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WarHawk News

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A Message from the Principal



Hello Warhawk Families!

I am so grateful for our School Counselors, Student Services personnel, SHS Sunshine Club members, PTSA Board, SAC, community Business Partners, the Pinellas Education Foundation, and PCS District for their herculean efforts to support our Students, Staff, and Families devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Adversity has a unique way of shining a spotlight on true heroes. There are thousands of these amazing individuals in the Warhawk Nation and Seminole Community!

Even in the midst of the storms, our amazing Warhawk students, faculty and staff have achieved great success! Here are a few of the highlights:

- Seminole High is a 2024-2025 America's Healthiest School Award Winner.
- SHS is a Covey Institute Leader in Me Lighthouse School for 2024-2025
- The Seminole High School Varsity Football Team had a winning season and the best record in over 22 years!
- Our Lady Warhawk Volleyball Team are District Champions and Regional Elite 8 Award winners!
- Our Swim and Dive Team had the most State Qualifiers and Champions in over 20 years with 2 school records being crushed!
- The E Commerce Academy hosted a fantastic "Trunk or Treat" event!
- Our Warhawk Marching Band is the 2024 FMBC Class 4A State Champion!
- We had an amazing Wally Warhawk Fall Festival open house for our families and community to usher in the holiday season.
- The Guidance and College and Career Center Director, Mrs. Sims, hosted a phenomenal College and Career Fair Day.
- I am proud of our Administrative Team who served heroically at Hurricane Shelters throughout the Tampa Bay Area during both Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

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Principal's Message

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- Our Center for Education & Leadership (CEL) Academy has been nominated as an Academy of Distinction by The Pinellas Education Foundation and CTAE.

Wishing everyone a beautiful holiday season!

Go Warhawks!

Dr. M. Jane Lucas

Principal



College & Career Center

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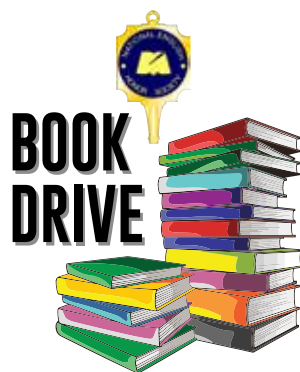
- Career pathway and major exploration
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Scan the QR Code to schedule and appointment with Mrs. Sims or email at simssu@pcsb.org.



NEHS Children's Book Drive

The National English Honor Society is conducting a children's book drive for the students and teachers at Gulf Beaches Elementary who have been displaced due to massive flood damage. They do not have many materials, including books for the children. Please drop off any children's books at C14 or in the front office with NEHS labeled on the donation. Contact Ms. Sellers for more information.



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SENIOR BREAKFAST/ GRAD REHEARSAL: April 17th will be here before you know it. Check out the Warhawk Shop, purchase your ticket and mark your calendars for one of your last opportunities to spend with friends before graduation!

CAPS & GOWNS: Cap and Gown measurements are due by December 20th. Scan the top barcode to enter your information. Balfour is also offering class rings and letterman jackets, which can be purchased by scanning the bottom two barcodes. To purchase your cap and gown as well as other senior-exclusive merch, scan the QR code labeled "Senior Bundle" which will take you to the Warhawk Shop.



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Rotary Club of Seminole Presents Grant to SHS Football Team for Uniforms

Just before kickoff on Friday evening, September 13, members of the Rotary Club of Seminole presented a check for \$7,800 to the Seminole High School Warhawks football team for the purchase of new uniforms. The grant will provide funding for the team to replace their current green and white tattered uniforms that are over six years old.

The total gift amount included donations of \$5,007 from the Rotary Club of Seminole, \$2,293 from Rotary District 6950, and \$250 each from Rotary Club of Lake Seminole and Rotary Club of Indian Rocks.

Head coach Auggie Sanchez said the team will be able to purchase both home and away uniforms with the grant. As the team relies on fundraising efforts and donations to replace uniforms, coach Sanchez was honored to receive the gift and said, "with this, it shows the community support for the school and program. It means a lot to have people interested and willing to help us take that next step and really see this program be successful." Sanchez, a former University of South Florida linebacker and Pinellas County native, is in his third year coaching at Seminole High School.

Immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Seminole Al Shields said, "At Rotary, we believe in supporting our local community and investing in the future of our youth. We understand the importance of extracurricular activities like sports in helping students develop teamwork, discipline, leadership and a sense of pride in representing their school." He shared that it's the club's privilege to help provide new uniforms that reflect the students' hard work and makes them feel proud every time they suit up.

"This grant is not just about uniforms, it's about supporting young people in their growth, both on and off the field."

The Rotary Club of Seminole, FL, was chartered in 1962. Following the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," the club focuses on both community and international service projects. Members meet Wednesdays at noon at The Bayou Club for fellowship and to hear a variety of interesting programs from within the local community. Guests and visiting Rotarians are always welcome and can learn more at seminolerotary.org.



Pictured from left: Rotary Club of Seminole immediate past president Al Shields, Warhawks football head coach Auggie Sanchez, Seminole High School principal Dr. M. Jane Lucas, Rotary Club of Seminole district grants committee chair Jerry Klein, Rotary Club of Seminole president Mike Lurie.

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Interact Club Volunteer Events

1. Haunted Graveyard @ Seminole City Center:
 - Students volunteered at the Rotary Club’s tent to pass out candy
2. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard Pumpkin Patch:
 - Students helped the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard offload pumpkins from box trucks and put them on display.
3. Interact BOOlooza
 - Students got to “interact” in a fun way. They played fun Halloween-themed games and won prizes!
4. SHS Trunk or Treat
 - Sponsored by the SHS E-Commerce Academy. Interact students volunteered by decorating their cars and passing out candy.



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Closing the Gap – Women in Stem

Written by Eden Storz

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields have seen exponential growth in recent years, with more students than ever expressing interest in pursuing careers in these areas. However, there's one significant challenge: these fields have traditionally been male dominated, with women making up a small percentage of the workforce. As a result, many women who are interested in STEM feel underrepresented and excluded.

Enter the newly established Women in STEM club—an initiative that aims to change the narrative.

Founded three years ago, Women in STEM has become a powerful voice and a role model for girls, demonstrating the important contributions women can make in STEM fields. The club helps young women turn their aspirations into reality, offering both guidance and support as they explore opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Beyond the club's internal activities, its impact extends throughout the school. By leveraging school resources, Women in STEM works to engage the broader student body in STEM initiatives. This includes hosting

class activities and participating in events organized by Seminole High School, helping to foster a culture of curiosity and collaboration.

However, the true significance of the club lies in what it offers its members: empowerment. The club provides a platform for young girls to discover their passions and explore potential STEM careers. Members have the opportunity to engage in hands-on science experiments and attend exclusive STEM-related events. One notable example is the Women in STEM breakfast held each year to celebrate International Women's Day. At this event, female professionals in STEM careers share their personal success stories, offering mentorship and encouraging young women to pursue careers in male-dominated fields.

Women in STEM serves as a launchpad for the next generation of female scientists and engineers, giving girls the opportunity to voice their ideas, gain confidence, and lay the foundation for future innovations. Through the club, the next generation of Seminole High's most creative and driven girls is being empowered to make their mark in the world of STEM.



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Ella Biddle, Abby Binalay, Madison Crandall, Julia Dacosta, Natalie Doyel, Jackson Fehr, Elizabeth Forbes, Jordan Garnes, Irish Gildner, Jackson Healy, Natasha Hirvela, Bernard Howell, Landon Humphreys, Elle Illingworth, Jonas Jacobson, Kylee Killalea, Kasey Kittay, Lydia Machini, Arthur Manzano, Chase Marsala, Patrick Mazzei, Madison Mazzola, Hannah Meyer, Bailey Mills, Landen Slavik, Lara Stefanovic, Paige Sumner, Murilo Taraborelli, Victoria Teixeira, Sophia Tower, Madeline Vinci, Piper Weingart, Victoria Willis, Bia Wooten.



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