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WarHawk News

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A Message from the Principal

Hello Warhawk Families!

Happy Spring! We are so excited to celebrate the incredible Class of 2023 and our Faculty, Staff, as well as the entire Student Body of Seminole High School! Quarter 4 has been filled with accomplishments and accolades that continue to shine forth as the true embodiment of the "Warhawk Way!"

Seminole High School continues to be a National PTA School of Excellence.

- The Warhawk Nation has the designation of being a Cambridge International School, an AP Capstone Diploma School, and offers "The AP Experience for the 21st Century Learner" where all students have the access and opportunity to take advanced level college courses, as well as achieve industry certifications before they graduate a Warhawk!
- We are the only high school in the nation to provide an Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning Advisory Period that supports every student in their endeavors!
- SHS is a "Golden School Award" winner in leadership and school volunteerism as designated by the Department of Education.
- Seminole High School is a 5 Star National Blue-Ribbon Award-Winning School, also recognized by the Florida Department
 of Education for our overall academic excellence
- SHS was honored by the Florida Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Project as a Platinum Medal Award Winner for being a PBIS Model School. We are the only high school in the Tampa Bay Area to have achieved this distinction!
- As a tribute to our Coaches and scholar athletes, Seminole High School has been nominated by the FHSAA for the Fred E. Rozelle Sportsmanship Award!
- 5 Warhawk Swim Team members achieved State Finalist status.
- The Warhawk Boys Basketball team won their 5th District Championship title.
- Our Girls Warhawk Soccer Team captured the District Championship Title for the first time in over a decade!
- Scholar athlete Kylie Ovalle is headed to The United States Air Force Academy after Graduation!
- Senior visual artist Olivia Zwolski won the "Best in Show award for the Congressional District Art competition. Her
 artwork will be on display in the Capital for an entire year. Junior Emily Vogelsang was named Honorable Mention in
 this prestigious art show.
- Our Band and Jazz programs performed stellar programs at State Festival.
- The SHS Orchestra was the only string ensemble in the district to qualify for State Competition!
- Our Warhawk Marching Band is the Florida Marching Band State Champion! This is Seminole's 5th Championship title,
 and this year they achieved the highest gold medal score in the tournament's history!
- The SHS Choral Department continues to soar with exceptional performances at district and community events. The Troup 3039 Warhawk Thespians produced an entertaining and uplifting Musical Dinner Theatre!
- Our Senior Class President, Lily Rivera, is headed to the United States Coast Guard Academy after graduation!
- Seminole High School has partnered with pinnacles of higher education such as Stanford University in their "Bright Spots" project, along with the University of Michigan and the Institute for Social Research, to inform and enact attention and action on the most important issues facing our nation's high school students.
- Seminole High School is one of only a few schools in the nation to be recognized as a Franklin Covey Institute Leader in Me "Lighthouse Schools" for our extraordinary commitment to leadership!"
- SHS is proud to also be one of "America's Healthiest Schools," as designated by the Alliance for A Healthier Generation.
- Under the skillful direction of our Emerging Teacher of the Year, AVID Coordinator and expert AP Biology teacher Melissa Brandenburg Seminole High achieved "AVID Schoolwide Site status!
- Through our Sustainable Engineering Academy (SEA) led by 2023 Top 10 Teacher of the Year Finalist STEAM integration



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Principal's Message

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is taking place schoolwide as well. In addition, SHS has over 60+ diverse clubs and extra-curricular activities that facilitate engagement and leadership experiences. These offerings, along with our 7 vibrant academies, truly encapsulate our motto that there is "something for everyone at the Warhawk Nation!"

