



September 20, 2020  
1st Quarter

# Caloosa Middle Newsletter

## IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK WITH OUR COUGAR FAMILY!

Our Caloosa Middle School staff is excited to be back on campus and getting into a routine. Whether your student is being instructed face to face or through Lee Home Connect, we're happy you're with us!

### Lee Home Connect Reminders

- Attendance: Your student should be prepared to log in and follow the bell schedule as if on campus. Log into FOCUS to check your student's attendance.

### Face to Face Reminders

- Chromebooks: Charged chromebooks should be brought to school each day. When carrying it from class to class and to and from school, it should be securely in a chromebook case.
- Masks: They are required at all times on buses and on campus. Masks must follow current dress code expectations and not disrupt the learning environment.
- Water Bottles: Don't forget to bring in your refillable water bottle each day.
- If you walk or bike to school, please be cautious as the city is completing construction on the sidewalks. Sidewalks and pavement may be uneven.

### Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program

The Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program was the first major project founded and developed by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. Since its inception thirty two years ago as a way to enhance public education by recognizing and rewarding excellence in teaching, the Foundation has awarded 183 educators with the prestigious Golden Apple. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program. Use the link below to nominate an outstanding teacher!



### Principal

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### Administration

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### School Phone

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### School Website

[com.leeschools.net](http://com.leeschools.net)

### School Social Media

Twitter: @CaloosaM

Facebook: Caloosa Middle School

[Nominate a Teacher Today!](#)

# Important Upcoming Dates

9/24/20: Virtual Annual Title I Meeting

9/28/20: No School

9/29/20: Virtual Curriculum Night

10/12/20-10/16/20: Spirit Week

10/29/20: Picture Day for Face to Face students

10/30/20: Early Dismissal Day (2PM) and End of Quarter 1

## Annual Title I Meeting

Please look for our School Messenger on Thursday, September 24th for access to our Annual Title I Meeting, which will be virtual. This will inform you of our participation in Title I, explain the requirements of Title I, and explain how families can be involved.

## Annual Curriculum Night

We will also be sending a School Messenger on Tuesday, September 29th with access to our Curriculum Night Presentation. This will inform you of the grade level curriculum and expectations for the school year.

## Intramural Sports & Clubs

We will be starting our Intramural Sports and other After School Clubs! Cross Country will begin on 9/29/20 and other clubs will begin to be advertised at school and on our website. Get involved!

## Spirit Week

**Monday, 10/12: Pajama Day**

**Tuesday, 10/13: Mismatch Day**

**Wednesday, 10/14: Super Hero Day**

**Thursday, 10/15: Twin Day**

**Friday, 10/16: Blue and Gold Day**

# Useful Links

FOCUS: FOCUS is used for schedules, attendance, and grades. If you need assistance with FOCUS, please click [HERE](#). You can log into FOCUS at [FOCUS.leeschools.net](https://focus.leeschools.net).

Dismissal: If you need bus information, please visit [mapnet.leeschools.net](https://mapnet.leeschools.net) and enter your address number in the first box, find your street name in the second box and select Caloosa Middle School in the third box. Click Submit. We are using a number system for parent pickup, please call the school to arrange pickup of your parent pickup display tag.

Dress Code: Click [HERE](#) to view our 2020-2021 dress code. The dress code also applies to students who have selected the Lee Home Connect instructional model.

**Stay up to date by checking Caloosa Middle's website at [com.leeschools.net](https://com.leeschools.net).**

## Out of Field Teachers

In an effort to ensure that all students at Caloosa Middle School are provided the highest quality education by effective and skilled teachers, we are continually working to make sure all academic subjects meet the definition of "Highly Qualified" under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The following teachers are Highly Qualified, but they are out of field and are currently working toward the needed endorsement: Daniel Deshazo, Armand Kalugdan, and Max Gesenhues in Gifted, Nancy Van Alstyne in Reading, Stephanie Fearn and Anna Schladt in ESOL, Tamar Alvarado in Math, and Jennifer Drea in Vision.