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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

It's hard to believe we are already mid way through the 3rd nine weeks of this school year. This is always a busy semester for students and parents. Our senior letter went home already so please make sure you have all of our important dates on your calendar. Graduation will be Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00 PM at the South Florida Fairgrounds. We are so excited to honor our Class of 2020 at their upcoming events!

Diagnostic test scores are back and we've received important information to help our students prepare for upcoming state testing. As we move into testing season, attendance is a very important factor. Please ensure your child is on time and at school to learn valuable information that will be on AP and AICE exams.

We are already planning for next school year. We had our Advanced Coursework Night and students had the opportunity to explore coursework options during lunch where they had the ability to meet teachers and students currently taking advanced coursework classes. Counselors will visit English classes and teachers will recommend students for FY21 courses based on past performance, work ethic, and potential. FSA scores and AP scores will be reviewed over summer and changes to courses will be considered by administration after scores are received.

Lastly, we are super excited that our concrete-ables have opened and our 'floating' teachers have a classroom to call home. They are all outfitted with new student desks, projectors, and audio enhancement. I know our students and teachers will enjoy these new spaces to learn.

Encourage your child to finish the quarter strong as Spring Break (March 23-27) is just around the corner. Please remember the change in the student calendar. There is no school for students on Tuesday, March 17th. Students will return from Spring Break for a normal school day on Monday, March 30th.

Best,
Allison Castellano
Principal



Mrs. Allison Castellano



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2020 Senior Night!



SGA Leadership

Please congratulate the SGA/Leadership students who competed today at the District 5 Rally. They competed in 6 categories and placed in each one!

Citizenship Development... Project Positivity.....2nd
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Senior News

Attention all Sharks! Remember to take care of your **obligations** before you miss out on activities like: Prom, Grad Bash, Senior Breakfast, and/or Graduation. This year prom tickets go on **pre-sale in January**, if you have an obligation you will **not** be able to purchase a ticket at the **discounted price!** See your assistance principal now!"

"Prom this year is Friday, April 3, 2020. This year a pre-sale price is offered starting January 7, 2020 until January 31, 2020 for \$100.00, prices will increase after January 31, 2020. In order to take advantage of the pre-sale price AND go to prom ALL obligations must be taken care of. Please check SIS or with your assistant principal to clear all obligations!"

Galleon News

The Galleon, Spanish River's award winning newspaper is looking for advertisers. If you would like your business to reach over 2,000 students, both in print and online, please purchase your space today! Ad contracts can be found on our website: galleonnewsonline.com.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

2019-20 SAC Meeting Dates

- February 25 • April 28
- March 17 • May 19

SAC meets once per month at 6:00 PM in the Spanish River Media Center. If you missed the first meeting, you can still be involved. Everyone is welcome to attend! For more information, please contact SAC chair Charlotte Eames at charlotte.eames@palmbeachschools.org.



Key Club

Spanish River HS Key Club will be making blankets for Project Linus. President Yunseo Nam applied to Key Club International for a Youth Opportunities Fund grant and was awarded \$2000 to use toward the project! The project has been approved by Principal Castellano and members will start making blankets at our service project meetings this month and next.

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Class of 2020

Seniors, please make sure the following items are completed prior to May 1, 2020!

- 20 hours community service documented in school records
- One Virtual Course

New Ideas from the 9th Grade School Counselors

This year we have Coffee with the 9th Grade Counselors. These are held monthly with different topics addressed. Our next one is scheduled for February 21st at 8am in the Media Center. We hope 9th grade parents are able to join us! If you can't make it, no worries, we will post all our presentations on our school website. Check under School Information/Departments/Guidance.

The 9th Grade School Counselors are also implementing class lessons regarding academics and social/emotional needs. These will be held throughout the year in coordination with different subject areas and teachers. We recently visited all 9th Grade physical education classes for a lesson on Time Management.

Your 9th Grade Counselors are also working to motivate your students with our quarterly recognition program. We had our first incentive with a pizza party for all our 9th graders who received all A's in the first quarter. We're so proud of them! Our next reward will go to all the students who grew their GPA from 1st to 2nd quarter by a quarter of a point or more. We'll have another pizza party for these students on February 12th and look forward to celebrating them!

We'll also be holding some lunchtime small groups to help support students who are struggling to raise their GPA. We hope to work with students on a weekly basis who need this help with organization skills, time management, goal setting and even helping to manage stress levels. Coming into high school can be a difficult transition, and we're here to help!



National Honors Society News

Make it your best year yet! NHS offers tutoring daily in Room 1153D. Come at the beginning of lunch, bring a snack, and get the help you need to succeed! Computers are available and we are here to help!