- Our College and Career Center and Director, working in tandem with our school counselors, continues to be
 a scholastic beacon to all students. Our CCC Director and school leadership hosted a college and university
 fair for our juniors and seniors, with over 40 institutions of higher learning in attendance. And School Board
 Members from throughout the state visited to panel with our School Counselor Team and students.
- The Center for Education and Leadership (CEL) CEL students have earned nearly 4.5 MILLION dollars in college and university scholarships!!!! And the CEL Academy is partnering with USF St. Pete to create seamless pathways for aspiring educators!
- We were recently notified that SHS, and our amazing Math Department Chair and Track & Field Coach Bill
 Rasmussen, was honored and recognized for earning "The College Board's AP Computer Science Female
 Diversity Award!" One of only a few schools in the Nation!
- 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



PCS Praise Shoutouts

Elsa Soto - "Ms. Soto does so much to help our school. I would like to specifically highlight how she is always a friendly face when a family comes to register to SHS. She does such a great job of identifying our homeless students, and other students in need. She is also always willing to translate with Spanish speaking parents. She is a shining star that makes my job easier" – Acknowledged by Gina Gibbs

Joshua Walker - "Coach Walker is a dedicated, driven, and tireless advocate for the students, families, and community of Seminole High School. As athletic coordinator, head basketball coach, and gifted math educator; His influence, care, and expertise changes lives in a positive way on a daily basis. In addition, he serves as a faculty presence at all athletic and special events at Seminole High and throughout the District. His partnership with our administrative team is a powerful force in the community as well. I cannot think of a more dedicated professional!" – Acknowledged by Dr. Lucas

Kristen Reilly - "Ms. Reilly planned and executed a wonderful Literacy event last week. Students were able to attend an author talk and meet a professional writer. It was a lot of work and effort on her part, but the students really enjoyed it. I appreciate all she does for our students and the effort to promote literacy." – Acknowledged by Melodee Drake

Wassim Mentouri - "Mr. Mentouri truly cares about his students. He welcomes each one by name as they enter his room every day. They know that he is someone they can trust and turn to if they need it. He also tutors kids after school to make sure their math skills are on track. He's a great asset to our school." Acknowledged by Melodee Drake

Jerry Cantrell - "Please recognize Mr. Jerry for going above and beyond his instructional duties to provide the opportunity for Pinellas County students to participate in the State Science and Engineering Fair. His commitment and dedication to this event is admirable. Thank you for all you do for our students" – Acknowledged by Krista Lemon

Joshua Roberson - "Josh was our leader for the Rho Kappa student volunteers with Pinellas History Day. He coordinated with other schools, his own Rho Kappa students, and our PHD team to place the students in positions where they felt

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comfortable and were invaluable to the running of the competition. He advocated for the volunteers and made sure they had what they needed to both feel successful, valued, and meet their needs for community service hours. Thank you, Josh!" - Acknowledged by Michelle Anderson

Lisa Sinatra - "Lisa Sinatra exemplifies the Core Value of Connectedness through her tireless efforts in continuous improvements with our Master Schedule process. Her professional acumen has not only positively affected the students and staff at Seminole High. In fact, she has created synergy throughout the district by working in tandem with district, site level (internal), as well as externally through a plethora of business and community partnerships. Through her ongoing support of our current Top 10 Teacher of the Year and our award-winning Science. Engineering and schoolwide STEAM programs, Mrs. Sinatra aligns efforts with her common purpose and goal being every student's success. Lisa Sinatra has served as a mentor to essentially every high school and many middle school Assistant Principals of Curriculum, in her ongoing goal of to share and transfer knowledge with others in order to support our district's goal of 100% student success. This expertise in Master Scheduling and Curriculum has served as a perfect segue into mentioning Lisa's invaluable efforts that led to Seminole High School's remarkable 99.2% graduation record, along with the elevation of our school grade. Mrs. Sinatra is a shining example of how connectedness can translate into success at the district, school, and individual student level in a consistent and impactful manner!" - Acknowledged by Superintendent Spotlight

