



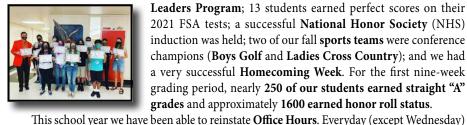






MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL SPARGER

As we begin the second nine weeks of the school year, it is important to celebrate the successes of the first quarter. Some of the accomplishments include: three seniors qualified as semi-finalists for the prestigious National Merit Semi-Finalist, and twelve qualified as commended scholars; five outstanding juniors were selected for the FUTURES Tomorrow's



Leaders Program; 13 students earned perfect scores on their 2021 FSA tests; a successful National Honor Society (NHS) induction was held; two of our fall sports teams were conference champions (Boys Golf and Ladies Cross Country); and we had a very successful Homecoming Week. For the first nine-week grading period, nearly 250 of our students earned straight "A" grades and approximately 1600 earned honor roll status.





all teachers are in their classrooms during the first 15 minutes of lunch (12:03 pm - 12:18 pm). No appointment necessary! Students can stop by their teachers' classroom to make-up assignments, ask a question about their homework, determine work missed during an absence, or seek clarification on an assignment. Students are encouraged to take advantage of office hours before a grade begins to slip.

The faculty has selected Shon Duncan as Spruce Creek High School's Teacher of the Year nominee. Ms. Duncan came to Spruce Creek High in 2006. During her tenure, she has taught the gamut of Social Studies classes and currently teaches AP European History to our IB Sophomores. Ms. Duncan has been named Teacher of the Month at least 7 times, was twice named Volusia County Council for the Social Studies Beginning Teacher of the Year, and the **Social Studies Teacher of the Year in 2014**. She is frequently cited as one of her students' favorite teachers. She can be seen at soccer matches cheering on her students, dressed as Queen Victoria during a study of the Renaissance, participating in each of the dress-up days during Homecoming, and signing karaoke during the Homecoming carnival.



She does all this while constantly immersing herself in professional development to increase the size of her "teaching toolbox". We are fortunate to have her as part of our teaching faculty and we congratulate Ms. Duncan on being selected to represent our amazing faculty.

We want to extend our appreciation to our parents and community members for the many volunteer hours you offer our students and school. The success of our school is due to a combination of wonderful students, a dedicated faculty and staff, and the support of our parents and community. Thank you for your involvement in the success of our school.

It's a Great Day to be a Hawk.



Guidance Information

Hello Hawks,

Parents of Seniors going to college should be completing the FAFSA for federal financial aid online at www.fafsa.ed.gov if they have not done so already. Counselors registered every Senior for the Bright Futures Scholarship recently, which is state financial aid. If your Senior missed their day, they would need to see the College and Career Counselor in Guidance for information on how to apply themselves. Check out our website, www.sprucecreekhigh.com and https://sprucecreekcounseling.weebly.com/ for information on scholarships, community service, and more.

Dual enrolled (DE) students should be working with Mr. Schafer, College & Career Counselor, to plan courses for the Spring semester. Open registration for current DE students begins October 25th. For all others, it begins October 28th. Enrollment deadline is December 1st.

The holidays are just around the corner and The Volusia Thanksgiving Basket Brigade event is gearing up. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 20th for our annual basket brigade. To learn more about donating, volunteering, or nominating a family, visit: https://www.

volusiabasketbrigade.com/.

Make sure to 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 anything all year! The announcements will be delivered to your inbox daily!

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



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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.

Want to Know the Results of the School Survey?

Every year schools conduct a survey to gather feedback from parents, students, teachers, and staff. This feedback is used by administration and SAC in creating goals for the school the following year. In general, the results of this year's survey showed that all groups were pleased overall with the education that students receive at SCHS. The biggest strengths continue to be our high standards for all students, our level of school spirit, the caring and supportive teachers and administration. The biggest areas of concern dealt with consistency in grading, academic honesty violations and the need for campus upgrades. The results for the survey are available on the SCHS SAC website at: www.SpruceCreekSAC.weebly.com.









Learning Commons, Library, Media Center.....What's In a Name?

When you think of a school library, what comes to mind? If the image in your head is not a busy, alive hub of technology, reading and learning, you need to rethink what your media center and media specialist can do for you! Walk into the SCHS media center at any moment and you will find up to 400 students reading, studying, playing board games, playing the piano, charging their 1:1 laptop, getting technology help, engaging in peer tutoring, completing assignments or work on on-line courses, or completing group projects.

