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# WarHawk News

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## A Message from the Principal

Hello Warhawk Families!

As I begin this message, we are in the middle of the most successful Semester ever for Seminole High School! The "Warhawk Way" is prevalent throughout our campus and in our classrooms, as well as on our fields, and in the gymnasium and performance halls of Seminole High School! Here are some incredible highlights and exemplars of Quarter 1 & 2 so far:



- 19 Warhawk visual artists featured, with their artwork curated at the Pinellas County Schools Administration Building
- Principal, Dr. Lucas, Assistant Principals Bending, Fisher, and Lawson served as Incident Commanders for hurricane shelters throughout the Tampa Bay region during Hurricane Ian. U.S. Coast Guard Officer and E-Commerce Academy Leader, Mr. Dan Kennedy is serving the Southwest Region of Florida in Hurricane Ian recovery and restoration efforts.
- In October our College & Career Center Director, Ms. Susan Sims and Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Lisa Sinatra, along with School Guidance Counselor Lead, Ms. Leslie Morrow, and Counselors Clark, Reissland, and Wood, hosted our College and University Fair in the Warhawk Gymnasium with over 40 colleges and universities reaching out to all SHS Juniors and Seniors!
- The Warhawk Varsity Football Team beat our rivals, OHS, for the 1st time in 6 years! Great leadership by our new head Coach, Auggie Sanchez, Strength & Conditioning Coordinator, Coach "Nic" Nicodemus, and Coach O'Mara.
- Meaningful Fall Sports & Activities Senior Nights & Honor Society Inductions took place this Fall, whereby hundreds of students and their families were recognized for their dedication and accomplishments.
- Seminole High School recognized in a recent media blitz for receiving the National Healthiest School Award!
- Our Choral and Orchestral Departments, under the expert direction of Ms. Maya Berrios and Mr. Steve Harris, presented their Fall Concert which culminated with an Armed Forces Salute honoring our Country's and Community's Military heroes leading up to our schoolwide Veteran's Day recognition.
- Our College & Career Center Leader, Guidance Department, and SHS students were featured on 2 network news media outlets for their phenomenal FAFSFA Family Nights!
- Seminole High School hosted the "Warhawk Class of 1972" reunion celebration weekend.
- The Warhawk Nation is a National PTA School of Excellence
- Ms. Hohmann and our stellar Robotics Club hosted the Annual Robotics Competition in November, with over 30 schools competing
- Seminole High School is a Positive Behavior Implementation System (PBIS) Platinum Award Winner – The only High School in the Tampa Bay Area to receive this distinction!

Seminole High School continues to demonstrate strong academic growth while promoting more rigorous course work, in tandem with innovative support systems for all learners, as we seek to engage each student in finding a connection. To live your life with purpose, respect, and grit is the "Warhawk Way." We, as the Warhawk nation, claim this vision with a relentless team spirit, each day. Thank you for your support, and as always: "GO WARHAWKS!!!!"

Dr. M. Jane Lucas  
Principal

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## Hidden No More

At Seminole High School, the STEAM program is "full-steam ahead" into 21st Century learning. STEAM is an educational approach that incorporates the arts into the more-familiar STEM model, which includes science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We have four STEM Explorer Clubs in our high school, the most of any in Pinellas County. They include: SHS beautification, nSTEM (National STEM Honor Society), SHS Robotics, and Women in STEM.

In October, Dr. Cathie Mullins, Secondary STEM Coordinator for Pinellas County Schools, invited professional STEM women who are part the US Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program to Seminole High for a tour and discussion. This program is called Hidden No More: Empowering Women Leaders in STEM. We were privileged to welcome seven women leaders in the STEM field from Mexico, Armenia, Philippines, Tunisia, Zambia, Dominican Republic, and Kyrgyz Republic. This group was comprised CEOs of software technology development companies, data scientists, technology entrepreneurs, a YouTube content specialist, and a Director for the Department of Standards and Curriculum in science education.

Our principal, Dr. Jane Lucas, our assistant principal for STEAM Mrs. Lisa Sinatra, and the SHS Women in STEM advisor Laurie Vaughn-Grantges led the team on a tour of our developing hydroponics area, where students are leading the way from the ground up in its construction. The ladies were able to see the incorporation of technology using software such as Gizmos, Barbie Bungie jumping, a Chi-Squared activity involving carving pumpkins and counting the seeds, and arts being applied in chemistry as

students created an Alien Periodic Table.

