

News

Spruce Creek High School

& Views

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL SPARGER

As we begin the second nine weeks of the school year, it is important to celebrate the successes of the first quarter. Some of the **accomplishments include**: two seniors qualified as semi-finalists for the prestigious **National Merit Scholarship** as semi-finalists, and **eight** qualified as **commended scholars**; successful **National Honor Society**, **National English Honor Society**, and **World Languages Honor Societies** inductions were held; our fall **sports teams** had successful seasons with conference, district and state medals awarded; and we had a very successful **Homecoming Week**. For the first nine-week grading period, nearly **250 of our students** earned straight “A” grades and approximately **1700** earned honor roll status.

Students are reminded to take advantage of **Office Hours for the first 15 minutes of lunch (12:03 pm – 12:18 pm)**. *No appointment necessary!* Students can stop by their teachers’ classroom to make-up assignments, ask a question about their homework, determine work missed during an absence, or seek clarification on an assignment. Students are encouraged to take advantage of office hours before a grade begins to slip.

The faculty has selected **Ms. Bethany McClelland** as **Spruce Creek High School’s Teacher of the Year** nominee. Ms. McClelland came to Spruce Creek High in 2004 to join our amazing **Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department**. She was a gifted student-athlete in college and determined to pursue her dream of teaching special needs students. During her tenure at Spruce Creek, she has taught the gamut of ESE classes. Her current assignment includes working our **ESE modified students** on job skills to prepare them for life beyond high school. Ms. McClelland has served as our **softball coach**, was instrumental in our school establishing one of the first **Project Unify teams** through the **Special Olympics** and was recognized by her colleagues as the **ESE Teacher of the Year**. She is the proud mother of two amazing children – **Brock** (grade 9) and **Annabelle** (grade 6).

We want to extend our appreciation to our parents and community members for the many volunteer hours you offer our students and school. The success of our school is due to a combination of **wonderful students**, a **dedicated faculty and staff**, and the **support of our parents and community**. Thank you for your involvement in the success of our school. **It’s a Great Day to be a Hawk.**



AVID

AVID AT A GLANCE

The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) 2023-24 school year has gotten off to a great start. Mrs. Henderson has truly built a solid foundation and designed one of the best blueprints that anyone can ever follow for AVID. AVID is Advancement Via Individual Determination. For those of you who are not familiar with AVID, it is a career and college preparatory elective class. During September, some students from the junior and senior classes went on a college tour to Tallahassee to visit the Florida State University (FSU) and Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University (FAMU). We stayed overnight and visited the University of Florida (UF) the following day where we were greeted by some former Spruce Creek AVID students who gave us a partial tour of the campus.

During homecoming week, AVID set up a booth for the carnival where we sold refreshments. Students also participated in Field Night where we finished second place for a consecutive year. It was a fantastic opportunity for students of all grade levels to collaborate and compete and have fun.

WICOR is the primary learning strategy for AVID. WICOR stands for Writing Inquiry Collaboration Organization and Reading. Many teachers are using these strategies and may not realize that they are. I will be sending out a survey soon that will allow teachers to identify what strategies they are using. Academic success is the cornerstone of WICOR that has shown success in college.

Congratulations to those AVID students who have been selected to the National Honor Society and those students who achieved Hawk of the Month.

Any student interested in participating in AVID, please contact Mrs. Scaglia, AVID Guidance Counselor or Mr. Plowden, AVID Elective Teacher/Coordinator. "It's a Great Day to Be a Hawk."

Creek Reads

Spruce Creek Book Club has a book recommendation for you! Sydney Mountcastle says: *We Hunt the Flame* by Hafsah Faizal is a high fantasy young adult novel that incorporates Arabian mythology into a riveting narrative about redemption and found family, with a fair share of magic sprinkled throughout. I personally adored all of the characters, and I found it very easy to read. The short chapters and dynamic storyline made it impossible to put down. I can't recommend it enough!



Young Republicans Club News

BY D. PULTZ & D.

