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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL SPARGER

Let's celebrate all that was accomplished by our amazing students and faculty during the third quarter of the school year. We recognize the 1,200 of our students who earned honor roll status for the 1st semester. We celebrated with our Seniors on our Winter Sports teams as they played their final games as Hawks with seven of these athletes signing college athletic scholarships. Three seniors earned military appointments. One senior was selected to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair and our Science Olympiad and Envirothon Teams qualified for State competition. Ms. Allyson Jones was recognized as our New Teacher of the Year nominee and Ms. Shon Duncan as our Teacher of the Year nominee. A very successful Black History Month was organized by our teachers and students.

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, most 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 for Grades 9 and 10
Special test April 13	All Juniors will take an official SAT during school
Beginning May 2	FSA English Language Arts (ELA) grade 9
Beginning May 4	FSA English Language Arts (ELA) grade 10
Beginning May 9	United States History End of Course Exam
Beginning May 10	Biology End of Course Exam
Beginning May 12	Geometry End of Course Exam
Beginning May 16	Algebra 1 End of Course Exam
Month of May	IB exams at Crossroads Church
Month of May	AP exams both at school
May 9 - May 13	Senior Final Exams
May 31 - June 3	Underclassmen Final Exams

We would like to congratulate and celebrate with our seniors as they will be our 47th graduating class. 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 @SCHAWK22 to 81010, or inquire with Robin Rocco our Activities Director (rrocco@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 2022/23 school year.

I look forward to seeing you during the final nine weeks of school as we bring our 2021/22 school year to a close. We will celebrate together the graduation of the Class of 2022.

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Guidance News

Hello Hawk Families,

The end of the school year is fast approaching with many events and deadlines to come. All students Volunteer Hours must be turned in at the Guidance office on or before **May 6th**. 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 SAT/ACT fee waivers. 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. Students must pass the Algebra 1 EOC or Geometry EOC or earn a concordant score. **ONLY** this year's graduates can earn a concordant PERT Math score of 97 as an Algebra 1 concordant. **ONLY** this year's graduates can earn a concordant SAT score of 430 on the EBRW or a 19 on the ACT Reading section.

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 become 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 28th and ends May 4th**. For newly dual enrolled students, registration begins **March 31st**. 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.

Academy of Information Technology and Robotics

AITR would like to thank Tina Ehrenkaufner of Rue & Ziffra, for her participation in the Senior Challenge – Adulting! In addition to coming in and sharing valuable information with our seniors regarding a multitude of after graduation matters, such as filing taxes, renting apartments, car insurance, medical insurance, amongst others, Ms. Ehrenkaufner along with the marketing team of Rue & Ziffra, Lisa Viccaro – Marketing Director, and Estefania Lazaro – Social Media Coordinator, and a camera crew filmed a segment of the Robotics teams – SMASH 2152 & First Lego League Teams – working on a recently completed challenge cycle for competition. Rue & Ziffra is including AITR in the RZ Cares segments for the law firm and gave a generous donation of \$500 to the Robotics Teams and the Academy. Thank you Rue & Ziffra and Tina Ehrenkaufner!!





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Asian Association | by *outgoing President, Karlee Ling, edited by D. Keith*

Welcome back from break, Hawks! It's time to "spring" back into action with April's majestic pop culture country of cherry blossoms and mochi: Japan!

From the start of 2022, the Asian Association has gone over countries, such as Singapore, China, and Laos. From eating mouth-watering Hainanese Chicken to celebrating the Chinese New Year with lots of sweets, a competition game, and good luck charms, the Asian Association club has been enjoying the last semester of the year to the fullest!

However, as we wrap up the year, we are getting ready for officer elections—it's never too late to start involving yourself in activities such as the upcoming Foreign Language Festival at DeLand Highschool on March 26th where we will be selling food. Hope to see you there!

Lastly, thank you to everyone who participated in purchasing an Asian Association box full of love on Valentine's Day. We appreciate each and every bit of support!

See you at lunch in C-16 on April 14th for some tasty Japanese food and an extraordinary end-of-the-year celebration!