Our library represents the new breed of library that more closely resembles a book store than a silent library of the past. We are an active learning commons that focuses on student needs. This more open and flexible environment has evolved over the last 8 years and has increased the number of students and teachers who regularly utilize the library. It has increased our circulation of books and helped us to expand the love of reading and learning to students who previously had never visited the media center. Students may visit our space to work on a project or access technology, but they are surrounded by books and they often leave with one checked out. Just like a college library, there are still spaces and rooms available within the library for silent study or reading if students need them at any time, but the main spaces in our library are alive with the life and learning you would expect from such a high achieving student population!

The media center truly is the academic heart of SCHS. Our motto is, "In Medias Res," which is a Latin literary term meaning to start a story "in the middle of things" rather than at the beginning. We have adopted this as our motto because your media center truly is in the middle of everything and anything that can help increase your student's success and achievement. Our space is more than a space. You can call it by any name that you want to....learning commons, media center, library.....just don't call it a ghost town because we have too much going on! To stay current on all the latest happenings in your media center, please visit our website at www.SpruceCreekMedia.weebly.com. You can also find it linked to the SCHS homepage.



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From the Dance Room...

The Papillon Dance Ensemble has had a busy first quarter! We have been preparing for our December Holiday show non-stop while also performing at local events. Following the start of the 2021-2022 school

year, preparing for the Pep Rally and Port Orange Family Days came fast! Even with all we had going on, our chocolate sales became more popular than 2 years ago. Overall, we had a great first quarter and hope to make the next one even more exciting!

Fresh Beatz has made a comeback after years! This dance group is a majorette team, a funky style combining jazz and hip hop. They performed at the Pep Rally this year and the school loved them! Watch out for them at the basketball halftimes in the Fall!



German Club

GERMAN CLUB FIRST QUARTER REPORT

Guten Tag! The Spruce Creek German Club enters the second nine weeks ready for more activities, holidays, and service opportunities. The main event for German Club during the first quarter was the Homecoming carnival, where we sold hundreds of pretzels and hotdogs. Every item sold went a long way to help support our club, and we would like to thank everyone for their contribution. We would especially like to thank the German Club volunteers who helped set up the booth and operate it during the carnival, as well as those who provided supplies. Not only was this a way for them to help support the club, but a way for the club to help support them, as they were rewarded with service hours for their valuable time. We would like to continue offering service activities for those interested in joining the club, and soon we will be organizing a pet food drive that will also provide service hours for those who donate to it. We will also be meeting on Wednesday, October 27th in room F-03 during lunch. We will be discussing continuing our tradition of selling Christmas Advent Calendars, as well as hosting a Halloween party on Saturday, October 30th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Anyone interested in joining the club should seek to attend. Auf Wiedersehen!

Student 1:1 Laptops

Overall students are reporting positive experiences with their district devices. Just a few reminders about proper care and treatment of the laptops according to the 1:1 VCS Device Handbook that can be found on the district website. It is the responsibility of each student to use their issued device in an acceptable manner.

- Ensure you are storing your laptop in a place in your backpack that is cushioned and secure.
- Do not place books or pressure on the device and be aware that it is in your bag when you put your bag down. Do not place items between the keyboard and screen.
- When moving, the device must be closed and secured.
- Do not leave the device unattended in an unlocked or unsecured location.
- Attempting to jailbreak your laptop or reimage it to give yourself admin rights is a discipline issue that can lead to suspension and removal of the ability to check out district devices.

If you damage your laptop, be aware that you are responsible for the repair cost. Please come to the media center right away to talk about what happened and get a new device. The fines are as follows:

- Mild \$50.00 broken hinges
- Moderate \$125.00 broken palm rest, broken keyboard, broken base enclosure
- High \$225.00 cracked screen
- Complete Replacement \$500.00 Lost/Stolen/Water Damage
- Lost Chargers \$25.00

If your device is stolen, a police report needs to be filed and brought to the school. If your device is damaged by someone else on campus, a report must be filed in the discipline office so that the other student can be held accountable for the fine or you will be responsible for it. Thank you for continuing to treat the devices in a responsible manner!





JROTC

Welcome back Hawks! This year the Hawk Battalion is reaching for the sky as we have returned to some normalcy this school year. The past nine weeks has flown by as we have issued and learned "how to" wear our service uniforms. We have also established our goals for the short and long term and learned about the JROTC program and its history.

