm SOPH & JNRS
- 13 1st Full Day ALL STUDENTS
- 27 Parent Back to School Night 6pm

August 2025						
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February

- 4 Grandparents Day 10th/12th
- 16 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

September

- 1 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

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March

- 2 Teacher STREAM PD - No School for Students
- 16-20 SPRING BREAK

October

- 10 Homecoming Game
- 11 Homecoming Dance
- 13 Fall Holiday
- 22 PSAT Testing
- 22 Open House

October 2025						
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April 2026						
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April

- 2-6 EASTER BREAK
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 18 Lion Robotics Cup V

November

- 8 8th Grade Testing
- 15 Gratia Gala
- 24 8th Grade Testing
- 24-28 THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 2025						
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May

- 1 Mr. Mooney
- 9 Prom
- 13 Senior Last Day
- 14-18 Senior Exams
- 20 Baccalaureate Mass
- 22 Graduation
- 25 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- 26-29 Semester Exams

December

- 15-19 Semester Exams
- 22-1/5 Christmas Break

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June 2026						
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June

- 1 Make-Up Exams
- 3 Last Day for Teachers

Special Schedule

Closed

Professional Development

Special Events