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A Message from the Principal

Shark Nation,

On behalf of all of our staff, I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving with your families and loved ones. Semester exams begin on December 17th and will be completed on December 22nd. Students will return to school to start 2nd semester on Wednesday, January 5th.

We had an amazing turnout at our Academy Open House last month and want to remind our Shark families with younger siblings that you must apply for an academy if you're interested, even if you are zoned for Spanish River High School. Visit the school district's choice website to apply.

We have numerous students struggling with the transition back to campus and learning in person. Progress Monitoring Plans have been put in place for any students that are not meeting district or state requirements in English/Language Arts and/or Mathematics. We have purchased (with support of our PTSA and Foundation) several adaptive technology programs (Math IXL, No Red Ink, Reading Plus, and NewsELA Pro) that can help students that have deficiencies. Please ensure your child is taking advantage of these adaptive programs and completing required assignments given by teachers. Please assist your child with helping them monitor their SIS grades as we approach the end of the second nine weeks. Semester grades are configured by using the two nine weeks grades (40% each) combined with the exam grade (20%).

I wish the entire Spanish River community a safe and happy holiday season. Please take time to relax and spend time with those you love. Make memories that will last forever. Although the first semester has been challenging, it is wonderful to have our Sharks back on campus participating in sports, clubs, and activities.

Happy Holidays!

Your proud principal,
Allison Castellano



Mrs. Allison Castellano

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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.



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Cambridge AICE Diploma Awards Breakfast

Thirty four Sharks were honored for earning their AICE Diploma at the Inaugural Cambridge Awards Breakfast on October 27, 2021. Hosted in the Countess de Hoernle Theater, students joined administrators, guidance counselors and some teachers for a British inspired breakfast where they were awarded their AICE Diploma. Along with this distinguished honor, they were awarded AICE Diploma sweatshirts, will wear an AICE Diploma stole at graduation in May and have earned the opportunity for a **Brigit Futures Scholarship!**

Congratulations to our amazing Sharks for their incredible achievements!

- Allison Feller
- Amanda Rodopoulos
- Ani Penbe
- Anthony Gabay
- Baylee Jacobson
- Ben Rosenthal, Diploma of Distinction
- Bradley Gaskill
- Brendan Bernstein
- Brett Huberman
- Dara Berenson
- David Monroy
- Dylan Zhuang
- Elionia Dufrene, Diploma of Distinction
- Ella Goldfarb
- Emily Rodopoulos
- Enrique Marina
- Gabriella Bertholoet
- Gianna Yallop
- Ionna Copulos, Diploma of Distinction
- Jackeline Bohn
- Jordan Cohen
- Joshua Shraiberg
- Julia Arias
- Kathleen Rossi
- Lily Glanzer
- Lucas Victor Tomulescu
- Melissa Babinecz, Diploma of Distinction
- Max Reichstein, Diploma of Distinction
- Nathan Gaskill
- Nayla Sanchez
- Noah Spatz
- Sara Leon
- Sebastian Moreira
- Stephano Contreras

To learn more about the AICE Diploma go to **Cambridge AICE Diploma Information** on the Spanish River website.



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If you know you are ready to judge, please fill out this form <https://forms.gle/oHqeLscGpxVGnWHk9>.

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Spanish River Choir

Congratulations to the SRHS Choral Department for two amazing accomplishments! Chorus had 4 entries at the Florida Vocal Association Solo & Ensemble assessment on Friday 11/5 at Santaluces High School. The ensembles earned 1 "good", 1 "excellent" and 2 "superior" ratings. The two superior ratings are now eligible to attend State Solo & Ensemble in April at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Congratulations also go to freshman Missoni Thompson for being selected by audition for the American Choral Directors Association Southern Region Honor Choir that will take place in Raleigh, NC, in February.

The SRHS Choral Department Holiday Concert "Joys of the Season", featuring SRHS Chorus and Music Theory students as well as the Omni Middle School Chorus will take place on Tuesday 12/7/21 at 7:00pm in the Countess de Hoernle Theatre. Tickets are available at <https://l.sdpbc.net/ptiwi>. Please come out and support while you enjoy an excellent evening of choral music!

Counseling Corner

Students' Last Name	Counselor
College & Career Coach	Dr. Daniel Keller Daniel.Keller@palmbeachschools.org
ELL Students	Mrs. Mariliana Abramowicz Mariliana.Abramowicz@palmbeachschools.org
A-K 9th Grade	Ms. Gabriella Bustamante Gabriella.Bustamante@palmbeachschools.org
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Counseling Corner... continued

How students can access their School Counselor?

