

News

Spruce Creek High School

& Views

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL SPARGER

Please join with me in congratulating the **Class of 2023**. 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 2023** will take place on **Saturday, June 3rd at 7:30pm** at the **Ocean Center**. Consider this partial list of accomplishments of the **Class of 2023** in the areas of **academics, the arts, and athletics**:

- **582 Seniors** are part of this graduating class
- **94%** of the students **graduated on time**
- **75%** were enrolled in at least **one honors level course**
- **70%** are **college and career ready** by passing a **college-level course** or earning **industry certification**
- **55%** of the class had a **GPA of 3.5 or higher**
- **45%** were enrolled in at least one **AP or IB course**
- Over **50%** were recommended for some level of the **Bright Futures Scholarship program**
- Almost **\$6.7 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
- **2 National Merit Scholarships** Awarded
- **3 National Merit Commended scholars** and **6 National Recognition Program Winners**
- **2 seniors** received a **nomination to the US Naval Academy** and **1** to the **US Military Academy at West Point**
- **23 students** earned an **Associate of Arts degree** from **DSC** in addition to their high school diploma
- **80%** took the standardized **SAT or ACT** and their **average scores exceeded district, state, and national averages**
- **18 students** were recognized at the **State Science Fair** and **7** won **first place** in their category
- **2 seniors** earned the **Applause Award** and **3** were **Volusia Select Winners**
- **4 students** were selected to the **All-State Band and Orchestra** and **1** to the **All-State Chorus**
- **4,150 Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) tests** 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: 8 Conference champions, 9 District champions and 4 Region Champions**
- **Boys Weightlifting** were two-time **State Champions** in **Traditional and Olympic**
- **Boys and Girls Tennis teams** both advanced to **State Final Four**

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL SPARGER *continued...*

- Boys Volleyball won first district championship
- Baseball were Academic Team Champions and School finished as Top 10 for all sports
- 23 seniors signed letters of intent to continue their sport at the college level

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.*



AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT NOTE FROM Ms. Batten and Dr. Sparger:

Hello Hawks,

It is **essential** 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 essential testing information you may need.

Please **check your email daily**.

It's a GREAT day to be a Hawk!

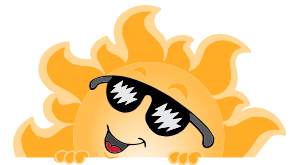
End Of School and Summer Reminders

Final exams for students in grades 9 – 11 will begin on **Tuesday, May 30** and conclude on **Friday, June 2**. 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 2 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 2 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 17**. 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 **2023-24 school year**. The first day of school for all students will be **on Monday, August 14, 2023**.

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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Guidance

Hello Hawk Families,

All Volunteer Hours must be turned in at the Guidance office on or before **May 5th**. 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 your School Counselor 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. Bright Futures Scholarship information can be found at: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN>.

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 during/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 be a Senior.

If you need to remediate any courses you did not pass this year or a prior year, talk to your School Counselor about summer opportunities to get caught up with your credits. The **1st summer school session at SCHS will be held June 12th through June 29th. The 2nd summer session runs from July 5th through July 27th.** Summer school is Monday through Thursday from 9am until 12pm.

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.

German Klub!

FOURTH QUARTER 2022-2023
by German Club Newsletter Team

Spruce Creek High School's German Club is closing out the year with some fun activities!

First off, the German Club participated in the school's spring carnival on April 7th. The club sold various drinks such as lemonade, water, Gatorade, and tea to great success! Four club members represented the German Club in an obstacle course. We did not win.

We held a meeting to elect the new members of the German Club 2022-2023 board. Congratulations to these members as we welcome the new board!

- President: Grecia Perazzo
- Vice-President: Karley Moore
- Secretary(s): Jana Holston/
Zack Skaggs
- Historian(s): Clark Goebel/
Oz E.
- Treasurer: Ethan Moulton/
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Finally, we're planning an end-of-year trip to Fun Spot Orlando! The price for members is \$20 and the trip will take place on Sunday, May 21st.

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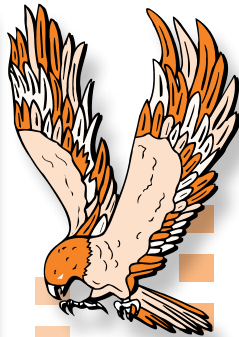
REPORT MAY 11, 2023

Our Asian Club April meeting this fourth quarter included a study on Korea where LeAnh's Restaurant provided us with a chicken and rice meal. President Karlee Ling and secretary Yuna Zhang presented a slide show on Korea which led us into the officers' power point of candidates for a board position. Speeches were given and votes were taken. In the end, Nathan Duffy was elected president, and Catherine Kennedy became our vice president. Our secretary for next year will be David Whalen, and our treasurer will be Selena Yam. Shawn Shen will be our service chair, and our historian will be Tori Huynh.

They have already worked together at the Spring Carnival totally selling-out all the fried rice at our Asian food booth including every morsel of kim chee fried rice! They also participated in the obstacle course and had a grand time working together with different challenges.