After our tour, went to the PBL (personalized based learning lab) where we had a question-and-answer session with the young ladies in our STEM Explorer Club, Women in STEM. "What inspired you to pursue a career in STEM?" was asked by Kate McClellan, a senior. Interestingly, most of the STEM visitors were not originally following the STEM path due to cultural obstacles and biased mindsets against women. The ladies discussed how they overcame the way they were treated in their male-dominated field and their cultures that would expect females to be married, have babies, and work in kitchens. Another question was asked by Kellyann Popp, another senior, "How did you keep your confidence level up as you pursued your goals?" The STEM professionals had much to say about looking at themselves for self-motivation and knowing if they don't speak up for themselves, no one else will. They encouraged the girls to speak freely and understand that "you are in the right place, even if others think you aren't." Vanessa French, a junior, had much to say about how classy these ladies were and how amazing it was to meet such a team of women supporting other women. "It makes me have hope for our future as strong females. If these ladies can persevere in their countries, so can we!"

We look forward to continuing our dialog via Skype, Blog posts, and Instagram with these ladies throughout the year.

Laurie Vaughn-Grantges, *SHS Instructor*



## SHS Girlfriends Club 2022 Girls Talk Summit

The Seminole High School Girlfriends Club attended the Annual Girls Talk Summit at the Mahaffey Theatre which was organized by the My Sister's Keeper Organization and Pinellas County Schools. This year's event had 500+ female student from both Pinellas and Hillsborough County Schools. The keynote speaker was Award Winning Artist Chrisette Michele, who spoke with the girls about pursuing their goals and dreams. The event was a huge success, and the girls had a great time at the event.



## Picture Yourself A Warhawk!

Superintendent Hendrick pictures himself a Warhawk at a district application fair. One of many events where potential SHS students are found.



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## Weekend Sendoffs

The SHS All-In Big Band will start playing music in the band courtyard at 1:50 and play until about 2:05. Teachers are encouraged to bring their 7th period class to this fun way to usher in the weekend. Weekend sendoffs are on Fridays, monthly through November and then weekly from December through the rest of the school year. Faculty and staff with musical or dancing talent should contact Mr. Harris so we can feature you at an upcoming weekend sendoff.



## SHS Teacher Of The Year

For the 2nd year in a row, Seminole High has a Top 10 Finalist for Pinellas County Schools Teacher of the Year! Congratulations to Mr. Jerry Cantrell! The Warhawk Nation, Superintendent Hendrick, and Area Superintendent Hinds were on hand, in a red-carpet celebration, replete with our Marching Band and Mr. Cantrell's students, for the surprise announcement November 8th. Jerry will be honored at Mahaffey Theatre ceremony in January.

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## SHS Emerging Teacher Of The Year

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**Mike Frank**

- Reliable
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- Team Player

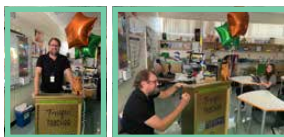
## SHS Support Employee Of The Year

Congratulations to Mr. Mike Frank on being the Seminole High School support employee of the year. Thank you for all of your hard work and effort.

## Terrific Teacher Tribute

The Educators Rising club would like to congratulate Mr. Wayman for winning the first Terrific Teacher Tribute of this school year! All students had a chance to vote for their favorite teacher during AR/SEL, and Mr. Wayman got the most votes! Educators Rising presented him with the coveted Golden Podium on Friday, October 7th.

Every month students will be able to vote to have their favorite teachers recognized with this fun and exciting award! The Educators Rising club wants our Warhawk teachers to know that they are amazing, and students notice! Be sure to watch and see who will win the Golden Podium next month!



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1. Promote the advancement of ALL high school students as engineers and scientists in employment and education.

2. Develop and participate in programs with industry and the school, which benefit students seeking technical degrees.
3. Improve the retention of students to enroll in engineering and science.
4. Provide a forum for the exchange of information pertinent for students enrolled in the school.

Cristine Rodriguez,  
President, SHPE



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# SHS Warhawks



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## SHS Gardening

SHS Gardening is an initiative taken by the students to beautify our campus. The club meets every Tuesday after school in room E3. We have many students bringing in great ideas to benefit the wellness of our school. Future plans include a pathway and tables between B and C classrooms, as well as an aquaponics garden behind the back cafeteria. As the club expands, we can carry out these ideas, and beautify Seminole High.

