

Good evening Shark Nation!

This week is a VERY important week at River as it is our **STAFF Appreciation Week** here at River. I know you would agree that we have the BEST STAFF and TEACHERS here at Spanish River. **Please take the opportunity this week to send a nice/positive email or card to one of your TEACHERS, PARAs, or SECRETARIES** that have helped you during your time at River. Our wonderful PTSA will ensure our staff is certainly celebrated this week!

Each **SENIOR** receives six graduation tickets. Those in need of more should fill out this google form sent to their email tomorrow. **Senior students** will be sent a Google Form link to their **student emails tomorrow, 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.

We are excited that our **Media Center Grand Opening** will take place this Tuesday. We thank everyone for their patience during this project. We look forward to our students using this new space to conduct research, collaborate together on projects and presentations while continuing to foster their love for Reading. For now, however, we'll be using it to administer our important end of year AP and AICE exams in a comfortable new environment.

Seniors - Herff Jones will be on campus at Spanish River for the **LAST TIME THIS YEAR** to take cap and gown and any other graduation item orders on **Thursday, April 25, 2024** in the gym lobby during lunches. **YOU MUST HAVE A HERFF JONES CAP AND GOWN** in order to walk across the stage at the Fairgrounds for Graduation. Questions, see Mrs. Goron in the main office or reach out directly to Herff Jones via their [Website](#).

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 tomorrow, 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. If something arises, 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.

Reminder to all **students taking Cambridge Exams**: be sure you belong to the *grade level Cambridge Google Classroom* and have your notifications turned on! We will be posting testing locations and other important information in the coming days through the end of the school year! It is **VERY important** you check the information often and carefully! You know you are well prepared and will do a wonderful job showing what you know by being sure you are on-time, with your ID and listening very closely to all adult directions! Please reach out to Ms Goron with any questions.

Congratulations to freshman **Kiley Adelstein** on her being recognized as part of the Palm Beach-Treasure Coast Student Visionary of the Year program. Kiley's team, known as the "Cancer Killers" raised over \$22,000.00 to help people dealing with diseases like bone cancer, leukemia, and lymphoma. Her leadership, along with her other visionaries, helped to raise over \$1.3 million for cancer treatment and research.

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

- 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. 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.

Attention **student-athletes and their families** that are planning on participating in **fall sports (football, golf, cross country, girls volleyball, swimming/diving, and bowling)** - please see the attachments to this callout regarding contacts and schedules for those sports as well as a liability form to allow students to participate in summer training.

Congratulations to our **girls water polo team** on their regional quarterfinal finish in this year's FHSAA state tournament. They finished on a six game winning streak Great Job ladies - we are so proud of you.

We would like to wish the best of luck to **our tennis teams** as they compete in their district tournament tomorrow, Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16.

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

- **Monday, April 15th** - Varsity Baseball visits West Boca (6:30 pm)
- **Tuesday, April 16th** - Boys Volleyball DH hosts Wellington (JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 6:30 pm); Varsity Baseball hosts Wellington (6:30 pm); Softball hosts Somerset Canyons (6:00 pm)
- **Wednesday, April 17th** - Boys Volleyball hosts SLAM (6:00 pm); Varsity Baseball visits Royal Palm Beach (6:30 pm); Softball hosts West Boca (6:30 pm)
- **Thursday, April 18th** - Boys Volleyball DH visits Pope John Paul II (JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 6:30 pm)
- **Friday, April 19th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Saturday, April 20th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

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

- **Monday, April 15th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

- **Tuesday, April 16th** - Media Center Grand Opening (11:30 am)
- **Wednesday, April 17th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Thursday, April 18th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Friday, April 19th** - Grad Bash Trip for Class of 2024 (Report at 2:00 pm, Gym)
- **Saturday, April 20th** - Grad Bash Trip for Class of 2024 (Return at approx. 5:30 am, Gym)

***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