









MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL SPARGER

Please join with me in congratulating the Class of 2022. We also salute their families, friends, and all those who have contributed to their success. Through their commitment to academics, the arts, athletics and community service, this class has contributed greatly to our school's overall excellence. As evidence of this, US News and World Report recently ranked Spruce Creek High School as one of the best high schools in Florida and among the top in the Nation. Graduation for the Class of 2022 will take place on Thursday, May 26 at 4:00 pm at the Ocean Center. Consider this partial list of accomplishments of the Class of 2022 in the areas of academics, the arts, and athletics:

- **591 Seniors** are part of this graduating class
- 94% of the students graduated on time
- 75% were enrolled in at least **one honors level course**
- 45% were enrolled in some type of applied technology or vocationally related course
- 60% of the class had a GPA of 3.5 or higher
- 41% were enrolled in at least one AP or IB course
- Over 43% were recommended for some level of the Bright Futures Scholarship program
- Almost **\$6.2 million** worth of scholarships were awarded
- 80% of the class are college bound
- 37,000 hours of documented community service were provided to our community
- 3 National Merit Scholarships Awarded
- 12 National Merit Commended scholars and 1 Special Scholarship Competition Winner
- 1 Take Stock in Children State Runner-Up
- 1 senior received an appointment to the US Air Force Academy
- 22 students earned an Associate of Arts degree from DSC in additional to their high school diploma
- 3 News Journal Medallion of Excellence Winners
- 80% took the standardized SAT or ACT and their average scores exceeded district, state, and national averages
- 20 students were recognized at the State Science Fair and 1 was selected to the International Science Fair
- 2 seniors earned the Applause Award
- 4 students were selected to the All-State Band and Orchestra
- 4,150 Advanced Placement (AP) tests and International Baccalaureate (IB) uploads were completed
- U.S. News & World Report ranked SCHS in the Top 2% of all high schools in the nation
- Approximately 90% of our student body is enrolled in an arts related course at some point in high school
- Sports teams: 6 Conference champions, 6 District champions and 4 advanced to the State playoffs
- 1 Girls' Weightlifter was a State Champion
- 1 Boys' Soccer Player was named Florida Dairy Farmers Player of the Year
- 27 seniors **signed letters of intent** to continue their sport at the college level
- Boys' Soccer was recognized as the ALL-ACADEMIC STATE TEAM CHAMPIONS (3rd year in a row!)

This level of success speaks not only to our amazing **students** and their **family support**, but to the **faculty**, **staff**, **coaches**, **directors**, and **sponsors** who provide the opportunities for our students to **highlight their talents**.

We wish each of you an enjoyable and safe summer. Thank you for your many contributions to our school's overall excellence. *Remember that today, as every day, is a Great Day to be a Hawk.*

From the Guidance Department



Hello Hawk Families.

All 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.

Juniors should continue working on volunteer hours, researching colleges, setting up summer college tours, or researching companies and working on their resumes for future employment after high school. 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 or a prior year, talk to your Counselor about summer opportunities to get caught up with your credits. The 1st summer school session at SCHS will be held June 9th through June 30th. The 2nd summer session runs from July 5th through July 21st. Summer school is Monday through Thursday from 9am until 12pm. Please email Tammy Young at tlyoung@volusia.k12.fl.us to confirm your plan for summer school and the session(s) you wish to attend.

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.



End of School AND Summer Reminders

Final exams for students in grades 9 – 11 will begin on Tuesday, May 31 and conclude on Friday, June 3. For the first three days, two exams will be given each day with the final exam for the day concluding around noon. On Friday, June 3 only one exam will be administered and will conclude around 10:00 am. Students choosing to check-out after their last exam for the day will need to bring a separate note for each day containing the student's name, alpha ID, parent name, signature, and phone number. These notes are to be brought to the dean's office at the time of check-out. Students remaining on campus will follow the printed bell schedule for the day. School busses will pick-up and drop off at their regular times. Students are reminded to return all textbooks, laptops, and clean out their lockers before leaving for the summer. Any items left in student lockers after June 3 will be discarded.

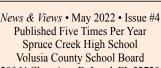
For students that were not successful with one or more classes, please contact your school counselor for summer options to make-up those credits. These options may include Volusia On-Line School, the Credit Recovery computer lab, or Florida Virtual School. Other students may qualify for an Algebra or Biology review course during the month of July. Those students who did not pass or take the Algebra 1, Geometry,

Biology, or **United States History EOC exams** will have an opportunity to take those tests over the summer. Dates for these exams will be the week of **July 18**. Please contact **Mr. Kevin Clark**, our Summer School administrator, at **extension 37807** for more information about summer opportunities.

Please continue to check our website, listen for phone messages, and check your mailbox for important information during the summer months. We are planning to mail home the final report card near the middle of June. Included in that envelope will be important information regarding orientation for the 2022-23 school year. The first day of school for all students will be on Monday, August 15, 2022.

