

Good evening Shark Nation!

Save the Date for our Senior Awards Night on May 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Theater. Special scholarships will be announced and senior awards will be presented. All seniors being recognized will receive an email closer to the event and family is welcome to attend this event.

****IMPORTANT**** Graduating students in the **Class of 2024** who are expecting to earn their **AICE Diploma in June 2024** will receive their results on **August 13, 2024** using their login and password they will receive on the last day of the last exam they take. **By August 20, 2024, Cambridge will send the Bright Futures office an updated list of successful AICE Diploma candidates from the June 2024 series.**

Typically, the **Bright Futures office** will process all information from Cambridge within two weeks of receipt. A student's scholarship status will then be updated in a database accessed by Florida colleges and universities for calculating tuition fees due on the last day of registration drop/add. If necessary, students can tell the financial aid office at their university that they are a pending AICE Diploma graduate and request a deferment on their fall tuition due date.

Please note, **Cambridge cannot send a list of AICE Diploma recipients before the end of a student's senior year.** The Bright Futures office does not attach eligibility information to a student's record until they receive a final high school transcript showing that the student has completed high school. As a reminder, the student must complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA). Additionally the student's final transcript must include their completed community service or work hours as required by the Florida DOE for the Florida Academic Scholars Award as well as their graduation date. If you or your student have questions, please email **Mrs. Mara J. Goron**, Assistant Principal/Cambridge Coordinator at mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org.

The **Bright Futures** application is open! Please apply now at www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/. **All high school seniors must submit a complete application no later than August 31 of their graduating year.** Please note that students receiving the AICE diploma must still complete the online application and 100 hours of community service to be eligible. **Students who do not complete an application will forfeit their eligibility for a Bright Futures scholarship.**

Students are encouraged to complete the application even if they are planning to attend an out-of-state school or if they are not planning to attend a postsecondary institution immediately after high school graduation. If eligible, students may receive funding for up to five years from their high school graduation. We also encourage all seniors to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. The **FAFSA** is used to determine eligibility for a variety of aid: federal, state, and school-based, as well as grants and scholarships. Please visit Studentaid.gov to begin the FAFSA application. Please contact your student's school counselor with any questions.

Parents of Juniors please join us for our **Annual Junior Planning Night!** Mark your calendars for **March 26th at 6:00 pm** in the theater. The Guidance Department will be presenting about **College Planning, College Admissions Criteria, Bright Futures, Financial Aid, and more!** See you then!

Course Selection for FY25 is complete. We are hoping to give students an opportunity to review their potential courses at the end of the year before we leave (specific periods and teachers will NOT be available). Our date for next year's schedule release along with our Student Orientation date for FY25 will be announced soon.

Applications for the **Latinos In Action Leadership** class are now available. If you are interested in planning Hispanic Heritage Month, learning about Latin Culture, and tutoring Elementary school students

while working in teams, pick up an application packet in the blue or silver suite and turn it in **room 8140 by Friday, March 15th**. Remember, you don't have to be Latino to join our FamiLIA. Spots are limited. If you have any questions email Mr. Torres at frank.torres@palmbeachschools.org

Our Shark family would like to give a **special congratulations to Mr. Torres** for being recognized on Friday at the Latinos in Action conference as **Rookie Teacher of the Year** for his work leading our Latinos in Action club. In addition **congrats to Sarah Magana** for earning 1st place for the **Essay Scholarship Award** at the conference as well as our students that performed. You showed all the schools from Palm Beach and Broward why SRHS is so AMAZING!

It was definitely a great week for **Mr. Torres** as the **SHARK Chick-Fil-A Academy** at River that focuses on community service and improving our community was **awarded a 10,000 grant**. Only two schools are chosen from across the nation and **thanks to Mr. Torres and Mrs. Wilson** our grant application was chosen. Congrats!

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.

All parents were sent a letter from our Communications Department via SIS on Friday regarding the implementation of **metal detectors** on our campus. We began implementation at one entrance this week and will continue to implement slowly to ensure a minimal impact to instruction. Students have been shown videos and received lots of information regarding this implementation on the morning announcements. We will **ONLY** make an announcement to excuse students for two or three minutes when necessary. **Students should NOT assume they can come late due to metal detectors**. Many found that out the hard way last week.

