



SHARK CURRENTS

Spanish River Community High School

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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 16th and will be completed on December 21st. Students will return to school to start 2nd semester on Wednesday, January 4th.

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 hope to know our graduation date before we leave for holiday break. We will get you that important date as soon as we can. Important exam dates and times for AP and AICE exams have been announced. Cambridge Exam takers need to review their dates and times as there are NO makeups for AICE exams and makeups are limited for AP exams as well. Please mark your calendars with these important times as students MUST take the exams to receive their 6.0 credit for the courses.

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, 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. In addition, many of our teachers are offering tutoring to help students prepare for upcoming exams. 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. 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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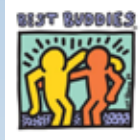


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Therapy Dog Visit!

Best Buddies had the best visitor at our last meeting! Our new friend, Negan, is a Golden Retriever Therapy Dog. He and his human mom love bringing joy and smiles wherever they go. Therapy dogs can provide comfort and companionship, and make our students feel safe and happy. We loved having Negan to hang out with us and do just that!



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The French Exchange @ SRHS October - November '22

A huge MERCI to the twenty two Shark families who hosted the twenty students and four chaperones from Lycée Léonard de Vinci, Soissons, France. Our French guests got a taste of Spanish River life for two weeks and were blown away! Students, faculty and staff rolled out the red carpet and gave them an incredibly warm welcome. While here the French Club hosted a treasure hunt to help them get to know our campus, RAKE Club hosted a pizza lunch with games, there was an away football game at Santaluces, we received free tickets to watch Shrek the Musical, Latinos in Action hosted a goodbye lunch party complete with dancing, and the last evening there was a Halloween party at one of the host student's home. On their own the French students explored Miami, Gumbo Limbo, Arthur R

Marshall and South Florida Water Management District. In the students' free time many of them gathered with host students and shadowed students at the beach to watch the sunset and enjoy our incredible weather. Their time spent here surpassed all expectations. Tears flowed the morning they departed to head back to France. Eleven lucky students are headed to France to participate in the other half of the exchange during Thanksgiving break. Ms. Earle and Mr. Heinrichs will accompany SRHS students who will live with French host families and experience high school life there. Several regional outings are planned including a day trip to Paris! Don't hesitate to reach out to any of us who are going to learn more about our experiences (kris.earle@palmbeachschools.org).



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College & Career Coach

The Spanish River High School College & Career Coach (Mrs. Riggle) is available to speak with you regarding your post-high school options. To schedule a meeting, please visit <https://suzanneriggle.youcanbook.me> or email her directly at suzanne.riggle@palmbeachschools.org. She will also be available to answer any questions during both lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the College and Career Room (directly across the hallway from Suite Silver). No appointment is necessary during lunches, just stop in. Join the College & Career Google Classroom for a multitude of different college-related information. The code to join is `zfhborc`. For more information regarding scholarships please visit, https://docs.google.com/document/d/16E29_pQNY8XmZhknZUFSp3mQJ3FidD01_cABnbDCJJE/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/

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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 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: 1. 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/rkb-hadq-vse.

Here are our dates for these coffee talks in 2023: January 6th, February 3rd, and March 3rd. 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 offer lessons to 9th grade students through any teachers who may request them. Our lessons are aimed to address SEL and also help students understand how grade point averages (GPAs) work and

executive functioning skills like time management and organization. These lesson presentations are posted up on our website site for your reference anytime.

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 and A/B Honor Roll in the first quarter. All of these students received a certificate and the all A students received a yummy treat as well. We are so proud of them! We plan to expand our reward in the second quarter. We will be recognizing any students who have earned all As and the A/B Honor Roll as well as students whose grades improved overall by a quarter of a point or more from first to second quarter.

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Theatre

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Galleon

The *Galleon*, our school newspaper, is putting the finishing touches on Issue 2. Please follow us on Instagram @galleon_news and Twitter @the_galleon. Promote your business and support our young journalists by purchasing an advertisement - all information is on school cash online. Email Mrs. Delaney for more details at suzanne.delaney@palmbeachschools.org.

It's Disability Employment Awareness Month!

On Tuesday, 11/1/2022, Miss Donnino's class was invited to a Career Exploration Day at Publix, where we did a tour and activities. We were able to visit all of the departments in Publix and learn all about the various job opportunities. The managers and staff were very helpful in answering our questions, and we got to decorate cupcakes and cookies. We looked out the window that overlooks the store from upstairs, and could see all the customers and registers. After the tour, we went back to have lunch: Publix Chicken Tenders, Chips, Cuties, and water. Publix gave us goody bags! We even heard from a gentleman who himself has challenges, and he has worked at Publix for 26 years! He is even up for a promotion! Thank you, Publix store #428 for empowering us!



Academic Games Equations Team

The **Academic Games Equations Team** placed 3rd overall this season. Marvin and Kai Gao qualified for the state tournament and Kai also qualified for nationals. The team consisted of players Kai Gao (10), Marvin Gao (9), Parker Bogue (9), Bhavya Kadian (10), and Chase Turmail (11).



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Spanish River chorus will be traveling to New York City this March to perform at David Geffen Hall in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts as a part of the Distinguished Concerts International performance series. The students are extremely excited for this opportunity, and would love your support! If you or your business would like to make a financial contribution to help support this amazing event, please contact Mr. Kovalsky directly at alex.kovalsky@palmbeachschools.org or 561-241-2223.

Special shout out as well to freshman Carys Della Rocca for being accepted to the Florida All State SSAA Honors Chorus that will take place in January.

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2022-2023 BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
11/29/22	Somerset Key Deerfield	Away
12/02/22	Atlantic	Away
12/07/22	Olympic Heights	Home
12/09/22	West Boca	Home
12/13/22	Boca High	Away
12/16/22	Slam Boca	Home
12/17/22	Barbara Goleman Classic	Away
12/21 - 12/23	Archbishop McCarthy Tournament	Away
01/04/23	Boca High	Home
01/06/23	Slam West Palm Beach	Home
01/09/23	American Heritage Delray	Home
01/13/23	West Boca	Away
01/16/23	MLK Classic	Away
01/17/23	FAU High	Home
01/20/23	Olympic Heights	Away
01/24/23	Somerset Boynton	Away
01/27/23	Atlantic	Home
01/30/23	Oxbridge Academy	Home
02/03/23	Somerset Key Deerfield	Home
02/06 - 02/11	District Tournament	Away

Times

JV Games @ 6:00pm

Varsity Games @ 7:30pm