Leslie Morrow - "Mrs. Morrow is a consummate and resolute professional who embodies the principles of the Warhawk Way, "to live your life with purpose, respect, and grit," each day on our campus. Leslie Morrow is an incredible School Counselor who epitomizes the true essence of a student advocate. Leslie Morrow exhibits characteristic traits of honesty, integrity, and service to our students, parents, faculty, and staff. While at Seminole High School, Mrs. Morrow has proven herself as a caring and committed school counselor, by making deep connections with students, aiding them in pursuing their highest academic achievement, social/personal, career and multicultural/global citizenship development. Outside of the usual responsibilities of a school counselor, Mrs. Morrow serves on the School Based Leadership Team and AVID Site Team. She streamlines processes for students and families so that they always have access to school counselors. Mrs. Morrow has open office hours daily for students and parents. The growth and achievement of our students has been unprecedented during her leadership tenure. Mrs. Morrow provides continuous supports to the school counseling team and is a powerful servant leader. When there is a team member out due to an elongated illness or other emergency, Mrs. Morrow is the first to reach out and provide emotional support as well as taking on additional responsibilities. Mrs. Morrow's compassion for the emotional well-being of her colleagues is paramount and is evident in her everyday interactions with them. Mrs. Morrow has brought a schoolwide awareness of the College and Career Center at Seminole High School by involving the students and families in activities associated with post-secondary educational opportunities, including the military. Mrs. Morrow facilitated the In-School College and Career Fair with over 40 Colleges, Universities, and Military in attendance. Mrs. Morrow has an ability to inspire, motivate, and guide students to achieve at the highest levels; while ensuring their social and emotional needs are met, as well." - Acknowledged by Superintendent Spotlight



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2023 Model Water Tower Competition

At the 2023 Model Water Tower Competition, Seminole High School took First Place with its Espacio tower. Trent Marshall, Caleb Escobedo, and Jorge Cainas-Morfa crafted this tower from recycled materials. Additionally, our teams took Second Place with Seminole Water Tower. Andrew Siegel, Ethan Zylman, Owen Carnahan, Holden Ballard, and Jesse Philbrick designed this tower. One additional accolade... Seminole Water Tower won recognition as the Best Tower Design in the entire competition.



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School Board Singers

SHS students were invited to perform during an April School Board meeting. The students did so wonderfully and even made a few audience members cry with their song, Chante Waste Hoksila, a Lakota Lullaby written and arranged as a dedication to the victims of the Uvalde shooting.



Pinellas History Day

The following Warhawks placed in the district rankings; the top 2 in each category earn the right to represent Seminole High and all of Pinellas at Florida History Day in Tallahassee!

- Group Documentary: 1st Place: Lauren Basara and Hailey Westfall: Jazz: A Frontier of Rhythm and Representation
- <u>Individual Exhibit:</u> 2nd Place: Liam McFarlane: Cloning: From Fantasy to Reality
- Individual Performance: 1st Place: Brendan Black: A Beautiful Day For A Neighbor: Fred Rogers Changing The Nation Through Television
- Group Performance: 2nd Place: Jack Bradley, Carter Durgin, Aaron Montchal, and Micah Pierce: Mustard Gas: From Chemical Warfare to Chemotherapy
- 3rd Place: Kayla Harrelson, Madison Russo, and Graci Tubbs: Frances Perkins and the Triangle Factory Fire of 1911
- <u>Individual Website:</u> 2nd Place: Symphony Kight: The Development of Jazz During the Great Depression
- Research Paper: 3rd Place: Maisey Greenway: Yellowstone: The Start of National Parks

Psi Alpha

Celebrating the members of SHS Psi Alpha



Women in STEM Breakfast

This was a fantastic international women's day at Seminole middle school. There were 40 of our high school students, 50 middle school students, and 40 local StEM professionals in attendance. Special shout out to Mrs. Vaughn-Grantges for putting this event together and Mrs. Holmann & Mrs. Davis for their help.



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Oakhurst Elementary Field Day

Thirty-two of our SHS students were sent to Oakhurst for their Field Day on the Friday before spring break. They did a wonderful job helping with the students and events!







SHS Robotics Goes to State!

Congratulations to our SHS Robotics club for participating at the State Finals and bringing back the 2022-2023 Florida Championship Tournament Innovate Award!







