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A Message from the Principal

Hello Warhawk Families!

Happy New Year and Welcome to Semester 2! 2024 is shaping up to be nothing short of spectacular at the Warhawk Nation! I am thrilled to share with you the highlights of how our Faculty, Staff, and Students continue to SOAR (Focused on Success; keeping an Open mind; demonstrating Accountability and Responsibility) while exhibiting the "Warhawk Way," to live your life with purpose, respect, and grit.

- Congratulations to our Center for Education & Leadership (CEL) Academy for earning a National Award of Merit as a 2024 School of Distinction by the Magnet Schools of America organization. We will be receiving our award at the MSA Conference in New York City on April 19th. Thank you to CEL Academy Director, Deanna Russo, and her amazing students for this incredible accomplishment!
- We are so proud of our Lady Warhawks who defeated Osceola High in OT and down-to-the-wire penalty kicks to prevail as District Soccer Champions! Thank you to Coach Christine Applewhite and our scholar athletes!
- Performing & Visual Arts Chair and 4A Academy for the Arts Director, Gerard Madrinan, is Pinellas County's Teacher of the Year! He was honored at The Mahaffey Theatre presentation and chauffeured to school the next morning, in a stretch limousine, as the entire Warhawk Faculty, Staff, and Student Body celebrated this historic achievement. Mr. Madrinan is headed on to State and National competition.
- Stupendous shoutout to our Boys Basketball Team and expert Coach & Athletic Director, Josh Walker, for their historic achievement as PCAC Champions! Dominic Leide hit a final millisecond game-winning 3-pointer in the Warhawks triple overtime victory, prevailing over Gibbs for Seminole High School's first-ever PCAC Title!
- Scholar athlete Christopher Tucker is Pinellas County's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award Winner. Chris was honored at a special banquet as a guest of mine and Superintendent Hendrick for his fantastic, tenacious academic acumen and grit!
- The award-winning State Silver Champion and Bands of America Top 10 Finalist Warhawk Marching Band will perform for an audience of millions at the 2025 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California!
- Thank you to our wonderful College & Career Center Director, Ms. Sims, as well as our stellar Guidance Department, led by Ms. Wood, for hosting Senator Marco Rubio's aide and CEO of The Pinellas Education Foundation in a collaborative informational session about our students' phenomenal success in FAFSA completion and post-secondary achievement.
- Phase 1 of our complete school renovation will be kicking off this Spring. We are so excited to share our transformation into a state-of-the-art facility with our community and stakeholders!

Please reach out to me, or the Leadership Team, for any assistance, as we lean into the final months of this school year. Mentoring, tutoring, and credit recovery options are available to all students, free of charge, and on an as needed and real time basis.

Seminole High School continues to demonstrate unparalleled success. 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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PCS Praise Shoutouts

Melissa Sprout - "Melissa Sprout goes above and beyond to do anything she can to help parents and students. She doesn't make anyone feel like they are a burden even if they contact her several times a week. She is responsive and caring with all students, parents, faculty, and staff." – Acknowledged by Sara Lovett

Janet Cruikshank - "Always going above and beyond what is expected of her on a daily basis to make sure that Seminole High is ready for the next school day." – Acknowledged by Michael Martinez

Laura Woodward - "As a bilingual assistant, I work with many teachers and staff. I see the dedication and support to the ESOL students from everyone; however, I want to recognize one that went above and beyond when she didn't have to. Ms. Woodward is a dedicated teacher who cares for her students. She wants them to do well in all subjects such as reading, science, social studies, and math. I want to recognize Ms. Woodward for her effort and dedication specifically to the ESOL students by going beyond her duties to find books of all core curriculum and reading books to enrich the knowledge of the students who struggle with English language. Her willingness turned a small request into a generous donation. It is an honor to work with Ms. Woodward and be part of the Warhawk team." – Acknowledged by Clara Avlonitis

Shawn Siede - "Shawn goes above and beyond what is expected of him on a daily basis and through his exceptional work ethic has created great relationships with teachers and students." Acknowledged by Michael Martinez

Gerard Madrinan - "Mr. Madrinan represented Seminole High performing arts at the South County Performing Arts Fair on Wednesday, November 29, at Azalea Middle School. His students performed for incoming 9th grade students and families and did an awesome job. His presence at this recruiting event demonstrates his commitment to children, families, and the community. Thank you, Gerard!" – Acknowledged by Meghan Alfaro

Jennifer Nicodemus - "Ms. Nicodemus is running a weekly news show with her students during enrichment time. The respect and patience she displays with her students is something that many teachers could look up to. Without knowing the first thing about production, she has taken the time to enhance their school experience by giving students a place to express their desire to contribute to school spirit in an unconventional manner. While LMT's are overwhelmed with many other duties, she takes pride in this effort and seems to thoroughly enjoy the process of learning right along with the students." – Acknowledged by Bryan Bowhall



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All State Band & Orchestra

Lauren Basara represented Seminole High as part of the All-State Band, while Cole Kountoupis represented SHS as part of the All-State Orchestra. Congratulations to both of these students for their excellent performance!

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Congratulations to the talented students listed that won a Gold/Silver Key or Honorable Mention award for their hard work and creativity! A few of our Warhawk artists earned additional awards at the ceremony as well! Both Rissa Schmader & Emily Vogelsang earned an Award of Excellence from PAVA – the Professional Association of Visual Artists. Rissa with a Silver award worth \$250 and Emily with a Gold award worth \$500! Arianna Howell earned an American Visions Award from the Pinellas Art Education Association worth \$200 and has a 1/5 chance of being selected as the *Pinellas County Art Region American Vision Award* from a national jury in New York City. Once again, congratulations to all of our very talented Warhawks!