Jaye Rice, *President SHS Gardening*



## National STEM Honor Society

The National STEM Honor Society is at Seminole High School! This is an honor society offered to students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade who are enrolled in or have completed one CTE class in high school. The purpose of nSTEM is to inspire students in fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Being a part of this society helps students bolster their resumes and gain a competitive advantage for college and employment applications. Additionally, it provides real world relevance and transforms students into collaborators and imaginative problem solvers. At Seminole High School, we plan to participate in a variety of STEM volunteering events. Please read the following criteria if you wish to apply:

- Be in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.
- Maintain a 3.25 overall unweighted GPA.
- Must complete 1 college level course prior to graduating high school.
- Must complete 1 CTE class prior to graduating high school. (Sustainable Engineering Academy, CEL, eCommerce, or Business Technologies)
- Have no behavior related referrals or disciplinary action at SHS.
- Plan to be an active member: meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month and complete 12 service hours each semester for nSTEM causes.

Madison Leiner, *President, nSTEM Honor Society*





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### PCS Praise Shoutouts

Steve Harris – “Mr. Harris put on a "Giving Bach" event at Bauder Elementary School. The purpose of the event was to connect with the elementary school students through the use of music and generate interest in the elementary orchestra program. During the presentation, Mr. Harris had 3rd grade students participate with the high school students to perform a song together. Many of these 5th grade students had never held an orchestra instrument before, but with the help of the high school "experts," they performed with excitement and poise! This was such a great event, especially because many of the high school orchestra students once attended Bauder ES and were excited to share their talents with the students!” – Acknowledged by Brigitte Poulson

Steve Harris - "Steven co-presented a session for the Pinellas County Jazz Teachers through the Performing Arts PD After Dark series. The session "Jazz Band Tips and Tricks" was a joint effort between Steven and Robert Bosma (Tarpon Springs HS). This professional development session was expertly presented and recorded for future performing arts PD. Bravo to Steven and his desire to help other teachers in Pinellas County!" – Acknowledged by Brigitte Poulson

Dawn Gentry – "Ms. Gentry took the time to join our open office hours facilitated by the team to explore deferment options and ask questions to share with her team and families.” – Acknowledged by Katerina Roussos

Mike Frank - "Mike Frank is a tireless advocate for our school, faculty, staff, and students at Seminole High! He is on top of operational, relational, and aesthetic needs to ensure we have optimal conditions for learning.” – Acknowledged by Dr. Jane Lucas

Maya Berrios - "Ms. Berrios was masterful at planning and running All County Chorus auditions. Our students benefitted greatly from her organization and passion.” – Acknowledged by Ajori Spencer

Maya Berrios - "Ms. Berrios coordinated the 2022-2023 High School All-County Chorus Concert that was held last night at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Ms. Berrios showed great commitment to children, families and the community by organizing 5 after-hour rehearsals, 1 full-day rehearsal with a world renowned clinician (Frances Fonza Smith), and a phenomenal concert complete with solos, instrumentalists, and a faculty choir. BRAVO on your accomplishment this year!" – Acknowledged by Brigitte Poulson

Jessica Fisher - "Ms. Fisher is always the consummate professional. However, these past several weeks she has exemplified the true core value of commitment to children, families, and the community in exemplary ways. From serving others through her hurricane shelter duties, to overseeing a flawless and phenomenal school wide PSAT/SAT test day, to taking over, at the last moment, the facilitation of the ACT in school assessment facilitation. Jessica Fisher's dedication, tireless work ethic, support of her colleagues, and care for students and our community is unparalleled!" – Acknowledged by Dr. Jane Lucas

Paula Thomas - "Paula is the most knowledgeable psychologist I have worked with in my 12 years in the district. She is reliable and cares about her students' academic and emotional needs. She provides support to teacher so they can teach, and to students so they can learn. Seminole High School is lucky to have her as part of their team.” – Acknowledged by Beth Kelzer

Laurie Vaughn-Grantges - "Mrs. Vaughn runs a Women in STEM club at SHS. We had an opportunity to host a delegation of female STEM leaders from other countries through the World Partnerships program and the U.S. Department of State. Mrs. Vaughn organized a tour of Seminole High School, question and answer session for the students, and luncheon for the participants, who came from seven different countries. It was valuable learning opportunity for our students, and she went above and beyond in making it happen." – Acknowledged by Catherine Mullins

