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For The Parents, Staff, And Community of Seminole Ridge Community High School

Principal's Message

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The first nine weeks of this school year have finished, and hopefully it has been a good start for your students. Be sure to check Edline every Monday for updated grades in all classes. Edline allows you to keep up with news and upcoming events, current grades, and assignments. Stay involved.

Parents, remember that a student's GPA and credits earned are based on the semester grade, which is a combination of the first and second nine weeks' grades and the semester exam grades. Students, if you're happy with your grade from the first nine weeks, keep up the good work. If not, get back on track in the second nine weeks. Reach out to your teachers to see what you can do to improve your grades.

I have been pleased with this first quarter of the year. Throughout my visits to classrooms, students have been continually attentive and focused.

If you've not been to our campus for an event, performance, or contest this year, I encourage you to do so. The talent of our students is on display every day at The Ridge. Come out and support our Hawks.

Sincerely,

James C. Campbell, Ph.D.
Principal



*Educating the students of today for
the challenges of tomorrow.*

School Counseling News

Financial Aid Night: Did you know that each year more than \$24 billion of college financial aid goes unclaimed? To get your share of this money for college, all students need to do is fill out one form: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)! A representative from Wells Fargo will be here to talk about financial aid for college at 6:30 Tuesday evening, October 17 in the Dr. Lynne K. McGee Auditorium.

College and Career Fair: Everyone is invited to attend the College and Career Fair Wednesday evening, October 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Included in this year's fair are 15-minute info sessions on 'Starting Your FAFSA.'

'Coffee Talk' with Freshman Parents: We cordially invite the parents of freshman students to join counselors for an open discussion about their children's education. We will hold 'Coffee Talk' events in the school media center Wednesday mornings from 7:45 to 8:30 on October 18, December 6, February 7, and April 4. 'Coffee Talk' will cover various topics throughout the year, including graduation requirements, study skills, dual enrollment, and college readiness. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP one week before each event to Mrs. Bennett in our school counseling office: 422-2610 or robin.bennett@palmbeachschools.org.

Bright Futures Scholarships and Financial Aid for College: Seniors seeking any Bright Futures Scholarship must fill out the state financial aid form at www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/ua/sawstua_uaform.asp. If this application is not submitted before graduation, students will not receive the scholarship money. Parents and students planning on applying for financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Online FAFSA forms are available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

College Application Week: School counselors will meet with Hawk seniors October 23–26 to ensure each student applies to at least one college.

Community Service requirement: According to Florida law, all students must have 20 hours of community service as a graduation requirement. Community service volunteer log forms are available in the school counseling office and on our school's Edline home page—click the 'School Counseling' tab.

Florida Shines: Parents and students are encouraged to visit the state website floridashines.org for detailed information on career, college, and vocational school planning, plus links to many additional educational and student service programs. A feature of this website allows students to view their high school Bright Futures transcript.

ASVAB: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, a free vocational interest test sponsored by the US military, will be administered Monday morning, November 6 from 8:00 to 11:00 in our auditorium. The results of this test, provided to students later this fall, can be instrumental in their deciding on a career path—military or otherwise—after graduation. Students interested in taking the ASVAB can see Mrs. Bennett in the school counseling office to sign up.



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Future Business Leaders of America News

The SRHS chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) launched its second year with pizza, cookies, tangerines, and lemonade Monday, September 25 in our 'clubhouse,' Villa 2! There was standing room only—and a lot of enthusiasm for the plans laid out by our leadership team: Homecoming in October; the FBLA district Fall Rally and Global Entrepreneurship Week in November; the district competition in January; FBLA Week in February; the State Leadership Conference in Orlando in March; our end-of-year banquet in May; and the National Leadership Conference in Baltimore during the summer.

The theme for our chapter is 'Soaring to New Heights!' The 2017-2018 state theme is 'Dare to Dream,' and the national theme is 'Elevate Your Future.' So dare to dream—soar to new heights with us and elevate your future as a member of the oldest and largest career and technical student organization in the nation! FBLA is a co-curricular club linked to our 'Principles of Entrepreneurship' and 'Accounting Applications' classes, but all Seminole Ridge students are welcome to join us as an after school extra-curricular activity. Membership dues are \$25.00 per year and include national, state, and district dues, competition fees, and a chapter T-shirt. Dues may be paid in cash, check payable to Seminole Ridge FBLA, or by using a credit or debit card through School Cash Online.



For more information, visit the state and national websites (floridafbla-pbl.com and fbla-pbl.org). Mrs. Candice Ashurst is our chapter advisor; contact her at candice.ashurst@palmbeachschools.org, call or text her at 797-2925, or stop by Villa 2 at your convenience. Sign up to receive text messages or email Remind messages by texting "@c8b236" to 81010. And follow us on Social Media @hawks_fbla!

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The Seminole Ridge chapter of Women of Tomorrow, sponsored by science teachers Mrs. Triciana Gray and Mrs. Kay Mathews, is currently seeking freshman Ridge students for membership. Submit names to triciana.gray@palmbeachschools.org or kay.mathewspalmbeachschools.org.

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Dance Marathon News

Our dance marathon leadership team recently attended the University of Florida Health Shands Hospital retreat, bringing back amazing ideas and motivation for this year's event. Not only did the dance marathon team have their first hospitality night (at Great Wall Chinese Restaurant), but they've also raised over \$2,300 so far through Snap! Raise (snap-raise.com).

Another way the leadership team has begun to raise money is by 'canning' at our football games and by selling legacy bricks. Interested in purchasing a brick? See the flyer in this newsletter! We are happy to announce that our 2018 SRHS Dance Marathon to benefit children's cancer research will be held the evening of Friday, February 23. We are so excited to see what our school will do FTK—'for the kids'!