Students may make an appointment to see their counselor by going to the Blue or Silver Suite (1000 Building) or emailing their counselor. In addition, we take walk-in appointments in between classes, during both lunches as well as respond to a note left for us to call students down.

College & Career Coach

The Spanish River High School College & Career Coach, Dr. Keller, is available to speak with you regarding your post-high school options. Please reach out to him to set up a meeting. During both lunch periods, he will be available in the College and Career Room (directly across the hallway from Suite Silver) to answer any questions, no appointment is necessary just stop in. Join the College & Career Google Classroom for a multitude of different college-related information. The code to join is HIONKVS. For more information regarding scholarships please visit, https://docs.google.com/document/d/16E29_pQNY8XmZhknZUFSp3mQJ3FidD01_cABnbDCJE/edit?usp=sharing.

State and Federal Financial Aid for Seniors

State and federal financial aid applications opened October 1st, and we encourage Seniors to complete both of the applications listed below. Be mindful of the various colleges' priority Financial Aid deadlines.

1. FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is used to determine the dollar amount you or your family will be expected to contribute towards college. All federal grant and loan awards are determined by the FAFSA, and nearly all colleges use the FAFSA as the basis for their own financial aid awards. www.fafsa.ed.gov/
2. FFAA: The Florida Financial Aid Application is used to apply for the various State of Florida scholarship and grant programs including Bright Futures, First Generation, Florida Resident Access, and more. www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/

Attendance & Potential Grade/Credit Impact

Attendance is critical to learning for all students. Statistics show that those who attend all their classes on a regular basis have a higher academic success rate.

District policy requires students who are absent (excused or unexcused) more than 10% of the days in any class must meet specific requirements to earn course credit. Students who have been absent for 10 or more days in a semester will need to do the following to earn the .50 course credit: 1. Pass at least one of the two grading quarters. AND 2. Pass the semester exam. For EOC subject-area classes: Students who miss 18 or more classes for the school year will need to do the following to earn course credit: Pass the 4th quarter or earn a passing score on the exam (level 3 or higher).

Understanding Semester Grades, Credits, & GPA

The school year is divided into 2 semesters:

- 1st semester is from August-December and is made up of the grades from 1st quarter (40%), 2nd quarter (40%), and semester exams (20%). Students will receive .50 credit for each first semester class they pass.
- 2nd semester is from January-May and is made up of the grades from 3rd quarter (40%), 4th quarter (40%), and semester exams (20%). Students will receive .50 credit for each second semester class they pass.
- EOC subject-area classes are year-long courses with 1.0 credit awarded for successful completion of the course. The final course grade will consist of 70% in the coursework (grades from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter and the midterm exam) and 30% in the EOC exam grade.

The semester and final grades received in each class impact the cumulative GPA, and are based on a 4.0 scale: A = 4.0 B = 3.0 C = 2.0 D = 1.0 F = 0
* Honors courses are weighted at 1.125 times the standard scale. - AP, IB, AICE, and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted at 1.50 times the standard scale.

Coffee with the Counselors

We are continuing our virtual talks for parents/guardians of all grade levels. Please join us live at 8am using this Google Meet code: meet.google.com/qmu-noic-tha.

Here are our dates for these coffee talks in 2022: January 21st, February 11th, and March 4th. If you are not able to make it live you can view the recordings on our website.

9th Grade School Counselor Lessons

Our School Counselors gave a lesson to all 9th grade students on November 8th and 12th. The lesson was aimed to help them understand how grade point averages (GPAs) work. The counselors also reviewed helpful study skills and time management techniques. This lesson presentation is posted up on our website, under School Counseling Services, for your reference.

Recognition Program

Your School Counselors are working hard to motivate & reward your students with our quarterly recognition program. We had our first recognition for students who received all A's in the first quarter. These students received a certificate and a treat ticket. We celebrated them during lunch at a table with treats for them to take. We are so proud of them! We plan to expand our reward in the second quarter. We will be recognizing any students who have a second quarter GPA of a 3.6 or higher as well as students whose GPA improved by a quarter of a point or more from first to second quarter.

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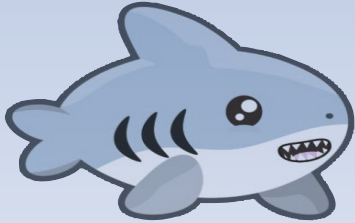
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Little Sharks

The Little Sharks had a wonderful time Trick or Treating around campus. We truly hope that everyone enjoyed seeing us.

- Shannon Stockton
Little Sharks Preschool
Director/Early Childhood Professional



National Honor Society

NHS Fall '21 applicants have been notified via student email. Members must join Google Classroom and Remind, as well as meet all the requirements to stay an active member in good standing.

