

Good evening Shark Nation!

The **PTSA's** auction fundraiser at www.Auction4Sharks.com starts **tomorrow!** Support our Sharks by going online from February 5 - 12 to bid on restaurant and activity gift cards, Universal Orlando passes, VIP graduation tickets, reserved student parking for next year, an Amazon gift card raffle and more are online at www.Auction4Sharks.com! Thank you to our auction sponsors, including Score at the Top Learning Centers, JRA Educational Consulting and Brilliant Dermatology & Aesthetics.

Our **Advanced Coursework Night** which will be held this Tuesday, February 6th in the Theater at 6 PM. Current 9th-11th graders can hear more from our AP/AICE teachers and student ambassadors about our accelerated course offerings and Cambridge Diploma as we prepare for course selection next month.

Our Wonderful Third Year **Biotechnology Academy** students **SHINED** at the **Palm Beach County Science and Engineering Fair** at Safe Schools in Boca Raton on January 20th. Here is a list of our place winners in their respective categories and our state finalist is represented by a *.

Animal Sciences

Ryan Koslowski, Juliette Menardy- 4th Place
Oliver Madsen- 3rd Place

Earth and Environmental Science

Juan Blanco- 4th Place
Micah Rittierodt- 4th Place
Annabelle Yi- 3rd Place

Environmental Engineering

Cameron Harrison - 4th Place

Engineering and Materials Science

Kai Gao- 3rd Place

Plant Sciences

Arianna Pelekanos- 4th Place
Ryan Terentis- 3rd Place
Maria Vanegas- 3rd Place
*Bozhidar Belichev- 1st Place

Special Awards:

Juliette Menardy and Ryan Terentis won the Society for InVitro Biology award
Rafaella Hoffman won the Association of Women Geoscientists and the Society for Women Engineers award
Eric Rosenblatt won the US Air Force Award
Oliver Madsen won the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association Award

We had a great **HOSA Region 9 Competition** on **January 25th** at Keiser University. We had over 100 competitors from River in a variety of events from Veterinary Science, Nursing Assisting to Prepared Speaking, Biomed Debate, Community Awareness, Public Health and Medical Innovation. Please join me in congratulating these outstanding SHARKS! Our Place Winners (an * means that they are State Finalists):

Biomedical Debate:

Zaima Chowdury, Sabah Aldorri, Grace Maurice- 4th place
*Angelina Lembessis, Arianna Pelekanos, Giovanna Queiroz, Emily Romanczuk- 3rd Place
*Stephanie Torres, Erica Dybas, Nethra Kukeswaran, Ana Lema- 2nd Place

Biotechnology

Cameron Harrison- 5th Place
Katelyn Sadorf - 4th Place

CERT Skills

Johanna Daniels, Evelina Miljutina- 5th Place

Clinical Laboratory Science

Nathan Bronkie- 4th Place

*Juan Blanco- 3rd Place

Clinical Specialty

Presley Palin Gray - 4th Place

Community Awareness

*Becky Grobler, Ethan Klein, Isabella Colaicova - 3rd Place

Creative Problem Solving

Diana Balabanova, Daniella Bowen, May-Lissa Charles, Kimberly Sanon- 5th Place

Dental Sciences

*Jack Bailenson- 2nd Place

Forensic Science

*Shayan Nazir, Michael Valverde- 2nd Place

Health Career Display

*Jessica Strizik, Annabelle Yi- 1st Place!!