KEITH - OCTOBER 2023

The school year has started off well for our Young Republicans. We had many new members attend the monthly meetings these first few months and have discussed important topics, such as our outline of what our Young Republicans group is and what we are

planning to do around the community throughout the year. The Young Republicans participated in Club Expos on Tuesday, September 26th during open house from 5-6 PM with Donny Pultz and Nathan Winquist running the booth. The Young Republicans competed in the Field Night activities from 5-8 PM on Wednesday September 27th, including games such as Tug-of-War, Dodgeball, Hungry Hippo, Musical Chairs, and Dizzy Dash with Micah Wilson, Kyle Pultz, Gavin Getgen, Donny Pultz, and Nathan Winquist.

On Carnival Day, The Young Republicans had much success in selling 50 boxes of Domino's pizza, 25 pepperoni and 25 cheese pizzas, run by Nathan Winquist, Donny Pultz, and Kyle Pultz.

The Young Republicans also helped clean up campus trash around the school after school on Wednesday October 11th from 3:30-4:30 PM, with Donny Pultz, Kyle Pultz, Nathan Winquist, and Jeremiah Belinsky helping clean up around the halls of the front half of the school and cleaning up some classrooms in the area as well.

We look forward to honoring veterans Nov. 11 with large flags on our campus fences. We have deep appreciation for those who served our country.

We will do various activities around the school including a basket brigade during November and we are looking forward to our annual event of Wreaths Across America coming up the second Saturday in December. Happy Holidays!



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Spruce Creek Theatre

The theatre department invites you to our upcoming production of *The Lightning Thief*. Performances will take place on November 16, 17, 18th at 7pm and November 19th at 3pm. Tickets are available at teachtix.com/sprucecreek

Students are also preparing for their upcoming district assessments on Nov 11th. We wish students the best of luck with their performances.

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Asian Association Report BY NATHAN DUFFY & D. KEITH

Hello Asian Association Members and Friends,

We hope you're all doing well as we close out the vibrant month of October. We've had some fantastic activities and events in the past month, and we can't wait to share them with you!

We had an amazing October meeting where we delved into the rich history and culture of Thailand. Our members had the opportunity to learn about the traditions, customs, and landmarks that make this Southeast Asian country so unique. We got to taste Thai Red Curry and experience the fun of a traditional Thai marble game. Congrats to the seniors who won! A huge thanks to all who attended and made this event such a great success!

In September, we enjoyed and deeply appreciated LeAhn's generosity in providing Vietnamese meals for our lunch. Tori's native cultural outfit was adorable. And Congrats to the juniors who won the animal card game.

Our association set up a Fried Rice Booth at the Homecoming Carnival which sold out before the Gong Show. We appreciate all the members who volunteered their time and effort to make this initiative a hit. It was not only a delicious treat but also an opportunity to showcase the culinary skills of our members.

Going into November, we're excited to explore the fascinating culture of Japan and begin getting club shirts to our members. We will also be working on a gift for the new faculty members and donating items for the two Basket Brigade Boxes we committed to filling. We can't wait to see you at our next meeting on November 9th! Join our remind by texting the code @creekaa to 81010 to stay informed.



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THE HAWK BATTALION HAS HAD A BUSY SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

You could see the color guard every Friday night at the varsity football games presenting Our National Colors. The Color Guard also appeared at the National Honor society induction ceremony. These Color Guards were commanded by Cadet Staff Sergeant Maugeri. We thank our cadets who participated in these Color Guards.

The Hawk Battalion has been practicing marching for weeks in preparation for the Family Days Parade. Thanks to the hard work every cadet put into practicing marching, the Family Days Parade was a huge success. The battalion roared with enthusiasm marching through the City Center. Our cadence callers could be heard clearly over the large crowds. The crowd enjoyed our interactive cadences of low rider and hip-hop lollipop where cadets move in accordance to the commands.

