

Good evening Shark Nation!

Sharks, the PTSA's fundraising auction ends tomorrow night, February 12! Go online to www.Auction4Sharks.com to get your bids in, buy raffle tickets for a \$250 Amazon gift card or a \$10 raffle ticket for Shark vs Shark to win a \$100 gift card. Don't miss out on VIP graduation tickets and reserved parking spots for next year! Bid high and often to get your winning bids on a great selection of items at www.Auction4Sharks.com!

Course Selection for FY25 has begun. The course selection process will be explained in English classes. Please speak with your child in regards to their choice of electives for next year. Your child will visit the theater soon with counselors to choose their electives for FY25. **All core classes will be chosen by teachers and administration.** Please check your email as emails are sent out separate from the callout. Core teachers will use current grades, prior grades, and test scores to place students in core classes and academic (AICE and AP) electives. **Administration will revisit all course placements in the Spring and Summer when NEW test scores come in for this year and will make adjustments accordingly.**

Applications for the **Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy (CFA)** are now open for upcoming Juniors and Seniors! **CFA** is a unique organization that combines students from all backgrounds to join in one goal: community service through leadership. Unlike other clubs and academies, no one member has the same interest or focus, and the result is a diverse group of driven students. It is not only a respectable addition to your resume, it is an opportunity to meet new peers and affect change in a meaningful way – with some food on the side! If you are interested in applying for **CFA**, please grab an application packet from the Blue or Silver Suite and submit it to Mr. Torres in room 8-140. **Deadline for applications is Monday, February 26.** We only have 60 spots. Please contact Mr. Torres (frank.torres@palmbeachschools.org) or Mrs. Wilson (loren.wilson@palmbeachschools.org) with any questions.

Congratulations to **Marvin Gao, Kai Gao, and Joshua Gurman** for placing second at FIU's High School Coding Competition on Saturday, 2/10/2024! Spanish River had three teams compete with impressive results by all. Congratulations to our competitive coding teams!

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. This week we began scanning IDs at all three of the entrances to our campus. Early in the week took some calibration, but by the end of this week our Sharks had adjusted to the new procedures, coming a bit earlier and being ready with IDs. 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.

Sharks, we are participating in the Boca Raton Community Spirit Race 5k on March 2. This is a great **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** for our students. If interested, please sign-up on this link page: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/FL/BocaRaton/CommunitySpiritRace5K>.

For more information regarding the race: <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/BocaRaton/CommunitySpiritRace5K>

If you have any questions, please email Hannah Smith; she is the Marketing & Communication Manager for Spirit of Giving (hannah@spiritofgivingnetwork.com).

The **Tiburon Yearbook** is now accepting applications to join the **2025 Tiburon Yearbook Staff**! All current 9th and 10th grade students who like to take pictures, write stories, and work with design and layout are encouraged to apply. In addition, the 2025 yearbook class will be classified as a **Cambridge course** and students **CAN NOW**

EARN A 6.0 CREDIT and count toward their AICE diploma! If interested, please see the application in your English teacher's Google Classroom and apply TODAY. All yearbook staff applications are due NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Delaney at sean.delaney@palmbeachschools.org

Thank you to all who submitted applications to be a part of our **2024-2025 Galleon newspaper staff**. We were very impressed by the talented work submitted and it was quite difficult to select for our limited staff. Please check your email for more information on the next steps regarding course registration.

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.

SENIORS! It's time for **"24k magic"**. Prom is April 6th from 6-10 PM. **Prom tickets** are on sale starting tomorrow February 12 until February 23rd on school cash online for \$150. NOTE-ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ORDER FOR YOU TO PURCHASE/KEEP YOUR PROM TICKET. Out of school guests must be approved first before you can purchase their ticket. Please pick up a guest form in Suite Silver asap to get your guest approved. Please pay attention to prom announcements starting Tuesday on WSRH (note Monday's was pretaped). See Mr. Torres or Miss LaBelle for more information.

After surviving a shooting during her first year of teaching at her alma mater, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, **Brittany Sinitch** founded **The Unbreakable Organization** to help support those affected by senseless tragedies. The Unbreakable Organization supports individuals and communities who've been impacted by gun violence in the aftermath of tragedy. Spanish River, now it is our turn to help be a part of that support. As a school, we have joined the race to try and raise the most money that will go directly to The Unbreakable Organization Scholarship fund to help those who have been impacted by senseless tragedies. During the week of Valentine's day YOU can be a part of the change that we are striving for in the world today. Each day starting on **Monday, February 12th**, there will be a table set up by the Shark Shop before school and during both lunches where you can scan the QR code and directly donate to the cause. Additionally, flyers will be posted around the school with the QR code available to scan. We will be culminating this week of fundraising with a giveback night at **Raw Juice in Park Place!** Come out on **Friday, February 16th** from **3-8:30 PM**, mention that you are there for The Unbreakable, and be a part of that change!

We want to wish our **Girls Tennis** team (defending state doubles champions) the best as they open their season this week. They have matches Tuesday, February 13 hosting Boca High at Spanish River and on Thursday, February 15 at West Boca. Both matches start at 3:30 pm. Good luck ladies!!!!

This past weekend, **Spanish River Wrestling** competed in the Palm Beach County Hall of Fame Tournament and placed 6th out of 32 competing high schools. **Daniel Alvarez** finished 1st place in his 150lbs bracket, becoming only the second Spanish River champion in the past 13 years. **Enzo Dasilva** placed 2nd at the 175 lbs weight class and **Christopher Anderson** placed 4th at 157 lbs. Currently the wrestling team is competing at the Max Desir Wrestling Tournament at Suncoast High School. We are looking forward to hearing of their success when we return to school on Monday. Go Sharks!

Don't forget . . . **Boys volleyball** tryouts will start Monday after school at 3PM in front of the gym lobby.

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 12th** - Girls Lax DH hosts Wellington (JV 4:30, Varsity 6:00, Shark Pit), Boys Weightlifting District (@ Olympic Heights, Time TBA), Girls Weightlifting (Location and Time TBA)
- **Tuesday, February 13th** - Water Polo DH visits St Andrews (Girls 5:30, Boys 6:30, St Andrews School), Boys Varsity Lax hosts Miami Country Day (6:30, Shark Pit), Tennis Hosts Boca High (Time TBA), Baseball visits Wellington Preseason Tournament (Time TBA)
- **Wednesday, February 14th** - Girls Lax DH visits West Boca (JV 4:30, Varsity 6:00), Baseball visits Wellington Preseason Tournament (Time TBA)
- **Thursday, February 15th** - Girls Lax DH hosts Cardinal Gibbons (JV 4:30, Varsity 6:00, Shark Pit), Tennis Visits West Boca (Time TBA)
- **Friday, February 16th** - Boys Varsity Lax visits Belen Jesuit (6:30)
- **Saturday, February 17th** - Flag Football Kickoff Classic - True North Academy and Piper (6pm and 7:15 pm, Shark Pit)

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

- **Monday, February 12th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
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- **Wednesday, February 14th** - "Letters from Martin and Anne" presentation
- **Thursday, February 15th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Friday, February 16th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Saturday, February 17th** - Drone Competition at Don Estridge (9:00 am)

***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