- Aryanna Holland 1 Gold Key – 1 Silver Key
- Arianna Howell 2 Gold Keys – 1 Honorable Mention
- Antonella Moreno-Moranti 1 Gold Key
- Ari Rosado 1 Gold Key
- Amelie Schaefer 1 Gold Key
- Rissa Schmader 4 Silver Keys – 1 Honorable Mention
- Ella Thornsberry 2 Gold Keys
- Emily Vogelsang 1 Gold Key
- Milla Wrzesniewski 1 Gold Key



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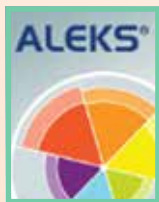


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Algebra 1 at Work

Algebra 1 students are working hard to get ready for the End Of Course exam! All students must earn the math testing requirement to graduate from high school, so we are serious! Here we are working on parallel and perpendicular lines that are edible licorice! Their slopes are opposite reciprocals from each other. Our topic right now is quadratics and polynomials. We are almost perfect at FOIL-ing! The Aleks software from the McGraw Hill textbook is terrific for practice and explaining the tougher concepts. Remember - any number to the zero power is 1!



Every year students throughout the nation submit projects in one of several categories on a topic of their choosing (related to that year's theme) to their school history fairs, potentially moving up to regional, state, and national competition. At Seminole, every student in AP US (Mr. Roberson) or AP European History (Mrs. Partin) completes a project. This year's theme was "Turning Points in History". This year we had close to 100 projects across 9 competition categories. The following students won and will represent Seminole High School at Pinellas History Day on February 23 & 24 at LHS. Without further ado, the winners for each category are:

Exhibits- Individual:

1st Place: Arianna Howell

- 2nd Place: Noah Von Dauber
- 3rd Place: Naomi Waters

Exhibits- Group:

- 1st Place: Anton Dang & Daniel Lin
- 2nd Place: Taylor Cannon, Madelyn McRitchie, and Kristen Williams
- 3rd Place: Gavin Avila, Caden Graves, and Max Siragusa

Websites- Individual:

1st Place: Lillian Pick

- 2nd Place: Brenna Kasprzyk
- 3rd Place: Grace Aragones

Websites- Group:

- 1st Place: Becca Bernard, Caleb Hersey, and Addison Wadsworth
- 2nd Place: Matthew Morales and Murilo Taraborelli
- 3rd Place: Nevaeh Bargar and Shange Cao

Documentaries- Individual:

- 1st Place: Cody Greene
- 2nd Place: Riley Rice
- 3rd Place: Connor O'Neil

Documentaries- Group:

- 1st Place: Lauren Basara and Hailey Westfall
- 2nd Place: Lincoln Dukes, Austin Duffy, and Bronson Shaefer
- 3rd Place: Kenzie DeMarinis and Holly Scherer

Performances- Group:

- 1st Place: Aaron Montchal, Christian Moreno, and Lucas Skyers

Research Papers:

- 1st Place: Caleb Barco
- 2nd Place: Alina Hernandez
- 3rd Place: Lillian Malm

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Terrific Teacher Tribute

Educators Rising has awarded the Terrific Teacher Tribute each month to a Warhawk faculty member that students choose to receive the “Golden Podium” for their outstanding teaching efforts! Congratulations to Mrs. Healey (December), and Mrs. Sellers (January) for being some of our Terrific Teachers this year!

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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SHS at Pinellas Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Seminole High School competed in the 2024 Pinellas Regional Science and Engineering Fair in February. Nine students from Seminole High School's Sustainable Engineering Academy competed in the competition. All nine placed:

1. Angelina Gomez (11) - 1st Place Engineering – Improving Bat Durability.
2. Sal Rapuano (12) and Tyler Teixeira (12) – 3rd Place Engineering – Gear Ratio Affects with Acceleration of a Go-cart.
3. Holdon Ballard (12), Jesse Philbrick (12), and Owen Carnahan (12) – 3rd Place Engineering – Self-Righting Boats.
4. Kaylee Mashburn (9) – 1st Place Animal Sciences – Neanderthal Extinction and Links to Climate Change.
5. Joseph Sinatra (12) and Aidan Rees (12) – 1st Place Chemistry – Energy from Water.



Congratulations!



Future Performing Warhawks

SHS hosted a “music field trip” where 225 Fifth Grade students from Fuguitt, Seminole, and Ridgecrest Elementary were able to not only listen to performances by our Seminole High Band & Orchestra, but also interact with our students and staff to find out more about what it's like to be a part of the program. The elementary students were also able to find out what their near future would be like from special guest students from Seminole and Osceola Middle School!

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AVID News

AVID students have been rocking the college acceptance and award season this year! We would love to highlight and congratulate the following AVID Seniors for their achievements:

- Christopher Tucker won the Martin Luther King Junior Humanitarian award earlier this month, as well as received his acceptance letters to Florida Gulf Coast University, Nova Southeastern University, University of West Florida, Tennessee State university, and the University of Pittsburgh!
 - Ethan Barry has been accepted to the University of Central Florida for Aerospace Engineering!
 - Vanessa French has been accepted to Florida Gulf Coast for Marine Science, Flagler College with a \$5,000 Presidential Merit award, Valdosta State University, and Florida Tech with a renewable \$12,000 scholarship for a total 4-year award of \$48,000!
 - Maggie Bailey has been accepted to Nova Southeastern University, the University of North Florida, and the University of South Florida!
 - Samantha Centanni has been accepted to Florida Atlantic University!

We are so proud of our AVID senior class and can't wait to see where life takes them!



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