The Hawk Battalion volunteered at the annual Breast Cancer Awareness event. This tradition of service allows for more people to be impacted and discover the American Cancer Society. Volunteering allows for cadets to build a sense of appreciation and pride in their community. The cost saved by cadets volunteering will go towards furthering the research and treatment against cancer. Cadets were up early to set up the Breast Cancer Awareness equipment at Riverfront Esplanade in Daytona Beach. Booths were set up, managed, and taken down by cadets so survivors could enjoy the event. After a hard day's work, they were dismissed with an enthusiastic HOOAH!

The Hawk Battalion hosted our local veterans at our annual Veterans Day ceremony. The Color Guard presented the colors to all spectators. The best cadets competed against each other in a close-order drill competition in the fan favorite knock out drill. The top three finishers were awarded medals for their skill and performance. The Battalion also put out miniature American flags along the fence bordering the school to show our community support for veterans.



We thank all
Service Veterans
for their service.



HOOAH!

A NEW TRADITION BEGINS...

Football Boosters Mentor Appreciation

The Football Boosters started a new tradition this year! They asked the senior football players if they wanted to have a teacher/staff who has impacted them during their 4 years wear their game-day jersey on the day of their last home game. The mentors all felt so honored and took pictures with the players!

Coach Silvey has been my weightlifting & football coach for 4 years. He's always been there for me on & off the field. After Hurricane Ian, he came to my house to help my family with whatever we needed.

Thank you Coach Silvey!

—John Benning III



For 4 years Coach Nelson has been a coach who always gave me real advice about life & problems. He believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself.

Thank you Coach Nelson.

—Bradley Bingham

Mr. Davies has inspired me to keep striving for what I want. Thank you Mr. Davies.

—Andrew Halleran



Mrs. Decarlo is a fun person to be around. She always brings positive energy. She is always there to talk to or give a helping hand. If I'm in the newspaper she shows me & asks how my game went. I remember one time she told me to stay safe & run away from the ball; I was the running back for that game. Thank you

Mrs. Decarlo.

—Luke Koenig



Mrs. Hull is someone that I can talk to about my grades and any concerns that I have in school.

Thank you Mrs. Hull.

—Ronald Clifton



Coach Price is the reason I came to Creek. After talking to him my father & I knew this was the place to be. Coach looks out for me & makes sure I'm taken care of. We have bonded over many things & it's been very special to be able to play for him for the last 2 years. Thank you

Coach Price.

—Luke Koenig



All 4 years Mr. Wattford has helped me deal with my mental health & has become a second father to me.

He always makes me smile.

Thank you Mr. Wattford.

—Jaylon White



Mr. Platt has always been great working with me and the other students. He makes a difficult class enjoyable & interactive.

Thank you Mr. Platt.

—Micah Wilson



Mr. Brinkerhoff is one of the realest teachers that I've ever had. He actually cares about his students and sets a great example for the next generation. Thank you Mr. Brinkerhoff.

—Luke Smith



Mrs. Henderson has helped me since my freshman year, and we have grown very close.

She means a lot to me.

Thank you Mrs. Henderson.

—Aiden Lanier



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NEHS NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY - AUTUMN UPDATE

Spruce Creek High
School's Synonym Rolls

Chapter of the National English Honor Society has hit the ground rolling this year! After a successful second recruiting season we started off the year with a lovely induction ceremony in the auditorium. We heard speeches from the honorable principal of Spruce Creek High School, Dr. Sparger aka Poppa Hawk; our esteemed department chair, Mrs. Leathhead; everyone's favorite IB English 4 teacher, Mr. Gufford; and our chapter advisor, Ms. Maderas; and our co-advisor Mrs. Esposito was a rockstar behind the scenes. Our officers did a great job of welcoming our 75 new members and leading them through the NEHS oath, in which each member promises to uphold the values of our chapter and ends with our motto: "Gelast sceal mid are" or "Duty goes with honor."

We also found great fun and much success at Homecoming this year. Although we only had one win at Field Night, we all had a great deal of fun, and I must say, we looked rather smashing in our Synonym Rolls t-shirts both on and off the court! We were much more successful at the Homecoming Carnival, where we sold about 150 cinnamon rolls (aka Synonym rolls)! Everyone involved had fun representing the honor society at Carnival, and we only sneaked the very smallest bit of the extra frosting when nobody was looking.