The **Spanish River Biology Team** is offering tutoring sessions to help students be successful on the **Biology EOC**. Students can revise their knowledge, practice test taking skills, and learn active study strategies. The days & times are as follows:

Biology Extra Help Sessions

- Wednesday- Morning- Room 8158- Jolly
- Wednesday - 1st Lunch- Room 8130- Carney
- Wednesday- 2nd Lunch- Room 7105 -Singerle
- Thursday- 1st Lunch- Room 8162- Lehner
- Thursday- 2nd Lunch- Room -P2- Lawson or 7105 Singerle

The **Spanish River US History Team** is offering tutoring sessions to help students be successful on the US History EOC. Students will benefit from small groups with tailored instruction and the use of resources from our team of teachers to assist in preparation for the exam. Select students will be invited to these sessions, which will be held each Tuesday. The first of these sessions will begin on March 12 during both lunches in

room 8-148. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Crawford at caitlin.crawford@palmbeachschools.org.

THE 2024 TIBURON YEARBOOK IS SOLD OUT! Thanks to all of our Shark families who preordered and secured their yearbook. The staff is putting the finishing touches and diligently working to finish the final pages and we will make announcements when we receive the yearbook shipment sometime in April. Thanks and GO SHARKS!

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 this week for \$180 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. Buy yours now as prices will increase each week. See Mr. Torres or Ms LaBelle for more information.

The **School District of Palm Beach County** is assisting in recruiting for poll workers for upcoming elections here in Florida. Attached to this callout is a flier looking for poll workers. This is a great opportunity for students to get a chance to get paid learning about how the election process works. Check it out today!

Spanish River's Student Government is excited to present our Spring Fling week March 11-15. The theme this year is **RIVER-PALOOZA**, where we celebrate America's best music festivals! There will be dress up days, a brand new "Battle of the Classes" and fun activities every day at lunch. The week will culminate with our Spring Pep Rally!!! Attached to this callout email is the calendar of events for the week.

Interested in being a **leader on campus, working with classmates and administration** to make the Spanish River High School experience memorable? **Applications for SGA Leadership** will be available starting March 11th and are due by April 5th. Stay tuned to WSRH for more information. Any questions? Please see Mrs. Laufer or Mrs. Collins.

You're invited to **Shark Night** at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza! This event will be the first of many, as part of a **long-term fundraising operation** called **Project Torque**. Everyone is welcome for dine-in and takeout. If you plan to attend, please RSVP from one of the QR codes on campus, or follow this [Link](#). Inform your server you're there for Shark Night, and 20% of the proceeds will help **Sharks Athletics** invest in a fleet of Torque Tanks. Be on the lookout for future events, and please help us reach our goal!

To sign-up, please use link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094AA5AB2BA6F94-48374449-easter>

Congrats to the **Spanish River Theater Department** for wonderful performances this past weekend of the Elvis inspired musical, **All Shook Up!** We appreciate everyone that came out to support our theater students.

The **Spanish River Community High School Debate Team Members** have earned the following degrees this past month:

Honor - **Leticia Viega, Emilio Sighinolfi, Adam Siegel, Jacqueline Levine,**
Excellence - **Graciela Mier, Sakina Jaferi, Logan Adelstein**
Distinction - **Laney Williams, Rylee Schwimmer, Joseph Lucas**

Congratulations to all **SRHS Chorus** members on their outstanding performance at **District Music Performance Assessment on Tuesday night**. SRHS entered 4 choirs for competition, and ALL 4 CHOIRS received a "Superior" rating, the highest possible. This means that all 4 choirs qualify for state assessments! Way to go Sharks!

Congratulations to the following students for advancing to the State competition for the **National History Day** competition

- First Place Historical Paper: **Lucas Alex**
- First Place Individual Documentary: **Rylee Schwimmer**
- First Place Group Documentary: **Dannika Horace, Simone Weiss, Jenna Falkins, Jesykah Cordner**
- First Place Individual Website: **Sean Silverstein**
- First Place Group Performance: **Olivia Maltese, Emma Johnson**
- Second Place Historical Paper: **Shawn Klevan**
- Second Place Group Exhibit: **Madison Salamanca, Carolina, Bessa, Alexis Lewis**
- Second Place Individual Performance: **Lia Minozzo**
- Second Place Group Performance: **Caitlin Lucas, Nicole Young, Mackenzie Lapinskas**
- Second Place Group Website: **Leticia Veiga, Grace Maurice, Angelina Stojanov**

Congrats to our **Esports** team members **Michael Genzone** and **Brody Tamanini** for finishing tied for 3rd overall in the first interschool Esports tournament hosted by Palm Beach Lakes! Our Sharks flooded the top 8 - which made up half of the competitors to qualify for that level and round in the tournament.

