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The Spanish River Vision

Our vision is to create a nationally known high school highly regarded for its academic excellence, while helping all students prepare for and be accepted into post secondary education or careers.

A Message from the Principal

Shark Nation,

To say this has been an unconventional school year would be a major understatement! We experienced challenges and obstacles that we had never encountered before. The pandemic changed the way we educate students and truly stretched our teachers, staff, and students in many ways. Through it all our mission never changed. I am proud to say that, despite the pandemic, Spanish River continued to make big strides towards



Mrs. Allison Castellano

becoming the best comprehensive high school in Florida! Looking back at the accomplishments of this school year, a few jump out. Despite having over 70% of our students attending virtually, we saw our athletic teams flourish. This includes multiple championships at the district, regional, tri-county, and (for the first time in 11 years!) a state championship. Another silver lining from this year is the amount of construction and beautification we have had done on campus. Students will return this fall to new bathrooms, a new gym floor, and countless other projects. In a year filled with difficulty, the Sharks of Spanish River shined! I greatly look forward to having our students back in person this fall! Have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you soon!

Stay well, Allison Castellano, *Principal*



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Farewell to 2020-2021

We understand this was a difficult year for many and hope that we were able to help you through this school year. As we take a look back at our 2020-2021 school year we would like to review some of the things the School Counselors at River have done.

Virtual Coffee Talks were held throughout the school year. The recording of these and the presentations are all posted on our website now for your reference any time. We hope these help with information you may be seeking. Our topics included: High School ABC's, College & Career Readiness & Dual Enrollment, Bright Futures, What's in a GPA & Diploma Designation, Advanced Coursework, and Community Services & Information on SAT./ACT. You can locate these under School Information/Spanish River School Counseling Services/ Coffee with the Counselors.

Ninth grade school counseling lessons were also conducted virtually this year. Our hope was to reach out to the 9th graders in order to give them information and empower them. The lessons included: Motivation & GPA, Time Management, Social Media & How to Write an Email, Stress Management, Grades and GPA Information and Dual Enrollment. To view these anytime please check under School Information/ Spanish River School Counseling Services/ 9th Grade School Counseling Lessons.

Your School Counselors worked hard to motivate students with our quarterly recognition program, mailing out certificates this year. We recognized students who earned all A's in the first quarter. After the second quarter we rewarded students who worked hard to raise their GPA. We then recognized students who earned all As in the third quarter and students who raised their GPA from the second quarter. We got some nice feedback in appreciation of these certificates and are so proud of these students for their hard work!

Dr. Keller served as our College and Career Coach here at Spanish River. He will remain here in the capacity to help students establish a path for any next steps they can take after they graduate high school. Next year he will continue to work collaboratively with students and their families to help develop a plan for our students here.

Looking ahead now:

Summer is a great time to get some community service hours completed. Students need 20 hours for graduation and at least 75 for the Bright Futures Scholarship. Ideas for community service opportunities can be found at volunteermatch.org as well as on our school website.

We are excited to meet all of our Freshmen and New Students for the 2021-2022 school year! Mark your calendars for Friday, August 6, 2021 for our New Student Orientation. Students can check in at the Gymnasium at 7:30 am for a student only orientation 8:00 am- 10:30 am (doors close at 8:10 am). There will be a parent meeting held in the Theater 8:15 am- 8:45 am. Once students have completed their orientation students and parents may walk their schedules, find school supply lists, get sports information and purchase items like homecoming tickets and apparel from the Shark Shop.

Our upperclassmen will have their own times to Return to River as well!

Friday, August 6, 2021

- Seniors (12th grade) 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm
- Juniors (11th grade) 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm
- Sophomores (10th grade) 2:00 pm 3:00 pm

We hope everyone has a safe, restful and fun summer! We are looking forward to seeing our students and welcoming new ones for our 2021-2022 school year.

French-American Exchange

French - American Exchange Spring 2022

Next February SRHS will host 20 students and 3 teachers from Soissons, France for two weeks. Reciprocally our French sister school will host a group of River students in March during our spring break.

- Our mission for this exchange between Léonard de Vinci and Spanish River High School is to:
- promote cross-cultural understanding and friendship
- explore the natural beauty and culture of the students' respective communities
- develop insights into the challenges each community faces by investigating programs working to restore and improve the environment

This is an incredible opportunity to expand your horizons. Whether you're interested in hosting a French student in your home in the beginning of February, or going to France during spring break to live with a French family, contact Kris Earlefor more information and updates. <u>kris.earle@palmbeachschools.org</u>



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Congratulations to Spanish River's canCode Hackathon Winners!