First year Cadets are immediately started learning basic individual drill movements such as the position of attention, facing movements and rest positions, which led us to a successful and fun showing in the Port Orange Family Days Parade in September. If you attended the Family Days

Parade, you probably heard us loud and clear, thanks to our cadence callers: Cadets Connor Fagerstrom, Hunter Guertin, Kari Anna Kiad, and Nathan Harwell. Way to go Hawks!





The Hawk Battalion Color Guard team has been quite busy this month with multiple practices and events, and it's just the beginning of the year! So far, the Color Guard team has presented colors for all Spruce Creek High School home football games, the 9/11 YMCA swim meet, the Mahoney Walk to Remember, the NHS induction ceremony, Spruce Creek High School's Pep Rally, and lastly, our homecoming football game!

Most of our main Color Guard team consists of our Battalion Commander Cadet Emily Kraft, and Cadets Connor Fagerstrom, Kayla Moulton, Julia Ramblas, Dawson Taylor, Connor Kress. We thank these cadets for always putting in their hard work and leading from the front, literally!

Stay motivated and we hope to see you next time! HOOAH!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 29 October: Presentation of Colors for Varsity Football Spruce Creek High School vs. Winter Springs. This is also Senior night for our Cadets as they will be recognized in a pre-game ceremony.
- 30 October: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer at the Jackie Robinson Ballpark
- 1-12 November: Military Service Briefings by local area recruiters and Senior ROTC Cadre
- 3 November: Color Guard for the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- 9 November: Spruce Creek High School Annual Veterans Day Ceremony
- 11 November: Celebration of our Veterans
- 29 November-3 December: Cadet Challenge (Presidential Fitness Challenge, Army JROTC Style)
- 2 December: The Volusia County School, High School Showcase at the Ocean Center
- 4 December: The Battalion will march in the Daytona Beach Shores/Ponce Inlet Christmas Parade
- 16 December: Hawk Battalion Military Formal, the Shores Resort and Spa

Band

and 4th overall.

Congratulations to the Spruce Creek High School Band and Colorguard for their crowd-pleasing performance at Merritt Island High School. The kids put it all out on the field and we're proud of them! The band placed 3rd in their class and 6th overall. The Colorguard placed 2nd in their class

Congratulations to all of the kids on successfully competing in your 1st marching band competition in two years. Way to go Percussion and Colorguard on earning your first superior rating of the season!

A special thank you to all of the parents who have worked to make this show a reality (prop building, uniform checkouts and alterations, mirror and plum handlers, chaperones, etc.)- your efforts are greatly appreciated!!!

Mark your calendars to attend our FBA performance at Lake Brantley High School on October 30th, 7:10pm. This is your last opportunity to see the High Steppin' Hawks Marching Band perform their show "Two Tales of a City- The Music of West Side Story and In The Heights". We look forward to seeing you there!







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Girls Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	
NOVEMBER				
9	(Pre-Season) Winter Springs HS	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	7:00 PM	
11	(Pre-Season) Timber Creek HS	Timber Creek HS (Orlando)		
20	Bishop Moore Catholic	Bishop Moore (Orlando)	2:00/3:30	
22	Father Lopez (JV)	Father Lopez Catholic (Daytona)	JV (TBA)	
23	Campbell HS	San Jose Prep (Jax)	8:00	
26-27	Calvary Christian Academy Thanksgiving Tournament	Calvary Christian Academy (Ormond)	TBA	
29	Mainland HS	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	5:30/7:00	
DECEMBER				
02	Bartram Trail HS	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	5:00/6:30	
03-04	All Out Shoot Out	Deland HS (Deland)	TBA	
10	Oakleaf HS	Flagler Palm Coast (Palm Coast)S (Palm Coast)	7:30 PM	
11	Heritage HS	Flagler Palm Coast (Palm Coast)	3:00 PM	
15	Sandalwood HS	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	6:00/7:30	
29-31	Tampa Bay Annual Holiday Tournament	Wiregrass Ranch Sports Complex (Wesley Chapel, FL)	TBA	
JANUARY				
4	Oakridge HS	Oakridge HS (Orlando)	TBA	
6	Wekiva HS	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	6:00	
7-8	Rob Moramarco Challenge	Flagler Palm Coast HS (Flagler)	TBA	
11	Lake Highland Prep	Lake Highland Prep (Orlando)	TBA	
15	Five Star	TBA	TBA	
19	Five Star	TBA	TBA	
21	Play 4 Kay	Tampa (TBA)	TBA	
22	Lakewood HS	Lakewood HS (ST. Petersburg)	TBA	
26	Father Lopez (JV)	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	4:00	
29	Raines HS	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	6:00/7:30	
FEBRUARY				
1-2, 4	DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS	Spruce Creek HS (PO)	TBA	
	- Kelvin Hamm, Sr. JV Coach- Deach- Joel Vega/Assistant Coach- Duwayne Po	•	Coach-E. Jone	

