

Good evening Shark Nation!

**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 this Tuesday, April 2nd to review important EOY dates and share our Senior Letter at that time.**

**Attention to 9th and 10th grade parents and students** - the two grades will be taking the B.E.S.T Writing Exam on **Thursday, April 4th**. The test will start at 7:30 am. Please make sure you bring a **FULLY CHARGED, SCHOOL-ISSUED** computer with you for the test. All students have had the opportunity to be issued a computer. Please make sure your computers are working before the day of the test. If your computer is not working, please bring it to the technology room 1-153A to get it repaired or to be issued a replacement. We also want to remind you to bring your student ID when you come for the test - it is a requirement to have it on you and visible when you enter the testing room. Anyone without an ID will be asked to go get a new one. Please review the student location that has been sent out and posted in their Google Classroom to know where you are going the day of the test. **Attached to this callout is a copy of the altered bell schedule for the day.**

Attention all **prospective National Honor Society members** - the Spring 2024 application link for Spanish River's National Honor Society can be found on the school website under Honor Societies. The **application due date** is **April 15, 2024**. No exceptions. Eligible students meeting the following criteria will be considered:

- 3.5 GPA or 3.8 HPA
- at least 50 logged hours of community service
- no discipline referrals.
- Once a member, students will be required to participate in drives and events, offer peer tutoring during lunch, and continue to be an exemplary student.

Any questions, please contact [angela.donnino@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:angela.donnino@palmbeachschools.org)

**\*\*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](mailto:mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org).

The **Bright Futures** application is open! Please apply now at [www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/](http://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](http://Studentaid.gov) to begin the FAFSA application. Please contact your student's school counselor with any questions.

Our metal detector implementation is going well. **Students we need your cooperation. Please get OUT of your cars after you arrive and get in line. Do NOT wait until the warning bell sounds.** We cannot get everyone through at the same time. We will not continue to write tardy passes to students that sit in their cars. We will revoke your parking privileges if you continue to ignore directions to get in line. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that we have a safe campus.

#### **Attention to all incoming 2024-2025 freshmen students and families:**

We will have our freshmen orientation on **Thursday, August 8th, 2024**. Students will check in at our gymnasium at 7:30am; parents will be able to attend a meeting in the theater at 8:15am. After meetings, parents and students may walk schedules (found in SIS), find school supply lists outside teacher classrooms, and get information on sports & some clubs. See the attached flier for details.

**Attention to all RETURNING students and families returning to Spanish River: Also on August 8th,** 10th-12th grades can come back to school during your grade level time so you can pick up your parking decal (SENIORS ONLY), pick out your locker, walk your schedule, find your school supply lists for each class, and pickup student IDs and devices. An electronic link to make a schedule change request will be available once schedules are released in August. The times for each grade to return are as follows: **Seniors (12th grade)** can come from 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm; **Juniors (11th grade)** can come from 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm; and **Sophomores (10th grade)** can come from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. See the attached flier for details.

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:

- Tuesday - 1st Lunch - Room 7-108 - Fish
- Wednesday - Morning- Room 8-158- Jolly
- Wednesday - 1st Lunch - Room 8-130 - Carney
- Wednesday - 2nd Lunch - Room 7-105 - Singerle
- Thursday - 1st Lunch - Room 8-162 - Lehner
- Thursday - 2nd Lunch- Room - P2- Lawson or 7-105 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](mailto: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.

The **Geometry EOC** exam on May 20th is quickly approaching. The EOC is 30% of the full-year Geometry grade. Students must score at a level 3 to pass the exam. The Geometry team will be holding after school EOC review sessions on Thursdays after school from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm starting **April 11th**. Students will meet in room 8126 (Miss LaBelle's classroom) where they will be split into two review groups with a geometry teacher. Students can also join the Google Classroom for Geometry review where we will post the materials we are using in these review sessions. The code for the Google Classroom is: mwoq34t. Please make arrangements for students to be picked-up.

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](mailto: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.

Congratulations to our water polo teams on another undefeated week. The teams went up to Wellington on Wednesday and won convincingly and then celebrated our seniors with two gritty wins against a tough West Boca team. Both boys and girls teams earned a bye into the semifinals of districts and are looking forward to competing for the district title! Matches start **Tuesday, April 2** at district pool at Boca High.

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

**Monday, April 1st** - JV Baseball visits Forest Hill (4:30 pm); Varsity Girls Lacrosse visits Palm Beach Gardens (6:00 pm); JV Softball visits Western (6:00 pm); Flag Football DH hosts Boca High **\*\*SENIOR NIGHT\*\*** (JV 6:00 pm, Varsity 7:15 pm)

**Tuesday, April 2nd** - Track and Field **\*\*SENIOR NIGHT\*\*** (4:00 pm); Tennis hosts Olympic Heights (3:30 pm); Boys Volleyball DH hosts Calvary Christian (JV 4:30 pm, Varsity 5:30 pm); Varsity Boys Lacrosse hosts Kings Academy (6:00 pm); Varsity Baseball hosts Park Vista (6:30 pm); JV Flag Football DH (6:00 pm)

**Wednesday, April 3rd** - Varsity Girls Lacrosse hosts Suncoast (6:00 pm); JV Softball hosts Western (6:00 pm)

**Thursday, April 4th** - Tennis hosts FAU High (3:30 pm); Varsity Boys Lacrosse hosts Suncoast **\*\*SENIOR NIGHT\*\*** (6:00 pm); Varsity Boys Volleyball visits Garcia (6:00 pm); JV Baseball visits Suncoast (6:30 pm); Varsity Baseball hosts Pope St John Paul II (6:30 pm); Varsity Softball hosts Stoneman Douglas (6:30 pm)

**Friday, April 5th** - Track hosts Jeff Fossen Meet (4:00 pm); Varsity Girls Lacrosse visits King's Academy (6:00 pm); Varsity Boys Lacrosse hosts Suncoast (6:00 pm)

**Saturday, April 6th** - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**

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

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**Tuesday, April 2nd** - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**

**Wednesday, April 3rd** - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**

**Thursday, April 4th** - **FAST Writing**-Adjusted Bell Schedule -Air Force visit (1:00 pm); State HOSA Competition

**Friday, April 5th** - State Chorus Solo and Ensemble Competition at Florida Atlantic University (7:00 am);

State HOSA Competition

**Saturday, April 6th** - State HOSA Competition; Sea Perch ROV Regional Competition

*\*\*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