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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL SPARGER

I hope this letter finds you **healthy and happy and enjoying the New Year**. As strange as it may sound, we are already thinking about next school year. Over the next several weeks, students will meet with their school counselor to begin the process of **selecting classes for next school year**. These meetings will take place during the school day during the month of **February** mainly through **English classes**. Please reach out to your student's high school counselor with questions on the registration process. For our seniors, they will begin to finalize their plans for life after high school. All **seniors** are encouraged to stay current with **graduation dates and deadlines** and to look for the next edition of the senior letter. We anxiously await celebrating with the **Class of 2022** at their graduation ceremony on **Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 4:00 pm**.

All students in **grades 9 and 10** are scheduled to take the **Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) / English Language Arts (ELA)** exam during the second semester. The **FSA Writing** will be administered on **April 4 and 5** followed by the **FSA Reading from May 2 – 5**. The required **End of Course (EOC)** tests for students currently enrolled in **Algebra, Biology, Geometry, and United States History** are scheduled to take place beginning the week of **May 9th**. For more information regarding these assessments visit our school's website sprucecreekhigh.com and click on the Testing tab. For students enrolled in **AP and IB classes**, those exams are scheduled to be administered during the **month of May**.

As a result of the collective efforts of our students, faculty and community, the Hawks continue to soar. Our **graduation remained at nearly 94%** and over **1,800** of our students earned **honor roll status** for the first semester. Nearly **250 students** earned **straight "A" grades** for the first semester and many of our **fall and winter sport** student-athletes placed on the all-area team for their sport. **Conference, district, and regional championships** were also won by both teams and individuals. *It's truly a great time to be a Hawk!*

In an effort to **stay informed** with events on campus, please visit our school's **website** at www.sprucecreekhigh.com and follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter @GreatDay2BAHawk** and **Instagram** at [sprucecreekhighhawks](https://www.instagram.com/sprucecreekhighhawks).

It's a Great Day to be a Hawk



Message from Mr. Bradham – Assistant Principal

Parents! Spruce Creek High School believes in nothing less than the best for our students which is why we participate in continuous improvement.

Our school is up for our School Accreditation Review which is being conducted by COGNIA. Accreditation is the launchpad for school improvement. Based on rigorous research-based standards and evidence-based criteria, the process probes the whole institution—from policies to learning conditions and cultural context—to determine how well the parts work together to meet the needs of every learner.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community and those persons closest to the students. The group shares responsibility for guiding the school toward continuous improvement. **We welcome you to join us as we work to make our amazing school even better!**

The School Advisory Council is responsible for final decision making at the school relating to the implementation of the provisions of the annual School Improvement Plan (SIP). Each School Advisory Council

assists in the annual preparation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan.

Currently, our current School Improvement Plan is being implemented in our various Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) by following the three SIP Goals developed at the beginning of this school year. Much of the progress that occurs in raising our students' achievement is materialized by classroom teachers implementing research proven teaching and learning strategies and closely following the curriculum maps. **Below you will find our three SIP Goals:**

2021 – 2022 School-wide Improvement Plan (SIP) Spruce Creek High School

Area of Focus 1: Instructional Practice specifically relating to Standards-Aligned Instruction

Measurable Goal

Lowest quartile students and ESSA Subgroups will increase in overall achievement in:

- ELA to 45%
- Math to 35%.

Overall achievement will increase to:

- 70% in ELA
- Biology proficiency rate to 83%
- 60% in Math
- US History proficiency rate to 70%

Monitoring

During PLC's: common formatives, remediation, Visible Learning and Teacher Clarity, completing district assessments, SchoolCity data tracing

Strategy

The evidence-based strategy is based on John Hattie's research on the relationship between visible learning and student achievement.

- Teacher clarity, which has an effect size of .84 in Hattie's research.
- Using learning target and success criteria as a core part of teachers' instruction.

Action Steps

- Teachers will be trained in the new B.E.S.T. standards.
- Teachers will be trained on Teacher Clarity, which will include how and why to post Learning Targets and Success Criteria.
- Teachers in tested subject areas will meet weekly in PLCs to ensure standards-aligned instruction, target-task alignment, and to collaborate and discuss progress.

Area of Focus 2: Culture & Environment specifically relating to Social Emotional Learning

Measurable Goal

Panorama Education Survey:

- 10% of our students feel that not a single one of their teachers would be concerned if they walked into the room upset
- 33% responded that only a few of their teachers would be concerned
- 43% responded that the energy of our school is positive.

While these numbers are all more positive than the district trends, our goal is for all students to be connected in positive ways to the adults on our campus.

- Increase to 50% of our students responding favorably in all categories in our Panorama Education Survey.