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Boys Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11-Nov	Orange & Black	Spruce Creek HS	6:00
17-Nov	Tip-off Classic vs DME	Spruce Creek HS	6:00/7:30
18-Nov	Tip-off Classic vs Menendez	Spruce Creek HS	6:00/7:30
30-Nov	Palatka	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
1-Dec	at University HS	University HS	5:30/7:00
3-Dec	Mandarin HS	Soruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
7-Dec	Deland HS	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
9-Dec	at Seabreeze HS	Seabreeze HS	2:00/3:30
10-Dec	at Sanford Seminole HS	Seminole HS	6:00/7:30
11-Dec	JV Shootout vs	Spruce Creek HS	TBA
14-Dec	Deltona	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
16-Dec	at Excute to Impact vs New Smyrna Beach	New Smyrna HS	7:30
17-Dec	at Excute to Impact vs Colonial	New Smyrna HS	3:30
20-Dec	at Matanzas Kiwanis vs Creekside	Matanzas HS	8:00
21-Dec	at Matanzas Kiwanis vs St. Augustine	Matanzas HS	6:30
4-Jan	New Smyrna Beach HS	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
6-Jan	Orlando Christian Prep HS	Spruce Creek HS	6:00/ 7:30
7-Jan	Seabreeze HS S	Spruce Creek HS	2:00/3:30
8-Jan	JV Showcase	Spruce Creek HS	TBA
12-Jan	at Atlantic HS	Atlantic HS	5:30/7:00
13-Jan	Father Lopez HS	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
15-Jan	5-Star	TBA	TBA
17-Jan	MLK Showcase	Spruce Creek HS	TBA
19-Jan	5-Star	TBA	TBA
21-Jan	5-Star	TBA	TBA
25-Jan	Pine Ridge HS	Soruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
26-Jan	Matanzas HS	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
28-Jan	Calvary Christian HS	Calvary Christian HS	5:30/7:00
31-Jan	DME	Spruce Creek HS	5:30/7:00
5-Feb	Atlantic HS	Spruce Creek HS	1:00/2:30
Feb- 8,9,11	District Tournament	Spruce Creek HS	TBA
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Head Coach: David L. Howard Sr. Associate Head Coach: Travis Norfolk Assistant: John Wise Head Assistant: Tony Plowden Head JV: Anthony (AJ) Ammons



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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.

Please check your email daily.

It's a GREAT day to be a Hawk!

National Honor Society

These past few weeks have been some of the most eventful all year for our National Honor Society, but our club and its participants have worked together to have it all run smoothly. Thank you all for your dedication to the organization and for your high spirits in hectic times!

Our induction took place September 29th in our auditorium, where we were happy to welcome 116 new members to our club! Our guest speakers included Habitat for Humanity of Greater Volusia County CEO Lori Gillooly and our very own Dr. Sparger, both of whom delivered inspiring speeches to our new crop of members. After everyone was sworn in, we were able to enjoy cupcakes and cookies provided by our members. Thank you all for your support and generosity in this process!

We're delighted to say the Homecoming Carnival Gong Show made quite the comeback this year! Our NHS volunteers spent an hour after school on September 23rd making posters promoting the Homecoming Dance, Game, and Carnival. Through dedicated recruiting and selling efforts, the Gong Show was composed of 22 acts and entertained a full house! We ended up with a romp of a show, which was emceed by the presidents of NHS and Theatre Club (Alexa Wolfson and Yara Nasr) and gonged by the clubs' vice presidents (Joshua Spraker and Alejandro Lopez). An enormous thank you goes out to the Theatre Program, whose facilities and time we are extremely grateful to have used.

On October 9th, Spruce Creek hosted the first district meeting of the 2021-22 school year! This event pioneered the district's transition back to in-person meetings and was led by our District President Salma Eldeeb. The bonding activity of making spaghetti towers honored her theme of "Laying The Foundation" perfectly. Attendees also wove balls of plarn (plastic yarn) to be used for mat-weaving for those in need. Our guest speaker was Teacher of the Year Ms. Duncan, whose presence and presentation were no less than inspirational. Thank you to everyone involved!