Each year NEHS national offers a scholarship to senior members. This year's common read, on which the scholarship essay prompt will be based, is *The Botanist's Daughter* by Kayte Nunn. National will be hosting a webinar with the author on November 7th at 7pm EST where students will hear a presentation from the author and then have the opportunity to ask questions! The Synonym Rolls will be hosting a webinar watch party in the Media Center for all those interested in having a chance to speak with a published author. You are encouraged to start reading the novel now so that you'll have some good question fuel before the event. More information will be announced in the Hawk News Live during 4th period and on the NEHS bulletin board in the front hallway.

We are very much looking forward to this year's upcoming events, which include: book drives, reading with the elderly, tutoring, and organizing a bigger, better Poetry Out Loud competition than last year's! Remember, even if you aren't a member of National English Honor Society, you are welcome to volunteer or participate in a number of our events throughout the year. Feel free to check in with any of our officers, check our bulletin board, or speak with our advisor, Ms. Maderas in room C-13, any time you hear of an upcoming event. Cheers, and don't forget to read a good book! -Ms. Maderas



Speech and Debate Team

The Spruce Creek Debate Team (FCDI affiliate) got off to a great start this season. We had record interest shown at our first few meetings. The team is led by Ariana Khan (Team Captain), Liberty Higginbotham (Speech Captain), and Jeremy Belinsky (Debate Captain).

Team members have competed in two Central Region Events with Liberty placing in Informative Speaking both times. Novices Lennon Valle, Collin Chase and Lara Blaha have broken the ice in their events, while some team members have gone as observers to get a 'feel' for what is expected. Moving up to Varsity, our experienced debaters, Ariana and Jeremy, are facing much stiffer competition than in their Novice year - good luck to them in future events.

There are 3 more events this quarter - a Virtual Tournament where students record their entries early in November and 2 in-person regional tournaments in December.

It is never too late to join: sign-up for the Remind and come to Thursday lunch meetings.

Miss Melanie Wilson, Speech & Debate Sponsor/Coach, Rm: O-16



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Distinguished Hawks 2023-2024

Three categories under Distinguished Hawks were awarded at the pre-show to our homecoming game on September 29, 2023. Tim Ludwig was given The Distinguished Hawk faculty plaque. Andy Clark and Kathleen McNeilly (both from the class of 1982) received the Distinguished Alumni plaques. Kim (class of '94) and Bobby Ball (class of '93) received the Distinguished Hawk Support/Volunteer plaque. As each recipient stepped forward Mr. Zinck read their nomination article.

Tim Ludwig was not able to make the ceremony but his form by Laurie Ring was read:

Tim Ludwig is one of the most distinguished faculty Hawks and had a major influence on the first 28 years of Spruce Creek High School's existence! As Art Department chair and Budget Chair from day one, he helped all departments grow and flourish! During his 28 years teaching there, Spruce Creek became one of the best schools in the state and nation. The Budget committee worked so well under his leadership making sure all programs were funded in a fair manner. Representatives from schools across the State would visit to find out how this Budget committee was so successful! The Art Department became a hub of creative excellence in photography, drawing, painting and ceramics winning local, state and national awards. During his tenure as Ceramic instructor, he had his students helping to build outdoor kilns for salt firing, raku and other advanced firing methods. The students mixed their own clay and glazes, learned wheel throwing, hand building, and how to fire a kiln! Tim's strong, unique, comical and engaging personality drove many students and teachers to reach beyond their imaginings. During the early 1990s he advocated for bringing in the full diploma International Baccalaureate program. The IB Art program was and still is extremely strong which raised the level of learning in all of the art classes. The final of the Art diploma involves the candidate displaying a body of artwork and discussing the creative, historical, and technical process around each piece. This led Tim and the Art Department to advocate for a Student Art Gallery, this vision became ArtHaus, officially becoming a 501(c)(3) in 1996.

