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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

Dear Shark Nation,

It's been a challenging start to the school year but I am proud of our students and how they've adjusted to returning to campus. We appreciate our families' support as we navigate these difficult challenges. Our students and staff are doing their best to stay safe on campus, wearing their IDs, and getting to class on time.

This is a friendly reminder that students are to leave campus after the last bell of the day. The only students that should remain on campus are those staying with a sponsor or coach for an after school sponsored activity. Students should NOT be heading over to Regency after school to wait for extended periods of time for rides home. Regency has asked for our cooperation in ensuring the safety of all its shoppers and please note there is NO supervision at Regency after school. Your child should take the bus home in the event that their after school sport is cancelled due to inclement weather. Thank you for ensuring your child takes the bus home or is picked up in a timely manner from the Spanish River campus.

We are proud to have TWENTY-EIGHT College Board National Scholars recognized this fall for their excellent academic performance on the PSAT and AP exams last year. Please see the newsletter article (page 5) for more information on this recognition program and the students recognized. In addition, Spanish River High School has EIGHT National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. We applaud all of these students on their tremendous academic achievements.

We are excited to welcome our athletes that use the gymnasium back home as the gym floor resurfacing has been completed. We have some more upgrades we'd like to make and we're counting on our PTSA to assist us with that. Please join and help support their biggest fundraiser of the year Auction4Sharks. Help take River to the next level with your support of our teachers and campus beautification efforts.

Stay well,
Allison Castellano, *Principal*



Mrs. Allison Castellano



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Welcome Back!

We were happy to welcome back students as they Returned to River! We are happy to be back and have a lot going on in our counseling corner at Spanish River High School.

Virtual Coffee Talks with all grade levels are coming soon. Our second one will be held on October 8th from 8-8:45am live. Invitations will be emailed out the week prior to the event and the information is also up on our website. You can find this under SpanishRiverHigh/SchoolInfo/SchoolCounselingServices/CoffeeWiththeCounselors. 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.

Our 9th grade students will be receiving a lesson each month from the 9th grade School Counselors. This month there will be a lesson on SMART goal setting. We will review how to make short-term and long-term measurable goals. We will also be asking every 9th grade student to book a time to meet with their school counselor. Our goal is to meet with all our 9th graders in person, one-on-one. We hope this helps them become comfortable with coming to see a School Counselor and knowing where to go when they need support.

Your School Counselors are also working to motivate and 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 receive an email to stop by Suite Blue or Silver to pick up their certificate and ticket for a special treat. Parents will also receive an email notifying them of their students' achievement.

Dr. Keller will continue to serve 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 may take after they graduate high school. He will be working collaboratively with students and their families to help develop a plan for our students.

Biotech News

The Biotech Academy is off to a fun start this year having completed two labs within the first four weeks of coming back to campus.

Miss Youell's Sopomores worked on reading volumes in a graduated cylinder and working with Micropipettes which most of them have never used before. Their accuracy with moving microliters of liquid between containers was impressive! They are excited about studying careers in the Biotech Industry in the next few weeks and reviewing each other's Ethics projects.

Looking ahead to the end of the year, the most exciting aspect of the curriculum is the DNA unit in which students will learn how Gel Electrophoresis works and get to try the process themselves!



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Cambridge AICE

Cambridge AICE results are in and Spanish River is pleased to announce we have awarded our first AICE Diplomas to 33 remarkable students! This group of hardworking individuals passed seven credits worth of AS or A Level examinations with at least one examination from each of the three subject groups: Mathematics and Sciences, Languages, and Arts & Humanities. In addition to this accomplishment, 5 of those students were recognized by Cambridge University with the Diploma of Distinction for their high scoring achievements. The AICE Diploma, along with completed community service requirements, will automatically award these students the Florida Academic Scholars Award/Bright Futures. We look forward to recognizing these 33 students on campus later this quarter during a breakfast celebration hosted by administration and teachers.

With over 1678 exams passed by Spanish River students in the 2020/2021 academic year, the AICE program continues to grow and thrive on our campus. To learn more about the program and how your student can get involved, please visit the Spanish River High School website.

Counseling Corner

Students' Last Name	Counselor
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| • Amelie La-Branche | • Jay Gonzalez Lopez | • Priya Salas |
| • Ana Fauntroy | • Jessica Van Tassel | • Renzo Reid-Renaud |
| • Ani Penbe | • Joshua Adams | • Samantha Wadipian |
| • Bryan Delgado | • Ketan Inamdar | • Stephanie Moreno |
| • Camila Lema | • Kylan Costa | • Tatiana Rheingold |
| • Christina Militello | • Lola Plasencia | • Thomas Pijuan |
| • Deborah Araujo | • Madeline Lorow | |
| • Elionia Dufrene | • Malachi Armstrong | |



PSAT

Attention parents of Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors! The PSAT/NMSQT will be given at Spanish River High School on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Freshmen and Sophomores are automatically signed up. This test is NOT mandatory for juniors, however those who have previously signed up will be able to take it as well.

National Merit Semifinalists

Spanish River has an unprecedented 8 semifinalists for the National Merit Scholar Award! Congratulations to:

- Aleksandar Fecteau
- Tayla Givoni
- Theodore Jaffee
- Ashley Rubin
- Zachary Sarmoen
- Daria Sokolova
- Marcus Surgent
- Dylan Zhuang

Chorus

The SRHS Choral Department will present their small fall concert, "Musics Around the World", on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00pm in the Countess de Hoernle Theatre. Tickets are limited with reserved seating. Contact Mr. Kovalsky at alex.kovalsky@palmbeachschools.org or 561-241-2223 for ordering information. Limited quantities are available, so purchase your tickets today, and come enjoy the first choral concert of the year!"



Congrats!

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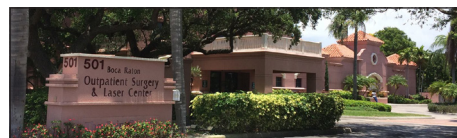
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Parking Decals for 2021 -2022 school year

Parking decal applications are available! All students that are parking on campus **MUST** have submitted the form and payment per the instructions below to receive their parking decal. Please note that students may **NOT** park at Regency for the entire day. Regency is for their customers that are visiting the center and they can tow cars that are parked there all day.

- Cost of the decal is \$60.00 and must be paid on <https://palmbeach.schoolcashionline.com/>
- Student must have community service hours recorded in the SIS system prior to submitting the application. Requirements are 20 hours for seniors, 15 hours for juniors and 10 hours for sophomores.
- Student must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Student must be free of financial obligations.
- The application form is a Google form that **must be completed** with all attachments uploaded. The link to this form is found on the website under Spanish River High / Students & Parents / Parking Passes. You will need to upload 4 items to the form- the current vehicle registration, a current insurance card, your Florida driver's license and the parking decal receipt from schoolcashionline.
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