

Good evening Shark Nation!

Parents of Juniors please join us TOMORROW for our **Annual Junior Planning Night!** See you **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!

Note-Change of Date for Save the Date for our Senior Awards Night on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Theater due to a scheduling conflict. 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. **We will meet with SENIORS on Tuesday, April 2nd to review important EOY dates and share our Senior Letter at that time.**

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 running out. Tickets are still \$180 and they will be sold at lunches this week, with the **last day of sales being Thursday, March 28th.** *NOTE - ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ORDER FOR YOU TO PURCHASE/KEEP YOUR PROM TICKET.* We are also no longer taking off-campus guest forms. See Mr. Torres or Ms LaBelle for more information.

****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.

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.

As mentioned in prior callouts, Spanish River continues to implement our new **metal detectors**. Some of the key takeaways we want our parents and students to be clear about are as follows:

-Students must place certain items on the table prior to entering the metal detector

- Large Three-ring binders over 3 inches
- Chromebooks/laptops
- Metal water bottles
- Umbrellas
- Instruments → subject to further search

-Students are to place their backpacks/large bags in front of them

-Students must wear their IDs

If the metal detector alerts, the students will be instructed to do the following:

- The student will report to the screening area
- Behind a privacy screen, supervision will inspect their belongings and the student will be wanded.

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 tutoring sessions will be held during both lunches in room 8-148. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Crawford at caitlin.crawford@palmbeachschools.org.

As we start the 4th quarter, we want to make sure that your child is as prepared as possible for the **Algebra 1 EOC exam**. The End-of-Course State Exam will be held on Monday, May 20th. That is only 8 weeks away! Starting this week, the Algebra department is offering Algebra 1 after-school tutoring. Tutoring will be offered every Thursday, from 3:00 – 4:00 in rooms 8-115 and 8-116.

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.

Celebrate your **senior** with a customized graduation yard sign. Available for purchase on School Cash Online for \$20.

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** are due by April 5th. Stay tuned to WSRH for more information. Any questions? Please see Mrs. Laufer or Mrs. Collins.

Spanish River's Math Department is very proud of **Marvin Gao**, who has been invited to participate in the USA Junior Mathematics Olympiad (USAJMO). This competition is the third round of the American Mathematics Competition. In the first round, open to all high school students, Marvin scored in the top 2.5% of the AMC10 (American Mathematics Competition) which led to the second round - an exclusive invitation to the AIME (American Invitational Mathematics Examination) earlier this winter. Marvin is one of approximately 200 students in the USA and Canada to be invited to a third round to compete in the USAJMO. The USAJMO is an elite mathematics exam determining the top math students

in the USA and Canada in tenth grade and below. Qualification for this competition is considered to be one of the most prestigious designations for high school students. We want to congratulate Marvin on making it to this next round of competition, which took place during Spring Break on March 19-20.

The debate team attended the CFL National qualifier. The following students qualified to represent Spanish River at the national tournament: **Raina Hanpole, Sakina Jaferi, Shawn Klevan, Laney Williams** and alternate **Rylee Schwimmer**.

We would also like to congratulate **Rylee Schwimmer** on being honored with second place by the Nova Southeastern University's Holocaust Reflection Contest. Her winning video creation featured the story of Rosie Sapadin, a French child Holocaust survivor.

Our theater students went to Tampa this past week for state competition. Please congratulate them when you see them after Spring Break for the following assessments:

- 1) **Mia Jones** - Excellent in Makeup Design
- 2) **Ayden Sherman** - Excellent in Set Design
- 3) **Colin Dech** - Superior in Solo Musical
- 4) **Mica Domine** - Superior in Solo Musical
- 5) **Jeric Lubag and Addie Goldstein** - Superior in Duet Musical
- 6) **Matin Narimisa, Jill Bender, Jeric Lubag, Mica Domine** - Superior in Small Group Musical

Congratulations to the girls tennis team with a big win over Pompano High School right before we went to break. **Anna, Lorena, Gabi, Sophia, Madison, and Isabella** all played well and helped to lead the way to victory.

Congratulations to the **boys and girls water polo teams** for sweeping the week going into break. The boys and girls teams both won nail biters at Suncoast on Thursday, March 14 and then both teams came back on Friday, March 15 to win big against West Boca. After break, they will be celebrating their seniors for Senior Night at Boca High's pool on Thursday, March 28th, starting at 6:30 pm.

Quick Glance this week at River - SPORTS (*Note - DH = doubleheader, TH = tripleheader*)

- **Monday, March 25th** - Varsity Flag Football hosts Santaluces (6:00 pm)
- **Tuesday, March 26th** - Boys Volleyball DH hosts Seminole Ridge (JV 5:30, Varsity 7:00); Girls Lacrosse DH visits Cardinal Gibbons (JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7:00); JV Baseball visits American Heritage (6:30 pm); Varsity Baseball hosts Santaluces (6:30 pm); Boys Varsity Lacrosse hosts Cardinal Newman (6:30 pm)
- **Wednesday, March 27th** - Track visits Dr Garcia High Track Meet (4:00 pm); Boys Varsity Lacrosse hosts West Boca (6:00 pm); Water polo DH visits Wellington (6:30 girls, 7:15 boys, Wellington Aquatic Center pool)
- **Thursday, March 28th** - Track at Florida Relays; Girls Lacrosse DH visits Boca High (JV 4:30 pm, Varsity 6:00); Water polo DH hosts West Boca (6:45 pm girls, 7:45 pm boys, Boca High pool); Flag Football DH hosts Fort Pierce Central (JV 6:00 pm, Varsity 7:15 pm); Varsity Baseball hosts American Heritage (6:30 pm); Softball hosts American Heritage Plantation (6:30 pm); Varsity Boys Volleyball hosts SLAM (6:00 pm)
- **Friday, March 29th** - **No School**-Track at Florida Relays;
- **Saturday, March 30th** - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**

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

Monday, March 25th - **NOTHING SCHEDULED** (**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - WORK DAY FOR TEACHERS**)

- **Tuesday, March 26th** - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**
- **Wednesday, March 27th** - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**
- **Thursday, March 28th** - Herff Jones on campus (both lunches in gym lobby **AND** in 5:00-7:00 pm in front of the theater)

- **Friday, March 29th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED (NO SCHOOL)*

Saturday, March 30th - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

***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.*

So excited to see all of our Sharks back on campus to start our fourth nine weeks! Let's make it a great week, Sharks! Remember, there is NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 29th.

Your proud principal,

Mrs. Castellano