During the summer, the **main office will be open Monday – Thursday from 8 am – 4 pm** and **will close daily from noon – 1:00 pm** for lunch. The guidance office will also have limited hours during the summer. Please be sure to **call the school ahead of time during the summer** to make an appointment to see a school counselor.

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JROTC

As the HAWK Battalion gets ready to close out the 2021-2022 school year, we want to recognize the hard work of our Cadet Battalion. In April our HAWK Battalion Drill team qualified for and participated in the State of Florida Drill Competition, conducted

at George Jenkins High School in Lakeland Florida. Our District winning Color Guard Team placed 8th of 34 competing teams within the state. This is the highest placing Color Guard Team ever for Spruce Creek High School. Our state recognized team consisted of Color Guard Commander, Kayla Moulton, State of Florida Flag Bearer, Anna Johnston, and Rifle Guards Connor Kress and Connor Fagerstrom.

We sent volunteers to the Marine Science Center's, Turtle Day on 9 April. Our high-speed Cadets assisted in the assembling, coordination and participation of the public as the Marine Science Center released three rehabilitated Turtles back into the ocean. Always a great event and this year marked more than nine years of participation for the HAWK Battalion.

The HAWK Battalion recently completed our annual Spring Cadet Challenge, also known as the Presidential Fitness Challenge. This is a regulatory Cadet requirement by the Army, that all Cadets participate in this event. This Cadet Challenge is physically demanding, individual effort event that includes five distinct exercises. To test arm strength the Cadets must perform pull-ups or the flexed arm hang: to test flexibility the Cadets perform the V-Sit and reach, testing the Cadets core, abdominal strength the curl up is performed, the shuttle run is performed to test speed and agility while the one mile run measures Cadet's endurance. There are two categories for the top Cadets. Those who complete all events within the 50th percentile is awarded the National Fitness Path and a JROTC ribbon and certificate. We had four Cadets awards this distinction: Cadet s Cora Anderson, Connor Kress, Jayda McClure and Sean Diaz. The top category is the most difficult as cadets must score within the top 85th percentile to qualify. They receive the Presidential Fitness Patch, JROTC ribbon and certificate and we were fortunate to have one Cadet eclipse this plateau, Cadet Kayla Moulton. Congrats to all of our competitors!

Following Cadet Challenge events, we closed the week with our annual HAWK Battalion Spring Awards Ceremony. This is a special event for us not only because we get to recognize some truly magnificent Cadets, but we are able to recognize all of our Cadets in front of friends, family faculty and very special guests who support our program. We are certainly appreciative of the many military and civilian organizations that recognize and present awards and decorations to many of our deserving Cadets. A few of these national agencies include, the 101st Airborne Association, the 82nd Airborne Association, the local chapters of the VFW, Vietnam Veterans Association and American Legion. All great friends of the Battalion and we truly appreciate their support.

As we wind down the school year, our requirements to serve our school and community continue to ramp up. We have several Color Guard requirements to present our Nations Colors for events like the Nationally recognized Jeep Beach Charity Event in Daytona Beach, we will provide Color Guard and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for the Spruce Creek High School Senior Awards night and Graduation. Speaking of Seniors, we would like to say farewell and good luck to our graduating seniors: Kayleigh Thims, Hunter Guertin, Logan Lahman, Isaac McDowell, Lucas Crane, Devin Stout, Brendin Butler, Nathan Harwell, Jayden Moorhouse, Connor Fagerstrom, Lauren Collins, Isabella Ramnath and Emily Kraft. We appreciate your dedication, commitment, and service, good luck!

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A NOTE FROM Ms. Batten and Dr. Sparger

Hello Hawks,

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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.

Please check your email daily.

It's a GREAT day to be a Hawk!

Young Republicans | James Hall

We have experienced a highly successful Spring 2022, featuring engagement in school activities and the community. The Young Republicans' historian, Settembrina Lucia, has created our annual scrapbook featuring photos of events in which our club participated during the past school year, including Wreaths Across America to honor our veterans in December 2021, and the Lincoln Day Dinner at the Ocean Center in November, which featured a special guest speaker our state Governor Ron DeSantis. We also enjoyed hosting the Wreaths Across America Mobile unit, February 8 where we presented Challenge Coins to 35 Vietnam Veterans!

In April 2022, in cooperation with the National Honor Society, we enjoyed Port Orange City Councilman and Republican State Representative candidate Chase Tramont for Leadership Week. In order to support local and statewide candidates like Mr. Tramont, we have decided to launch a get-out-the-vote effort in our county, starting with a voter registration/pre-registration drive on Sunday, May 15 at the Port Orange Flea Market. This year, the deadline to register to vote for the primary election is July 25 and the deadline to register to vote in the general election is October 11. The primary election is August 23, and the general election is scheduled for November 8.