Also please see below for NHES Inductees/Returning members.

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| • Alessandra Bowen | • Melina Kissel | • Julian Santiago |
| • Samantha Budner | • Amelie La-Branche | • Dana Sapir |
| • Dylan Cohen | • Ava Lamberti | • Zachary Sarmoen |
| • Stephano Contreras | • Madeleine Lorow | • Caroline Schlesinger |
| • Alexa Cook | • Emma O'Connor | • Sabrina Shaine |
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| • Emma Forstot | • Brody Pellegrino | • Yasmina Toumi |
| • Paige Grossman | • Max Reichstein | • Samantha Wadiopian |
| • Maxwell Hattem | • Jordan Rosenfeld | • Jenna Weinberg |
| • Brett Huberman | • Britt Rosenstein | • Zoey Wood |
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| • Ariella Kahan | • Liliana Roy | |

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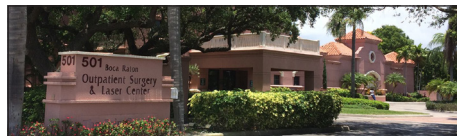
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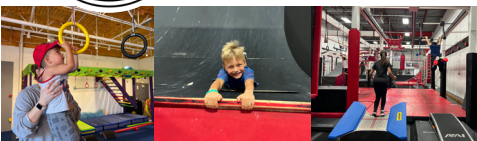
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Winter Sports Home Games

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Date	Day	Opponent	Sport
12/1	6:00pm / 7:30pm	West Boca	Girls Basketbal
12/1	6:00pm / 7:30pm	Boca High	Boys Soccer
12/6	5:30pm / 7:00pm	Centennial	Boys Soccer
12/8	6:00pm / 7:00pm	Royal Palm Beach	Girls Soccer
12/8	6:00pm / 7:30pm	Park Vista	Boys Basketball
12/10	6:00pm / 7:00pm	Suncoast	Girls Soccer
12/10	6:00pm / 7:30pm	Park Vista	Girls Basketball
12/14	5:30pm / 7:00pm	Atlantic	Boys Soccer
12/17	6:00pm / 7:00pm	Olympic Heights	Girls Soccer
01/04	6:00pm / 7:30pm	West Boca	Boys Basketball
01/05	6:00pm / 7:30pm	Inlet Grove	Boys Basketball
01/06	6:00pm / 7:30pm	Coral Glades	Girls Basketball
01/07	6:00pm / 7:30pm	Boynton Beach	Boys Basketball
01/10	6:30pm	South Fork	Girls Soccer (Varsity)
01/10	6:00pm / 7:30pm	Seminole Ridge	Girls Basketball
01/11	7:30pm	FAU High	Boys Basketball (Varsity)
01/13	6:00pm	FAU High	Boys Soccer (Varsity)
01/13	8:00pm	FAU High	Girls Soccer (Varsity)
01/13	6:00pm / 7:30pm	Atlantic	Girls Basketball
01/14	6:00pm / 7:30pm	Boca High	Boys Basketball

2021-2022 Boys Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
12/2	Boynton Beach	Away
12/3	Santaluces	Away
12/7	West Boca	Away
12/8	Park Vista	Home
12/15	Inlet Grove	Away
12/17	Boca High	Away
12/28-12/30	Holiday Tournament	Away
01/04	West Boca	Home
01/05	Inlet Grove	Home
01/07	Boynton Beach	Home
01/11	FAU High	Home *Varsity Only
01/14	Boca High	Home
01/17	Centennial	Away - OH 2:30pm
01/18	Park Vista	Away
01/21	Atlantic Christian	Away
01/25	Olympic Heights	Home
01/28	Seminole Ridge	Home
02/01	St. Brendan	Away
02/04	FAU High	Home

Times

JV Games @ 6pm

Varsity Games @ 7:30pm



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Testing Corner



EXAM SCHEDULE Midterm Exams

Friday, December 17

Regular Schedule	Periods 1-4
Blue (1 st) Lunch	11:24 - 11:54
5 th Period	12:00 - 12:45
Silver 5 th Period	11:30 - 12:15
(2 nd) Lunch	12:15 - 12:45
6 th Period Final	12:51- 2:50

Monday, December 20

1 st Period Final	7:30-9:30
Break	9:30-9:44
2 nd Period Final	9:50- 11:50

Tuesday, December 21

3 rd Period Final	7:30-9:30
Break	9:30-9:44
4 th Period Final	9:50- 11:50

Wednesday, December 22

5 th Period Final	7:30-9:30
Break	9:30-9:44
7 th Period Final	9:50- 11:50

Mon., Tue., Wed. - Lunch will be served 11:50 to 12:00
Bus departure will be at 12:00

