

# Spanish River Community High School

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## **Administration**

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**Mr. Sollod** Students R-Z

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# The Spanish River Vision

Our vision is to create a nationally known high school highly regarded for its academic excellence, while helping all students prepare for and be accepted into post secondary education or careers.

## A Message from the Principal

Shark Nation,

It is a busy time of year in Shark Country. The testing season has begun and the end of the year is quickly approaching. Please read the Sunday updates if you're interested in being informed about important upcoming events at Spanish River HS. There are NO makeups for Cambridge exams and it is important that students are prepared and on time for these important exams.

Students have chosen their electives for next year and teachers have recommended the next core class for them based on their test scores, performance this year, and their potential. Adjustments will be made when scores come in this summer. Students will get the opportunity to see their course requests at the end of May to ensure their choices are correct. Any errors



Mrs. Allison Castellano

or requested changes should be fixed now. Students do not like their schedules changed once the school year starts as they get comfortable with their schedule. Our mission here at Spanish River is to ensure that every student reaches their fullest potential so we will schedule students into courses that provide a challenging curriculum to best prepare them for College and Career. Administration, with the help of teachers, ultimately chooses core class level placement for students.

I am excited to honor the Class of 2024 at the South Florida Fairgrounds on May 13th and it is my hope that EVERY senior walks across the stage that day. Please ensure if you are a parent of a senior that you have reviewed the 'Senior Letter' and you're aware of all the important End of Year dates for Seniors. Our Senior Award Ceremony will be on Monday, May 6th in the theater. We will honor select seniors on that special evening.

Please make sure your child reports to their testing sessions for digital exams with a fully charged district device and a student ID. They need to be on time and well rested. We know they are well prepared and will excel with all the excellent preparation they have received from our stellar teachers. My weekly Sunday update lists the EXTRA opportunities our teachers are providing for extra practice, tutoring, and review sessions for our important End of Course exams that count for 30% of a student's grade in the course.

Mark your calendars for Freshmen Orientation in the AM on Thursday, August 8th. In the afternoon, we will allow 10-12th graders to come on campus, walk their schedules, and scan QR codes/view school supply lists for teachers' classes for the FY25 school year. More information will come out over the summer about device pick-up and when schedules will be posted. Our freshly remodeled Media Center is finally done and I'm excited for our students to use this new space for research, reading, and collaboration next year.

See you at graduation!

Mrs. Castellano



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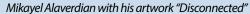
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## **Art Department**

Our student's artwork has been selected for the student exhibition at the Marden Community Gallery at the Norton Museum of Art!







Sarah Sausser with her artwork "The Soul"

## **National Spanish Honors Society**

Congratulations to the newest members: Nicole Callejas Sanchez, Maximo Cescato, Mauricio Gaviria-Salazar, Amelie Zabala, Andrew Jamen, Andres Prieto, and Enrique Jimenez. We are so proud of them for earning this distinguished honor!

## **Attention Dancers!**

Interested in trying out for Spanish River's Dance Team? Auditions will be held on August 14-16th from 3-5pm in the Theatre. No athletic packet required. There is a \$5 audition fee which will be payable on School Cash in August. Please listen to the announcements or follow @ srhsdanceteam on Instagram for more information. Any questions? Please email Mrs. Collins (faith.collins@palmbeachschools.org) or Ms. Kirby (emily.kirbydunn@palmbeachschools.org). See you there!

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## **Trinkets of Hope Club**

Join Trinkets of Hope and be part of a community, encourage positivity and build the next generation of uplifted individuals.

At Trinkets Of Hope, our mission is to empower and advocate for body positivity, wellness, healthy eating, and disordered eating awareness among teenagers. We strive to make a positive impact on young lives by spreading awareness. Together, we can create a generation of confident, healthy, and inspired individuals.

"TOH has allowed me to form new meaningful friendships, as well as creating unforgettable memories along the way," Sophomore and Historian Dilani Figueroa Mejia said.

Our club was introduced on campus this year, and the response has been more than supportive. We have gathered students, of all realms, in creating a safe zone on campus. Receiving such a great response has led to genuine actions made to better the intentions of students during and outside of our meetings!

"This club has enabled me to better understand that people can go through difficult times and how important it is to be there and support others," Sophomore and Vice President Ariel Savitch said.

Our outreach doesn't solely end with behavior on campus. We have held the attention of those at The Psychiatry of the Palm Beaches. Our club members work biweekly in creating supportive projects, most of which are donated to patients and associates of psychiatric clinics throughout the Palm Beach area.

