COUGAR NEWS

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Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School, a college preparatory institution rooted in Catholic faith, prepares students to serve and lead by nurturing spiritual growth, cultivating the talents of all students, and challenging them to pursue academic excellence.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Congratulations to the House of Dignitas on winning our Opening Games last week!

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NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY AUGUST 24	TUESDAY AUGUST 25	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26	THURSDAY AUGUST 27	FRIDAY AUGUST 28
• No events	• First Blood Drive of the school year	• Back to School Night 6 PM	• No events	• House Points for Attendance at Football vs Cardinal Newman 7 PM

Important! All CMHS students are required to own an Apple Pencil or equivalent digital stylus that works for their school iPad! Have your student check their iPad model in their iPad's settings (under General > About) and purchase a stylus that works with their iPad.

HOUSE KICKOFF CELEBRATION

Last Friday's House Kickoff Celebration was a HUGE hit with students new and returning. Our freshmen found out the Houses they will belong to for the next four years, the first points were earned during our Opening Games, and everyone came together to share a meal prepared by volunteers from the parent CARE Board. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Celebration a success!





From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the name of the Lord be praised.

PSALM 113:3

STAY CONNECTED

CMHS ACADEMIC SERVICES & COUNSELING

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Wednesday, August 26th!

- The evening will start in your student's Period 1 class at 6 PM.
- Make sure you have a copy or screenshot of your student's schedule with you!

UPCOMING PARENT NIGHTS

Save the dates for the upcoming parent informational nights with our Academic Services team. All events will be held in the CMHS Music Hall and begin at 6 PM!

- Seniors: Sept. 2
- Freshmen: Sept. 9
- Sophomores: Sept. 16
- Juniors: TBD in Jan.

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

The following colleges and universities will be on campus in the coming weeks. Juniors and seniors are welcome to attend college visits, but they must preregister to attend on SCOIR. College visits are being added daily, so always check SCOIR for the most up-to-date schedule!

- Aug 28: Trinity College Dublin
- Sept 4: Eckerd College
- Sept 9: Univ. of Arizona
- Sept 10: Franklin and Marshall College
- Sept 11: Nova Southeastern Univ.
- Sept 16: Suffolk Univ.
- Sept 16: Seton Hall Univ.
- Sept 16: Indiana Univ. (Bloomington)
- Sept 16: Univ. of Kentucky
- Sept 17: High Point Univ.
- Sept 17: Loyola Marymount Univ.
- Sept 18: Miami Univ.
- Sept 21: Washington Univ. in St. Louis
- Oct 1: Clark Univ.
- Oct 1: Bryant Univ.
- Oct 5: Hillsdale College
- Oct 5: Drexel Univ.
- Oct 7: John Carroll Univ.
- Oct 7: Villanova Univ.
- Oct 8: Elon Univ.
- and more to come!

C.A.R.E. COMMITTEE: COUGARS ARE REASON ENOUGH

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU to all of the CARE committee members and volunteers who made the House Celebration Kickoff Cookout a success. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Brian Patterson, Jessica Patterson, Tom Vassallo, Kris McEachern, and Mr. Schenerlein for spending hours grilling over 600 hamburgers and 200 hotdogs for all of our students and staff during this special event!

STAY CONNECTED

Please contact Karen Moore here for volunteer opportunities!





STUDENT LIFE

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CLUB RUSH | NEW DATE!

NEW DATE: Wednesday, September 2nd - After-School in the CMHS Courtyard

- All students - new and returning - are invited to come out to the CMHS Courtyard immediately after 7th Period to visit with all of our student organizations and clubs!
- Learn about the many offerings we have, sign-up to receive communication from your favorites, and start to GET INVOLVED!
- Most CMHS student organizations and clubs will be present
- Rain location: Selby Center
- Club Leaders: Check for a communication from Mr. Krause about signing up your club for a table at Club Rush!



BLOOD DRIVE | TUESDAY!

The **Bloodmobile** will be at CMHS on Tuesday, August 25th from 9 AM to 2 PM. Those who are at least 16 and in good health are eligible to donate. Three hours of community service is available for one pint of blood donated, and the House with the most donations will earn +30 House points. If you are 16 but not yet 17, you must bring a parental permission slip and a photo ID with you. You should have a healthy breakfast in the morning before donating.
Sign up? Click here. Questions? Click here.

SENIOR PARKING SPOT PAINTING

Make-Up Date: September 12th 8 AM - 12 PM

- For all seniors who were not able to attend last weekend's painting event!
- This will be the last opportunity to paint a parking spot for this school year.
- You are responsible for bringing any paint and supplies that you need for your spot!