Over the coming summer and fall, the SCHS Young Republican club will support local and state candidates including Governor Ron DeSantis and U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, who have launched re-election campaigns critical to the future of the integrity of our state and our Congress. Contact Mrs. Keith for further information regarding volunteer opportunities to support Republican candidates.

Our club is in the process of appointing new board members for the 2022-2023 school year. Those interested in joining the club or the board can contact co-sponsor Mrs. Keith at DeborahKeith24@gmail.com. We look forward to the next president of our club Lily Lehr contributing to next year's News and Views for a successful 2022-2023 school year! Vice President will be Chloe Tramont, Secretary will be Donny Pultz, and Treasurer will be Micah Morissett. If you are conservative, think about joining the SCHS Young Republicans.

Asian Association

Happy end-of-the-year, hawks! This month, on April 14th, we journeyed through Japan! From sugary mochis to gorgeous "hanabi" (fireworks), members got to experience a little bit of culture from various large Japanese cities, like Harajuku. The food of the month was chicken katsu from Leanh's, and we played both Pictionary and a "guess the flag" game. We also had a successful booth at the Deland Foreign Language Festival in late March—thank you to everyone who supported us!

Next month, we will discuss leadership and important news for next year—it is very important, so please be there! We will also be having an end-of-the-year celebration at Leanh's for dinner! Please check the remind for

It's been a pleasure working with all our members, as well as Mrs. Keith and Mrs. Meadows. I know it has been rough since Covid started, but I am so proud of the participation we are starting to regain in the club again! Thank you so much for accompanying me on this Asian country tour and I hope you will return next year! Here are our goodbyes from the entire AA board:

Kiersten, our valuable vice president: "I would like to thank all our members for always coming to the meeting and inviting others to come along. We've made so many improvements this year and I'm proud to be Vice President."

Xia, our super secretary: "This year has been fun to see our members engage in our meetings and enjoy the food. Thank you for a great year!"

Ashley, our terrific treasurer: "Asian Association has introduced me to so many different types of cultures and I'm glad I had the chance to a part of it. Thank you everyone for being a part of this club!

Lily, our heroic historian: "AA has brought me so much joy. I got to be introduced to new people, cultures, and amazing foods. It has been amazing learning new things together. Thank you all for attending!"

Once again, thank you for supporting the club and especially our board. Without the help of the students and teachers, we wouldn't be able to have a club at all. Without further ado, I hope you all have an amazing, fun-filled summer!! 再见 Zàijiàn!





NHS

Hello, members and readers! This April has been especially eventful for our National Honor Society. Notably, we have selected our new board for the school year 2022-23! Our new board is as follows: President is Gavin Dain, Vice President Coral Rees, Secretary Izzy Castillion, Treasurer Katey Brown, Service Chair Lana Jackson, Historian Ella Moore and Director of Digital and Communications Taylor Appleford. Congratulations to you all and we look forward to your future endeavors for the NHS!

Our new President has wasted no time, hosting the Flagler Avenue Beach Cleanup on April 9th. We appreciate the opportunity to expand our outreach to different locations in the community and we thank those who spent a few hours making our beaches cleaner. For National Administrative Professionals Day, Service Chair Lana Jackson organized a card-making event to honor our friends in the front office; their dedication to our school and community is not lost on us. Thank you all!

Our aid extends beyond the confines of our city; Lana Jackson led the effort to raise funds for a Ukrainian donation drive. Collecting items ranging from diapers to backpacks, we made it our priority to support those in need on a global scale. Thank you to all who donated and are continuing to donate. Further updates on shipping will come from Lana in the near future.

At the end of the year, it's tradition for the National Honor Society to host a closing banquet for our outgoing seniors. We hosted this year's celebration in our media center on April 24th, handing our seniors their cords and congratulating them on a year well spent. Over a catered dinner, we were lucky enough to be entertained by singer Miles Reynolds and a spectacular jazz combo. Congratulations to all of our seniors and thank you for your unerring dedication this year!

This will be the last blurb that I will write this year for the News and Views. My time as President was the most memorable leadership position I've ever held. I appreciate my board members and sponsors for everything they've given to this club; thank you, everyone, for a thrilling year. You all accepted the challenge! Alexis Wolfson

Academy of Information Technology and Robotics

The Academy of Information Technology and Robotics held its annual Maker Faire this April 26 in the Media Center of SCHS. It was a hit! Many teachers brought their classes down to see all the wonderful projects the students of AITR worked on for the event. In addition to all the wonderful completed and ongoing projects, AITR held its first annual Pinewood Derby with several classes of racing categories including a "no holds barred" category. The category led to some very interesting and fast cars that actually toppled the barriers at the end of the track.









Go Hawks!

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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