Tim Ludwig has made art his whole life. His passion for ceramics is evident in the many wonderful pieces and styles of pottery he has created over the years. His works are in many corporate and personal collections. He has won many awards in state and national art festivals and has been the featured artist in Images and the DeLand Art festival. His artwork has been published in national ceramic publications. Tim continues to create and sell his art to this day.



Andy Clark's Bio and Nomination by Lori Paladino

Andy Clark was born in Daytona Beach and raised in Port Orange. He worked at Publix Bakery while in high school and graduated from Spruce Creek in 1982 where he served as vice president of the school's surf club. He became a copy kid at the Daytona Beach News Journal immediately after graduating. In 1983, he graduated with an AA degree from DBCC where he served as assistant editor of the school newspaper. In 1986, he graduated with honors from UF taking with him a Bachelor of Science degree in public relations while working as a paid teacher's assistant in the college of communication.

Andy interned at CBS's affiliate in Miami as well as the Sandler and Travis law firm in Miami. He became a State of Florida Licensed Building contractor and a licensed real estate salesperson. He worked in his father's construction, development and mobile home sales company called MPC Builders since he was 12. He did construction labor alongside his older brothers. Eventually he became general manager of MPC Builders.

He is a certified SCUBA diver and a private pilot. He later became a multi-engine land and sea pilot and was also instrument rated. As an adult he married Molly in 1993. They have 3 grown children and two grandchildren.

Andy was on the Board of Directors of the Halifax Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as Port Orange /South Daytona Chamber of Commerce and was actually named that chamber's Business Person of the Year in 2006. He was an Organizer - Director of the Sunshine State Community Bank. He's been an active Rotarian since 1986, serving as President of the Rotary Club of Port Orange and South Daytona in 2010-2011.

Lori Paladino nominated Andy and notes his benevolence in monetary donations which includes:

- Bestowing a Rotary International Endowment - about \$55,000
- Bestowing Daytona State College Endowment - about \$50,000
- Donating Halifax Health Foundation Endowment for Arts in Medicine - \$400,000
- Establishing Andy & Molly Clark Foundation 501(c)(3) which should be \$1,000,000 of overall cumulative giving by 2025 and \$3,000,000 by 2030
- Sponsoring two houses so far with Habitat of Humanity
- Granting a Self Storage Association Scholarship, so far- \$50,000
- Establishing his generous stake in developing Spruce Creek's fundraising arm called: *Back to the Nest Foundation 501-C3



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Kathleen McNeilly: 7th Circuit Court Judge by L. Paladino

Kathleen was number one in SCHS's class of 1982. She majored in communications and minored in Political Science at Stetson University and went into the Stetson College of Law. Ultimately, she was admitted into four state bars-Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Washington DC. As an attorney for 29 years in private practice, she served also as judge, advisor and trainer-donating 1000 hours to the Boys and Girls Clubs in Volusia County to facilitate the program which included training students about the judicial system, ethics, and proper courtroom decorum to help children succeed and make the community a better place. Among the many accolades she has received she cherishes Volusia County's Teen Court Distinguished Service Award from 1998-present.

For 10 years she served the City of Deland as Attorney for the Code Enforcement Board and The Board of Adjustments with years of service to the city of Deland contributing legal knowledge and expertise as legal advisor in cases of city code violations.

Kathleen has handled a number of serious cases representing plaintiffs, family law cases, adoption, and appellate. She also served as an Attorney Ad Litem for children. She is proficient in diverse litigation areas and in the last 15.5 years, she has been practicing criminal and juvenile dependency in court to [sic] fewer than 4 days a week. In a case that lasted 5.5 years in litigation, a senior professional had occasion to write when the case concluded: "Kathleen, you are a true professional. There are not many of your caliber left." She was humbled by the words knowing that she is decisive, with a sense of humor. She is passionate and fair and respectful to others. She exercises good judgment,



remains objective, and perseveres regardless of what may be happening around her. She strives to make humility her most defining characteristic.