German Club

Guten Tag, Hawks! German Club had many events done in the home stretch of the 2021-2022 school year. We had many events, such as a celebration of the German (and world renowned) holiday Karneval. We also visited the famous German restaurant Hollerbach's in Sanford to try German foods like Schnitzel, Spaetzle, and Sauerbraten. We also finally received our new uniforms after much delay due to the current supply chain issues from the COVID - 19 Pandemic. The pandemic did not prevent us from doing more for the community, however, as we had a campus cleanup, and we have more opportunities planned for the final quarter of the year. We are also planning more events, which we will discuss in our March meeting. Auf Wiedersehen!

Soccer

The 6th Annual Creek Soccer Summer Camp will take place the weeks of June 13 through 17 and June 20 through 24. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to noon. The camp is open to both boys and girls ages 7 through 17. The cost is \$75 per week and there are sibling and multiweek discounts offered. High school and college coaches will conduct the camp, as well as members of the Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer Teams. Contact Coach Costner at krcostne@volusia.k12.fl.us for more information.



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A NOTE FROM Ms. Batten and Dr. Sparger

Hello Hawks,

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Please **check your email daily.**

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NHS | by Alexa Wolfson

Hello, members and readers! Our NHS has had quite a busy quarter this year. I want to thank all of our dedicated volunteers whose contributions have been crucial to our success and service. During late January and early February, our volunteers aided Grandma Sandi in her annual We Love Our Teachers supply drive! Through collecting donations in the Parent Pick-Up Loop, donating supplies ourselves, and assembling them for each department, our students worked together to show our teachers how much we care. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity, Grandma Sandi!

February was Black History Month, and our club chose to celebrate by hosting a week's worth of events at lunch in the library! Our roster of The Pyramid Game, Family Feud, Kahoot!, Quiz Bowl, and Are You Smarter Than A SCHS Teacher? was a blast to host and play. Every audience member donated 5 dollars at the door each day, all of which was then donated to the NAACP by NHS. This year, the teachers beat out the students for first place, but we hope to see you all next year for a heated rematch!

Our Secretary Sarah Mallar hosted another bonding event in our gym this February, leading our members in a basketball game that pitted seniors against juniors. We served pizza and socialized together. As the last couple years have been difficult regarding our efforts to build a community within NHS, we've been fortunate to be able to join together and enjoy each other's company this year. Thank you to all who participated!

On February 23rd, our officers hosted a Q&A session at lunch with those considering running for positions in NHS next year. We simultaneously ran a plan-making session in Mr. Rohol's room for our seniors who will be graduating this year. Your help was greatly appreciated! The care with which our members have approached running for office indicates their unending dedication to our pillar of Character. Thank you all again!

For the first time since the pandemic began, NHS has partnered with Habitat for Humanity in helping assemble a new house! Six of our members went down to Daytona and helped lay sod for a new homeowner's property. This may have been our most physically demanding opportunity, but the determination and perseverance of our members made volunteering with Habitat a breeze. Thank you to Habitat for Humanity for the chance to help you all in any way we can!

An election for new members will take place March 23rd during our club-wide Teams meeting. Make sure to attend and place your votes for next year's board! This is the last contribution to the newsletter that I will make as President of our club; thank you all for this platform and I look forward to reading the words of our future President!

Young Republicans

We proudly posted an addition to our UNITED WE STAND bulletin board. We pictured Black Republicans to celebrate Black History Month including a picture of the first black senators and representatives, plus Ben Carson, Daniel Cameron, Candace Owens and others.

Third quarter was special for our club because we sponsored the Wreaths Across America's mobile unit on our campus February 8, 2022. Prior to that day, we had classes signed up to attend the talk and video each period regarding what Wreaths Across America is and the symbolism of each wreath placed on the gravestones of veterans on the third Saturday of each December. Vietnam Veterans were also contacted for a special program at lunch on that day where WAA would present a challenge coin and a WAA baseball cap as an effort to "welcome home" these Vietnam Veterans upon their return home after serving our country. Our members helped present challenge coins and caps to 38 Vietnam Veterans who attended our ceremony of honor. The JROTC classes also attended and stood in a line to shake the veterans' hands as they left our campus.

We spent our March meeting writing thank you notes to those who helped donate money to the Wreaths Across America wreaths program in our SCHS Young Republicans name. We look forward to helping teens pre-register to vote!

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