

Good evening Shark Nation!

**SENIORS** - remember we will be having our annual **Senior Awards Night** on Monday, May 6th at 6pm in the theater. **Students receiving awards were emailed invitations last week. Please be sure to check your school email account.** Parents and guardians are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone there to help celebrate our outstanding seniors.

In addition to recognizing our incredible seniors, we are also proud to announce that Spanish River High School has been named by **US News and World Report as a Best High Schools winner!** Spanish River scored an amazing 96.4/100 on a composite of all of their ratings categories. More information about the award and Spanish River's profile can be found at this [link](#).

**Seniors** - Herff Jones made its last on-campus appearance this week. Did your graduating senior remember to get their cap and gown taken care of during any of their stops on campus this year? If not and your senior is still in need of their cap and gown, they can still purchase one. **Wednesday, May 8, students can go to Herff Jones' Lake Worth office to purchase. The cost is \$75.00 (CASH ONLY).** There is a flier attached to this callout with information regarding address, phone number, and other important information regarding cap and gown purchase. Remember - a cap and gown is **REQUIRED** to be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

The **Tiburon Yearbook staff** is proud to present the 2024 yearbook: **24 Legacy**. Distribution has already begun and will continue this week. If you preordered a Tiburon Yearbook and have not picked it up yet, please stop by room 8-111 either in the morning before school or during both lunches to get your yearbook. **Yearbooks are completely SOLD OUT and we will not be receiving more;** thank you to all of our Shark families for making this another sold out year!

**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 ANY 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](mailto: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!**

We have hit the **testing season** at full speed and our students are doing AMAZING thus far in being prepared to test! **If you would like your child dismissed AFTER an exam is over because you've decided that it is okay for them to miss their other classes, you MUST fill out the google form posted in that course's Google Classroom by their teacher .**

By completing the [Testing Early Release \(Blue Pass Request\) May 2024](#), you are stating that your child may be released from school once they have been dismissed from their AP/AICE/EOC exam. If you have more than one child, this form must be completed for each child. **This Google Form is NOT for non-testers.** The normal protocol and procedures follow for non-testers to leave campus - parents must call their student's alpha suite, notify that staff that they wish to set up a blue pass to leave early, and then students will pick up passes and leave at bell changes.

**Parents must upload the completed Early Release Verification Form** that requires a parent signature for the student to be released. Students listed with approval to leave campus after the exam will receive a dismissal pass on the day of the test. It will either be given to them at the end of their test session if possible OR they may pick it up from their Suite. Suite Blue (Last Name A-K) or Suite Silver (Last Name L-Z). **This form MUST be completed for each day that you are requesting to have your child released after their test.** Filling out the form once does NOT allow the students to be released for multiple days. Forms MUST be filled out by 5 PM each day the day before testing (i.e. starts this Monday afternoon for Tuesday's test).

**FAST & EOC's** will start on May 7th. FAST ELA Progress Monitoring 3 (graduation requirement). All **10th grade students** will be taking this exam starting at **7:30am** on May 7th. All **9th grade students** will be taking this exam on May 9th starting at **7:30am**. The schedule of upcoming EOCs is as follows:

- **US History EOC** will be on **May 8th** starting at **7:30am**.
- **Biology EOC** will be on **May 15th** starting at **7:30am**.
- **Algebra and Geometry EOC** will be May 20th.

Students taking either AP or AICE exams on these days **MUST** take their AP or AICE exams that day and make up PM 3 or EOC exams on a make-up day starting on May 10th. Please check your school emails for dates, time, and locations for make-up exams. Please remember - all EOCs count as 30% of a student's final grade in a course and should be taken very seriously. Please see the attached parent testing calendar with dates for other tests. We have shared these dates with our students for months now and they are posted all over campus. On the EOC days mentioned above, all students that are not testing and are on campus will be held in a holding room until testing is complete. **Please review bell schedules (which are also attached to this callout) each day.**

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** has offered reviews during school day and at night on Google Meets. This week and next, the team is adding two after-school boot camps. The **first of these boot camps** will be held on **Wednesday, May 1** in the US History classrooms immediately following the school day (3:00 pm). This session will last approximately 90 minutes and will cover first semester content. The **second review session** will be held on **Tuesday, May 7** at the same time and in the same rooms. The second review session will cover second semester content and will also last about 90 minutes. Please reach out to Mr Torres with any questions.

The **Algebra 1 EOC exam** on May 20th is quickly approaching! The EOC is 30% of the full-year Algebra grade. Students must score at a level 3 to pass the exam. The Algebra team is offering after school EOC review sessions on Thursdays after school from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in rooms 8-114 and 8-115. Students also can join the Google Classroom for Algebra EOC review using the code js4kxcj. Please make arrangements for students to be picked-up.

The **Geometry EOC exam** on Monday, 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 8-126 (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.

Thank you to all who came to Ms Ramirez's **AICE General Paper** review this past week. **The review session for Paper 2 will be held on Monday, April 29th.** The review will take place from 7-8pm via Google Meet. Any student enrolled in AS General Paper can join in using the following meet link: <https://meet.google.com/unh-enhy-wjk>.