Kathleen has served her community for 35 years and devoted to working with our most vulnerable children, including those from broken families in child welfare matters. She has attempted to restore broken families and ensure not just the safety but the well-being of children. She listens with compassion regarding dependency and delinquency, criminal felony, felony drug court, RPOs, injunctions, and family law in the 7th circuit.

We honor her for her dedication as a volunteer in numerous agencies annually including: 1. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler Counties, Inc. 2. Volusia County Social Studies Fair 3. Moderator on Mentoring at the State, Local and National levels 4. And the Summer School Program in Volusia County.

Rex Huffman Unit Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs said it truthfully: "Kathleen McNeilly truly exemplifies what servant leadership is; always looking to prioritize the greater good, valuing people for who they are, and always doing it with humility and... humor."

Kim and Bobby Ball were bestowed with their plaques as the following was read:



Kim Ball graduated from Spruce Creek High School as part of the Class of 1994 the same year that she was crowned Miss Spruce Creek. She studied at Daytona State College for her AS degree in nursing. Her BS degree also in nursing is from Western Governor's University. She is a certified registered nurse who has worked over 20 years in Labor and Delivery. Most recently, Kim received her Masters of Art degree from the University of Central Florida with a major in Theater, Musical Theater Concentration.

Through more than 25 years, she taught dance in the public and private sector. She has more than 15 years of experience choreographing in regional community and educational theaters across Central Florida. This led her to work for Winchester's Dance studio and to eventually open Art and Soles Dance store. She had developed dance curriculum for students ages 3-adult and has a wide repertoire of stylistic dance: tap, jazz, ballet, modern hip hop, contemporary, lyrical, and

clogging. Much of her volunteer work with Creek students has been in theater and dance. She has been involved in almost 60 different productions including the last three musicals here at Creek: Legally Blonde: The Musical, Mama Mia and We Will Rock You.

Robert (Bobby) Ball (Kim's husband) graduated from Spruce Creek in 1993 and was voted "Most Dependable." He joined Zev Cohen & Associates in 1998 as an Engineering Intern after receiving his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of South Florida. After earning his Professional Engineering license in 2003, he was promoted to Director of Engineering in 2005 and subsequently to Vice President in 2015. Bobby was named Young Business Leader by the Volusia/Flagler Business Report in 2009. He is active in the community, serving as a Representative for Port Orange on the River to Sea TPO Citizens Advisory Committee, a member of the Port Orange Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and a member of Daytona International Speedway's Checkered Flag Committee. Bobby has also served as a former member of the Volusia Growth Management Commission and past President of the Pop Warner Youth Football League, where he was instrumental in the development of the football stadium at Coraci Fields. Most recently, Bobby volunteered to design and create the set for last year's musical here at Spruce Creek.

Bobby and Kim have two sons—Riley and Ian. Both graduated from Creek.

Jill Ciciarelli, drama teacher here at SCHS, nominated Kim and Bobby Ball as Distinguished Support Volunteers. "Both Kim and Bobby have been active in the Port Orange community and have been serving on the Port Orange Family Days committee for years. Kim has been a dance teacher and choreographer all over Central Florida. Currently she teaches at Daytona State College. Kim has been our theatre choreographer here at Creek for the past seven years. Last year it became a family affair when Bobby stepped in last minute and built our set for our musical when our original designer became unavailable. Kim and Bobby are truly remarkable alumni of Spruce Creek High School. They make a definite difference in our community."

Congratulations to these five outstanding Hawks: Faculty Tim Ludwig, Alumni Andy Clark & Kathleen McNeilly, plus Kim and Bobby Ball.