Monitoring

- Administer survey 3 times this year; Climate Survey 2 times a year
- Discuss results and strategies in PLCs and Faculty/Leadership Meetings

Strategy

- Have 5 or more positive student interactions for every 1 negative interaction
- Talk to every student about something not related to class at least once a week

Action Steps

- Our school counselors will meet with each student on their case load twice per year.
- Teachers will share successes during PLC

Area of Focus 3: Instructional Practice specifically relating to Student Engagement

Measurable Goal

Panorama Education Survey:

- Only 25% of our students reported being engaged in their classes Goal:
- Student Engagement results on the Panorama Student Survey to increase to 50%.

Monitoring

- Staff Meetings: Brainstorming and collaborating
- PLCs: Planning lessons with intentional focus on activities that are engaging and meaningful to students
- PLCs: In relation to scores and achievement, teachers will identify instances where there was the potential for more engagement and will plan upcoming lessons and activities to improve engagement based on their self-reflection, student input and test data.

Strategy

- Teacher Clarity: Ensure students aren't engaged because they're unclear on what's expected
- Collaborative Planning: Identifying places in lessons where activities could be more engaging
- Data/Reflection: Analyze SchoolCity data and grades in respect to level of engagement

Action Steps

- PLCs: In relation to scores and achievement, teachers will identify instances where there was the potential for more engagement and will plan upcoming lessons and activities to improve engagement based on their self-reflection, student input and test data.





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From the Guidance Office:
Happy New Year Hawks!

We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday break and returned ready to soar through the final semester. Seniors going to college that have not already completed the FAFSA for federal financial aid online at www.fafsa.ed.gov need to do so immediately. Also, if you did not register for the Bright Futures Scholarship, which is state financial aid, please see Mr. Schaffer in the Guidance office right away for information on how to apply. Class of 2022, you can start paying for your graduation expenses online starting Monday, January 10th. Visit www.sprucecreekhigh.com. Under the student tab selected online payment from the drop-down menu. Look for the product titled Graduation Expense. Check our school website for an updated list of available scholarships as well.

Juniors and Seniors that have 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 student lunch, see Mr. Schaffer in Guidance for a fee waiver. 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.

Please listen to daily announcements and visit our school website often. You can email Mrs. Rocco (rrrocco@volusia.k12.fl.us) and ask for her to add your email address to the daily announcements distribution list so you don't miss news. The announcements will be delivered to your inbox daily!

Registration for next school year is scheduled to begin at the end of January. The Counselors are looking forward to meeting individually with students to review recommendations and elective choices so their course requests can be selected for next school year. Remember foreign language is NOT a graduation requirement, but it IS required for university admission and for Bright Future Scholarships. If you need to remediate any courses you did not pass, talk to your Counselor about summer opportunities to get caught up with your credits!

Please remember that students may see their Counselor without an appointment before/after school or during student lunch. Visit the counseling department website at www.sprucecreekcounseling.weebly.com throughout the year for valuable information. Or use the QR code here or in the Guidance office to access the site through your phone! You can contact your Counselor directly through the QR code to ask a question or request an appointment.



From the Dance Room...

The Papillon Dance Ensemble had our annual Christmas show last month before break. In the show we invited Fresh Beatz and the K-Pop club! We held an amazing show and congratulations to the seniors for an amazing last Christmas show. In the upcoming month, Papillon will begin preparing for Volusia County Dance Performance Assessment. This event will be held at Mainland High School on February 19. We hope to see you there!

German Club

GUTEN TAG HAWKS!

It's been a great first semester for the 2022 school year, as well as for the German Club. We have been able to donate many pet supplies to the Halifax Humane Society, and we are looking forward to creating more opportunities for community service to help SCHS students meet their requirements, as well as more opportunities for fun events that revolve around German culture. As the weather gets warmer over the semester, we may plan to do beach cleanups. Bis bald -Auf Wiedersehen.

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AA News Report | by K.Ling & D.Keith

Happy New Year, Hawks! The Asian Association hopes everyone had a wonderful Winter Break!

Last month, on December 10th, we had a holiday party and members got to indulge on some scrumptious eggrolls and snacks! We watched Christmas movies and got to spend our meeting time chatting and having fun!

This month, on January 13th, 2022, the board is back to business with Asia's most popular city-state, Singapore! "The Night Safari," in Mandai, Singapore, is the first nocturnal zoo in the world—to feature this landmark, members will take part in a glow-in-the-dark themed meeting, accompanied by a famous Singaporean chicken dish which originated in Heian: *Hainanese Chicken Rice*. Furthermore, we will talk about Singapore's rich economy, strict laws, and its grandiose architecture. If you'd like to learn more, be sure to stop by C-09 and stay awhile at lunch, January 13!

