









MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL SPARGER

Despite the challenges, much was accomplished by our amazing students and faculty during the third quarter of the school year. We celebrated with 1,200 of our students who earned honor roll status for the 1st semester. Students checked out laptops as the goal of becoming a 1:1 District was realized. We celebrated with our Seniors on our Winter Sports teams as they played their final games as Hawks. Three amazing members of the senior class were named to the *Daytona Beach News-Journal's* Medallion of Excellence. Ms. George was recognized as our New Teacher of the Year nominee. A very successful Black History Month was organized by our teachers and students and Ms. Murray, our Teacher of the Year nominee, was recognized by the Port Orange City council.

For most students, the final quarter of the school year will be the most crucial as students must complete the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), End of Course Exams (EOC), Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, and semester final exams. This school year, the majority of these tests will be administered during the month of May. As a result, it will be important for students to be present on the day the test is administered or make sure to make-up a missed test before the end of the school year. For our Volusia Live students, special testing days and location have been created for you. For all students, check out your VCS2GO email account for more details:

•	Beginning April 4	FSA Writing
•	Special test April 13	All Juniors will take an official SAT during school
•	Beginning May 3	FSA English Language Arts (ELA) grade 9
•	Beginning May 5	FSA English Language Arts (ELA) grade 10
•	Beginning May 10	United States History End of Course Exam
•	Beginning May 11	Biology End of Course Exam
•	Beginning May 12	Geometry End of Course Exam
•	Beginning May 17	Algebra 1 End of Course Exam
•	Month of May	IB exams at Crossroads Church
•	Month of May	AP exams both at school and remotely
•	May 17 - May 21	Senior Final Exams
•	June 1 – June 4	Underclassmen Final Exams

We would like to congratulate and celebrate with our seniors as they will be our **46th graduating class**. Although some events have been canceled other traditions will be started. Seniors are reminded to stay current with the dates and times of the many senior events. Please check our **website** (**www.sprucecreekhigh.com**), social media accounts, register for the class Remind by texting @SCHAWK21 to **81010**, or inquire with **Robin Rocco** our **Activities Director** (**rrrocco@volusia.k12.fl.us**) regarding the many exciting senior events.

As one group prepares to leave, the remainder of our student body is preparing for another year of high school. During the month of February, **current 9th**, **10th**, **and 11th graders** selected classes for next school year. Parents are encouraged to **contact their student's school counselor** with specific questions regarding **course selection for the 2021/22 school year**.

I look forward to seeing you during the final nine weeks of school as we bring our 2020/21 school year to a close. We will celebrate together the graduation of the Class of 2021.

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Guidance

Hello Hawk Families,

The end of the school year is fast approaching with many events and deadlines to come.

Senior Volunteer Hours must be turned in at the Guidance office on or before **May 21st**. Freshman through Juniors must turn their hours in on or before **May 28th**. Remember, hours cannot be carried over into next year, so please turn them in by the deadline.

Any college bound student that has taken Algebra 2 or higher should register for the SAT and/or ACT for college acceptance and to meet testing requirements for a Bright Futures Scholarship. If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, see the College & Career Counselor, Mr. Schafer, for a SAT/ACT fee waiver. Also, make sure you are on track to complete two years of a foreign language (Ex.: French 1 and French 2) before the end of your Senior year.

The SAT and ACT can also be used to earn concordant scores to meet high school graduation requirements if you have not already passed the FSA ELA and/or Algebra 1 EOC. Class of 2021 through 2024 are still required to pass the FSA ELA or get a concordant score to meet graduation requirements. Also, students must pass the Algebra 1 EOC or Geometry EOC or earn a concordant score. ONLY this year's graduates are able to earn a concordant PERT Math score as an Algebra 1 concordant.

Juniors should be working on volunteer hours, researching colleges, and setting up summer college tours.

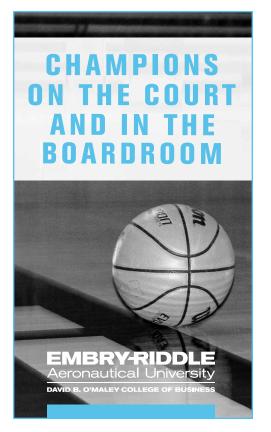
Freshman and Sophomores, have you explored all the clubs, sports, and activities available at SCHS? Get involved! Finish the year strong with passing grades. Freshmen need at least 5 credits to roll up to 10th grade and Sophomores need at least 11 credits to be a Junior next year. Juniors will need 17 credits to roll up to a Senior.

If you need to remediate any courses you did not pass this year, talk to your Counselor about summer opportunities to get caught up with your credits.