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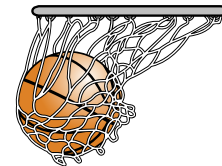
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Boys Basketball

2023 - 2024 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Thurs	9-Nov	Mid-Night Madness	Spruce Creek HS	6:00
Wed	15-Nov	Tip-off Classic vs Providence Christian Prep	Spruce Creek HS	6:00/7:30
Thurs	16-Nov	Tip-off Classic vs Flagler Palm Coast	Spruce Creek HS	6:00/7:30
Mon	27-Nov	Titusville Astronuts HS	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
Thurs	30-Nov	Winter Park Rotary vs Winter Park	Winter Park HS	6:30
Fri	1-Dec	Winter Park Rotary	Winter Park HS	TBA
Tues	5-Dec	Pine Ridge HS	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
Wed	6-Dec	Seabreeze HS in School game	Seabreeze HS	2:30/4:00
Sat	9-Dec	Spruce Creek JV Showcase	Spruce Creek HS	TBA
Tues	12-Dec	Deland HS	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
Fri	15-Dec	Execute To Impact vs New Smyrna Beach	New Smyrna Beach HS	7:30
Sat	16-Dec	Execute To Impact vs Deltona	New Smyrna Beach HS	5:00
Thurs	28-Dec	Gus Gibbs Tournament	Deland HS	TBA
Fri	29-Dec	Gus Gibbs Tournament	Deland HS	TBA
Sat	30-Dec	Gus Gibbs Tournament	Deland HS	TBA
Wed	3-Jan	Deltona HS	Deltona HS	5:30/7:00
Fri	5-Jan	Matanzas Kiwanis Shootout vs Cape Coral	Matanzas HS	TBA
Sat	6-Jan	Matanzas Kiwanis Shootout vs Jupiter	Matanzas HS	TBA
Sat	6-Jan	MLK JV Showcase	Spruce Creek HS	TBA
Wed	10-Jan	Sanford Seminole HS	Seminole HS	5:30/7:00
Fri	12-Jan	Mainland HS	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
Sat	13-Jan	Execute To Impact MLK Showcase vs New Smyrna	Spruce Creek HS	TBA
Mon	15-Jan	Execute To Impact MLK Showcase DME 2	Spruce Creek HS	TBA
Wed	17-Jan	University HS	University HS	6:00/7:30
Sat	20-Jan	5-Star	TBA	TBA
Mon	22-Jan	Father Lopez HS	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
Wed	24-Jan	5-Star	TBA	TBA
Fri	26-Jan	5-Star	TBA	TBA
Sat	27-Jan	Jacksonville Ribault HS	Ribault HS	1:00/2:30
Tues	30-Jan	Atlantic HS	Atlantic HS	5:30/7:00
Sat	3-Feb	Raines HS	Spruce Creek HS	1:00/2:30
Tues	Feb- 7,8,10	District Tournament	TBA	TBA

Varsity Head Coach: David L. Howard Sr.
Associate Head Coach: James Jenkins
Assistant Varsity Coach: Tony Plowden
Head JV Coach: Anthony (AJ) Ammons
Strength and Conditioning Coach: Asti Tucker / Assistant: John Wise



Girls Basketball

2023-2024 GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
NOVEMBER			
13	Preseason Colonial HS	Central FL Christian Academy (ORL)	TBA
14	Preseason Ocoee HS	Central FL Christian Academy (ORL)	TBA
20-21	Inside Exposure	Bolles HS (JAX)	
24	Florida Prospects	Orlando	TBA
25	Florida Prospects	Orlando	TBA
27	JV Double Header	Haggerty HS (Oviedo)	TBA
28	DME National	Spruce Creek High (PO)	6:00 & 7:30PM
29	Lake Highland Prep	Lake Highland Prep (ORL)	5:30 & 7:00PM
DECEMBER			
01	Winter Haven HS	Central Point HS (Kissimmee)	4:15 PM
02	Kathleen HS	Central Point HS (Kissimmee)	4:15PM
04	New Smyrna Beach HS	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	TBA
06	Cocoa HS	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	TBA
07	Oakridge HS	Oakridge HS (Orlando, FL)	5:00 & 6:30PM
08	Andrew Jackson HS	Andrew Jackson (JAX)	TBA
09	Oakleaf JV Shootout	Oakleaf HS (Orange Park)	(JV) TBA
13	Haggerty HS	SCHS (PO)	TBA
14	Timber Creek HS	Timber Creek (Orlando)	TBA
15-16	JV Shootout	Rollins College	TBA
16	Lakewood HS	Lakewood HS (St. Pete)	2:00PM
27-30	Tampa Bay Annual Holiday Tournament	Wiregrass Ranch Sports Complex (Wesley Chapel, FL)	TBA
JANUARY			
17	Windemere Prep (Sr. Night)	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	TBA
20	5 Star Tournament	TBA	TBA
23	Gateway	Gateway	6:30
24	5 Star Tournament	TBA	TBA
26	5 Star Tournament	TBA	TBA
27	JV Shootout	Bishop Kenny HS (JAX)	TBA
29	San Juan Prep	San Juan Prep (JAX)	6:30 PM
30	Central Florida Christian Academy	CFCA (JAX)	6:00/7:30PM
FEBRUARY			
2	JV Showcase	Deland HS (Deland)	TBA
5, 7, 9	District Tournament	Spruce Creek HS (Port Orange)	TBA