Health Informatics

Parker Bogue- 4th Place

Job Seeking Skills

Alexia Adam- 4th Place

*Asher Cohn - 3rd Place

Medical Assisting

*Corynne Pereira - 3rd Place

*Calvin Jensen- 2nd Place

Medical Innovation

Aliah Alter, Ryan Kozlowski, Sebastian Lukashevich- 5th Place

*Allison Hollander, Khoi Le- 3rd Place

*Sophia Marchalleck, Rafaella Hoffman, Yana Peltakh - 2nd Place

Mental Health Promotion

Marley Domsy, Claire Kain, Ava Maltese, Ryan Rose - 4th Place

*Milania Durso, Abby Frankel, Julie Gelsino, Madison Sheer- 3rd Place

*Lila Fisher, Isabella Rodopoulos - 2nd Place

Nursing Assisting

London Ledwitz- 4th Place

*Alexander Jaffe- 3rd Place

Public Health

Madeline Cenkar, Kirpa Sibia, Alexandra Hill- 4th Place

Research Poster

Aiman Raza- 4th Place

*Mariana Padilla- 2nd Place

Research Persuasive Writing and Speaking

Nicole Young- 5th Place

Veterinary Science

*Daria Modzelewski- 3rd Place

*Sienna Moran - 2nd Place

We would like to **congratulate** the following **American History and Law Academy** students for advancing to the **District National History Day Competition**.

Individual Paper

1st: Lucas Alex **2nd:** Shawn Klevan

Individual Exhibit

1st: Isabella Seide **2nd:** Brooke Taylor

Group Exhibit

1st: Madison Salamanca, Carolina Bessa, & Alexis Lewis

Individual Website

1st: Adriana Nugroho **2nd:** Sean Silversten

Group Website

1st: Raquel Branning & Jillian Bender

2nd: Angelina Stojanov, Grace Maurice, & Leticia Veiga

Individual Documentary

1st: Rylee Schwimmer

Group Documentary

1st: Harper Evans & Avery Dawson

2nd: Dannika Horace, Jess Cordner, Jenna Falkins, & Simone Weiss

Individual Performance

1st: Lia Minozzo

Group Performance

1st: Olivia Maltese, Emma Johnson

2nd: Caitlin Lucas, Nicole Young, & Mackenzie Lapinskas

As many of you are aware the **School District** has purchased **metal detectors** for all high school campuses. The metal detectors have arrived and we are receiving training and direction on their implementation. While we await the delivery and implementation of the detectors themselves, we have adopted a gradual approach to prepare our students for this addition to school safety at Spanish River. Please allow ample time in the morning when arriving at school. Students who are consistently late will receive tardy consequences. We thank you for your support in those efforts. The next step of this process is when we will debut the metal detectors; this step is still in the planning stage as we continue to finalize logistics on that last step.

Any student without ID can inquire with their Suites or main office to retrieve a replacement. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we seek to continue to maintain a safe and secure environment.

The Galleon, our award winning newspaper, is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 staff. We are looking for talented **9th and 10th graders** who would like to have their voice heard. Please see the application in your child's English teacher's Google classroom. Applications will close February 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Delaney at suzanne.delaney@palmbeachschools.org

All members of **National Honor Society**: Please review the Google Classroom, listen to the morning announcements, and check Remind. You must review the information from our video meeting and sign the acknowledgment that you understand the requirements. **Failure to meet requirements will impact your eligibility and membership.** See Ms Donnino with any questions or email angela.donnino@palmbeachschools.org

Do you need **Community Service hours**? Want to earn them while watching Netflix? Do you love helping animals? Blessing Blankets made with Love is a non-profit that makes fleece blankets for rescues. They are easy to make, no sew fleece blankets given to local rescues so that every animal is adopted with something of their own. Materials and directions are provided. Any questions, please email angela.donnino@palmbeachschools.org. **Water polo** started off the season on a hot streak. After a 3-1 record in their preseason tournament, the boys beat Palm Beach Central and the girls beat Central and Dwyer to start the season. Congrats on the great beginning to the season.

A general reminder to all **prospective spring sport athletes**: please make sure your Aktivite packets are complete. They can be accessed and completed at aktivite.com. Please reach out to AD Suarez or Asst. AD Youell with any questions.

Quick Glance this week at River - SPORTS

(Note - DH = doubleheader, TH = tripleheader)

- **Monday, February 5th - NOTHING SCHEDULED**
- **Tuesday, February 6th - Girls Soccer-AWAY-Regional Quarterfinal @ Jupiter HS-Time TBA, Water Polo vs. Jupiter @ BOCA HIGH POOL- Girls 3:30pm, Boys 4:30pm**
- **Wednesday, February 7th - NOTHING SCHEDULED**

- **Thursday, February 8th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Friday, February 9th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

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***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