We will be celebrating The Asian New Year of the Tiger on February 10, 2022, at lunch in C-09. Join us!

Our new **foo-dog T-shirts** have arrived and will be distributed promptly to those who have paid their dues as club photo day is January 13!



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A NOTE FROM Ms. Batten and Dr. Sparger

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NHS | by A. Wolfson/D.Keith

Welcome back from break, all! NHS is back in full swing, and we want to thank our members for their contributions and volunteer work during the holiday season. We understand this is a busy stretch for all of us and we appreciate the time you have all dedicated to our community.



In November, we worked with SGA on the Basket Brigade benefiting different organizations. Our members worked to assemble the baskets after school in Mr. Rohol's room. Thank you for your generosity, Hawks!

We were happy to welcome back the Muffin Mania event this year! In the Black Hawk Inn, faculty and staff were provided muffins and juices in the morning. Our students asked each of them some questions about their lives and interests over a delicious breakfast and submitted their responses to our treasurer Baylee Behrens, the head of the event. Baylee is compiling them into a small booklet which will soon be available to all employees. We're glad we had the opportunity to talk with you all and we hope you enjoyed the leftovers in the break room!

Our secretary Sarah Mallar took the lead on Operation Christmas Child this year, our donation effort towards Samaritan's Purse International Relief. We thank the many volunteers who purchased items for the boxes and those who stayed after school to assemble them.

This holiday season, NHS worked to craft paper snowflakes for our neighbors at Horizon Elementary. Our members used the school library to cut out snowflakes by hand and write positive messages for the students. Much like SGA's Valentine's Day tradition at Spruce Creek, we had some of our members drive to the school and put the snowflakes up around the school for all to see. We're happy to have been able to spread some holiday cheer!

Our annual Door Decorating Contest was a resounding success this year. The theme was "Holiday Cartoons" and the overall winning door belonged to Mr. Vandenburg, whose Peppa Pig theme captivated our judges. Congratulations are also due to the teams who placed for creativity, use of theme, and design. Keep that decorative spirit alive, as we'll be decorating doors again for Literacy Week this month. Look forward to more competition and lively scenery in the near future!

The next general meeting will be taking place on January 19th. We'll be discussing plans for celebrating Black History Month and preparing for all of our upcoming events this quarter. Thank you for your dedication, NHS members!

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The Young Republicans | by D. Keith

Our Young Republican club has stayed busy this second quarter. We held general club meetings at lunch on November 3rd and December 9th to discuss all that we would be doing before the year's end. We helped set up the programs and bags at the Lincoln Day dinner November 7th at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center. 1200 Republicans attended and we had four of our own members help with the Dignitaries Welcome Room prior to enjoying the speakers and the banquet meal.

On November 8th we put flags up on the fence surrounding Spruce Creek High in honor of Veterans Day November 11th. With our funds we helped our JROTC with the purchase of a Florida flag and a US flag. We chose Pearl Harbor Day to officially present the flags to the JROTC on December 8th. At the flag raising, our two officers were taught how to properly hold the flag and raise it on the outside flagpole. These two officers included Treasurer Donny Pultz and Secretary Micah Morrisett. The flag was set at half-mast in honor of Robert Joseph Dole (July 22, 1923 - December 5, 2021). He was an American politician and attorney who represented Kansas in the US Senate from 1969 to 1996.

To help encourage all our student enrollment, we decorated C-17's door with the theme of Cartoon Characters Celebrate Christmas. We chose THE POLAR EXPRESS.

All the while we promoted the Christmas wreaths for veterans' graves. This project was the most memorable. We participated in the Wreaths Across America at the Edgewater Cemetery where our members helped with speaking parts during the ceremony and the laid wreaths on veterans' graves where the names of the deceased were said aloud. It's our way of honoring those who served our country in the armed forces.

We look forward to updating our bulletin board and helping young people register to vote when our members go to the Republican booth at the Flea Market on a Saturday in 3rd quarter.