Head Coach- Kelvin Hamm
Sr. JV Coach- Courtney Mitchell
Academic/Admin Coach -Ella Jones
Assistant Coaches- Devin Johnson, Duwayne Pelham, Tonia Gerty, & Derrick Merrill



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NHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OCTOBER REPORT BY LOGAN DAIN & D. KEITH

With our first quarter in the books, I am excited to say that we have gotten off to a hot start this year with our National Honor Society and are only expecting to improve with the addition of over a hundred new members, inducted at our September 21st Induction Ceremony.

We saw the beginning of our long-running service initiative to help restore Sugar Mill Gardens. Every Saturday, our members assist the park in whatever tasks are needed to bring out the park's unique beauty. Whether it be pulling weeds or removing invasive species, I am proud to say that our members are stepping up. We have had three major cleanup opportunities: Toronita Avenue Beach Park, Buschman Park, and International Coastal Cleaning. We have also had two campus cleanups, a sock donation for Food Brings Hope, and a book donation for City Island's Children's Library. We also helped with the XC meet September 18 and the Climate Change Walk on Sept. 15.

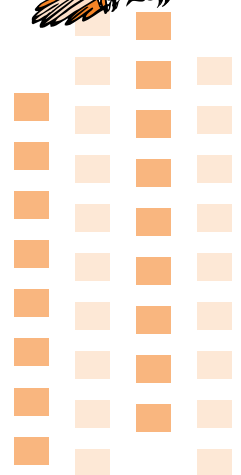
Additionally, we hosted our annual Homecoming Gong Show, which featured a plethora of acts that ranged from a masked vigilante facing off against a famous boxer to our very own version of the Blue Man group. Plenty of our students answered the call to showcase, in the best way possible, their lack of shame and ability to put on a show. This is where it feels important to give a massive thank you to my cohost, Brie Flynn, as well as the rest of the Theatre program for once again helping us put on this show and allowing us to showcase the best of Spruce Creek's untalented. We also had a lot of fun participating in Homecoming's Field Night which was a good bonding event!

As you are reading this, we will have hosted our first district meeting of the 2023-2024 school year on October 29th. In collaboration with District President Jacob Friedman, we have been able to create a fun and welcoming environment for our district partners, making sure that we can bring our vision of service to the rest of our district by initially donating school supplies to Mary Cortez FBH to capitalize on our District theme of "Nurturing Our Future."

For the upcoming quarter, our new service initiatives include our Muffin Mania event, assisting with the Halloween Carnival at R.J. Longstreet Elementary School on November 9th, as well as the donation and distribution of baskets for the Volusia Basket Brigade organization starting on November 11th. Additionally, we have had two bonding events: pickleball and basketball. Our upcoming spike ball tournament will be on November 18th to help promote some friendly competition and to make it clear to our Juniors that Seniors don't mess around when it comes to spike ball.

Once again, I would like to take the time to appreciate all of the dedication everyone has put in this quarter. I am truly proud of the work we have done so far, which only brings more excitement for what we all can do moving forward.

Thank you, Logan Dain, President of NHS 2023-2024



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