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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" and our students "SOAR" -ING is prevalent throughout our campus and in classrooms, as well as on our fields, and in the gymnasium and performance halls of SHS! Here are the incredible highlights and exemplars of Quarter 1 so far:



- Pinellas County Schools Teacher of the Year – our very own Gerard Madrinan – was honored at The Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year Gala in Orlando in July. He also received the highest award at the Gala – The Mary J. Brogan Excellence in Teaching Award. Former Commissioner of Education, Frank Brogan, presented this achievement to Mr. Madrinan, in homage to his late wife. Superintendent Hendrick was there with me to cheer him on. Congratulations Gerard!
- AP Gicka and the Leadership Team hosted the "1st Annual SHS Welcome Back" event in late July and celebrated our newest and returning Warhawks.
- The Center for Education & Leadership at Seminole High School has been nominated as an Academy of Distinction for the 2024-2025 school year! We are so proud of Academy Director, Deanna Russo and her CEL students!
- AP Brown, School Counselor Purcell, and Social Studies Department Chair, Mrs. Pierce-Debellis were invited to a Leadership Institute at Harvard University. They joined me in presenting our SHS vision with the Education Faculty at The Harvard Graduate School, along with leaders from around the world.
- Our mid-quarter academic progress is trending higher and demonstrating achievement gains and learning target progress! Thank you to our incredible Faculty & Staff members!
- Mrs. Susan Sims was awarded the College & Career Center Director/Family & Community Liaison "Leader of the Year Award!" Superintendent Hendrick and I were able to surprise Mrs. Sims at an event in her honor at the Pinellas Education Foundation in August. Way to go, Susan Sims!
- Our Warhawk Football Team, Cheerleaders, and Marching Band, along with the "Wally Warzone" have ushered in the best "Friday Night Lights" season ever!

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Principal's Message

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- As an entire Warhawk Nation, we have just celebrated a victorious Homecoming Week! From the "iHeart Radio" pep rally with DJ Scottie Davis, to the fantastic football win, and our incredible, "Footloose" dance, Seminole High celebrated in an epic way!

Go Warhawks!

Dr. M. Jane Lucas

Principal



Senior Spotlight

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SENIOR PANORAMIC PICTURE: Join us on November 12th at 9am on the football field for our annual senior panoramic picture!

GRAD BASH: Join us on April 11th for a once-in-a-lifetime experience with your Senior Class at Universal Studios and Universal's Islands of Adventure—yes, both parks are included!

SENIOR BREAKFAST/GRAD REHEARSAL: April 17th will be here before you know it. Check out the Warhawk Shop, purchase your ticket and mark your calendars for one of your last opportunities to spend with friends before graduation!



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Summer Awards

Joshua Roberson

Seminole High School is excited to announce Social Studies teacher Joshua Roberson has been selected as one of the Auschwitz Legacy Fellows for the state of Florida! The Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation and the Holocaust Education Resource and Outreach Center are coordinating the Auschwitz Legacy Fellowship Program and notified Mr. Roberson that he was one of four teachers chosen for this fellowship program. The application process was very competitive and involved many applicants across the entire state.

Throughout the school year, Mr. Roberson will be preparing for this important professional development opportunity. A trip to Poland will take place during the summer of 2025 as a part of the experience and professional development.

We love that our teachers are continual learners.

Very proud of you, Mr. Roberson.

Gerard Madrinan

Awarded the prestige Mary J. Brogan Excellence in Teaching Award at the Florida Teacher of the Year State Conference on July 25, 2024. This award is presented to a district teacher of the year who instills a passion for learning in their students.

Susan Sims

Awarded the PCS Family & Community Relations Recognition Award on August 7, 2024

Mrs. Sims has made significant contributions to the community and school by fostering connections between families, volunteers, and educational opportunities. She has organized College and Career days, Job Fairs, and FAFSA nights that brought families and volunteers together to support students' educational journeys and encouraged community involvement in students' college and career readiness. She is a dedicated and innovative coordinator who is deeply invested in providing enriching experiences for students. She has spearheaded programs like College Awareness Month and the career exploration week and demonstrated her commitment to promoting students' college and career readiness. Her initiative in creating a survey to gauge students' interests and then leveraging local resources to bring in panelists from various industries to engage students in meaningful ways. Her dedication to facilitating these connections is certainly deserving of recognition for excellence in promoting student success and community engagement.



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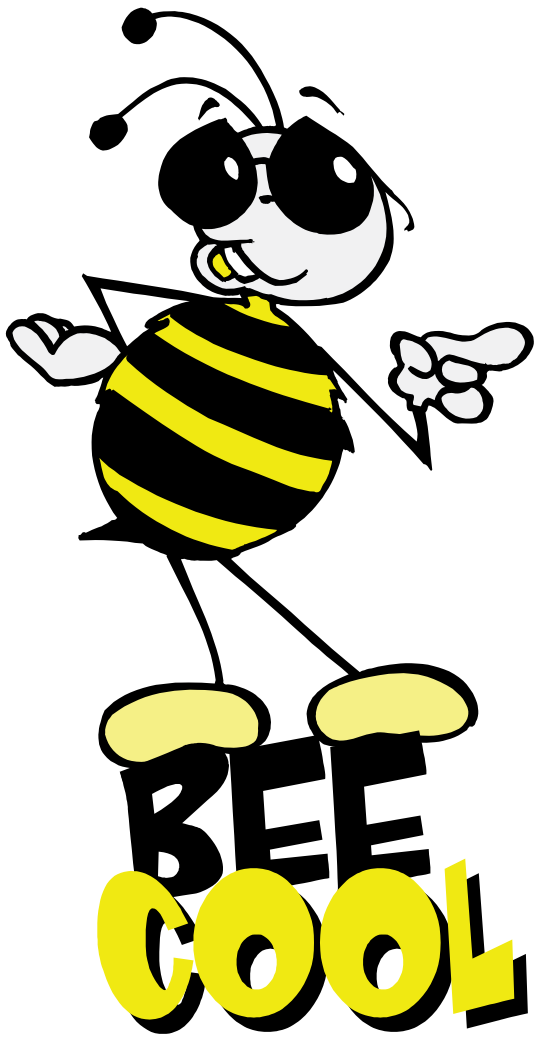
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During the two-day count, volunteers sit in front of a blooming pollinator plant for 15-minutes and observe the type and number of pollinators that land on the plant. This information is recorded on our easy-to-use counting page, and then uploaded into the official Southeast Pollinator Census database.

Goals of the Program:

Raise Awareness of Pollinators



Beetles are pollinators, too!

Increase Pollinator Habitat



Office buildings work well for micro-habitats!

Provide Useful Data to Research



Be a citizen scientist!

How Can You Help?

Plant Pollinator Habitats!

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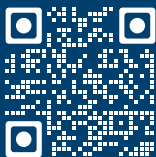


Participate in the Census!

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