

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.

All parents were sent a letter from our Communications Department via SIS on Friday regarding the implementation of metal detectors on our campus. We will begin implementation on **Monday, March 4th**. Students have been shown videos and received lots of information regarding this implementation on the morning announcements. **We need our student drivers to get out of their cars after arriving and prepare for check-in instead of waiting in their cars** until the tardy bell rings. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. **Do NOT assume you will be given extra time** to get to class as we roll out this process safely on campus.

**Course Selection for FY25 has begun.** The course selection process will be explained in English classes. Please speak with your child in regards to their choice of electives for next year. Your child will visit the theater soon with counselors to choose their electives for FY25. All core classes will be chosen by teachers and administration. Please check your email as emails are sent out separate from the callout. Core teachers will use current grades, prior grades, and test scores to place students in core classes and academic (AICE and AP) electives. Administration will revisit all course placements in the Spring and Summer when NEW test scores come in for this year and will make adjustments accordingly. Please reach out to your child's counselor if you have any questions. Counselor assignments are on our website.

On **Thursday, March 7th, 2024**, Spanish River High School will administer the School Day SAT for all 11th grade students and select 12th graders. All 11th graders and select 12th grade students who still need to meet the ELA or math graduation requirements are automatically pre-registered for this exam. There is NO fee for this exam.

**SAT School Day** provides schools, districts, and states a way to offer the official SAT to juniors in school, on a weekday, expanding access to a globally recognized college admission test that's accepted at all U.S. colleges.

For SAT testing on Thursday, March 7th we will operate on an altered bell schedule. **Testing will occur from 7:30-2:50.** Any students on campus that are not testing will be in a holding room. **There will be 3 early release times. Student's dismissal color will be listed on the testing location sheet.** If students prefer to go home following testing, this **Blue Pass Google Form MUST** be filled out no later than 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 6th. Students will not be released before their designated dismissal time. **Please do NOT call the suites and ask for your child to be released if you did NOT fill out the google form.** EVERYONE is busy helping us administer this important exam around campus.

Please reach out to Dr. Harrison ([lisa.piscatelliharrison@plambeachschools.org](mailto:lisa.piscatelliharrison@plambeachschools.org)) if you have any questions or concerns.

**Bell Schedule Link:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xIqUzELwqPRYkEyeNbJSKN4TtXyyzbam7Qi5hCvIdXA/edit?usp=sharing>

**Blue Pass Link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIVqFkl0lLe9aAh9rH1Kyd0gYrDzjayArRmmQXg0wy4ENzVw/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIVqFkl0lLe9aAh9rH1Kyd0gYrDzjayArRmmQXg0wy4ENzVw/viewform?usp=pp_url)

The **Spanish River Theater Department** is excited to announce the opening of the Elvis inspired musical, **All Shook Up!** It's 1955, and into a square little town in a square little state rides a guitar-playing young man who changes everything and everyone he meets. Loosely based on Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, this hip-swiveling, lip-curling musical fantasy will have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes with such classics as "Heartbreak

Hotel,” “Hound Dog,” “Jailhouse Rock,” and “Don’t Be Cruel.” The show opens on **Thursday, March 7** and runs for five performances **through Sunday March 10th**. Tickets to all performances can be purchased at [www.spanishrivertheater.org](http://www.spanishrivertheater.org). Tickets are also available at the door. Come on Everybody, it’s Now or Never! All Shook Up lunch sales for teachers and students at a discounted ticket price started on Monday 2/26.

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](mailto:frank.torres@palmbeachschools.org)

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](mailto: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](mailto:mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org) or students may stop in to see her before school or during lunches in the 1000 Building.

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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).

**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.

**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.

Congratulations to our **SGA** students who competed at the state convention with their project of the year books. It was another successful year with projects placing as follows: **Environmental Concerns Project** - 1st place; **Health and Safety Project** - 3rd place; **Membership Motivation Project** - 2nd place; **School Spirit Project** - 2nd place; and **Medallion Council Book** - Gold.

Spanish River’s **A-Team** competed in the championship round of the Commissioner's Academic Challenge on Tuesday. They competed against the top teams and academic student minds of the district and **THEY WON!** Two

of our team members, **Fernando Carrillo** and **Natalia Ray**. were asked to represent Team Palm Beach in the state competition at Universal Studios in April!

**Congratulations** to all of our **60 Spanish River DECA ICDC Qualifiers** that will compete in Anaheim, California at the end of April!!

