For the parents, students, staff, and community of Spanish River Community High School

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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,

On behalf of all of our staff, I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving with your families and loved ones. Semester exams begin on December 16th and will be completed on December 20th. Students will return to school to start 2nd semester on Tuesday, January 7th.

We had an amazing turnout at our Academy Open House this month and want to remind our Shark families with younger siblings that you must apply for an academy if you're interested even if you are zoned for Spanish River High School. Visit the school district's choice website to apply.



Mrs. Allison Castellano

We hope to know our graduation date before we leave for holiday break. We will get you that important date as soon as we can. Important exam dates and times for AP and AICE exams have been announced. Cambridge Exam takers need to review their dates and times as there are NO makeups for AICE exams and makeups are limited for AP exams as well. Please mark your calendars with these important times as students MUST take the exams to receive their 6.0 credit for the courses.

Progress Monitoring Plans have been put in place for any students that are not meeting district or state requirements in English/Language Arts and/or Mathematics. We have purchased (with support of our school district, PTSA, and Foundation) several adaptive technology programs (Math/Reading IXL, No Red Ink, Reading Plus, NewsELA Pro, Vocab.com) that can help students that have deficiencies. Please ensure your child is taking advantage of these adaptive programs and completing required assignments given by teachers. In addition, many of our teachers are offering tutoring and exam prep sessions to help students prepare for upcoming exams. Please assist your child with helping them monitor their SIS grades as we approach the end of the second nine weeks. Semester grades are configured by using the two nine weeks grades (40% each) combined with the exam grade (20%). EOC courses are yearly grades and the semester exams count significantly towards that yearly average that goes into their GPA.

I wish the entire Spanish River community a safe and happy holiday season. Please take time to relax and spend time with those you love. Make memories that will last forever.

Happy Holidays!

Your proud principal, Dr. Allison Castellano



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Scholarships, State and Federal Financial Aid for Seniors

State and federal financial aid applications will be opening December 1st, and we encourage Seniors to complete both of the applications listed below. Be mindful of the various colleges' priority Financial Aid deadlines.

- FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is used to determine the dollar amount 1. you or your family will be expected to contribute towards college. All federal grant and loan awards are determined by the FAFSA, and nearly all colleges use the FAFSA as the basis for their own financial aid awards. www.fafsa.ed.gov/
- FFAA: The Florida Financial Aid Application is used to apply for the various State of Florida 2. scholarship and grant programs including Bright Futures, First Generation, Florida Resident Access, and more. Please note that students receiving the AICE diploma must still complete the online application and 100 hours of community service to be eligible for Bright Futures. 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. Seniors have until August 31, 2025 to apply and gualify. Students who do not complete an application will forfeit their eligibility for a Bright Futures scholarship. www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/

For more information regarding scholarships please visit, https://docs.google.com/ document/d/1QqFSESbgPRjqD_Tt9zr4Vxcjk8v0K7iVJukEU2kHJYg/edit



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College & Career Counseling Room 1135 Mrs. Riggle



Or stop by during lunch on Tuesdays & Thursdays only

College & Career Counseling Google Classroom Code: zfhborc

College & Career Coach The Spanish River High School College & Career

Coach will be in the College and Career Room, room 1135, during lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If any students have questions or something they would like to speak about they can stop in.

Understanding Semester Grades, Credits, & GPA

The school year is divided into 2 semesters:

- 1st semester is from August-December and is made up of the grades from 1st quarter (40%), 2nd quarter (40%), and semester exams (20%). Students will receive .50 credit for each first semester class they pass.
- 2nd semester is from January-May and is made up of the grades from 3rd quarter (40%), 4th quarter (40%), and semester exams (20%). Students will receive .50 credit for each second semester class they pass.
- EOC subject-area classes are year-long courses with 1.0 credit awarded for successful completion of the course. The final course grade will consist of 70% in the coursework (grades from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter and the midterm exam) and 30% in the EOC exam grade.