ATHLETICS

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NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

MONDAY AUGUST 24	TUESDAY AUGUST 25	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26	THURSDAY AUGUST 27	FRIDAY AUGUST 28	SATURDAY AUGUST 29

• No games	• **Boys' Golf** at Lemon Bay
	  ◦ 3:30 PM: Varsity
	• **Girls' Golf** vs Charlotte, LWRP
	  ◦ 4 PM: Varsity
	• **Volleyball** at CCC
	  ◦ 4:30 PM: Fresh.
	  ◦ 5:30 PM: JV
	  ◦ 7 PM: Varsity
		• No games	• **Girls' Golf** at Palmetto
			  ◦ 4 PM: Varsity
				• **Football** vs Cardinal Newman
				  ◦ 7 PM: Varsity
					• **Cross Country** at North Port
					  ◦ 8 AM: Varsity
					• **Volleyball** at Charlotte
					  ◦ TBD: Freshmen
					  ◦ TBD: JV

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

House Mass "B"
Fides & Veritas
11:03 a.m. in the chapel

MADE FOR MORE PLAYLIST

ANNOUNCEMENT
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THEME FOR THE YEAR









Please come & support the football team & cheer squad at

MASS BEFORE THE GAME

FRIDAY AUGUST 28 AT 3:00 PM

All family & friends welcome!

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Rosary
Parent Prayer Group
Fridays
7:45 a.m. in the Chapel





"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Pope Benedict XVI



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THEME FOR THE YEAR !

After much prayer we believe that God chose this theme for our Mooney community because no matter where we are in our spiritual journey or life circumstance, we all need to remember that we were truly **Made for More**. If you are currently in a season of suffering or just surviving, God reminds us through Jeremiah 29:11-13:

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart."

The weight of suffering can be crushing, but it won't last forever. God is with us in our pain and helps us carry our crosses if we ask Him. He has made each of us on purpose and for a purpose. We were **Made for More** and sometimes our trials prepare us for the abundant life that He promises us.

For those of you who are currently in a season of thriving and are living the life that God promises in John 10:10: *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly,"* this message is for you too. So often, we evaluate the quality of our lives by our career achievements, financial success, health, and other worldly standards. Many times when our lives are going according to (or better) than our expectations, we forget our need for Jesus. We forget that we were **Made for More** than what the world can offer us. Maybe you've been surprised by how quickly the joy and elation of a job promotion, college acceptance, or athletic award, or other long-awaited accomplishment fades, leaving you wondering "is this is all there is?"

Made for More is more than just a reminder of our identity in Christ and who we belong to. It's a challenge to each one of us to invite God into every aspect of our lives, even the messy parts. Into our homes. Into our classrooms and workplaces. Into our relationships. Into the daily grind. Onto our athletic fields and courts. Into our successes, our disappointments, our plans, and our uncertainty. Until we invite Jesus in, we will always end up feeling restless and longing for more. As St. Augustine famously said of God, *"You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You."*

Once we start surrendering our lives to Christ and living in the truth that we were **Made for More**, we'll start to see that God-sized hole filling-in with the peace, joy, and love that only God can grant. Only then will we fully understand that we were **Made for More** and that "more" is Christ and all of his beautiful and wonderful plans for us.

I can't wait to see how God moves in and through all of us here at Cardinal Mooney. It is truly a blessing to serve our community. Please know, I keep all of you in my daily prayers. If you have any thoughts, ideas, stories you would like to share, please reach out to me at emarten@cmhs-sarasota.org.

In Christ,
Mrs. Marten

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

SEEKING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

- The Diocese of Venice has a religious education office that emphasizes the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation with a two-year program. The young women and men go through a process where they complete one phase of their faith journey and prepare to begin the next phase as full Christians who are called to be more and reflect the love and goodness Christ in their heart and soul.
- Parents of a student needing/seeking to be confirmed should contact your local home parish to learn more about courses and programs to prepare for Confirmation.
- In the Diocese of Venice reparation for the reception of Confirmation will be a two-year process, beginning in grade 9, culminating in the reception of the Sacrament at the end of grade 10.
- Those desiring Confirmation should be:
  - A baptized Catholic who regularly receives Communion
  - Registered in a parish (both preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament will take place in your home parish)
  - Be enrolled in the Confirmation Sacramental Preparation program at your parish. It is strongly advised that you contact the Director of Religious Education Office at your parish for registration information and guidelines.
  - In the Diocese of Venice in Florida, preparation normally begins in the 9th grade, with the celebration of Confirmation occurring at the end of 10th grade (around the age of 16).
- Any questions please contact Mr. Scheuer by clicking here.

OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

WHY JOIN CLUB '59?

CLUB '59 invites businesses and families to make an annual gift that impacts every part of the school - helping students thrive, programs grow, and our community flourish.

- Support faith-based, college-prep education
- Connect with over 7,000 alumni and over 500 current families
- Gain meaningful exposure through school communications and events
- Make a lasting difference in the lives of our students

Your partnership supports:

- The Gratia Gala
- Special Events
- Athletics
- Performances & Fine Arts
- Catholic Schools Week
- Cougar Network
- Student Activities

To learn more about Club '59 and all of its benefits, click here.

CLUB '59
CARDINAL MOONEY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varies grace.

1 PETER 4:10

Ready to join?
Contact Dana Mitchell by clicking here, or calling (941) 371-4917 x299.
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Every gift supports our students' journeys in faith, leadership, and academics.