COUGAR NEWS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF CARDINAL MOONEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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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.



MAKING A SPLASH!

The Cougar Swim Team made waves at the Tampa Bay Classic, turning in strong performances against a competitive field.

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NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY OCTOBER 5	TUESDAY OCTOBER 6	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7	THURSDAY OCTOBER 8	FRIDAY OCTOBER 9
• Sports Day • Rita's Italian Ices for sale at lunch • House Points for Volleyball vs IMG at 7 PM	• Dress for the Event • Dirty Soda Bar available at lunch	• Barbecue Dads vs Soccer Moms • Sip n Brew Coffee Truck for sale before school	• Dress for Your Future Career • Movie Night on Football Field 7 PM	• House Tournament during school • Ice Cream Sundaes available at lunch • Fish Fry Annual Community Event • House Points at Football vs Bayshore at 7 PM

FEATURE STORY

Mooney Theatre Hard at Work

This fall, Mooney Theatre presents **Peter and the Starcatcher**, a comedic, imaginative prequel to J.M. Barrie's *Peter and Wendy*, explaining how a miserable orphan became Peter Pan. Rehearsals are well underway with performances just one month away! **Save the dates:** November 5-7th, 2026





And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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STAY CONNECTED

Cardinal Mooney
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

FISH Fry

NEXT FRIDAY

October 9, 2026

5 - 7 PM

Selby Center

Catered by: Walt's Fish Market RESTAURANT & TIKI BAR

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

Willing to Volunteer? Sign up here!

Football vs Bayshore

Kickoff at 7 PM

ACADEMIC SERVICES & COUNSELING

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!

- Oct 5: Drexel University
- Oct 7: Lynn University
- Oct 7: John Carroll University
- Oct 7: Villanova University
- Oct 8: University of South Florida
- Oct 8: Elon University
- Oct 9: Furman University
- Oct 12: Washington & Lee University
- Oct 14: University of Alabama
- Oct 14: Texas Christian University
- Oct 16: Catholic University

Students must register to attend a visit on SCOIR at least two days prior to the date of the visit, and also must notify the teacher of the class that they will miss.



PSAT TESTING

- The PSAT will be given to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors on **Wednesday, October 21.**
- Students should report to their assigned rooms by 7:50. Room assignments will be posted on the doors to the E and G buildings and will also be in Canvas.
- Please note that this is NOT a late start day.
- Students with standard time will be dismissed by 11am and students will extended time will be dismissed by 12pm.
- Students need to bring their fully charged iPads and charging cord with them to school that day. The test is completely digital.
- Seniors have the day off.

LUNCH

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday, Oct. 5
- Spicy Chicken Sand.
- Ham & Cheeseburger
- Tater Tots

Tuesday, Oct. 6
- Chicken Tenders
- Mac & Cheese

Wednesday, Oct. 7
- Popcorn Chicken
- Stromboli

Thursday, Oct. 8
- Chicken Sandwich
- Empanadas

Friday, Oct. 9
- Cheese Pizza
- Pepperoni Pizza

Always Available:
- Salads w/ Chicken
- 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: LAST CALL: Student Ice Cream Bar during School Lunch
- Sign-up here to donate toppings and/or help serve

Oct 9: LAST CALL: 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 has filled for this opportunity!

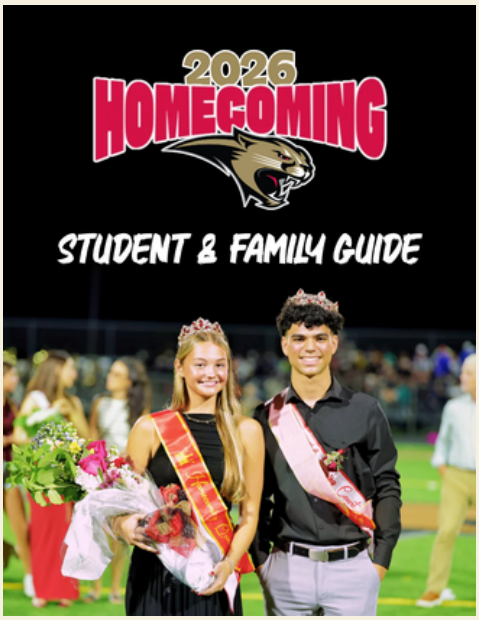
Oct 21: PSAT Snacks for Students Distribution
- Sign-up has filled for this opportunity!

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STUDENT LIFE

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YOUR GUIDE TO 2026 HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES



Homecoming Week starts on Monday, October 5th, and there are fun dress-up themes and activities planned for every day of the week!

Check out the guide here to learn about everything taking place throughout the week.