"Trinkets of Hope inspires me to be kinder to myself and has brought far more awareness in regards to how important body positivity is," Sophomore and Secretary Eva Strang said

We encourage our members to become the greatest version of themselves, ones that inspire others in the same way. Our first year as a club has shown us to become greater friends not only to others but also to ourselves. Regardless of who you are, we encourage you to join our story. We don't restrict access to enter to solely those with related personal struggles, everyone is welcome. Join our team during the 2024-2025 season, find your place on campus.

Find more information on us through our Instagram: @srhstrinketsofhope.



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# **Counseling Corner**

# counselors

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O-Sb	Ms. Natalie Havens	
Sc-Z	Ms. Marissa Passatempo	

## **Recognition Program**

In April we recognized any students who earned all A's and A/B honor roll in the third quarter, as well as those who raised their grades from second to third quarter. These students received a certificate to keep, and a treat they picked up during their lunch. We are so proud of all of these students! Special shoutout to the Shark Shop parents for helping organize and fund this program.

## **Coffee with the Counselors**

If you missed any, don't worry! You can check the website anytime to see the recording or go through the presentation. This will be under the section: School Info/ School Counseling Services/ Coffee with the Counselors.

## **Course Selections**

Students were given the opportunity to review our course selection presentation in the theater in February with school counselors. Earlier this month we also gave all current 9th-11th grade students an opportunity to change their elective course requests. Please note that students can view their course requests on SIS. Click on the 2024-2025 tab and the class requests.

## **College & Career Coach Updates**

Make the most out of your time! The college process can be daunting if you try to complete everything in a few weeks.

- <u>Rising Seniors</u> Take advantage of your summer by getting a head start on applications.
   Now is a great time to familiarize yourself with the application process, criteria, and deadlines. You can also work on building your resume, writing essays, and securing teacher recommendation letters if needed.
- <u>Rising Juniors</u> Build your resume! Look into internships, shadowing opportunities, community service, or a summer college program.
- <u>Rising Sophomores</u> Start to think about your plans for after high school. Research
  colleges and other opportunities. Make sure your academics and resume match
  your plan.

## Looking ahead

## **Community Service**

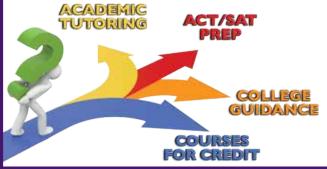
Summer is a great time to get some community service hours completed. Students need 20 hours for graduation and at least 75 for the Bright Futures Scholarship. Ideas for community service opportunities can be found at volunteermatch.org as well as on our school website.

## Orientation

We are excited to meet all of our Freshmen for the 2024-2025 school year!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 8th for our Freshman Orientation. Students can check in at the Gymnasium at 7:30 am for a student only orientation 8:00 am - 10:30 am (doors close at 8:10 am). There will be a parent meeting held in the Theater 8:15 am - 8:45 am. Once students have completed their orientation students and parents may walk their schedules, find school supply lists, get sports information and purchase items like homecoming tickets and apparel from the Shark Shop.

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Our upperclassmen will have their own times to Return to River as well! Thursday, August 8th

- Seniors (12th grade) 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm
- Juniors (11th grade) 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm
- Sophomores (10th grade) 2:00 pm 3:00 pm

We hope everyone has a safe, restful and fun summer! We are looking forward to seeing our students and welcoming new ones for our 2024-2025 school year.











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# **Testing**AICE Testing Schedule 2024