Congratulations to Spanish River's AP computer science students for first place and a strong showing in canCode's recent hackathon coding competition held on April 11, 2021. Of the many River CS students that competed, the following students were recognized for their outstanding work:

- First Place: Luke Fisher, Maximilian Meiler, and Aleksander Fecteau
- Creativity Award: Katie Harris and Cali Reiver
- Honorable Mentions: Kate Doherty, Emily Rodopoulos, Jaimee Rissman, Ashley Rubin, Brian Chang



Spanish River High juniors, from left, Aleksandar Fecteau, Maximilian Meiler and Luke Fisher proudly display their banner after finishing first nationally in the high school division of the canCode organization's hackathon computer programming competition. (canCode / Courtesy)

School Clinic

Spanish River High School has a Registered Nurse on campus. The clinic is open from 7am until 2:50 pm. Students may come to the clinic at any time during the school day with a pass from their teacher. Students are not permitted to carry any medication on them in school (including OTC medication). If a student requires medication during the school day, a parent must bring the medication to school with a signed Physician's Authorization for Medication in School form (obtained from the doctor). Only diabetic supplies, Epinephrine injectors and inhalers are permitted to be carried by students. These emergency medications also require a Physician's Authorization.



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A-K	Mrs. Kimberly Richards
9th Grade	<u>Kimberly.Richards@palmbeachschools.org</u>
L-Z	Ms. Natalie Havens
9th Grade	Natalie.Havens@palmbeachschools.org
A-D	Ms. Lisa Sollod
10th-12th Grade	Lisa.Sollod@palmbeachschools.org
E-K	Mrs.Melissa Loyacona
10th-12th Grade	Melissa.Loyacona@palmbeachschools.org
L-Q	Ms. Janet Kalman
10th-12th Grade	Janet.Kalman@palmbeachschools.org
R-Z	Dr. Daniel Keller
10th-12th Grade	Daniel.Keller@palmbeachschools.org

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On behalf of the SRHS Administration and staff, we would like to thank the following families that made a generous donation to our Campus Beautification and Security Enhancement Fund. Your donation is making an impact on our campus. Thank you.

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Assistant Principals and School Counselors

- Student Support Blue and is assigned student alpha A-K.
- Student Support Silver and is assigned student alpha L-Z.

You can contact the office by calling 561-241-2200- select option 1 for Student Support Blue or option 2 for Student Support Silver.

Student Last Name	Assistant Principal/ School Counselor	Email	Office Location
A-D	Dr. Allen,	Kia.Allen@	Student Support
	Assistant Principal	palmbeachschools.org	Blue
A-D	Ms. Lisa Sollod	Lisa.sollod@ palmbeachschools.org	Student Support Blue
E-K	Mr. Joshua Wade,	<u>Joshua.wade@</u>	Student Support
	Assistant Principal	palmbeachschools.org	Blue
E-K	Mrs. Loyacona,	Melissa.Loyacona@	Student Support
	School Counselor	palmbeachschools.org	Blue
L-Q	Mrs. Carril,	<u>Jennifer.Carril@</u>	Student Support
	Assistant Principal	palmbeachschools.org	Silver
L-Q	Ms. Kalman,	<u>Janel.Kalman@</u>	Student Support
	School Counselor	palmbeachschools.org	Silver
R-Z	Mr. Sollod,	Ira.Sollod@	Student Support
	Assistant Principal	palmbeachschools.org	Silver
R-Z	Dr. Daniel Keller,	Daniel.keller@	Student Support
	chool Counselor	palmbeachschools.org	Silver
9thGrade A-Z	Mrs. Natalie Havens,	Natalie.havens@	Student Support
	School Counselor	palmbeachschools.org	Silver
EII/ESOL	Mrs. Abramowicz,	mariliana.abramowicz@	Student Support
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Where do I go for...?