The first official Spruce Creek NHS bonding event took place this October 21st in the Media Center! The library was limited to NHS members only during lunch, where pizza and snacks were served. Students socialized and participated in a team-building exercise spanning the entire period. We appreciate those who stayed into 5th period to clean up and would like to thank our library administrator, Mrs. S. Murray, for the use of their facility.

Service projects this quarter included serving dinner at Derbyshire Place each Friday at 5:30 P.M., several beach and campus cleanups, Humane Society donations, Support Our Troops cards, 5 K runs (Mohney, Breast Cancer Awareness Run, Light House Loop water station Run), Family Days opportunities, Homecoming Poster making, and our MS Teams meetings the third Wednesday of each month.

Our next general meeting will be held on November 10th. We hope to discuss the winter phase of our service efforts and future bonding activities we might host to further unite the club. Thank you to all of our members for their continued commitment to the organization!



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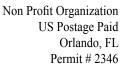
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Spruce Creek High School Young Republicans

BY D. KEITH

We have gathered twice this first quarter. The first meeting involved reporting on what happened the end of last school year. We received the club award for OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE because we helped in the WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA campaign. We have people donate \$15 per Christmas wreath to be placed on veterans' graves "in honor of" or "in memory of a loved one" who served in the armed forces. We drive to the Edgewater Cemetery and participate in the ceremony which acknowledges those who were in each branch of service. Then we take wreaths and place 100's of wreaths on the gravestones that are marked VETERAN. After we lay the wreath down, we say their names out loud, so their memory will not be forgotten. If you'd like to help with the purchase of a wreath, go to this site and make a donation or two.

https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/17897/Overview/?relatedId=15633

Spruce Creek High School's Young Republicans would appreciate your help greatly. With the purchase of a wreath for \$15, Wreaths Across America donates \$5.00 back to our SCHS Young Republican Club.

With the \$5 donation being gifted to our club, we decided to help our school with a specific service project. This one includes purchasing a Florida flag and a United States flag to display on our campus' outside flagpoles. We are planning on a formal ceremony December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day.

Our members are being asked to help with table setting at the Lincoln Day Dinner which will take place November 7th at the Ocean Center. For also helping with the distribution of programs on each of the 1200 chairs, the students will be given the opportunity to enjoy the banquet dinner gratis and have their picture taken with the governor and other Republican politicians.

Membership can be paid online from the school website. Cost is \$15 and a shirt will be given to the new members at our November 5th meeting. We will meet in C-14 to discuss current events, distribute shirts, and go over our Wreaths Fundraiser as well as the Lincoln Day dinner details. Our theme for several years now has been: "United we stand, Divided we fall!"

The Asian Association News

BY LILY LEHR

Can you imagine having Christmas lights up all year? In the Philippines it is expected and a center piece of their decoration culture. On October 14th, the Asian Association had its Philippines based meeting. Pinoy Style Chicken Curry was on the menu with rice. We even had a pot of just veggie pinoy styled curry for our vegetarians! Originating from India and adapted into the Filipino culture is the milder version of Classic Indian Chicken Curry.

Since the "1986 People Power Revolution," the Philippines have had their own rule and governing system. After Karlee's power point presentation, she brought where out PVC piping to stand in for bamboo sticks to show everyone "tinikling" which is dancing between the two bamboo sticks. Adviser Mrs. Keith taught everyone the Tagalog word, "Salamat," which means "Thank you" while co-sponsor Mrs. Meadows collected dues. Anyone interested in joining could pay \$15 via our school website. All will receive a new foo dog shirt this year once dues are paid. The foo dog represents strength and protection.

The Asian Association board is going strong with President Karlee Ling, Vice President Kiersten Morris, Secretary Xia Albright, Treasurer Ashley Delameter, and Spirit Chair Lily Lehr. We are incredibly excited to continue this year with our upcoming meetings, and activities.

Carnival was a bustling success! Chicken, pineapple sweet and sour meatballs, lo mien, rice, edamame and corn were sold with drinks of milk Tea (with red bean paste) at our food booth. Our crew plated and distributed to the masses of teachers and students who made it to our Asian Association's fundraiser. Our Officers and club members had an amazing time in the field of food service.

Our next meeting will be on November 11th with the South Asian Club. Their officers will share a bit about culture, dress, music, and food of one of the countries considered South Asian. You are most welcome to join us in Mr. Griffith's room, C-09 at lunch the second Thursday of each month.