Courses	Date of Exams	Cambridge Course Number	Components	Length of Exams
AS Spanish Language	Monday, April 1, 2024	8022	04	20 minutes per student
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AS French Language AS Information Technology	Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Wednesday, April 17, 2024	9626	01	2 hours
AS Psychology	Thursday, April 25, 2024		11	
AS General Paper		9990		1 hour 30 minutes
	Thursday, April 25, 2024	8021	11	1 hour 15 minutes
AS Environmental Management AS Marine Science	Friday, April 26, 2024	8291	11	1 hour 45 minutes
AS Thinking Skills	Friday, April 26, 2024	9693	11	1 hour 45 minutes
	Monday, April 29, 2024	9694	11	1 hour 30 minutes
AS French Language	Tuesday, April 30, 2024	8482	21	1 hour 45 minutes
AS Portuguese AS Travel & Tourism	Tuesday, April 30, 2024	8684	02	1 hour 45 minutes
	Tuesday, April 30, 2024	9395	11	2 hours
AS English Literature	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	9695	11	2 hours
AS General Paper	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	8021	21	1 hour 45 minutes
AS Environmental Management	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	8291	21	1 hour 45 minutes
AS Marine Science	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	9693	21	1 hour 45 minutes
AS Global Perspectives	Thursday, May 2, 2024	9239	11	1 hour 30 minutes
AS English Language	Friday, May 3, 2024	9093	11	2 hours 15 minutes
AS Business Studies	Friday, May 3, 2024	9609	11	1 hour 15 minutes
AS European History	Friday, May 3, 2024	9489	11	1 hour 15 minutes
AS International History	Friday, May 3, 2024	9489	11	1 hour 15 minutes
AS US History	Friday, May 3, 2024	9489	11	1 hour 15 minutes
AS English Language	Monday, May 6, 2024	9093	21	2 hours
A Marine Science	Monday, May 6, 2024	9693	31	1 hour 45 minutes
AS Spanish Language	Monday, May 6, 2024	8022	31	1 hour 30 minutes
AS Media Studies	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	9607	21	2 hours
AS Information Technology	Wednesday, May 8, 2024	9626	11	1 hour 45 minutes
AS Thinking Skills	Wednesday, May 8, 2024	9694	21	1 hour 45 minutes
AS Psychology	Thursday, May 9, 2024	9990	21	1 hour 30 minutes
AS Sociology				1 200 000000000000000000000000000000000
AS Business Studies	Thursday, May 9, 2024	9699	11	1 hour 30 minutes
	Friday, May 10, 2024	9609	21	1 hour 30 minutes
AS European History	Friday, May 10, 2024	9489	21	1 hour 45 minutes
AS International History	Friday, May 10, 2024	9489	21	1 hour 45 minutes
AS US History	Friday, May 10, 2024	9489	21	1 hour 45 minutes
AS English Literature	Monday, May 13, 2024	9695	21	2 hours
AS Spanish Language	Monday, May 13, 2024	8022	11	1 hour
A Thinking Skills	Tuesday, May 14, 2024	9694	31	2 hours
A US History	Tuesday, May 14, 2024	9489	31	1 hour 15 minutes
A Business Studies	Thursday, May 16, 2024	9609	31	1 hour 45 minutes
A Thinking Skills	Thursday, May 16, 2024	9694	41	1 hour 45 minutes
A US History	Friday, May 17, 2024	9489	41	1 hour 45 minutes
AS Sociology	Friday, May 17, 2024	9699	21	1 hour 30 minutes
A Business Studies	Monday, May 20, 2024	9609	- 41	1 hour 15 minutes
AS Portuguese	Monday, May 20, 2024	8684	03	1 hour 30 minutes
A Travel & Tourism	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	9395	31	1 hour 30 minutes
A Media Studies	Wednesday, May 22, 2024	9607	41	2 hours
AS Spanish Language	Wednesday, May 22, 2024	8022	21	1 hour 30 minutes
A Travel & Tourism	Thursday, May 23, 2024	9395	41	1 hour 30 minutes
A Marine Science	Friday, May 24, 2024	9693	41	1 hour 45 minutes
A Sociology	Tuesday, May 28, 2024	9699	31	1 hour 15 minutes
AS French Language	Tuesday, May 28, 2024	8482	31	1 hour 30 minutes
A Sociology	Thursday, May 30, 2024	9699	41	1 hour 45 minutes
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AS Portuguese	Tuesday April 2, 3, 5, 8, 202	8684	01	student





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## SGA

Congratulations to the River SGA for placing in multiple categories at the District and State levels. We did very well at the District Rally and placed in the following categories:

- Rita Okwor placed 2nd in the speech competition.
- Claire Kain placed 2nd for her hall of ideas project.
- Our Citizenship Development project led by Jayden Loyacona and Raichel Weisheit placed 1st.
- Our Environmental Concerns project led by Carina Tomulescu and Stella Lodge placed 2nd.
- Our Faculty and Staff project led by Stamatia Zaperaegos and Talia Katz placed 2nd.
- Our Fundraising project led by Noam Erez and Allison Schapiro placed 2nd.
- Our Health and Safety project led by Dylan Moody and Matthew Portmess placed 1st.

- And for the 2nd year in a row, back to back, Spanish River was the D5 Council of the Year!!!
- We returned from the state convention (FASC) with a number of wins for our projects as well!
- Environmental Concerns Project 1st place
- Health and Safety Project 3rd place
- Membership Motivation Project led by Dylan Knobel and Evie Markakis - 2nd place
- School Spirit Project led by Adam Grossman, Rita Okwor, and Dylan Raffa - 2nd place
- Medallion Council Book led by Cadence Coffey Gold
   We are extremely proud of the continued success of our SGA!









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