We had **5 first place winners:**

- Business Law & Ethics Team Decision Making: **Samantha Anders & Alec Beylus**
- Marketing Communications Series: **Alex Costisor**
- Travel & Tourism Team Decision Making: **Jacob Glover & Andie Huberman**

We had **8 second place winners:**

- Business Services Marketing: **Logan Damle**
- Innovation Plan: **Lila Fisher**
- Marketing Management Team Decision Making: **Leo Bettinger & Justin Feinberg**
- Principles of Marketing: **Jade Alkabes**
- Quick Serve Restaurant Management: **Cadence Coffey**
- Buying and Merchandising Operations Research: **Jacob Garret & Aleena Siddiqui**

We had **11 third place winners:**

- Integrated Marketing Campaign Event: **Kyle Weinstock & Ryan Weinstock**
- Buying and Merchandising Operations Research: **Alexandra Malmstrom**
- Financial Operations Research: **Lyla Steinfink & Samantha Solodkin**
- Project Management Sales Project: **Danielle Stagman**
- Project Management Community Giving: **Brody Schneck, Jayla Smolansky, & Jessica Strizik**
- Project Management Business Solutions: **Madolyn Murphy & Alexandra Katz**

We are so proud of all our Sharks that competed and appreciate their dedication to competing. **Special thank you to our DECA Advisors** that prepared the students and attended **Mr.Bazille, Ms.Calenzani, Ms.Berke, Ms.Adelstein, and Mr.Studley** along with all of the other teachers that volunteered to chaperone these last 4 days. We know you're exhausted but it was worth it to see the smiles at the Awards Ceremony.

Some other Sharks sports highlights from the past week:

- **Boys JV Baseball** won their double header on the road against West Boca in convincing fashion.
- Boys Varsity Baseball** won their game against a talented Key West team Friday night and lost a close one Saturday night at their tournament in Key West.
- **Boys Weightlifting** competed at Park Vista: **Brian Da Silva** was 3rd in Traditional; **Evan Wiltse** was 3rd in Olympic; **Michael Silver** was 3rd in Olympic and 2nd in Traditional; **Bardia Saedi** was 2nd in Olympic; **Jacob Jaramillo** was 3rd in Traditional; and **Alan Chagaev** was 3rd in Olympic and 2nd in Traditional
- **Softball** had their media day on Friday February 24 and played their home opener vs. Boca Raton High
- Wrestler **Daniel Alavarez** took 4th place at the FHSAA Wrestling State Championships in the 3A 150 lbs. division.

- *Congrats to all of our Sharks on a successful week of athletics!*

**Quick Glance this week at River - SPORTS**

(Note - DH = doubleheader, TH = tripleheader)

- **Monday, March 4th** - Girls Varsity Lacrosse hosts Calvary Christian (6:00 pm, Shark Pit); Boys Varsity Lacrosse visits Park Vista (6:30 pm); Varsity Flag Football visits Cardinal Newman (7:00 pm)
- **Tuesday, March 5th** - Tennis hosts Park Vista (3:30 pm); Girls JV Softball visits Seminole Ridge (5:00 pm); JV Flag Football hosts Somerset Canyons (6:00 pm AND 7:15 pm, Shark Pit); JV Baseball hosts

American Heritage (6:30 pm); Varsity Baseball visits Garcia (6:30 pm); Boys Volleyball DH hosts Suncoast (5:30 pm JV, 6:30 pm Varsity)

- **Wednesday, March 6th** - Girls Lacrosse DH visits Park Vista (4:30 pm JV, 6:00 pm Varsity); Water Polo DH hosts Jupiter (4:30 pm Girls, 5:30 pm Boys, matches at Boca High); Softball visits Pompano (6:00 pm); JV Baseball visits Park Vista (6:30 pm)
- **Thursday, March 7th** - Water Polo DH visits St Andrews (5:30 pm Girls, 6:30 pm Boys); Tennis visits Boynton Beach (3:30 pm); Flag Football DH (JV hosts West Boca 6:00 pm, Varsity hosts Somerset Canyons 7:15 pm, both games at Shark Pit); Boys Volleyball DH visits Boca High (5:30 JV, 6:30 Varsity); JV Baseball hosts Forest Hill (6:30 pm); Varsity Baseball visits Wellington (6:30 pm)
- **Friday, March 8th** - Boys Weightlifting Meet visits Garcia; Boys Varsity Lacrosse visits Taravella (4:00 pm); Varsity Baseball hosts Forest Hill (6:30 pm); Softball visits Western (6:30 pm)
- **Saturday, March 9th** - Flag Football Sharks Showcase (games begin at 8:45, JV and Varsity play, Shark Pit); JV Baseball hosts Coral Glades (10:00 AM); Water Polo DH hosts Gainesville (12:00 pm Girls, 1:00 pm Boys)

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

- **Monday, March 4th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Tuesday, March 5th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Wednesday, March 6th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Thursday, March 7th** - **SCHOOL DAY SAT (all 11th graders/select 12th graders, modified bell schedule); “All Shook Up” (6:30 pm, in the theater)**
- **Friday, March 8th** - **“All Shook Up” (6:30 pm, in the theater)**
- **Saturday, March 9th** - **“All Shook Up” (2:00 pm / 6:30 pm, in the theater)**
- **Sunday, March 10th** - **(2:00 pm, in the theater)**

*\*\*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

[Link to March 7 schedule](#)