

Good evening Shark Nation!

Second Nine Weeks is winding down and we will soon begin reviewing for semester exams. Please review this email in its entirety to ensure you understand what review opportunities are being offered for our **IMPORTANT** district semester exams.

Important testing note - **ELA Retakes** are upon us again. We will be testing any Junior or Senior that has not met graduation requirements in either ELA. ELA testing will take place tomorrow, Monday, December 4th. Like math testing from this past week, the ELA testing 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.

If you have taken a **Cambridge Exam** in past years, and want to retake an exam during the **June 2024 Exam Series**, please review the form, posted on the Cambridge Grade Level Google Classrooms, and is attached to the written portion of this callout, in its entirety and follow **ALL** of the directions precisely. Please be sure you are aware of the exact deadline of Friday, January 12, 2024 and note there are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this deadline.

Please note that this is **NOT** for students who will take a Cambridge Exam for the first time during the June 2024 Exam Series.

Questions? Please email Mrs. Goron, Assistant Principal/Cambridge Coordinator at

[mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org). Use form link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsgoVe1R4b4eK9vReUUXz6bJuW5abUhyt6Ncmnmzoe2MhZzw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsgoVe1R4b4eK9vReUUXz6bJuW5abUhyt6Ncmnmzoe2MhZzw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**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](mailto:mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org)

Do you want to review for the upcoming **Biology Midterm**? Then come to the **Afterschool Biology Midterm Review**. It takes place on Monday December 11th, 2023 from 3-4:15 pm. The review will take place in the 8000 building. Please sign up using the google form your teacher posted on google classroom. Your teacher will give you a more specific location once sign ups have been completed.

Tuesday, December 12th, there will be an **Algebra 1 Midterm Bootcamp**, afterschool from 3pm to 4:30pm.

The **Geometry District Exam Midterm Bootcamp** will take place Thursday, December 14th from 3 to 4:30 PM.

On **Tuesday, December 12th from 3:15 - 4:30 pm** there will be a **Midterm review** session for all students who are taking **US History Regular and Honors**. It is important for your students to show up to this as the US

History team will be going over important review information to ensure that each student excels in their Midterm. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's US History Teacher.

Parents can still preorder the **2024 Tiburon Yearbook** as well as purchase a senior ad dedication page by visiting: [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com). Any seniors who haven't taken their 2024 senior picture can sign up for our ON CAMPUS senior picture day. On Thursday, December 14th, Cady Studios will be in the lobby of the theater for a one-day SENIOR roadshoot. This roadshoot is by appointment only so check out the Signup Genius link in the email. This one day roadshoot is for SENIORS ONLY and there is no charge for taking your yearbook picture on campus. Remember, ALL SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES MUST BE TAKEN NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 17th or you will not be in the 2024 Tiburon Yearbook! Spaces are limited so sign up today! If you have any questions, please email Mr. Delaney at [sean.delaney@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:sean.delaney@palmbeachschools.org)

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 ([mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org)).

If your student(s) passed an **AICE exam** or earned their **AICE Diploma** from the May/June 2023 series and did NOT pick up their certificates this week we have added two additional days on Tuesday, December 5, 2024 & Wednesday, December 13, 2024 for pickup. Students must report during lunch outside of room 1147 and bring their student ID in order to receive their certificates.

Congratulations to the **Academic Games Team** for their 3rd place finish in the District Tournament for Language Arts. An additional congratulations to **Kai Gao** for qualifying for the national team and his brother, **Marvin Gao**, for qualifying for the state team. Ms. Kingham is currently seeking players for the Social Studies Tournament. Please see her in Room 1141 if you are interested in playing.

The **Spanish River Theater Department** will be having a meeting Wednesday December 6 from 3-4pm in room 4109 for those interested in being in the cast or crew of this spring's Elvis inspired musical "**All Shook Up!**" Come by for more information, audition materials and questions and sign up forms for cast and crew. Join the google classroom with code: *tadud4e*.

On a separate note regarding the same December 6 meeting, for those who have competed in district thespians, received an excellent or higher and are interested in going to state thespians, March 13-16 in Tampa, the second half of the meeting will address this. Thanks and see you then!

The **Theatre Department** (Thespian Troupe 3963) competed in the District Competition on Sat 12/2 and did an outstanding job bringing home 5 Critics Choices, 16 superiors and 17 excellents as well as a runner up for District Rep at the State Competition in March.

Please join the **Spanish River Chorus** in their **Holiday Concert** "Veni Emmanuel: Hymns of the Ages" on Wednesday night 12/6 in the theater! The concert starts at 7pm and tickets are available at <https://L.sdpbc.net/ptiwi>.

**DECA** is excited to offer a sweet way for parents to express their gratitude and love for their hardworking children. To get our DECA students prepared for the upcoming competition season, **Winter Candy Grams** will be the perfect way to show appreciation for their hard work in preparing for DECA. These candy grams will be available for purchase from now until December 8, along with an opportunity to write a meaningful note for them to read when they are given their grams on Monday, December 11. Not only will you be sending them a tasty surprise, but you'll also be supporting DECA's activities and initiatives. To order your child a Winter Candy Gram, visit School Cash Online for more info.

Congrats to our Sharks wrestlers that came in **4th place out of 23** teams this past weekend. Leading the way were **Daniel Alvarez, Santiago Alvarez, Christopher Anderson, Enzo Dasilva** all with final round finishes. Shark wrestling will be traveling to Santaluces this weekend for The Santaluces holiday Tournament. Good Luck Sharks!

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, December 4th** - Boys Soccer DH hosts West Boca (JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm, Shark Pit), Girls Soccer visits Calvary Christian (VARSITY ONLY, 7pm), Girls Basketball hosts Wellington (VARSITY ONLY, 7:30 pm, John Jones Court)
- **Tuesday, December 5th** - *Nothing Scheduled*
- **Wednesday, December 6th** - Weightlifting hosts Atlantic (4pm, Sharks Weight Room), Girls Soccer visits Forest Hill (VARSITY ONLY, 6 pm), Boys Basketball hosts Jupiter (VARSITY ONLY, 7:30 pm)
- **Thursday, December 7th** - Boys Soccer DH visits St Thomas Aquinas (JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm), Girls Basketball hosts Atlantic (VARSITY ONLY, 7 pm, John Jones Court)
- **Friday, December 8th** - Girls Soccer DH hosts Treasure Coast (JV 6pm, Varsity 7:30 pm, Shark Pit), Girls Basketball hosts Olympic Heights (VARSITY ONLY, 7:00 pm, John Jones Court)
- **Saturday, December 9th** - *Nothing Scheduled*

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

- **Monday, December 4th** - *Nothing Scheduled*
- **Tuesday, December 5th** - *Nothing Scheduled*
- **Wednesday, December 6th** - Holiday Choral Concert (7pm, theater)
- **Thursday, December 7th** - *Nothing Scheduled*
- **Friday, December 8th** - *Nothing Scheduled*
- **Saturday, December 9th** - *Nothing Scheduled*

\*\*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 *zfhborc*. 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