

Good evening Shark Nation!

Tomorrow, Monday, November 27th we will be holding our **Mental Health Monday** Lessons. The Florida Department of Education **mandates** schools to provide annual instruction on the following topics per the Florida Statute and State Board of Education Rule: **K-12 Life Skill Education, K-12 Character Education Program, K-12 Substance Use and Abuse Health Education, K-12 Child Trafficking Prevention Education, and 6-12 Resiliency Education Lessons.**

After reviewing numerous products and venues, **The School District of Palm Beach County** is adopting a curriculum that was created by experts in the field. Contributors to the curriculum included licensed mental health therapists, crisis counselors, certified substance abuse prevention specialists, trauma -informed practitioners, experts in human trafficking, school counselors, special education experts, and educational researchers.

It is important to note, these lessons may evoke strong or difficult emotions for some students. Staff on campus, such as school counselors, co-located therapists and behavioral health professionals are available to support students in need. Each school has a plan in place, and students in need of support should let their teacher/lesson facilitator and parents know. For questions regarding the adopted curriculum or implementation timeline, please contact Kia Allen at kia.allen@palmbeachschools.org

Important testing note - **ELA and Math Retakes** are upon us again. We will be testing any Junior or Senior that has not met graduation requirements in either ELA, Math, or both. Algebra retakes will take place on Wednesday, November 29th and ELA testing will follow, taking place on Monday, December 4th. Both tests will start after first period. We have attached the students' locations for your review.

Semester Exams will take place the week of December 18th. The **schedule is attached** for you to review. **Semester Exams** are extremely important to a student's final semester grade or yearly final grade (EOC courses). **District semester exams** count for a large portion of the final yearly grade and **it is important that all students in EOC courses take their exams before the holidays** as they are excellent preparation for the actual EOC in the Spring. We will be offering some semester exam prep sessions after school so please stay tuned and be on the lookout for important ParentLink emails from teachers around these important prep sessions (Algebra, Biology, Geometry, and US History) If your child is sick then he/she should reach out to their teacher to schedule a make-up exam session. No exams can be taken before the exam window begins. Again, students should work with their teachers if they have conflicts or concerns.

PLEASE BE SURE IF YOU ARE TAKING **CAMBRIDGE CLASSES** THIS YEAR YOU HAVE JOINED THE GRADE LEVEL CAMBRIDGE GOOGLE CLASSROOM. SENIORS' CODE IS: hcpareo. JUNIORS' CODE IS: ldlnyyj. SOPHOMORES' CODE IS: pkx75j2. FRESHMEN'S CODE IS: jgkqyya. Questions? Email Mrs. Goron at mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org

If your student(s) passed an **AICE exam or earned their AICE Diploma** from the **May/June 2023** series, their official Cambridge AICE certificates are available now! Pick up will be this week in front of room 1-147. **All students should keep their certificates in a safe place** as sometimes Cambridge asks for them at a later time when issues arise with incorrect name spellings, diplomas, etc. Please report on the days you are assigned (assigned per LAST NAME):

A -D: Tuesday, November 28

E-H: Wednesday, November 29

I-P: Thursday, November 30

Q-Z: Friday, December 1

Congratulations to all who earned this remarkable accomplishment!

Please be sure that you are working on your **community service hours!** The requirement to graduate is 20 hours by December 1st of your junior year. If you are working toward your AICE Diploma, you need 100 hours and we **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** these hours are submitted by December 1st of your junior year as well. Forms are submitted **ONLY ELECTRONICALLY**, once completely filled out to Mrs. Mara J. Goron at mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org

Parents can still preorder the **2024 Tiburon Yearbook** as well as purchase a senior ad dedication page by visiting: www.yearbookordercenter.com. Senior pictures must be taken by December 1st if you want to be able to select the picture you want for the yearbook. Senior pictures taken before December 17th will still appear in the yearbook, but will be selected by the studio. Pictures not taken on or before December 17th **WILL NOT** appear in the yearbook. **MAKE SURE YOU MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH CADY STUDIOS ASAP.**

Congratulations to Spanish River's National Art Honor Society Club members. They represented our school and themselves wonderfully at The Legacy at Boca Nursing Center this past week. The members put on a fun art class for the residents and they loved working with our artistic Sharks.

Congratulations to the senior **Reed Greyserman** and sophomore **Jayden Loyacona** on their performance at the state golf tournament November 10th and 11th. Greyserman finished in a tie for 27th place and Loyacona finished in a tie for 36th place. Both the boys and girls fields had 100 golfers competing.

Congratulations to Spanish River sophomore **Preston Sangely** for earning Palm Beach Post Athlete of the week honors for the 1st week in November. We are proud of your amazing season as well as all of our **Cross Country state qualifiers** that represented River so well at States before we left for Thanksgiving.

We hope you can come out and support some of our Winter Sports this week.

Quick Glance this week at River - SPORTS (*DH is doubleheader)

- **Monday, November 27th** - Boys Soccer DH away at Olympic Heights (JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm); Girls Soccer DH hosts Olympic Heights (JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm, Shark Pit)
- **Tuesday, November 28th** - Girls Basketball away at Park Vista (7 pm); Boys Basketball DH away at Wellington (JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm)
- **Wednesday, November 29th** - Boys Soccer DH hosts Boca Raton (JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm, Shark Pit); Girls Soccer DH away at Park Vista (JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm); Girls Basketball away at Park Vista (7 pm, John Jones Court)
- **Thursday, November 30th** - *Nothing Scheduled*
- **Friday, December 1st** - Boys Soccer DH away at Kings Academy (JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm); Boys Basketball away at Grandview Prep (Varsity Only 7 pm)

Quick Glance this week at River - College Visits and Other School-Wide Events

- **Monday, November 27th** - Mental Health Monday (All Day, see information earlier in callout)
- **Tuesday, November 28th** - Viner Scholarship Presentation (10:30 am)
- **Wednesday, November 29th** - *Nothing Scheduled*
- **Thursday, November 30th** - Herff Jones (both lunches)
- **Friday, December 1st** - PTSA's "Wrap it Up" (all day)

****Instructions to attend our college visits: Juniors and seniors can sign up for college visits by joining the College Counseling Google Classroom. The code to join is *zjhborc*. Please complete the Google Form for the visit(s) you wish to attend.**

Let's make it a great week, Sharks!

Your proud principal,
Mrs. Castellano