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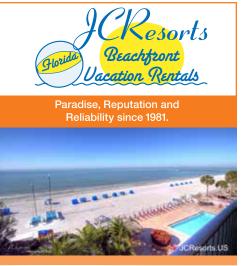
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Pinellas Regional Science and **Engineering Fair Award**

Madison Leiner won the Senior Pinellas Water Prize at the Pinellas Regional Science and Engineering Fair. This award is provided to a High School student that places as the top student in PCS in water related research. Additionally, Madison took first place at the Pinellas Regional Science and Engineering Fair for her Environmental Science research and experimentation in methods to reduce red tide algal blooms. Madison placed number one of more than 100,000 students in public and private schools within Pinellas County. Madison's accomplishments allow her to progress to the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair. She will be among approximately 900 students in the State that will compete for top awards, scholarships, cash prizes, and the opportunity to progress to the International Science and Engineering Fair. The Florida State Science and Engineering Fair is the largest academic competition in the State of Florida. It provides over \$1,000,000 in cash and scholarships to the top students in the State; Madison will shine at this competition!

Drop Savers Poster Contest

South Cross sponsored a water conservation poster contest. Twenty-three artist-students participated in the competition from Seminole High School! The top three winners and honorable mention posters will have their original displayed at Heritage Village in August during Water Quality Month! Each student that placed and or received honorable mentions in the Drop Savers Poster Contest were awarded prizes. All students that participated received a certificate of participation for the excellent work they submitted. The winners and honorable mentions from Seminole High School are as follows:

- First Place: Madison Leiner
- Third Place: Tyler Teixeira
- Honorable Mention: Salvatore Rapuano
- Honorable Mention: Molly Follett

Terrific Teacher Tribute

The Educators Rising club would like to congratulate Mrs. Pierce (February), Mr. Marchetti (March), and Mr. Cantrell (April) on winning the Terrific Teacher Tribute. All students have a chance to vote for their favorite teacher during AR/SEL.

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!







Language & Art

Recently, French NHS students-and sponsor, Mr. Wayman-went on a field trip to the museum of Fine Arts in St. Pete. The main directive of their visit was to see the works of world-famous French sculptor, Auguste Rodin. It was a great experience for all and much was learned about the French master of modern sculpture. Vivent les arts!



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CELebration!

The Senior CELebration was held on Friday 4/21 to recognize the 65 graduating seniors who have successfully completed the requirements for the CEL distinction on their diplomas. They were presented with their CEL stoles, and leadership pins were awarded to students who have gone above and beyond as campus leaders. The Outstanding Educator Awards were presented to Olivia Bordeaux for her outstanding efforts in Mrs. Schuler's kindergarten class at Seminole Elementary and to Zachary Pincence for being such a great intern in Mrs. Fulle's kindergarten class that Oakhurst Elementary nominated him as their volunteer of the year! The CEL Academy awards were presented to Kylie Ovalle and Robby Healy for generously giving of their time and talents for all things CEL this year from speaking at our advisory meetings, representing CEL at the school board CTAE event and even promoting CEL with Wally Warhawk in the Seminole Middle carline. These two students also put in countless hours helping with either AVID or HIP and implementing campus-wide Leader in Me curriculum. They both represent the very best of CEL!

HIP is wrapping up our 2nd successful year! The CEL 3 students have done an outstanding job making connections and promoting positive health and wellness practices to multiple groups of freshmen here on campus this year. We completed the final module in April, and new HIP officers for the 2023-24 school year will be announced soon! Mrs. Russo would like to extend a huge thank you to our outgoing HIP officers who led by example and created a positive system that will help drive us forward to continue being a HIP exemplar school!





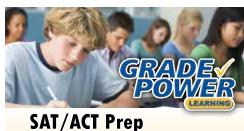






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Student Art Assessment and Virtual Exhibition

Great results at FAEA! Score/Award Classification are as follows:

- Award of Emerging Artist score up to 3.0
- Award of Merit score of 3.0-3.4
- Award of Excellence score of 3.5-3.9
- Award of Excellence with Distinction perfect score of 4.0

Our SHS students who were awarded are: Ava Ambrose – 2.33, Erin Dzierba – 3.33, Sabrina Herrington – 3.33, Arianna Howell – 2.33, Angel Kelley – 3.00, Madison Lloyd – 3.33, Taegan Lord – 3.33, Abigail Ralph – 3.67 (Award of Excellence), Emily Vogelsang – 4.00 (Award of Excellence with Distinction), Olivia Zwolski – 2.67. Congratulations to all of our outstanding Warhawks and Mr. Barden for leading the way!



Picture by: Abby Ralph



Picture by: Emily Vogelsang

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