All students who are currently Dual Enrolled please note that summer and Fall registration begins March 29th and ends May 28th. For newly dual enrolled students, registration begins April 1st. Make sure you provide your School Counselor with a copy of your DSC schedule after you register for classes. If you are interested in learning more about Dual Enrollment, see Mr. Schafer, College and Career Counselor, to discuss eligibility and also visit www.sprucecreekcounseling.weebly.com/dual-enrollment. You may also want to join our Remind classroom for info and reminders. The join code is: remind.com/join/d6b9aa.

Please visit the counseling department website at www.sprucecreekcounseling.weebly.com throughout the year for valuable information and updates. You may also request an appointment with your Counselor through the site.

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Are You Ready to Step Outside Your Textbooks & Travel the World?

DUST OFF YOUR PASSPORT AND JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE ICELAND IN JUNE OF 2022!

You have studied the history of the world for years.....are you ready to gain a global perspective while experiencing some structured independence? Each summer, Spruce Creek teachers Ms. Duncan and Mrs. Murray take students on educational tours to different locations throughout the world to bring you the opportunity to experience history, learn and practice communicating in other languages, and learn about different cultures. Your life will never be the same after you go on an educational tour with other students! Especially after everything we have been through in 2020 and 2021! Our 2021 trip to the Global Leadership Summit was cancelled due to the Covid pandemic, but we have been able to reschedule an alternate experience for those students that will explore a similar theme. And the good news is that we can now open spots to additional students who wish to join us!

We will be exploring sustainability options in ICELAND in June of 2022. Experience stunning fjords and breathtaking waterfalls, then travel to a red mountain where mud boils and steam flows out of the earth. Journey through the Dimmuborgir lava formations, which some believe are trolls exposed to the sun, then walk along the gap separating two tectonic plates. This adventurous trip is not for the faint-of-heart or weak-of-limb; it will keep you moving, climbing, and hiking—and constantly questioning how your surroundings can possibly be real.

This opportunity, which is not a school sponsored trip, is open to responsible Spruce Creek High students who are interested in furthering their education outside of the classroom. Because it is not school-sponsored, we can also welcome students from other schools (middle or high) who are friends with or related to a traveling Spruce Creek student. Parents are also able to travel with us as long as they remember it is an educational tour geared towards teens so it is fast-paced! The cost can be paid all at once or monthly and includes airfare and transportation, hotels, food, entrance fees, a full-time tour guide, and local guides. If you are interested in more information about the cost, the full itinerary, and travel expectations, please visit www.aWorldBeyondBooks.weebly.com, see Ms. Duncan in C-10 or e-mail her at saduncan@volusia.k12.fl.us, or see Mrs. Murray in the media center or e-mail her at shmurray@volusia.k12.fl.us.

We will have virtual informational meetings in April. Check the announcements and the website www. aworldbeyondbooks.weebly.com for dates and times, but you are ALWAYS welcome to contact us to set up a one-on-one meeting or have us answer questions. Looking forward to traveling with you! Remember- "The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page." -Saint Augustine





Academy of Information Technology & Robotics

Hello Hawk Families!

The following three nine week periods have been challenging but very rewarding! Although the regular Robotics Season was suspended in keeping with precautions associated with COVID, AITR Students were able to participate in a very robust FTC season, competing in non-traditional ways through video and other communication methods.

Challenges began again in the second nine weeks and continued through the third. Although AITR hasn't been able to operate in the usual small group settings as per normal, we still found a way to adjust. The ninth grade has been concentrating on learning soft skills for business, the tenth grade worked on a smaller scale Maker Faire, the eleventh grade came up with some amazing presentations for their Off The Grid challenge, and the seniors began working on life skills for the upcoming departure from their high school years - called Adulting.

The 10th Grade Maker Faire was very impressive. Both students in live school and students on Volusia Live attended the Faire, showing off their creations to everyone who stopped by the media center during 4th period and 1st and 2nd lunch. It was an incredible event and absolutely displayed the resilience of teachers and students alike in a year that is truly unparalleled.











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SAC Needs YOU To Help Us Make Our Amazing School Even Better!

If you are interested in serving as a member of the SCHS School Advisory Council, please contact Samantha Murray at 322-6272 x 37829, via email shmurray@volusia.k12.fl.us, or simply join us at our next meeting.

The School Advisory Council is composed of teachers, students, parents, and other citizens who are representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school. We meet once a month at school in the evening. We discuss current hot topics for our school and school district and provide information about various events and programs at Spruce Creek High School.

The primary purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation of a plan to improve student performance. Actions of SAC include resource allocation, approval of staff development, school safety, and school management. All are welcome! Please join us! For more information, visit www.SpruceCreekSAC.weebly.com.