Alana Lawson - "As the lead for Child Study Team, Alana has embraced the new system and worked to develop a team and processes to utilize this new resource to improve attendance practices at SHS. This is not only my opinion, I also have the data to back this claim!! Alana truly embraces the district initiative and has accomplished significant improvements in the way CST functions at SHS. Alana, you should be proud of your hard work; I am.” – Acknowledged by Beth Kelzer

Kerri Rohrer - "Kerri is a new member of the AVID family at Seminole High School and continues to closely align herself with the other members of the AVID team and has created external partnerships to ensure student success. As a part of the First Year AVID Teacher PLC, Kerri was the only teacher to attend this month, showing her undeniable dedication to her students' success and to honing her craft. The AVID family is so very lucky to have Kerri and the students of Seminole High School are better because of her." – Acknowledged by Hanna Graziano

Gina Gibbs - "Gina truly cares about the well-being of her students and their families - she is Queen of resources and making sure that people get the help they need.” – Acknowledged by Steena Facey



### Sustainable Engineering Academy Inaugural Advisory Committee Meeting

STEAM Lead Teacher Jerry Cantrell and his incredible students discussing future focus and their innovative projects at the Inaugural Advisory Committee meeting.

### New Freshman Class Officers

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## Center for Education and Leadership (CEL)

The CEL students have had a very busy and exciting year so far! The senior CEL 4 students are interning daily at several local elementary schools, Seminole and Osceola Middle Schools and here on our campus as well. They are actively working as classroom assistants, lunch buddies, mentors, reading and math tutors and more. Some of them are creating lesson plans to assist the teachers as well. Pictured here are seniors Jack Bradley and Wesley Ray creating upcoming lessons in Mrs. Evans' history class at Seminole Middle. (photo of two boys in black CEL shirts working on project)

The seniors are tasked with observing different educational environments as they accumulate their CEL hours of volunteering in the community. This month we focused on observing the importance of sequencing material for presentation in the classroom. Senior Kendall Davis explained, "The sequencing of materials is important in implementing instructional activities and helping students learn new content because when the material students are learning is in an order that makes sense, they are more likely to pick up the information faster, and it will make more sense to them. For example, in my internship the students started learning poetry. They were analyzing the poems, but before they could analyze them, the teacher had to teach them why poets write the way they do because it's a new form of writing to them, and they don't have much experience reading poetry. If she had just told them to analyze the poems without any background first they wouldn't have been completely confused."



CEL 3 students are also getting real world teaching experience this school year by becoming AVID tutors or participating in our HIP program. HIP stands for Health Information Project, and it is designed to educate ninth grade students about many real-world issues affecting their mental and physical well-being. Our peer health educators are CEL juniors and seniors who have trained and practiced delivering the lessons that are developed by HIP. The idea is that when students have someone closer to their own age explaining difficult, but important topics like drug abuse and addiction, they will be more receptive to the information, and it will have a more positive impact on them. HIP also provides students with resources including the peer educators who can become another person for younger students to go to if they need help. This is our second year with HIP at our school, and our HIP officers have received glowing reviews from the HIP organization on their kick-off events! This year's HIP officers are President Hannah Robinson, Vice Presidents Kate McClellan, David Solares and Isabella Cadogen, Co-Secretaries Robby Healy and Kaylie Deschenes and Social Media Officer Madison Leiner. Here are some of the HIP officers on the training zoom call with HIP groups from all over the state.

CEL 2 is currently studying behavioral theorists and looking forward to the upcoming egg baby project. CEL 1 just completed their unit on career exploration and professionalism in the workplace by creating "professional skeletons" and dressing them for success! In addition to successful completion of required classwork, many CEL students have been volunteering their time here on campus and beyond. So far this year, CEL students have helped at our College Fair, Mathnasium Nights at Cross Bayou Elementary and Anona Elementary, they have volunteered at several elementary school Fall Festivals and numerous other events, going above and beyond to build positive relationships within our educational community.

Lastly, the CEL program is currently welcoming 8th graders to shadowing days. CEL students show the potential Warhawks around campus and take them to class for the first four periods of the day. Current 8th graders can find the sign-up link at the school website to choose a shadowing day.



