

Good evening Shark Nation!

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. Please reach out to your child's counselor if you have any questions. Counselor assignments are on our website.

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

ANY student taking a **Cambridge** course this year received a **Statement of Entry** and **Notice to Candidates** paper from one of their teachers this week. It is VERY IMPORTANT that students review the information and are sure to follow all the rules that are listed so as not to invalidate a test taking session. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Mara J. Goron, Assistant Principal/Cambridge Coordinator at mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org or students may stop in to see her before school or during lunches in the 1000 Building.

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.

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 last step of this process will include the metal detectors, which is still in the planning stage. 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.

This upcoming week our Black Student Union is excited to bring their **Black History Month** Spirit Week to our Shark community. This year's week will feature African Americans and their contributions to the arts. The week will include: dress up days, courtyard events, and will culminate with an amazing African American Cultural Heritage Assembly on Friday. Attached to this email you will find the calendar of dress up and events.

We hope everyone enjoyed their time on campus this past Tuesday for Acceleration Night. You should have noticed if you've been around for a few years that **we continue to make upgrades to our campus.** We appreciate the support we've received from our families over the years helping us beautify our campus. **We want all of our Sharks-past and present- to be proud of our campus. If you can help by donating below we can continue to keep our campus in amazing shape for our entire community to enjoy.** To donate, please use the following link: [Athletics Beautification Fundraiser.](#)

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: [Race Sign Up](#). For more information regarding the race, use this link: [Race Information](#). If you have any questions, please email Hannah Smith; she is the Marketing & Communication Manager for Spirit of Giving (hannah@spiritofgivingnetwork.com).

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! Reminder - we are selling prom tickets!!! This year's theme is "**24k magic**" and will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 6-10 PM. **Prom tickets** are on sale for \$150 and are available for purchase at both lunches in the courtyard. **NOTE - ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ORDER FOR YOU TO PURCHASE/KEEP YOUR PROM TICKET.** Guests that do not go to Spanish River High School 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. Also - make sure you pay attention to prom announcements on WSRH. Buy yours early as the ticket prices will increase throughout the sale. See Mr. Torres or Miss LaBelle for more information.

Congratulations to **Aiman Raza** and **Tyler Huberman** for being selected as **Big Future Ambassadors** for the **College Board**. They are being honored for their impressive leadership skills and commitment to helping others. As ambassadors they will help educate their peers about college and career options as well as spread the word about unique scholarship opportunities. Congratulations on this amazing honor.

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.

Congratulations to the following **wrestlers** for advancing to the Regionals that will be held in Seminole Ridge High School. (Their finish at the district tournament meet are in parentheses after each student's name): **Daniel Alvarez** (2nd), **Santiago Alvarez** (3rd), **Chris Anderson** (3rd), **Enzo DaSilva** (3rd), **Tom Freitas** (3rd), and **Daniel Turkish** (4th). Good luck at regionals Sharks!

Congrats to our Track athletes on their stellar performance at the Louie Bing Invitational on Friday. **Ethen Cook** won the **110 Hurdles** and finished with a top eight time. Ethen also had a key performance in the 4 x 200 relay. Our **4 x 200 Relay team** broke the old record set in 1995 by over a second. Congrats **Ryan Terentis, Ben Lamas, Ethen Cook, and Blake Wallace** for your record breaking performance to start our Track Season.

Congrats to **Girls Tennis** on their win over Boca High this past week. Our ladies have matches this week against Wellington here at Spanish River (Tue. 2/20) and at American Heritage (Thur. 2/24). Both matches start at 3:30 pm.

Quick Glance this week at River - SPORTS

(Note - DH = doubleheader, TH = tripleheader)

Monday, February 19th - NOTHING SCHEDULED (School closed for students - PDD)

Tuesday, February 20th - Tennis hosts Wellington (3:30 pm); Boys Varsity Lacrosse visits Pine School (4pm); JV Girls Lacrosse hosts St Thomas (4:30pm, Shark Pit); Girls Varsity Lacrosse hosts Olympic Heights (6pm, Shark Pit); Baseball visits Olympic Heights (6:30pm); Softball visits Olympic Heights (6:30 pm)

Wednesday, February 21st - Flag Football DH hosting TBA (6pm JV, 7:15 pm Varsity, Shark Pit); Baseball hosts Royal Palm Beach (6:30 pm); Softball visits West Broward (6:30pm, Silver Lakes Park)

Thursday, February 22nd - Tennis visits American Heritage (3:30 pm); Girls Lacrosse DH hosts Pine School 4:30pm JV, 6pm Varsity); Water Polo DH visits Palm Beach Central (6:30 pm Girls, 7:30 pm Boys, Wellington Aquatic Center); Softball visits Seminole Ridge (6:30 pm)

Friday, February 23rd - Boys Varsity Lacrosse hosts American Heritage Plantation (6:30pm); Wrestling Regionals (Time TBA, Seminole Ridge High School); Weightlifting Regionals (Time TBA, Seminole Ridge High School)

Saturday, February 24th - Baseball DH visits West Boca (10am JV, 12pm Varsity); Wrestling Regionals (Time TBA, Seminole Ridge High School); Weightlifting Regionals (Time TBA, Seminole Ridge High School);

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

Monday, February 19th - *NOTHING SCHEDULED (School closed for students - PDD)*

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Thursday, February 22nd - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

Friday, February 23rd - *Black History Month Assemblies-Theater*

Saturday, February 24th - Sea Perch ROV Competition (12pm, Boca Raton YMCA)

***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