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WarHawk News

Mission Statement

An organization where the faculty and staff work to build meaningful relationships through relevant academic and extracurricular activities. A place where students grow intellectually and lead successful, fulfilling lives through rigorous training and modeling.

Vision

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A Message from the Principal

Welcome Back Warhawk Families!

I am extremely grateful to our Faculty, Staff, Students, and the Seminole Community for the absolute best school opening ever! The 2023-2024 school year is going to be amazing!

The "Warhawk Way" is to "live your life with purpose, respect, and grit." Our students and staff are exhibiting characteristics that embody this mission, each day. Our commitment is for each student to demonstrate "purpose" through engagement in learning; "respect" by showing care for others, themselves, and our campus; and "grit" by being dressed for success and on time to school each day as they focus on instruction. This collective dedication will result in holistic academic, social, and emotional growth for every Warhawk scholar.

Seminole High School's spirit and positive scholastic culture are at an unprecedented high level! We are a PTA National School of Excellence, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports Platinum Medal Award Winner, A Distinguished Golden School of Distinction Department of Education designee, and a Cambridge International School. The Warhawk Nation is leading the way in educational rigor, as well as innovation for all! I am so proud of our Students, Staff, Faculty, and the entire educational ecosystem!

Seminole High School offers a myriad of opportunities for every student to get connected, while achieving academic, social, and holistic success. Our 7 award-winning Academies, along with the vibrant AVID and STEAM programs here at SHS, in tandem with our Athletic, Arts, Global Service Organizations, 12 Honor Societies, and 50+ Clubs. This provides the ability to belong within a meaningful community of care on campus. Please encourage your child to get involved! The undeniable research shows that connection to an activity or organization at school will catapult your student to a trajectory of advanced achievement, while sustaining healthy adolescent social and emotional growth.

As Principal, I am thrilled to partner with you as we make the 2023-2024 school year the best year yet for Seminole High School!



Go Warhawks!

Dr. M. Jane Lucas

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Water & Rice: Do Words Matter?

An experiment from AP European History with Mrs. Partin – Dr. Emoto, Japanese MD and Psychologist has experimented with talking to water and extended his research to water & rice. We have recreated the experiment in class and each day, each AP Euro student talks to the two jars – one mean words/phrases, the other nice kind words/phrases. On day 4 the differences are already occurring. The hypothesis is that kind words will leave the fermenting rice in a pure form, while the mean words will leave the rice in a moldy or decaying form. It's a 30-day experiment so you'll have to sit tight and be patient for the end result. Look for it in the next edition!



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Member Responsibilities:

- Discuss psychology articles
- Research
- Complete volunteer hours
- Attend all meetings (with exceptions)
- Participate in school activity

Anyone interested in joining Psi Alpha must have:

- Completed at least a semester of a psychology course.
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SHS Students Travel to Canada Over the Summer!

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:

- An all-inclusive (except lunch), 9-day tour to: Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, and Niagara Falls
- 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 and culture of Quebec/Canada (museums and guided tours—a visit to the Plains of Abraham)
 - Seeing the natural beauty of Canada (the Saint Lawrence River, Montmorency and 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 Beaupré, 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
 - Crime and Punishment jail tour in Ottawa
 - Toronto CN Tower ascent (atop which one gets the best, extremely elevated view of Great Lake Ontario)
 - Niagara Falls Tour (including a boat ride right up to the bottom of the falls).

It is going to be an exciting adventure. There are only a couple of spots left! So, if interested, please reach out to Mr. Wayman in B-13 or at waymantravel@gmail.com. And learn more here:

Note: 2026 itinerary coming soon. (This time, back to Europe - Itinerary coming soon.)



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E-Commerce

The Academy of E-Commerce, now being directed under the leadership of Mr. Kennedy & Mr. Rhames is excited to build a fun, exciting and revamped vision to the Academy. The Academy consists of core technology classes that explore many aspects of business, technology, and careers. Students in E-Commerce are actively pursuing higher achievement and industry certifications in Entrepreneurship & Small Business which lead to mastery of practical life skills in business and college credit.