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Parents, students, faculty and staff, please spend 5 minutes completing the annual school survey by visiting **www.SpruceCreekHigh.org**. Your voice matters in school decisions! We need to hear from you!

Calling all hawks! We need your opinion!



A Note From Mr. Beatty and Dr. Sparger

Hello Hawks.

During this time of online and in-school learning it is important to **check your vcs2go.net email account daily.**

Your teachers, administration and testing coordinator use this communication method to **give you important updates and information**. Checking your vcs2go.net email daily will allow you to keep current with school events, clubs, sports, and important testing information you may need.

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SCHS National Honor Society | by A.vanDeijck, DKeith, ed.

After completing our first semester service hours, we went back to calculating with our traditional quarter-style hours. Knowing how short this quarter is, we made sure to supply as many opportunities as possible for our members. Holding drives, virtual service activities, as well as active service opportunities, our members went above and beyond to maintain our year's theme of "Many Minds, One Mission".

We started off the quarter with an extremely successful NHS District meeting which was held virtually on January 31st. The meeting reached its full capacity of students all of whom were able to participate in a group bonding event and hear from guest speaker David Cordts. Mr. Cordts was previously named the Associate Director of Honor Societies at NASSP in Virginia where he was able to expand the many different Honor Societies around the nation and shared with our members what it means to be a part of the NHS. Our own president, Alisa van Deijck, was also able to speak about the lessons she has learned about being a leader in order to emphasize the pillar of leadership in the NHS.

We then partnered up with the Future Veterinarians Club (FVF) at our school in order to supply food to the Humane Society. In the two weeks that the drive was being held, we were able to supply the Humane Society with over 50 bags of food! We also partnered up with the PAC committee at Creek to maintain the annual Teacher Supply Giveaway. Centered around Valentine's Day, we helped Grandma Sandi collect donations, and then package them in boxes to go to all of the different departments. Thankfully, with the help of our NHS members and the families who donated, we were able to supply our teachers with a lovely Valentine's Gift consisting of supplies they could always use like copy paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, and more.

Keeping in the holiday spirit, we also helped SGA decorate and hang up hearts that adorn the students' lockers. Writing kind messages on hundreds of hearts, students were able to come to school on February 12th and know they were loved. We also spread holiday cheer online by creating Valentine's Cards for patients at St. Jude's hospital. Our members were able to pick or write heartwarming messages and then choose a handmade art piece from one of their patients to put on the front of the card. We also made sure to honor Black History Month by running a schoolwide Kahoot game. Run by one of our officers, Mariya Khan, as well as our sponsor Mr. Rohol, the Kahoot game consisted of 21 questions with which each classroom could participate. Students were able to work together to learn about African-American History. The winner was Mrs. Morris's class and they received a soul-food based lunch.

Ending off the month of February, one of our members, Isabella Haddad, led the opportunity of Project Family Garden Renewal. With the help of about 5 members, Isabella created a socially distant environment where they were able to restore the gardens of Family Renew, a location in Holly Hill that helps provide support and essential items to families in need. We also made sure to give back to our community by holding a dual-Beach Cleanup. Have a beach cleanup on Saturday in Port Orange, and another one on Sunday in Ormond Beach, we wanted to both expand our impact and also allow our members, who live in both towns, a chance to give back in an easier manner.

At our next general meeting on February 17th, we started to introduce all of the new service projects we were planning on supporting for the month of March. We had yet another partnership with Key Club in which we helped donate hundreds of books to be distributed around local Little Free Libraries. We also prepped for our big March Project of painting a mural in Ms.Duncan's classroom by allowing our members to donate paints and paintbrushes. Any of the paints and paintbrushes that were not used, or were leftover and in good shape, we made sure to donate to our art teacher Mr. Moskola as this year he was running extremely low on his essential materials. With the help of our members, we were able to donate two boxes full of art supplies to Mr. Moskola and also start the makings of a wonderful mural that embodied key themes in AP European History.

To start off this month, we celebrated the hundred-year anniversary of The National Honor Society on March 1st. As an homage to the Japanese beliefs of the crane, as well as the story of Sadako Sasaki, we made paper cranes while learning about the history of NHS. We made over 350 paper cranes which we plan to string and hang in our school library in order to bring awareness to this wonderful tradition and tragic story. We then held two new service activities, both led by officers in Creek's NHS chapter: Reem Abdelghany and Kaylee van Rij. Reem reached out to elementary schools and provided our members with the opportunity to decorate face shields in order to prevent little kids from being scared. Decorating with glitter, stickers, paper, and pens, our members used their creativity to create inviting face shields for elementary school teachers. Kaylee, our digital director, was able to use the app TikTok to create a platform for our members to give tips to the rising classes. Touching on AP, IB, freshman year, senior year, and more, our members were able to spread their advice on surviving high school in a fun, entertaining manner. Our service chair, Iris Qi was also able to reach out to MOAS in order to allow members the chance to help clean up the Historic Gamble Place Center.

