

Good evening Shark Nation!

Please see below for Principal Castellano's LAST Weekly Update of 2023.

**Congrats to the Spanish River High School community for receiving an "A" rating for 2023. SRHS continues to be the TOP performing comprehensive high school in Palm Beach County. We are so proud of our amazing staff and students that worked hard to earn this recognition.**

**Semester Exams** will take place the week of Monday, December 18. 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. 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.

We are excited to share with you that two of our River students, **Chase Turmail** and **Marvin Gao**, have been invited to participate in the **American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME)**. Back in November, 10 River students took the AMC 10 and 12 test (American Mathematics Competition for 10th and 12th grades and under). The AIME is by invitation only. Based on their scores, **Marvin and Chase** have received an invitation to participate in the AIME in February. Invitation is made to students with scores in the top 5% of the AMC 12 and the top 2.5% of the AMC 10 nationally. The AIME is intended to provide further challenge and recognition to high school students who have exceptional mathematical ability.

As a reminder, if you are enrolled in **AICE CLASSES** this year, make sure you have joined your grade level Cambridge Google Classroom. Google Classroom codes are as follows: Seniors: *hcompareo*; Juniors: *ldlnyyj*. Sophomores: *pkx75j2*. Freshmen: *jkqyya*. Questions? Email Mrs. Goron at [mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org)

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 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)).

The **Spanish River Debate Team** participated in the **PBCFL Debate** tournament at Palm Beach Central on 12/9. **Graciela Mier and Laney Williams** took 2nd place in Varsity Public Forum. **Alyssa Perez and Caitlin Lucas** took 6th Place in Novice Public Forum. In congressional debate **Olivia Litten** placed 4th and **Brian Glenfeldt** placed 6th.

Please join us on Monday, December 18th at 6:30pm in the theater for our bands' **Winter Concert**, featuring performances by the **Silver Sound Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble**. Tickets are just \$5 and must be purchased through this link: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/79620>.

Additionally, we would like to wish a big Shark Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the **Palm Beach County District 14 Honor Band: Niharika Adepu, Dora Chan, Benjamin Harris, Luke Jaffee, Olivia Lennihan, Nicholas Liebig, Lucas Marzo (first chair!!!) and Nicholas Silva**. These students performed a challenging audition and will represent Spanish River High School in rehearsals and a concert in January.

**River's Got Talent** audition applications are open! Sign up for your audition in January to audition for the live show that will be on January 23rd. All talents are welcome: dancers, singers, bands, magicians, comedians, gymnasts, etc! Sign up at <https://L.sdpbc.net/89tob> for your audition today!

Coach Caesar is hosting a toy drive for our local communities this December. His collection is for any child aged up to 18. You can use this drop off location: 1880 Dr. Andres Way, Delray Beach FL 33444; he will be collecting gifts each Saturday of December from 11am-5pm. Feel free to reach out to him at 561-344-5816 if you would like to help support his efforts in supporting our local community this holiday season.

Hope everyone has an amazing holiday break! Remember, there is NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, January 8th. See you **Tuesday, January 9th** to begin the 3rd quarter.

#### **Quick Glance this week at River - SPORTS**

**No Events this week to allow our athletes to study for their semester exams.**

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

**Monday, December 11th (Regular Day) - Period 6 Exam**

**Tuesday, December 12th (Half Day) - Period 1/2 Exam**

**Wednesday, December 13th (Half Day) - Period 3/4 Exam**

**Thursday, December 14th (Half Day) - Period 5/7 Exam**

**Friday, December 15th (Half Day) - Exam Makeups**

**Saturday, December 16th - Nothing Scheduled**

Let's make it a great week, Sharks!

Your proud principal,  
Mrs. Castellano