**Omni Middle School PTSA** is looking for some volunteers for Friday, May 10, 2024 from 3:45-5:45 for Dance Set Up with help decorating and setting up before the dance. If interested, please send your names/emails to [info@omniptsa.com](mailto:info@omniptsa.com).

We encourage all students, staff/faculty, and all members of our community to **celebrate our college bound seniors** by joining in with us to celebrate **College Decision Day** by wearing your college T-shirts on **Monday, April 29th**. Our amazing guidance counselors will be recognizing seniors at lunch time as they share their future plans.

Congratulations to our **Silver Sound Jazz Band**, who performed last weekend at the Lakeside Jazz Festival near Daytona and received an overall *Superior* rating, as well as an award for Outstanding Soloist Terry Ducasse. Recognition for Outstanding Section went to the Trombones: **Lucas Marzo, Terry Ducasse, Marcos Marzo, Seraya Thagard, and Stella Paulino**.

Would you like to see the Jazz Band live? Join us on **Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30pm** in the theater for our **Spring Band Concert**. Our Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will be performing as well. Tickets are just \$5 and can be purchased through this [link](#) or at the door. As always, staff and students get in free- just show your school ID!

Congratulations to Spanish River's two **aerial drone** teams. The teams traveled to the South East National Aerial Drone competition, which was held on April 12-13 in Jackson, MS, to wrap up their competition season. Out of

35 teams, the A Team scored in the top 10 in piloting skills. The A Team members are **Logan Damle, Adam Siegel, and Kyle Vilme**. Congratulations goes out to the Aerowizards who brought home the “Think Award” trophy for having the top scoring autonomous (programmed) flight. Congrats to Aerowizards team members **Josh Gurman and Kai Gao** for this impressive win! We are in the first year of our drone program. Being a first year program that only started in January, we are extremely proud of these student drone teams about their success at both the local qualifying competitions as well as the national level. The advisors - Ms. Sullivan, Mrs. Fish, and Mr. Wolgalter - are all looking forward to a great 2nd season next year! In addition, both teams offer much thanks to River’s PTSA, Dr. Castellano, and the Palm Beach Ed Foundation GoTeach grant program for their support.

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.

We have a ton of exciting **sports shoutouts** to make as many of our spring teams are now into playoff season:

- **Softball** team heads into District play next Tuesday vs. Boca High at 4:30pm; game is at Park Vista.
- **Baseball** opens up District play at home on Monday vs. Olympic Heights at 6:30pm.
- **Boys Tennis** finished the season as a regional finalist, coming up just short against West Boca
- **Girls Tennis** also finished their season in regional play. Their season came to an end against a tough Jupiter High team. Best of luck to our two players traveling to states tomorrow.
- **Flag Football** ended up regional semifinalists, having defeated Park Vista in the opening round of regionals, then eventually losing to Seminole Ridge in the semifinals.
- **Boys Volleyball** opens district play vs. West Boca at 6:30pm. (NOTE - that game will be held at Omni Middle School due to testing here on campus).
- **Beach Volleyball** won their first match in the district tournament, but eventually came up a bit short vs. Park Vista in the semifinals.
- **Track & Field** opens up district competition on Monday at Park Vista.
- Additional congratulations go out to lacrosse and water polo programs. Our boys and girls lacrosse teams had great seasons. Additionally, several of our water polo players (girls **Diana Balabanova, Amanda Poirier, Megan Harold, Eva Latorre**, and Navah Hirschman and boys **David Kocsis, Felipe Castanho, Nikola Peric, Ben Meltzer**, and **Ryan Puffer**) were chosen by school district coaches to the first annual Palm Beach County Water Polo All-Star Game being played on May 4 at Aquacrest Park in Delray. Coach Patrick Abbondandolo was also named to the South teams as a coach.
- Lastly - and definitely not least, it's time for Spring Football! Our **Riverboyz** look to continue building on the huge successes of last season as they open up practice next Monday at 3pm. If you have a student-athlete that is interested, please contact Coach Headley at [ian.headley@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:ian.headley@palmbeachschools.org).

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

- **Monday, April 29th** - Tennis at State Tournament (time/location TBD); Boys Volleyball at District Tournament (time/location TBD); Baseball at District Semifinals (time/location TBD); Track at District Meet (time TBD, @ Park Vista)
- **Tuesday, April 30th** - Tennis at State Tournament (time/location TBD); Boys Volleyball at District Tournament (time/location TBD); Baseball at District Quarterfinals (time/location TBD); Flag Football at Regional Tournament (time/location TBD)
- **Wednesday, May 1st** - Tennis at State Tournament (time/location TBD); Boys Volleyball at District Tournament (time/location TBD)
- **Thursday, May 2nd** - Tennis at State Tournament (time/location TBD); Baseball at District Final (time/location TBD)
- **Friday, May 3rd** - Tennis at State Tournament (time/location TBD); Flag Football at State Tournament (time/location TBD)
- **Saturday, May 4th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

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

**Monday, April 29th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

**Tuesday, April 30th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

**Wednesday, May 1st** - Spring Band Concert (6:30 pm, theater)

**Thursday, May 2nd** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

**Friday, May 3rd** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

**Saturday, May 4th** - *NOTHING SCHEDULED*

Let's make it a great week, Sharks!

Your proud principal,

Mrs.Castellano