

Good evening Shark Nation!

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](#).

Quarter 4 progress reports were posted to the parent SIS portal on Friday, April 19. You can find the report under the "reports" tab.

Students it's TIME, Cambridge exams are starting. Please read below and take the necessary actions to ensure your SUCCESS on these important exams!

Students taking Cambridge Exams, please see below for some VERY IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

- Please be sure you are checking the **Grade Level Cambridge Google Classroom** for exam locations and seat assignments. **Assignments will be posted at least 3-4 days prior to your exam date.**
- **BE ON TIME!** Please be sure you are reporting for testing at **7:30am for all AM exams and 11:30am for all PM exams.**
- For exams taking place in classrooms, you will report directly to those rooms at the times noted. For exams taking place in the Media Center or Gym, you will line-up in the courtyard by the sign associated with your row.
- **COME PREPARED!** First and foremost, this means you need to have your **Student Photo ID worn on your person.** In addition, you must also have any item your teacher has instructed you to bring (i.e. pencils, pens, rulers, etc...). *****Calculators may be used unless you are told otherwise for your exam, however YOU MAY NOT USE ANYU OTHER DEVICE WITH A CALCULATOR FUNCTION.*****
- **BE ACADEMICALLY HONEST AND ETHICAL!**
- You are expected not to engage in any unfair or dishonest practices before, during, or after the exam.
- You are not permitted to sit for an exam in the name of another candidate.
- Other prohibited items include electronic devices, mobile phones, or any other equipment that may allow you an unfair advantage.
- FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS. You are expected to follow all instructions given by invigilators, proctors, and anyone else involved in the administration of the exam.
- ALL EXAM MATERIALS MUST BE LEFT BEHIND. All exam materials (including question papers, answer books, answer paper, rough/scratch work, and any other USED OR UNUSED materials, must be left in the exam room.
- If any of the above rules or expectations are not followed, you may be penalized or disqualified from the examination and your exam may not be scored,
 - If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Goron at mara.goron@palmbeachschools.org **BEFORE the day of your exam or see her during lunch in the 1000 building.**

More information can be found on the attached flier.

WE KNOW you are going to be well prepared to show WHAT YOU KNOW!

****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.

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.

Mrs. Ramirez will be hosting a last minute Google Meet review sessions for **AS General Paper Paper 1**-specific content and last minute questions. ALL students that are currently enrolled in **AS General Paper** are welcome to attend. The help session will take place on Wednesday, April 24th from 7-8pm via Google Meet. Students can join using the following link <https://meet.google.com/zri-ords-qsg>.

There will be a separate help session for Paper 2 on Tuesday, April 30th.

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.

The **2024 TIBURON YEARBOOK** will be arriving later this month! Please stay tuned to WSRH and follow *The Tiburon* on Instagram and Facebook for the latest updates.

Come see what the **Musical Theatre** students have been up to this semester. Join them on Friday, April 26th at 6:30pm for the **Spring Showcase**. Top songs from Hamilton, Lion King, and other Disney movies. Tickets and information can be found at spanishrivertheatre.org.

Congratulations to all **Chorus** students for their outstanding performance at State Music Performance Assessment this past Wednesday! The choirs qualified for state through their top-level district ratings, and all four choirs earned an overall "Excellent" rating - the second highest possible! Way to go Sharks!

Twenty-eight Spanish River students qualified for the HOSA State Finals. These finalists competed at the 2024 Florida HOSA Conference in Orlando last week. All performed well in their respective events. **Annabelle Yi and**

Jessica Strizik placed third in Health Career Display and will represent our school at the international HOSA Conference in Houston, TX in June.

Spanish River's **Sea Perch ROV** teams have been very busy the last few months. These students have been competing at regional events in Palm Beach and Broward Counties. We wanted to recognize the members of our awesome teams:

- "Sharktastics" - **Lucas Marzo, Takota Okoe, Mohammad Zarif, Eric Rosenblatt, Juliet Rojas, and Max Rispler**
- "Fintastics" - **Sophia Marchalleck, Maria Vanegas and Olivia Strano**

Last Saturday, our Sharktastics team placed **FIRST** overall! The Sharktastics and Fintastics teams will both represent Spanish River High School at the International Sea Perch Competition at the University of Maryland, which will run from May 31, 2024 - June 1, 2024. **GO RIVER STEM!**

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.

The **Lady Sharks softball team** picked up three huge wins this week against Olympic Heights, Palm Beach Gardens and Palm Beach Central!!! With these three wins, they currently are riding a five game winning streak entering this week! Go Sharks!

Congratulations to both our **boys and girls lacrosse** teams on great seasons. Both teams made it into their district semifinals. Great work teams!!!

Congrats to the **flag football** team on their win last night in the regional quarterfinals. They will next play Seminole Ridge in the Regional Semifinals on Tuesday, April 23.

Additional congratulations go out to our **softball and baseball** teams. Currently, baseball is on a five game winning streak - while softball is on a seven game winning streak, including big wins against West Boca and Coral Glades!

In **girls and boys tennis**, both teams ended up runners up in their district matches/tournaments and are moving on to regionals. In addition, we had one individual player, **tenth grader Jessica Popescu**, and the doubles team of **ninth grader Alexa Denisova and Popescu** qualify for states in addition to the regional qualification.

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

- **Monday, April 22nd** - Baseball visits Santaluces (6:30 pm)
- **Tuesday, April 23rd** - Baseball visits Forest Hill (4:30 pm); Boys Volleyball DH hosts American Heritage-Delray (JV 5:30 pm, Varsity/SENIOR NIGHT 6:00 pm); Softball hosts Westminster Academy (6:30 pm); Flag Football at Regionals (Time/Location TBA); Boys/Girls Tennis at Regionals (Time/Location TBA)
- **Wednesday, April 24th** - Boys/Girls Tennis at Regionals (Time/Location TBA)
- **Thursday, April 25th** - Boys/Girls Tennis at Regionals (Time/Location TBA); Baseball visits Coral Glades (5:30 pm)
- **Friday, April 26th** - District Track Meet (Time/Location TBA)
- **Saturday, April 27th** - **NOTHING SCHEDULED**

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

- **Monday, April 22nd** - Third Nine Weeks Honor Roll Celebration (both lunches)

- **Tuesday, April 23rd** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Wednesday, April 24th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*
- **Thursday, April 25th** - Herff Jones LAST SCHOOL VISIT (both lunches, gym lobby); Palm Beach State visit (9 am)
- **Friday, April 26th** - Spring Theater Showcase (6:30 pm, theater)
- **Saturday, April 27th** - *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.*

Your proud principal,

Mrs.Castellano