Finally, we ended the quarter by having our March 17th general meeting. Not only did we start to introduce our abundance of plans for the fourth quarter but it was also Election Day! Any current junior with the desire of holding an officer position was able to fill out an application, prior to March 12th, and then give a speech at this meeting in which the rest of the members would then vote on the leader they think is best suited for the position. We are excited to see what the Class of 2022 holds and know that they will do a superb job in continuing the NHS traditions and honoring the 4 pillars.









The Asian Association Report | by D. Keith March 18, 2021

The Asian Association celebrated the Lunar New Year of the Ox 4719 in Mr. Griffith's room during first lunch on February 11, 2021. We appreciated Mr. Gufford who offered his room for second lunch. Business was addressed initially with the traditional Chinese New Year greeting: "Gong Hee Fat Choy." President Claire reminded all about paying the \$15 dues online and getting a club shirt. Many already received them in January. Toys would be collected for Neighbor to Family and delivered to that agency after school on February 12 for Valentines. Many thanks to those who donated toys. Each attendee received a token of Chinese calligraphy which meant "Long Life."

Our guest speaker, Ms. Linda Sue Lowery spoke about her 8 years teaching in China. She mentioned that she'd like to retire there one day. As she shared her experiences riding through the town streets on her bicycle, she noted everyone knew her by her light hair color and her height of 5'11". The average citizen in China has black straight hair and stands 5'6". She loved sharing American customs with her students including Valentines, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mrs. Keith took her to lunch as a thank you for speaking to our club members.

March 11th was supposed to have been our traditional "Asian Invasion" where the South East Asian Club would join us to teach us about the particular countries that make up SE Asia. We learned that this year, the SE Asian Club meets virtually at 7 PM on the third Sunday evening of the month. SO, our club decided to make Japanese cranes to help the NHS celebrate 100 years of National existence. In an hour, we made 125 cranes to add to the 150 already created. Ultimately, the 1000 cranes will be displayed in the media center. The Japanese legend claims the making of 1000 origami cranes will in turn bring happiness, peace, and good luck.

To show our appreciation to LeAhn for her food donations this year, we will go as a group to her restaurant on March 19th at lunch.

Applications for an officer position next year are available and must be submitted by March 29th to Mrs. Keith or Mrs. Meadows.

Volunteers were solicited to help with the bulletin board which will be done over spring break. We will also work on the scrapbook for 2020-2021. For Teacher Appreciation Week, we hope to present Asian candy to all our teachers. We are also looking forward to our April 8th meeting where LeAhn's will provide us with a Vietnamese meal.

SCHS Young Republicans | by D. Keith

There are several projects that the Young Republicans are involved with throughout the entire school year. We are still associated with Wreaths Across America where our club receives a donation of \$5 per each \$15 wreath purchased online. Please check the following site below and honor a service personnel with a wreath on that person's grave on December 18th. https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/17897/Overview/?relatedId=15633

Part of the money in our account goes to providing the school with flags that are raised each morning outside the front office by our JROTC. A ceremony presenting the flags to JROTC will be arranged before the school year ends.

We are also setting aside money to help our members attend the Volusia County Lincoln Day Dinner. While the dinner was postponed from the fall of 2020 to Sunday April 25, it has yet again been changed. The new date is Sunday evening, November 7th at the Ocean Center. The cost for a place at the table is \$100 each. So we have definite goals to reach.

Letters of encouragement/appreciation to law enforcement officers and service personnel are still being written and sent. If our members cannot personally mail them, the letters can be given to Mr. Beatty.

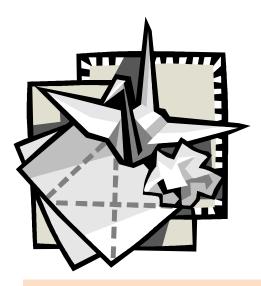
We will also support the Volusia County Teenage Republicans on March 28th at 2:30 PM at Miller Leamon, 800 Orange Ave, DB, FL 32114. The assistant editor of the Mises Institute's WIRE will be speaking about his book: ANATOMY OF THE CRASH: THE FINANCIAL CRISES of 2020.

Our historian Donny Pultz will be working with Mrs. Keith on the scrapbook over spring break. Hopefully, other members will be able to join us in changing the bulletin board and working on album pages on Tuesday through Thursday (March 23-25) anytime between 10 AM- 3 PM.

Club Discussions have included these and other topics: Biden's first national speech; CPAC National Meeting in Orlando; Governor DeSantis working as Florida's governor. Looking forward to our next general club meeting which will be April 2nd.











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