At our May meeting, we learned about the Philippines. David Whalen's mother provided us with adobo and two members provided rice. The power point was created to teach us about the islands, and we also learned about Tinikling, a Filipino dance utilizing long sticks which provided the rhythm to the dance.

Also during the meeting we created a little gift for the new teachers who survived their first year at Creek. The gift included several pieces of Asian Mamba candies and a note of congratulations. Dinner at an Asian restaurant and then Karaoke provided us with a fabulous blast off into summer on Sunday, May 28th.



Back To the Nest Foundation

Back To the Nest Foundation, Inc 501(c)3 Would like to send a warm congratulations to the graduating class of 2023.

"Wherever you go, with all your heart."

We look forward to having you join our organization and become part of our growing community of Alumni from SCHS.

–Lori Bossa- Palladino, *President, Back To The Nest Foundation, Inc 501(c)3*

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We would like to send a huge "Thank you" Out to our following sponsors for another amazing golf tournament April 29th 2023.

Our Alumni classes 1979 thru 2010 had volunteers at the golf course to help us with our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament. This year we held our tournament Crane Lakes Golf and Country Club and had a perfect day to golf, reconnect, laugh and raise money for our Legacy Scholarship and Resilience Award. The money from this year's golf tournament is raised to pay out our scholarship that we present to the applicants selected.

Our Second year and all we say FANTASTIC-EVENT. We are growing everyday and our goal is to be able to help support the students and programs at the school. Words will not describe the pride these sponsors have instilled in our mission.

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The Young Republicans News

BY D. KEITH MAY 11, 2023

It's exciting when we are able to secure new members even at the end of the school year. Mrs. Keith served spaghetti and meatballs plus brownies for dessert at our May meeting. Past business included the 8th grade Club Expo where we had a booth promoting our club. We also discussed our Pizza booth at the Spring Caarnival which reaped us a couple hundred dollars. We also recalled the obstacle course which we came so close to winning. The group heard a report about NHS' effort to promote leadership with a Port Orange City Councilman who would address leadership in the media center on April 28. Three members Donny Pultz, Kyle Pultz, and Nathan Winkvist attended and were able to secure a picture with the councilman. Once lunch was consumed, the group went to the bulletin board to take down the Chase Tramont news about HB5 on Economic programs. The bill will significantly reduce corporate welfare, prevent continuous waste of taxpayer dollars and streamline state agency processes. They put up Cory Mills' willingness to arrange Capitol tours and fly flags over the US capitol, plus nominate exceptional student to the US military academies. Mr. Mills and his team can help with federal issues * protecting social security benefits, tax returns and IRS issues, supporting VA backpay, fighting for small business programs, international adoption, passports, immigration, and the state department.

Plans were made to meet on May 25 to put up flags on the fence for Memorial Day. We'll also meet again on May 26th for our end of the year party. We discussed in the months ahead we'll continue to promote wreaths for Wreaths Across America for \$17 each. (The price went up \$2.) As a service project next year, our group will fold WAVES booklets for LIVING WATERS three times during the school year. Maybe a few of our members will be able to attend the Allen West summer event. And maybe this summer, we'll be able to help a few republicans running for office.

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We travel for community outreach, competitions, and other events.	
Our travel budget includes bus, airfare and hotel costs for each of our students and mentors.	
Business and Team Spirit	\$5,000
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National Honor Society

BY D. KEITH MAY 11, 2023

We have only a few more days to the 2022-2023 school year. Our NHS membership has done an excellent job serving the community with President Gavin Dain's theme of NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED. This fourth quarter has been filled with numerous service projects including: Earth Day's Climate March, and several campus and beach cleanups on the weekends. Teachers were honored with our NHS traditional Muffin Mania where we served muffins and juice for a faculty breakfast. Thank you cards were given this spring to our administrators, bus drivers, secretaries, and custodians. We had a fun Kickball game for a diabetes fundraiser where students paid to play. We collected supplies for packets to be given to NICU patients. 408 pairs of socks and 109 pairs of running shoes were collected and given to Food Brings Hope. A group of members went to the Marine Science Center to do a clean up over the weekend. We anticipate our members doing service through the next few weeks as well as through the summer.

The end of the year activities including our senior banquet where our blue and gold honor cords were presented. Our junior end of the year pizza party was held in the gym where we also played bonding games. Junior members helped distribute printed programs at three events: Baccalaureate which was held at First Baptist, on June 30th at 7 PM; Senior Awards which was held at Bethune Cookman College June 1st; and Creek's Graduation which took place at 7:30 PM on Jun 3rd at the Ocean Center. We wish "Congratulations!" to our graduates as they enter college and the workforce! To them, we wish the very best!

The new board was elected in March and installed into office in April. Working with President Logan Dain are: Vice President: Jordan Tomchuk, Service Chair: Connor Wiles, Secretary: Triany Nicolas Treasurer: Andrew Halleran, Historian: Danielle Hurtado and Digital Director: Finnegan Gillespie. We look forward to accomplishing great things utilizing our new theme for the 2023-2024 school year: BETTER TOGETHER.



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