

Good evening Shark Nation!

Attention-Parents of SENIORS-Earlier this week, our administration met with the **Class of 2024** to go over end of year expectations, activities, and to talk about what to expect as their senior year comes to an end. In addition to this face-to-face opportunity to go over this important information, there was also a letter sent home with seniors and posted in their English teacher's Google Classrooms. This letter is also attached to this callout.

Included in the aforementioned letter is information about graduation tickets. **Senior students** will be sent a Google Form link to their **student emails** on **Monday, April 15, 2024 at 3pm** to allow them to request a maximum of TWO additional graduation tickets on top of the allotted six each student receives for graduation.

Attention all rising juniors and seniors (current tenth and eleventh grade) and families - **National Honor Society application deadline is fast approaching.** 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

****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.

As mentioned in prior callouts, Spanish River continues to implement our new **metal detectors**. The implementation has gone well and the metal detectors are not causing any tardies or missed class time. Starting Monday, there will be NO more late excuses to class. If something arises at the metal detector stations that causes a delay, students will receive a stamped paper pass to class. Students are arriving after the warning bell and/or staying in their cars until the warning bell rings which causes them to be late. Please note students with excessive tardies will receive consequences which can include their parking privileges being revoked.

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.

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.

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

Congratulations to the **SRHS Chorus and Piano** students for their amazing performances on Friday at State Solo & Ensemble Assessment at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Spanish River had 10 entries and all received Superior or Excellent ratings, the two highest ratings possible! Congratulations to seniors **Jeric Lubag and Alexandre Dorcil**, juniors **Milena Denic and Anzhelika Belkina**, and sophomore **Juan Marulanda** on their superior solo ratings, and the **Tenor/Bass Ensemble** for their superior ensemble rating, all the highest possible! Way to go Sharks!

Congrats to **Spanish River's eSports team** on their Super Smash Bros. victory. Their team went 3-0 in both of their matches to start the Esports season!

Congratulations to the **Girls Tennis Team** on a perfect week with wins over Olympic Heights and FAU High. Leading the way were **Jessica, Alexa, Anna, Lorena, Gabi, Maddy, Sophia and Isabella**.

Congratulations to our **Shark softball ladies** for an amazing week. They won both of their last two games with blowouts against Pompano and Stoneman Douglas. Our Lady Sharks are officially on a winning streak! Keep it up Sharks.

Congratulations to our **water polo teams** on their performance in this week's district tournaments. Our **boys team** rode a five game winning streak into the district final; unfortunately they came up a bit short against a really tough Jupiter team. Our girls team is currently on a six game winning streak - **the most recent win being a win over Palm Beach Central to claim the District 7 title**. The girls await their seeding and placement in the **FHSAA regionals**, which begin **April 11**. Game time, opponent, and location of their next match is pending.

Congrats to **Varsity Baseball** for their **BIG WIN** over Saint John Paul this past week. **JV Baseball** as well had a dominating win on Friday night over Santaluces. Great job boys!

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

Monday, April 8th - Boys Volleyball DH hosts FLL Heritage (JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 6:30 pm); Varsity Baseball visits Columbus (6:00 pm)

Tuesday, April 9th - Track visits County Championships (3:00 pm, at Cardinal Newman); Tennis hosts West Boca (3:30 pm); Varsity Baseball hosts Garcia (6:30 pm); Softball hosts Palm Beach Gardens (6:30 pm)

Wednesday, April 10th - ****SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING HOLIDAY****

Thursday, April 11th - Boys Volleyball DH visits Jupiter (JV 6:00 pm, Varsity 7:00 pm); Girls Water Polo in Regionals vs West Orange High School (12:00 pm, Rosen Aquatic Center, Orlando)

Friday, April 12th - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**

Saturday, April 13th - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**

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

Monday, April 8th - Underclassmen Awards Assembly (2:00 pm)

Tuesday, April 9th - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**

Wednesday, April 10th - ****SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING HOLIDAY****

Thursday, April 11th - University of Connecticut visit (1:00 pm)

Friday, April 12th - Class of 2024/Senior Pep Rally

Saturday, April 13th - **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.*

Let's make it a great week, Sharks!

Your proud principal,

Mrs. Castellano