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DECA News

Spanish River DECA did extremely well at district competition and proud to announce we have 200 state competition qualifiers, including those whose business plans qualified. Our students swept three categories, including Accounting Applications, Business Law & Ethics Team Decision Making, and Principles of Finance. Our 20 first place winners are listed below.

- Juliana Laskow, Accounting Applications
- Hayden Siesel, Apparel & Accessories
- Michael Barone, Automotive Services
- Kira Lichtenfeld & Benjamin Rosenthal, Business Law & Ethics Team Decision Making
- Leah Zeledon, Business Services Marketing
- Eesha Shah, Entrepreneurship Series
- Tyler Van Buskirk, Financial Consulting Event
- Spencer Thomas & Ethan Morantz, Financial Services Team Decision Making
- Jonathan Beres, Hospitality & Tourism Team Decision Making
- Samantha Rubin, Hotel & Lodging Management
- Aditya Kumar, Marketing Communications Series
- Catherine Anillo & Chloe Costa, Marketing Management Team Decision Making
- Brett Wolff, Personal Financial Literacy
- Amanda Vogel, Principles of Business Management
- Krystina Slanker, Principles of Finance
- Natasha Rattray, Principles of Marketing
- Ali Jaffri, Quick Service Restaurant Management
- Devika Jhaveri, Retail Merchandising

On February 26th, chapter members are headed to tour the American Airlines Arena and attend a Miami Heat Game. They look forward to getting an inside look at the operations, management, and marketing of the stadium. Spanish River DECA heads to Orlando on March 5th to compete in the Florida DECA Career Development Conference.



Special Olympics Track and Field

Special Olympics Track and Field Season has begun training for the Spring 2020 season. Our first meet is March 7th at John I. Leonard High School. Anyone interested in volunteering at practices to earn community service hours should see Ms. Hartman in room 1121 for required paperwork.

ESE Department News

As we enter Spring, we enter an especially stressful time for students. Please make sure that your students are getting adequate sleep. If you have not had your student's annual IEP meeting yet, please be on the lookout for meeting notifications. They are sent home via mail, with the students and through email. The schedule will be tight as we try to get all meetings in before May 1st to avoid conflicts with testing. For our Senior families, please remember that if your student is headed to college, to set up appointments with Disability Services at their perspective college to discuss accommodation options. Looking forward to a great Spring and finishing the year strong!!

Thanks,
Kelly Jones, ESE Coordinator

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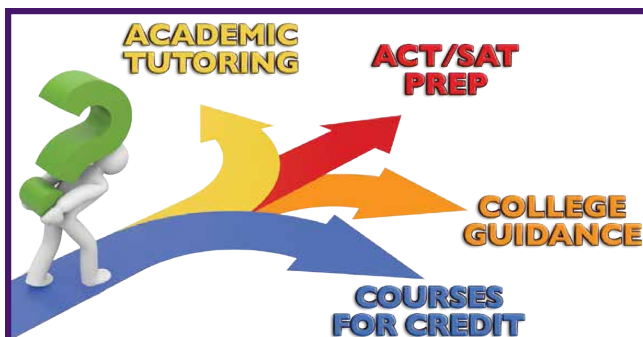
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Pieces of Eight

Pieces of Eight, our award winning literary magazine, has arrived! Purchase your copy in room 8111 for \$5. Do not miss out on this limited edition opportunity to see the work of our talented writers, photographers, and artists!

Little Sharks!

Are you looking for the best preschool in the entire county? Check out Little Sharks Preschool at Spanish River High School. Little Sharks Preschool is accepting enrollment applications for the 2020-2021 school year, but we have very limited openings available. We accept children that are between the ages of 3-5 and fully potty trained. If you'd like more information, please contact Keri Sommer at keri.sommer@palmbeachschools.org OR call 561-241-2003.



World Language News

Palm Beach County World Language Fair 2020

Saturday, February 15, 2020 – Florida Atlantic University

- All K-12 students enrolled in a world language class are eligible to participate.
- Students must be registered through your world language teacher.
- Participants must be registered for competition at the level for which they are enrolled or higher. Native Speakers (students whose first language is that of the competition and/or who speak that language in the home) must be registered and compete as such.
- Each student may enter a maximum of two competitions.