Shrinking the Digital Divide

Our 'Shrinking the Digital Divide' program of refurbishing computers for the community is up and running for the new school year. If you know of needy students or families in our community who are in need of a computer, please contact Mrs. Rebecca Vadakara: rebecca.vadakara@palmbeachschools.org.

These refurbished computers come with all accessories. The operating system is Linux, which has the essential educational tools for schoolwork or online access and its own Windows-compatible suite of office programs. SRHS information technology academy students refurbish the computers during their tech support class and after school.

Yearbook News: the 2018 Talon

Yearbooks for Sale: yearbooks are for sale online at yearbookordercenter.com (use order number 10210). The price is \$80.00 until Jan 1, when it goes up to \$100.00.

Senior Dedications: Parents of seniors, include a dedication to your graduating senior in the yearbook! Create the dedication online at yearbookordercenter.com (use order number 10210), or send the 'Senior Ad Order Form' on Edline with the required materials to yearbook sponsor Mrs. Susan Menke at SRHS.

Underclass School Pictures: Picture retake day for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors is Tuesday, October 24. This event is for all underclass students absent on the original picture days (September 18-19) and for any students who want to retake their original pictures. Students who received pictures they ordered and want to retake their pictures must bring their original picture packages with them to return.

Ordering Pictures: Following retake day, each participating student will receive a printed copy of the picture, or 'proof,' taken on picture day. Parents can order pictures using the information provided on the proof sheet.

Senior Yearbook Portraits: The deadline to have senior portraits taken at the Prestige Portraits studio has been extended to Saturday, October 28. Please call Prestige Portraits at 686-1994 to make or change appointments or if you have questions. Prestige Portraits is located near the corner of Okeechobee and Jog at 2253 Vista Parkway, Suite 3, West Palm Beach.

Yearbook Quotes: Seniors, don't forget to turn in your senior quotes to Mrs. Menke in 7-110. Seniors can pick up blank quote cards from her or their English teachers. Early admit students or students who don't have an English teacher on campus can email their quotes to susan.menke@palmbeachschools.org (the email subject line must include the senior's full name).



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**SRHS Multicultural
Dinner & Show**

The SRHS World Languages Department—and talented students from around the halls of The Ridge—will host its annual Multicultural Dinner and Show Friday evening, October 27. The night begins at 5:00 with dinner in our cafeteria, its tables decorated with the art of various countries. The event continues at 6:30 in our auditorium, with a showcase of Hawk student talent displaying their cultural diversity in music, song, dance, and drama.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$12.00, or \$5.00 at the door for the show only. See any World Languages teacher or student to purchase.



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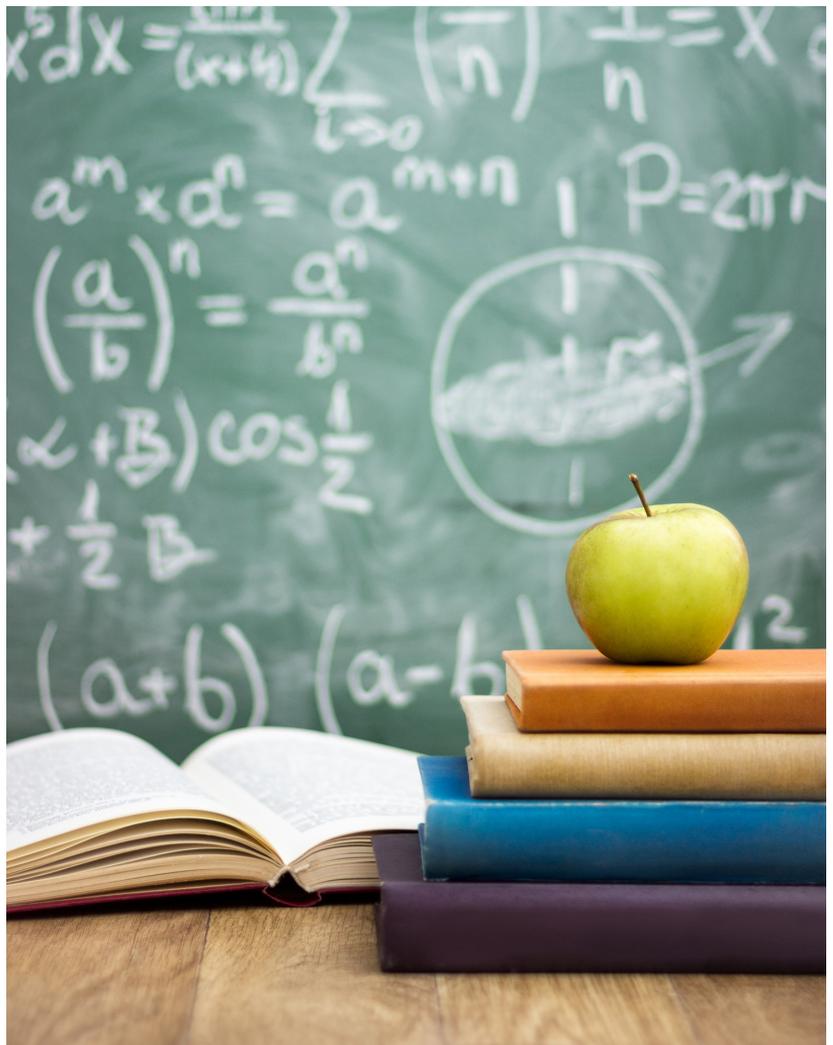


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