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## A New Record

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## French Canada & Beyond Tour

*Bonjour à tous!*

Are you looking to expand your travel, cultural, and linguistic horizons? Are you interested in wildlife and the beauty of nature, maple syrup, indigenous art, and some of the oldest history on the North American continent? If so, you may be interested in French teacher, Mr. Wayman's, summer 2024 student educational tour to "French Canada & beyond." The tour is:

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The majority of the trip is in the French-speaking Quebec Province. The tour is a balance of:

- Cultural / linguistic immersion (so kids can practice their language skills)
- Learning about the history & culture of Quebec/Canada (museums & guided tours—a visit to the Plains of Abraham)
- Seeing the natural beauty of Canada (the Saint Lawrence River, Montmorency & Niagara Falls, Great Lake Ontario, the Fjord of the Saguenay River—seeing wildlife, including moose, whales, seals and other)
- And Fun (traditional sugar-shack, maple syrup-themed dinner with live music and folk dancing, ghost tour, boat tours, exploring historic city centers, walking the old historic walls of Quebec, etc.)

### Highlights:

- Montreal Bio Dome (a world-famous science center containing all 4 biodomes in one building—including flora and fauna)
- Historic church visits (Basilica of Sainte Anne de Beauré, Notre Dame de Montréal)
- Visit to a native Canadian reservation / village (the Huron/ Wendat tribe)
- Ghost tour in French of old Quebec City
- Whale watching excursion (by boat) on the Saint Lawrence River—with a naturalist guide (tour done in French and English)—where students will see minke, finback, and beluga whales—as well as gray seals
- Parliament building in Ottawa, Canada's capital
- National Gallery of Art in Ottawa (houses the largest collection of indigenous, Canadian / Inuit art in the world)
- Bike tour of the historic Rideau Canal in Ottawa
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# WarHawk News

## Sustainable Engineering Academy Overview

### Water Resource Sustainability and Engineering I classes are learning to fly drones.

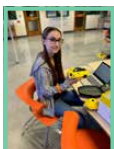
The students will obtain their Unmanned Safety Institute Drone Safety Level 1 certification this winter. This assures that they are ready to take their pilots license exam at a future date. Upon completion of the drone certification, the students will put their experiences into action by taking samples and learning to map natural phenomena with ArcGIS. Local and regional employers have indicated that students having drone and ArcGIS certifications are valuable to business; they will hire and pay for these student's college education.

Engineering II and III are creating a hydroponics garden. A hydroponics garden is a method of growing plants without soil. These classes are building the garden out of PVC pipe, learning to use power tools, and using artistic concepts in conjunction with CAD systems to create their structures. When completed, it will have DNA strands as supports and SHS in the middle using school colors to represent Seminole High School and its connections to all aspects of learning.

Advanced Engineering students are currently working on their capstone research projects. By November, these students will begin experimental design. The design concepts range from rocket engine design, to drone mapping of sea floors (bathymetry), to building and testing of experimental airplanes, and more... Look around campus as these experiments will be conducted at SHS.

On October 25th, the Sustainable Engineering Academy (SEA) has its first Academy Advisory Committee meeting. Pinellas County Schools has indicated that it will pursue Academy of Distinction status for Seminole High School's Sustainable Engineering Academy. Students from SHS Gardening, SEA, nSTEM, and SHPE are vital to the success of the Academy of Distinction status.

Brandi Colliver, *Engineering II*



## Fine Arts Accolades

- Congratulations to Jaheem Matthews, Matthew Kosinski, Jocelyn Adams, Patty Schmidt, & Nicholas Andreadakis for representing Seminole High School in the Pinellas All-County High School Chorus performance!
- Congratulations to Nicholas Andreadakis for being accepted into the Florida All-State Tenor-Bass Choir!
- Congratulations to Cole Kountoupis, Maddox Stuckhoff, & Serafim Fitzgerald for being selected for the All-State Orchestra!
- Congratulations to Alejandro Alonso for being selected for the All-State Popular Music Collective!
- Congratulations to Angel Kelley for having her photography piece "I Am Enough" chosen to be displayed in The Risser Gallery at the Morean Arts Center from Oct. 29th through Dec. 3rd.
- Congratulations to our Warhawk Marching Band! They have earned three accolades so far this year. At the 2022 Pinellas County Schools District Performance Assessment they earned Straight Superiors! They are the Grand Champions of the 2022 Tarpon Springs Outdoor Music Festival! They also came home as a Bands of America Regional Class Finalist! *Thank you to the Mr. Gerard Madrinan for his flawless, "velvet glove" leadership!*

