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.



GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPION!

Congratulations to **Brooke Stevens '29** on earning first place for the Senior Girls' Stroke Play Championship at the World School Games in Scotland!

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NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25
• No events	• OCIA Information Session for students 2:40 PM	• No events	• No events	• House Points for Attendance at Football vs Braden River 7 PM

FEATURE STORY

Penny Wars Concludes Today!

This week, the House System hosted its second **Penny Wars** competition to raise funds for an organization helping those in need. This year, funds are being donated to **Selah Freedom**, a Sarasota faith-based non-profit anti-human trafficking organization with the mission to protect children, end sex trafficking and bring freedom to individuals who have been exploited. Each House has the goal to get as many coins into their House's jug as possible, while placing bills into other Houses' jugs to count as negative points against them. **May the best House win!**





For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."

ISAIAH 41:13

STAY CONNECTED

ACADEMIC SERVICES & COUNSELING

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Congratulations to **Kyla Logan** and **Addison Cheesman** on being recognized as Commended Students for the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program.



SENIOR WORKSHOPS

Ms. McGarity will join senior theology classes next Wednesday and Thursday for Workshop #3.

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!

- Sept 21: Franciscan Univeristy at Stubenville
- Sept 21: Washington Univ. in St. Louis
- Sept 25: Les Roches University (Spain)
- Sept 30: Nova Southeastern University
- Oct 1: Clark University
- Oct 1: Bryant University
- Oct 5: Hillsdale College
- Oct 5: Drexel University
- Oct 7: Lynn University
- Oct 7: John Carroll University
- Oct 7: Villanova University
- Oct 8: Elon University
- Oct 9: Furman University

Students must register to attend a visit on SCOIR at least two days prior to the date of the visit!

LUNCH

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday, Sept. 14
- Spicy Chicken Sand.
- Ham & Cheeseburger
- Tater Tots

Tuesday, Sept. 15
- Chicken Tenders
- Mac & Cheese

Wednesday, Sept. 16
- Popcorn Chicken
- Stromboli

Thursday, Sept. 17
- Chicken Sandwich
- Empanadas

Friday, Sept. 18
- Cheese Pizza
- Pepperoni Pizza

Always Available:
- Parfaits
- PB&J
- Noodle Soup
- Snacks & Drinks

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

2026/27 MEETINGS

C.A.R.E. Committee meetings take place at 8 AM at Mooney:

- November 9, 2026
- January 11, 2027
- March 8, 2027
- May 10, 2027

UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Oct 9: Student Ice Cream Bar during School Lunch
- Sign-up here to donate toppings and/or help serve

Oct 9: Homecoming Fish Fry
- Sign-up here to help with setup or during the event

Oct 16: Parent Coffee & Connections at Foxtail UTC
- Sign-up to attend here.

Oct 19: Staff Birthday Bundts
- Sign-up to help with distribution here. If full, join the waiting list in case of an unexpected opening!

Oct 21: PSAT Snacks for Students Distribution
- Sign-up to help with distribution here. If full, join the waiting list in case of an unexpected opening!

STUDENT LIFE

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HOMECOMING THEMES COMING LATER TODAY!

This year's Homecoming Spirit Week dress-up themes are being announced during the school day today, and the Homecoming Dance theme is being revealed on social media right after school dismisses. Make sure you follow @cmhs.studentlife on Instagram to stay in-the-know and see what this year's themes will be!

FRIDAY DRESS CODE

On Fridays, students are permitted to wear their **school-provided 2026-27 House t-shirt** to school in place of a polo shirt! Students must still wear uniform bottoms and shoes.

ACADEMICS

2026 FALL SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

SAVE THE DATES! End-of-semester exams will take place the week before Christmas Vacation as follows:

- Dec. 14: Periods 1 and 2 exams
- Dec. 15: Periods 3 and 4 exams
- Dec. 16: Periods 5 and 6 exams
- Dec. 17: Period 7 exam and Make-Up exams as needed
- Dec. 18: Make-Up exams as needed

ATHLETICS

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

• No games	• **Girls' Golf** vs Pine View: 3:30 PM
	• **Boys' Golf** at Parrish: 3:30 PM
	• **Volleyball** vs Tampa Bay Heat
	  ◦ 5 PM: Freshmen
	  ◦ 6 PM: JV
	  ◦ 7 PM: Varsity
		• No games	• **Girls' Golf** at Parrish: 3:30 PM
			• **Football** at Booker
			  ◦ 6 PM: JV
				• **Football** vs Braden River
				  ◦ 7 PM: Varsity
					• **Cross Country** at Lakewood Ranch
					  ◦ 8 AM
					• **Swimming** at Tampa Bay Classic
					  ◦ 9 AM

CMHS CAMPUS MINISTRY

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OCIA: ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

There will be an informational meeting for students interested in joining the Catholic faith on **Tuesday, September 22, at 2:45 PM** in the Media Center.



PEER MINISTRY CLASS OF 2027 INDUCTION

Join us for our first-ever induction ceremony for seniors in the 2027 Peer Ministry program on **Wednesday, September 30th at 8 AM** in the Selby Center. Families are welcome to attend!



PEER MINISTRY RETREAT

The Peer Ministry Class of 2027, just attended their **inaugural retreat** at the AJAX Barn at Thousand Pines, which was generously hosted by the family of former Mooney Alum, Leah Mihm. The retreat, Fulfilled, was grounded in their summer reading, Blessed Are the Bored in Spirit, by Mark Hart. The book and the retreat sought to fill the hearts & souls of the peer ministers before they begin to pour themselves out in ministry to the school community. The day was filled with faith, fellowship, fun, Mass, Confession offered in a treehouse, and an impromptu praise and worship jam session!



OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

HOMECOMING FISH FRY

October 9th 5-7 pm
ALL Mooney families & friends are welcome to join a Mooney tradition, the annual Fish Fry, before the Cougars Homecoming game!
Adult tickets include meal and drinks (soda, water, beer, wine, seltzer, etc).
Click here for all ticket options.



GRATIA GALA

January 23, 2027 - The Ora Premiere Event Venue
Join the Committee! We need your help planning this year's annual gala, please contact Dana Mitchell at dmitchell@cmhs-sarasota.org if interested.