In other news, Chick-fil-A breakfast has returned to Seminole High yet again and the student body showed up to get a taste of some the new menu items (spicy chicken biscuits, and chocolate chunk cookies). 3rd year, E-Commerce Analysis & Design students Kayla Harelson & Andrew Seigel manage the breakfast seamlessly with the ability to accept cash, and electronic payment via card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. So come on down to B-3 next time to get yours!

Meanwhile, students in E-Commerce Analysis & Design like Devon Swartz & Rylie Rice are leading the way towards introducing new products to the store soon. New hats, fan jerseys and more are just some of the creative ideas coming from 3rd Year E-Commerce students. In addition, students in E-Commerce learn valuable accounting skills and become masters of Excel. Brennan Mazzei, a senior and 3rd year E-Commerce student has worked throughout the summer and early fall to manage the accounting of the Warhawk Shop. Her work alongside our dedicated bookkeeper Ms. Ivana Adamiak has helped to keep our school running smoothly.

The Warhawk Shop website and store will also be looking different soon as students in E-Commerce are utilizing their skills in Adobe and website design to bring a new, fresh, and restorative look to the popular electronic store.

In addition, 2nd Year students in E-Commerce are working on formal business plans to bring e-commerce solutions to school or community-based challenges. By immersing themselves in the processes of working collaboratively with one another and local business owners, students in E-Commerce are earning experience in the real business world.



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Date	School Info
Sept. 4, 2023:	Labor Day holiday – No school for students
Sept. 25, 2023:	No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)
Oct. 13, 2023:	End of first quarter
Oct. 16, 2023:	No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)
Nov. 20, 2023 - Nov. 24, 2023:	Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students. (a) * November 20- 21, 2023 Possible hurricane make-up days)
Dec. 21, 2023:	End of second quarter
Dec. 22, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024:	Winter holidays – No school for students
Jan. 8, 2024:	All PreK-12 and postsecondary schools' classes resume. Second semester begins
Jan. 15, 2024:	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school for students
Feb. 16, 2024:	No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)
Feb. 19, 2024:	No school for students.
Mar. 8, 2024:	End of third quarter
Mar. 11, 2024 - Mar. 15, 2024:	Spring holidays – No school for students.
Mar. 29, 2024:	No school for students.
Apr. 26, 2024:	No school for students.
May 27, 2024:	Memorial Day holiday – No school for students.
May 29, 2024:	End of fourth quarter. Last day for all students. Students will be released two hours early.

(a) Hurricane make-up days

If 4 days needed, those days will be: 10/16, 11/20, 11/21 and 2/16

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Sports Media Academy

Sports Media Academy, now under the leadership of Coach Walker and Mrs. Wells, is excited to begin new traditions, add a student leadership board, and have industry leaders involved in our up-and-coming program. The academy consists of technology courses focusing on multimedia programs that explore aspects of sports marketing and account management. Students in Sports Media Academy are pursuing higher achievement through industry certifications in Adobe products which leads to practical skills in digital design earning college credit.

Sports Media Academy is excited to bring media days back to Seminole Athletics. Our mission is to promote student involvement in athletics by showcasing their individual performance through photos and videos. These photos and videos are then used to create promotional materials to post around the school and through various digital avenues.

Meanwhile, Students in Digital Delivery Systems like Christian Moreno, Veronika Johnson, and McKenna Koehler are leading the way towards school wide delivery of Sports Media Academy generated work throughout the student body as well as throughout the community. In addition, students such as Hunter Burnett, McKenna Cochran, and Hannah Sorenson are working to create digital media that highlights all the sports here at Seminole High School.

Our academy is excited to implement new ideas and concepts this coming year. As a newer academy, we are looking forward to getting students involved and bringing more spirit to our student body.



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