We would like to congratulate **Justin Ibrahim** from the boys soccer team and **Alexa George and Alessia Sala** from the girls soccer team for their all-county first team honors from this past season. Great work, Sharks!

Great job also goes out to our **girls tennis** team for a big win this past Tuesday against Park Vista.

Congrats to both our **boys and girls water polo team** for competing in the annual Boca Bobcat Invite. The team played well and fought hard as a team against some of the best teams in the state and region. Additional props to our girls team for winning a thrilling golden goal overtime game against West Boca on Wednesday!

Another **big shoutout** needs to go to our **boys track and field** team on their win at the meet at Garcia on Tuesday with the boys winning the 4X100m and almost surpassing the school record. On Friday, they came in second with a time in the 4x400m that puts them first in the region. Senior **Ethan Cook** had a great race on Friday in both the 110m hurdles and 400m hurdles putting him third in the state. The **girls track and field** team came in third on Tuesday. On Friday, senior **Laney Williams** came second in the 3200m and junior **Ellie Jordan** came in second on the high jump. The majority of the girls team that ran in the 100m, 200m, 400m, and 100m hurdles events earned personal best times.

Community Service Opportunity: The Delray Marketplace located at 14851 Lyons Road is planning their Easter Festival in the center for Saturday, March 23rd from 11am-2pm (with a rain date of March 24th). There will be a lot of fun activities for families with younger children. Families will have an opportunity to visit with the Easter Bunny and children 10 and under will also be able to participate in age specific egg hunts! We will also have a trackless train and obstacle course, face painting, games and prizes, refreshments and more!

We are looking for 30 or more volunteers for this event. Some of the duties we need volunteers for are:

- ~Assistance with the trackless train and inflatable obstacle course
- ~Assistance with serving refreshments
- ~Assistance with games and crafts
- ~Assisting the Easter Bunny

If necessary, we will sign a volunteer sheet provided by the student, with the number of community service hours they served. We ask that the volunteers arrive at least 1 hour prior to event start time and plan to stay up to 30 beyond the completion of the event to help set up and tear down.

Quick Glance this week at River - SPORTS

(Note - DH = doubleheader, TH = tripleheader)

- **Monday, March 11th** - Varsity Baseball visits Somerset (6:30 pm)
- **Tuesday, March 12th** - JV Girls Lacrosse visits Pope John Paul (4:30 pm); Varsity Girls Lacrosse hosts Coral Glades (5:00 pm, Shark Pit); JV Boys Volleyball hosts St Thomas (5:30 pm); Varsity Boys Volleyball hosts Garcia (6:30 pm); Flag Football visits Archbishop McCarthy (5:30 pm); Softball visits West Boca (6:30 pm); JV Baseball visits Garcia (6:30 pm)
- **Wednesday, March 13th** - Softball visits Park Vista (6:30 pm); Varsity Baseball hosts Somerset (6:30)
- **Thursday, March 14th** - Tennis visits Pompano Beach (3:30 pm); Boys Volleyball DH visits Belene (4:30 JV, 6:00 Varsity); JV Softball hosts Seminole Ridge (5:00 pm); Baseball hosts Olympic Heights (6:00 pm); JV Girls Lacrosse visits Atlantic (4:30 pm); Varsity Boys Lacrosse visits Atlantic (6:00 pm); Flag Football DH hosts Wellington (JV 6:00 pm, Varsity 7:15 pm); Water polo DH visits Suncoast (4:30 girls, 5:30 boys, Barracuda Bay pool)
- **Friday, March 15th** - Water Polo DH against West Boca (4:00 pm girls, 5:00 pm boys, matches at Aquacrest Pool in Delray); Softball visits Coral Glades (6:30 pm)
- **Saturday, March 16th** - Drone Competition (9:00 am, West High School in Weston); JV Baseball DH visits Pope John Paul (10:00 am)

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

- **Monday, March 11th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULE*
- **Tuesday, March 12th** - Richmond American University visit (8:00 am); University of Tampa visit (9:00 am); Rollins College (10:00 am); Binghamton University visit (1:00 pm)
- **Wednesday, March 13th** - Full Sail University eSports Tournament (all day, gym)
- **Thursday, March 14th** - Palm Beach State College visit (9:00 am)
- **Friday, March 15th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULE*
- **Saturday, March 16th** -

***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! Hope everyone has an amazing Spring Break. **Don't forget that Monday, March 25th is a Teacher Work Day and there is NO SCHOOL for students.**

Your proud principal,
Mrs. Castellano