The categories for competition are:

- French reading comprehension - Each school may enter up to 4 students per level of French in this 30-minute reading exam.
- Original skits and published plays - Original student-written skits and published plays originally written in the target language should be five to ten minutes long (inclusive of set-up and take-down). Skits are for students in language levels 1-2 and published Plays are for students in language levels 3 and above.
- Classifier stories: ASL - American Sign Language students may retell one of the selected stories for this event.
- Poetry declamation - Poems selected must be level-appropriate, memorized, and recited with feeling and emotion that clearly shows mastery of the poem's meaning and style.
- Impromptu speaking - Students randomly select 3 topics according to their level and background (e.g., non-native, heritage, or native speaker) and then choose ONE of the selected topics on which to prepare a short speech in the target language. Students in second year language and above will present a two-minute speech, while *non-native students in level 1* may present a one-minute speech.
- Entertainment showcase - Each school may enter a maximum of 3 entertainment acts (vocal, instrumental, or dance). Entertainment acts must be culturally authentic to the target language (no translations of American pop songs) and no longer than 4 minutes in length.
- Parade of nations - Each school may enter a maximum of 3 costumes that most creatively and artistically represent the culture of any country where the target language is spoken natively.

Please contact Kris Earle kris.earle@palmbeachschools.org for more information.

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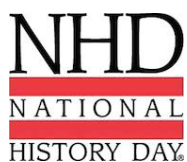
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American History and Law Academy News!

2019-20 National History Day School Winners

Congratulations to the following students. The first- & second- place winners have been asked to represent Spanish River High School at the NHD County Competition on February 28. This year's theme is: **"Breaking Barriers in History"**.

PLACE	CATEGORY	STUDENT NAMES	GRADE	TEACHER
1st	Historic Paper	Christian Potts	9	Ms Green
2nd	Historic Paper	Hannah Fassberg	10	Bartholomew
3rd	Historic Paper	Jane Halpern	10	Bartholomew
1st	Individual Exhibit	Jonathan Kopf	11	Bartholomew
2nd	Individual Exhibit	Juan Hoyos	11	Bartholomew
3rd	Individual Exhibit	Michael Siegel	9	Ms Green
1st	Group Exhibit	Alex Slintak	11	Bartholomew
		Spencer Thomas	11	Bartholomew
2nd	Group Exhibit	Martin Espina	11	Bartholomew
		Jordan Schneider	11	Bartholomew
3rd	Group Exhibit	Jenna Weinberg	9	Ms Green
		Rachael Weinberg	9	Ms Green
1st	Group Performance	Sofia Cosie	11	Bartholomew
		Savannah Garrett	11	Bartholomew
2nd	Group Performance	Haley Cohen	10	Bartholomew
		Sophia Galindez	10	Bartholomew
1st	Individual Documentary	Christopher Hosh	9	Ms Green
2nd	Individual Documentary	Elaine Balsam	10	Bartholomew
3rd	Individual Documentary	Emily Tenorio	9	Ms Green

PLACE	CATEGORY	STUDENT NAMES	GRADE	TEACHER
1st	Group Documentary	Kobe Francis	11	Bartholomew
		Ava Lodge	11	Bartholomew
		Abigail Merzel	11	Bartholomew
		Eden Sharif	11	Bartholomew
2nd	Group Documentary	Reese Aron	11	Bartholomew
		Jeneva Dorsonne	11	Bartholomew
		Meghan Mandile	11	Bartholomew
3rd	Group Documentary	Samanth Budner	9	Bartholomew
		Christian Frades	9	Bartholomew
		Nicole Jahangami	9	Bartholomew
		Jezzi Rizk	9	Bartholomew
		Leilani Van Eps	9	Bartholomew
1st	Individual Website	Isabel Fauteux	9	Ms Green
1st	Group Website	Ariana Ioffe	9	Ms Green
		Faith Perez	9	Ms Green
		Gabrielle Pankin	9	Ms Green
		Thiago Sena	9	Ms Green
2nd	Group Website	Barry Kent	10	Bartholomew
		Adira Kinberg	10	Bartholomew



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Boys' Soccer

- The Spanish River boys' soccer program is entering the regional tournament in February for the first time in 12 years. The boys have worked very hard this season and are one of the top teams in the state.
- Our boys' soccer program currently has two fundraisers. We accept donations online at Find it Fund it.
- The program is raising funds to buy team bags to store our new uniforms.
- All donations can be made at the teams fundraising site, <https://www.finditfunditflorida.com/palmbeach/grant/1681-29609/>
- Our goal is only \$3,200.
- We are also raising funds for new uniforms, new practice equipment (ours is very old and needs replacement), as well as team gear.
- Our goal is \$9,500 and we encourage everyone to donate \$20 (or more).
- All donations can be made at the teams fundraising site, <https://www.finditfunditflorida.com/palmbeach/grant/1681-33213/>
- Our full schedule is found at our team website, https://srhs.palmbeachschoools.org/athletics___activities/boy_s_soccer/



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