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Spanish River Community High School

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Students E-K

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Mr. Sollod
Students R-Z

A Message from the Principal

Shark Nation,

The 2020-2021 school year is certainly off to an interesting start to say the least. First and foremost, I hope all of our families and students are safe during this difficult time. I'm proud of our teachers for the job they're doing thus far adapting to this new mode of providing instruction. I am amazed when I walk into classrooms with what I see our teachers doing each and every day to ensure our students are successful. And to think, at this point last year not many had never even done a Google Meet with groups of students. I thank all of you too for your patience and understanding as we ensure campus is safe for our students and staff. Our students have done a great job as well socially distancing and wearing their masks on campus thus far.



Mrs. Allison Castellano

Our Virtual Open House was a huge success and I hope you took advantage of the opportunity to meet your child's teachers. There was also an informational video provided for parents of Seniors. Please don't hesitate to have your child reach out to their teacher if they're experiencing challenges. Keep in mind that they are juggling a lot with distance and in person learning so please provide them adequate time to respond. How is your child doing currently? Have you checked their grades recently in SIS? Do you have a system set up where they share with you each week how they're doing? I encourage you to stay in communication with your children around their grades and an end assignments at this time. Before you know it 1st quarter will come to grades will be final.

October is a busy month and select students will be invited to take important assessments that they need for graduation. The PSAT will be given this month as well. Please pay attention to my weekly call outs and emails as they will include important information around these important assessments and how your child can sign up if they are a distance learner at this point. Please see our website for other important dates and contact information.

Stay well,
Allison Castellano,
Principal

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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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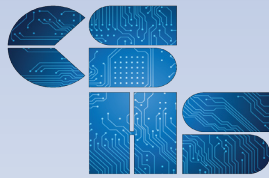


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This year welcomes the Computer Science Honor Society (CSHS) for its inaugural year at Spanish River. CSHS is sponsored under the Computer Science Teachers Association and Mr. Vargas will serve as the faculty advisor.

The purpose of CSHS is to cultivate thriving environments for success in computer science in the school community by encouraging students' enthusiasm, honoring academic excellence, and promoting service. Interested students can apply in September and January provided they meet the minimum membership requirements of one complete semester in an AP computer science course with a semester grade of B or higher, a GPA of 3.0 or better, and no academic integrity violations. Congratulations to our 2020-2021 officers:

- President: **Max Ross**
- Secretary: **Kareem Hilo**
- Vice-President: **Alex Gaynor**
- Treasurer: **Alex Slintak**

Contact Mr. Vargas for additional information or see the CSTA site for CSHS at: <https://www.csteachers.org/page/computer-science-honor-society>

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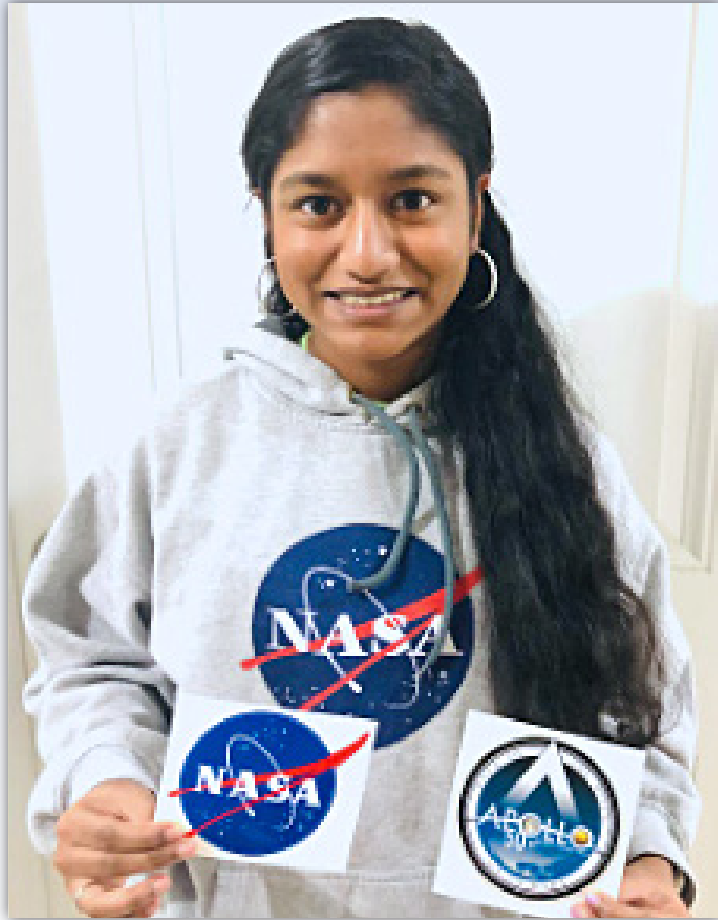
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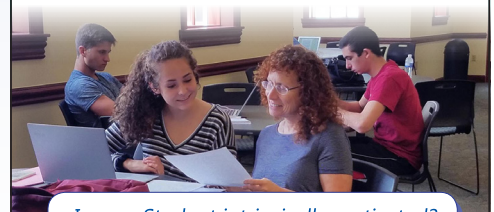
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The Galleon