What I need	Alpha/Grade	Who to see	Office
Parking Decals	Reserved Parking or Alpha A-K, Alpha L-Z	Any secretary	Suite Blue Suite Silver
Lockers/8000blg	Grades 9-12, Alpha A-Z	Mrs. Staniewicz	Suite Silver
PTL Pass pick up	All grades- Alpha A-K All grades- Alpha L-Z	Any secretary Any secretary	Suite Blue Suite Silver
Early Dismissal/Parent Sign out	All grades - Alpha A-K All grades - Alpha L-Z	Any secretary Any secretary	Suite Blue Suite Silver
Turn in Community Service Sheets	All grades/alpha	Any Secretary	Suite Silver, Suite Blue or Main Office
Academy Coordinator	All academy students - Alpha A-Z	Mrs. Adelstein	Suite Silver
School Counselor	9th grade only - Alpha A-Z	ТВА	Suite Blue
School Counselors	Grades 10-12, Alpha A-K, Alpha L-Z	See counselor list posted in office	Suites Blue & Silver
School Counselor	ELL/ESOL Students All grades/alpha	Mrs. Abramowicz	Suite Silver
Drop off Athletic Bag (before 1st period)	All grades/alpha	Any secretary	Suite Silver
Lost & Found	All grades/alpha	Any secretary	Main Office
School Police	All grades/alpha	Officer O'Brien	Main Office
SIS Gateway Questions/Issues	All grades/alpha	Mrs. Siegel	Media Center
Health Clinic	All grades/alpha	Nurse TBA	Enter through Suite Silver or Blue
Bus Questions	All grades/alpha	Any secretary	Suite Silver, Suite Blue
Electronic Device confiscated (Parent Pick up only with a ID) Pick up 3pm-6pm	All grades- alpha A-K All grades- alpha L-Z	Any secretary Any secretary	Suite Blue Suite Silver
	All grades/alpha	Mr. Hower/Mr. Clarke	Mr. Hower/Mr. Clarke can be found in front of 1000 blg on a golf cart
Dual Enrollment forms for FAU & PBSC	Grades 10-12/alpha	School Counselor See counselor list posted in office	Suite Blue Suite Silver
Textbook receipts from Booksmart (after book is returned)	Grades 10-12/alpha	Any Secretary	Suite Blue Suite Silver
FLVS questions	All grades- alpha A-K All grades- alpha L-Z	Any Secretary	Suite Blue Suite Silver
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Best Buddies

Best Buddies was unable to do many of the hands-on, interactive, fun activities we are used to during the Pandemic. Since many students were virtual, Juniors Jean Swack and Deborah Araujo suggested the idea of pen pals to combat isolation and loneliness among our exceptional students. While we only were able to get a few letters backand-forth, it proved to be a learning experience for all- we had to get creative, think outside the box, and our exceptional students learned how to write letters to interact with their Buddies. Attached are a few of the letters our exceptional students wrote for their Pen Pals. Thanks to Ms. London & Ms. Hartman for helping to support this project. We cannot wait to see our Best Buddies next year!

Dear Jaimee, I enjoyed your letter. It was nice to hear from you. I loved all of my classes this year. I am about to graduate, and my parents are going to throw me a graduation party! I'm not sure what I'm going to do this summer. I usually go to work at Goodwill in the summer. I enjoyed you being my Pen Pall Sincerely, Arnaz Dear Jean,

I am excited to go to New York this summer to see my dad and eat Italian ices! I am also going to sleepaway camp, and I'm very nervous and scared. I hope I get to eat ice cream there! I hope to meet you someday! meet you someday! Your friend, Ave



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This year's Literary Magazine, Pieces of Eight - Unmasked, has arrived. Kudos to Editors Brayant Polanco and Nashki Joseph for their hard work to make this year's publication spectacular. We showcased the works of our many talented writers, artists, and photographers. If you preordered a copy, please email Mrs. Delaney at suzanne.delaney@ palmbeachschools.org to set up a pickup time.



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Computer Science Honors Society

Congratulations to Spanish River's CSHS 2021-2022 Officers!



officer for additional information.

- Congratulations to our newly elected Computer Science Honor Society Officers for the 2021-2022 school year. Leading us throughout their senior year will be:
 - President: Dana Sapir
 - Co-President: Cali Reiver
 - Secretary: Maggie Vidmar
 - Co-Secretary: Kate Doherty

CSHS is sponsored by the Computer Science Teachers Association and Mr. Vargas will continue to serve as the faculty advisor. The purpose of CSHS is to uphold the organization's core values of equity, service, and academic excellence.

Core Values:

Equity: A realization that any student has the potential to enroll, to grow, and to excel in computing. **Service:** Empowering members to become ambassadors of the computer science discipline, helping underscore its importance as a mainstay in the school and community.

Excellence: A commitment to promoting outstanding scholarship in computer science coursework. Membership requirements include successful completion of at least one AP Comp Sci course with a semester grade of B or higher. Qualified applicants can apply during the enrollment window at the end of each semester. Once again, congratulations to our new 2021-2022 officers. Contact Mr. Vargas or a CSHS

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Student Parking

Parking Decals for 2021 -2022 school year

Parking decal applications will be available after August 1. Here is what you need to know in order to purchase a decal:

- Cost of the decal is \$60.00 and must be paid on https://palmbeach.schoolcashonline.com/
- Student must have community service hours recorded in the SIS system prior to submitting the application. Requirements are 20 hours for seniors, 15 hours for juniors and 10 hours for sophomores.
- Student must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Student must be free of financial obligations. The application form will be a Google form
- The application form will be a Google form that must be completed with all attachments uploaded. The link to this form will be found on the Spanish River website under the Student & Parents tab after August 1st. You will need to upload 4 items to the form- the current vehicle registration, a current insurance card, your Florida driver's license and the parking decal receipt from schoolcashonline
- Failure to provide the required documentation will delay your application. You will receive an email to your school email once the decal is ready to be picked up.

Dance Team



Spanish River Dance Team Tryouts

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