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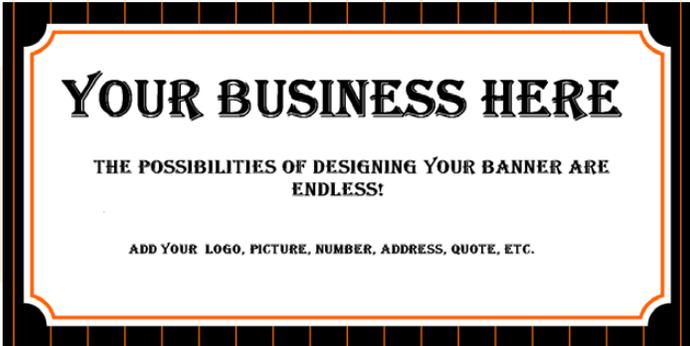
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2/17	Thursday	Titusville	Home		7:00
2/22	Tuesday	Winter Springs	Winter Springs HS	5:00	7:00
2/24	Thursday	FPC	FPC HS	5:00	7:00
2/25	Friday	Merritt Island	Home	5:00	7:00
3/1	Tuesday	Deland	Home	5:00	7:00
3/2	Wednesday	Space Coast	Space Coast HS	5:00	7:00
3/3	Thursday	Mainland	Home	4:30	6:30
3/8	Tuesday	University Christian (Jax)	Home		6:00
3/10	Thursday	University (Orange City)	Home	5:00	7:00
3/22	Tuesday	Hagerty	Hagerty HS	5:00	7:00
3/24	Thursday	Matanzas	Matanzas HS	5:00	7:00
3/29	Tuesday	Lake Brantley	Home	5:00	7:00
3/31	Thursday	Deland	Deland HS		4:00
4/2	Saturday	5-Star Tournament	Home		TBA
4/5	Tuesday	5-Star Tournament	Home		TBA
4/7	Thursday	5-Star Tournament	Home		TBA
4/8	Friday	Santa Fe	Home		2:00
4/8	Friday	Santa Fe	Home		4:30
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4/12	Tuesday	NSB	Home		6:00
4/13	Wednesday	Matanzas	Home		7:00
4/14	Thursday	Lake Mary	Home	5:00	7:00
4/19	Tuesday	Taylor	Pierson-Taylor HS		6:00
4/21	Thursday	Apopka	Apopka HS		6:00
4/28	Thursday	Oviedo	Home		6:00
5/2	Monday	District Tournament	(Higher seed)		TBA
5/3	Tuesday	District Tournament	Lake Howell		TBA
5/5	Thursday	District Championship	Lake Howell		7:00
5/12	Thursday	Regional Quarterfinal	TBD		7:00
5/17	Tuesday	Regional Semifinal	TBD		7:00
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Welcome back Hawks, and most importantly, Happy New Year! We hope 2021 has treated you as well as us! While 2021 zoomed right past us, so much was accomplished!

In the month of November, service briefings from each branch. Starting with Embry Riddle Army ROTC, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Airforce, U.S. Navy, and finally Florida National Guard, the U.S. Army. We thank all the recruiters for taking their time to come out and educate cadets and students about joining the service!

On the 9th of November, we had our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony- hosted by both Mr. and Ms. Spruce Creek. During this event, our Battalion Executive Officer Cadet Major Isabella Ramnath had the honor of introducing our guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Oakland McCulloch and recognizing local veterans, associations, and organizations, as well as our special veterans from Spruce Creek! We thank all these men and women for their service!

Cadets sanding the Honor Guard, we had conducted a Precision Drill Competition. While it was a very tense competition, C/2LT Jenna Lowry outlasted C/2LT Cora Anderson. We thank these cadets for their awesome work!

In December, the Battalion our Fall Cadet Challenge, which is a series of physical activities. Testing cadets' physical endurance, flexibility, and stamina, and a makeup day if any cadet wanted to do better on any of these physical activities.

Not too long after, we started cadet etiquette for our annual Military Formal! Due to COVID-19, we were restricted from doing so the past year. These classes require that students know basic table manners and proper social skills, and of course, the Military Formal was the best way to end the year. Cadets and their guests had an awesome time being able to have fun in the company of their fellow peers. We thank the staff for their hard work in putting this event together! We want to thank Dr. and Mrs. Porter for being our guest speaker and special guests!

In January, we are beginning to prepare for our JROTC Program for Accreditation Inspection (JPA) by checking every cadet's personal folder which acquires a C4 inspection sheet, their winning-colors, JUMS datasheet, goals essay from the beginning of the year,

and completing their Cadet Portfolios.

In the month of February, JLAB will begin to start their level two test, more JPA prep, and the Brigade essay final is due. The Brigade Essay is an annual competition designed to give Cadets an opportunity to assimilate lessons learned from the JROTC curriculum and communicate their knowledge in writing. All cadets enrolled will participate in the essay contest. This theme for the essay is "Selfless Service and Ethics during a Pandemic." The essay must clearly state the following questions: "what does selfless service mean to you?," "How does the pandemic impact selfless service," and "what role does ethics play during a selfless service?." These are questions that cadets must answer in their essays.

Thank you and we hope to see you next time!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Brigade Essay Outline due 01/14/2022
- Brigade Essay Draft due 01/27/2022
- University High School Military Expo 1/28/2022
- Brigade Essay Final due 02/04/2022


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