The Galleon, our student newspaper, is currently accepting advertisements for the upcoming issues. Please visit our school cash online link for more information: <https://palmbeach.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/145141/3/False/True>

Pieces of Eight

Congratulations to our Pieces of Eight Literary Magazine staff on earning a Silver Medal from the Florida Scholastic Press Association. Kudos to our editors, Brayant Polanco and Nashki Joseph. We will begin taking submissions for next year's magazine shortly. If interested in joining the staff, please join our google classroom with the code 46hbcn.



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Welcome Back!

We were happy to welcome back some students to our school recently. We know these times can be difficult so School Counselors are in the courtyard during lunch hours, by the main office, to attend to any questions and concerns students may have. We have also worked on adjusting our schedules so we can be available after 3pm a couple days a week to virtually meet or phone conference with any virtual students.

Virtual Coffee Talks with all grade levels are coming soon. Our first one will be held on October 9th from 8-8:45am live. Invitations will be emailed out the week prior to the event. We hope parents will be able to join us. If you can't make it live, no worries, we will post all our presentations on our school website. Check under School Information/Spanish River School Counseling Services.

Your School Counselors are also working to motivate & reward students with our quarterly recognition program. We will have our first recognition for students who earn all A's in the first quarter. Students who earn all A's will have their names posted on the morning announcements and entered into a raffle where one student from each grade level can win a gift card!


Dr. Keller will now be serving as the College and Career Coach here at Spanish River. He is here in the capacity to help students establish a path for any next steps they can take after they graduate high school. He will be working collaboratively with students and their families to help develop a plan for our students here.

Counselors will begin meeting with their seniors to review graduation requirements and answer questions regarding senior year. In place of the normal senior visits to English classes, students watched a video in their English classes during the week of September 21st. Counselors will be contacting students regarding appointments. We are looking forward to working with the Class of 2021!



Student Parking Parking decal application is now available.

The application will be done online only and payment must be through Schoolcash. The cost is \$50. The application can be accessed through the SRHS website under the Student and Parent tab. When filling in the Google form you will need to upload a copy of the student's driver's license and the Schoolcash receipt.

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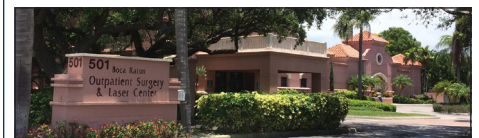
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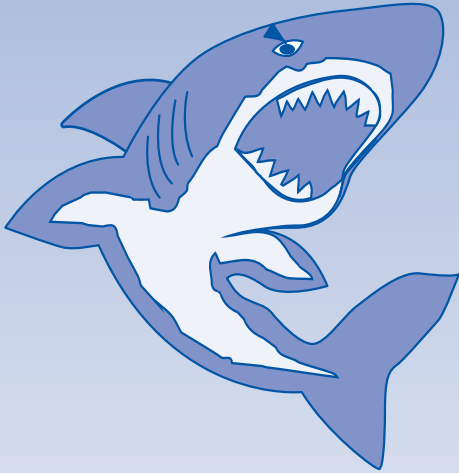
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