General Reminders:

- All dress-up outfits MUST be school-appropriate. Students who choose not to participate in a particular day's theme are expected to be in full normal uniform.
- Classes will still take place and assignments will still be assigned as normal throughout the week.
- All school days next week are FULL days of school.

Homecoming Dance

Tickets are on sale through 8 AM on Thursday, October 8th. The dance is open to all CMHS students only - outside guests are not permitted to attend.
Click here to purchase your dance tickets.

CMHS MINISTRY & THEOLOGY

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COME SUPPORT FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

All are welcome to join us for mass with the football and cheerleading teams before all home games at 3 PM!

- Today, October 2nd

ROSARY PARENT GROUP

Our parent rosary group meets every Friday morning at 7:45 AM in the CMHS Chapel. All are welcome to join us!

STUDENTS: BIBLE STUDY & FCA OPPORTUNITY

- Feed your Faith Bible Study every Thursday during lunch!
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes every Thursday at 7 AM in the Media Center (donuts provided)!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR TEENS

- First session this Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 2:45 PM
- Contact Mrs. Marten for more details!

MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP: LAST CALL!

Last call for anyone not signed up for the March for Life trip- come see Mr. Shipe in Room E226 at the Students for Life club meeting after-school on Thursday, Oct. 8th, or see him before that date if you can't make it then. We will be booking flights and hotels in the next two weeks and will need full fees which will be announced at next Thursday's meeting.

ATHLETICS

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NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

MONDAY OCTOBER 5	TUESDAY OCTOBER 6	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7	THURSDAY OCTOBER 8	FRIDAY OCTOBER 9	SATURDAY OCTOBER 10
• **Volleyball** vs IMG Academy White ◦ 6 PM: JV ◦ 7 PM: Varsity	• **Girls' Golf** at Charlotte: 4 PM	• No games	• **Girls' Golf** at Wellen Park: 4 PM	• **Football** vs Bayshore ◦ 7 PM: Varsity	• No games

CMHS C-MOO SWIM TEAM





Tampa Bay Classic Results are IN!
Coach Smithers and Coach Keber's swim team hit the water Saturday at North Shore Pool in St. Pete and had a great meet!

GIRLS: 2nd place out of 17 teams - amazing finish!
BOYS: Tied the 12th place out of 17 - great job guys!

RELAYS
Girls 200 Free Relay - 1ST PLACE CHAMPS!
- Bixby Lavigueur JR, Natalia Lesniewska FR, Izabela Lesniewska JR, Sofia Krajewski JR



Girls 200 Medley Relay - 2nd Place!
- Bixby Lavigueur JR, Helaina Gunn SO, Sophia Navarro-Lenza SO, Natalia Lesniewska FR

GIRLS SHOWING OUT
- Natalia Lesniewska FR - 100 Butterfly CHAMPION! and 2nd place in 100 Breastroke
- Iza Lesniewska JR - 2nd place in 100 Backstroke and in 200 Freestyle
- Sofia Krajewski JR - 2nd place in 500 Freestyle and 3rd place in 200 Freestyle
- Bixby Lavigueur JR - 5th place in 100 Backstroke
- Helaina Gunn SO - 5th place in 100 Breastroke and 7th place in 100 Butterfly
- Sophia Navarro-Lenza SO - 4th place in 100 Butterfly and in 200 IM (2x B finals)



BOYS BRINGING IT
- Jack Gilliam JR - 2nd place in 100 Backstroke and 3rd place in Butterfly

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WINTER SPORTS PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Important Dates for CMHS Winter Sports:

Girls' Weightlifting
- First Tryout: September 28th
- Roster Closes: October 9th

Boys' & Girls' Basketball
- First Tryout: October 12th
- Roster Closes: November 6th

Boys' & Girls' Soccer
- First Tryout: October 12th
- Roster Closes: October 16th

Competitive Cheerleading
- First Tryout: October 12th
- Roster Closes: October 16th

Girls' Wrestling
- First Tryout: November 2nd
- Roster Closes: November 13th

Boys' Wrestling
- First Tryout: November 9th
- Roster Closes: November 20th

ENROLLMENT

CLASS OF 2031 APPLICATIONS

Incoming freshman applications for the 2027-2028 school year are now open!

To apply, login to your existing FACTS application portal and complete the online application with supporting documents.

Questions or trouble? Contact Mrs. Bishop, Director of Enrollment Management here or at 941-371-4917 x 155.

OPEN HOUSE 2026

Wednesday, October 21st | 5 - 7:30 PM

All prospective students and their families are welcome to our annual Open House Event, featuring:
- Campus tours
- Presentations about Student Life & our House System
- Info from Athletics and the Arts
- Info about Academic Services
- Preview into Campus Ministry, Theology, and Community Service
- Tours of the Cougar Network
- Updates from Admissions and Enrollment