The semester and final grades received in each class impact the cumulative GPA, and are based on a 4.0 scale: A = 4.0 B = 3.0 C = 2.0 D = 1.0 F = 0.

* Honors courses are weighted at 1.125 times the standard scale. - AP, IB, AICE, and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted at 1.50 times the standard scale.

How students can access their School Counselor

Students may make an appointment to see their counselor by going to the Blue or Silver Suite (1000 Building) or emailing the counselor. In addition, we take walk-in appointments in between classes, during lunches and respond to a note left for us to call students down.

Coffee with the Counselors

We have coffee talk recordings posted on our website each month! You can find these under Student & Parents/ School Counseling Department/ Coffee with the Counselors. We hope you find this information helpful.

Recognition Program

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Your School Counselors are working hard to motivate & reward students with our quarterly and semester recognition program. We had our first recognition for students who received honor with As and Bs in the first quarter. These students received a certificate. We are so proud of them! We plan to celebrate first semester honor roll students, and those who bring their quarterly GPAs up, with a pizza party in the media center in January.

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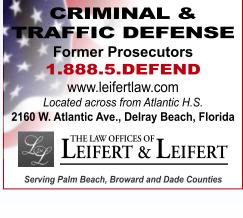
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Did you see *The Lightning Thief* produced by our Theatre Department? Are you interested in performing with us or being on the crew? Spring Musical Auditions are December 11th from 3pm - 7pm in 4109, with Callbacks on December 12th from 3pm - 7pm in 4109.

Testing

AICE Testing Schedule 2025

Date of Exoma	Courses	Combridge Course Number	Component Number	Length	Session.	Reporting Time for Examp	
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April 1 2, 3, 4, 7 & 8, 2025	AS Portuguese Longuage Speaking	8154	01	20 minutes per student	10/10/4	Portout	
April 14, 15, 16, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2025	AS Sponish Longuage Speaking	8022	04	20 minutes per student	volidus	worrows	
April 6, 2025	AS French Longuage Speaking	8028	04	30 minutes per student	vorious	worrous	
Friday, April 25, 2025	AS General Paper	8021	10	Thour 15 minutes	AM.	7:30 AM	
Friday, April 25, 2025	AS Psychology	9993	11	1 hour 30 minutes	A34	7:30 AM	
Friday, April 25, 2025	AS French Longuage	8028	31	1 hour 30 minutes	PM .	1100 AM	
Friday, April 25, 2025	A5 Marine Science	9693	15	Thour 45 minutes	PM.	TLOD AM	
Monday, April 28, 2025	AS English Literature	9495	18	2 hours	AM.	7:30 AM	
Monday, April 28, 2025	AS Thinking Skilla	1014		1 hour 30 minutes	IN.	11.55 AM	
Tuesday, April 28, 2025	AS General Paper	6021	- 25	1 hour 45 minutes	AM.	730 AM	
Tuesday, April 29, 2025	AS Environment/& Management	8295	10	1 hour 45 minutes	PM	11:30 AM	
Tuesday, April 28, 2025	AS Marine Science	9993	23	Those 45 minutes	PM.	11.50 AM	
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Friday, Moy 2, 2025	AS Travel & Toursen	9395	71	2 hours	PM.	11.30 AM	
Monday, May 8, 2028	AS Portuguese Longuage	8684	02	1 hour 45 minutes	AM -	7:35 AM	
Monday, May 5, 2025	AS English Longuage	9093	21	2 hours	AM.	7:30 AM	
Menday, May 5, 2025	AS Environmental Management	8295	25	Thour 45 minutes	PM	10.00 AM	
Monday, May 5, 2025	A Marine Science	9693	31	1 hour 45 minutes	PM ·	12:00 Ptvt	
Tuesday, May 5, 2025	AS Europeon History	9489	18	1 hour 15 minutes	PM	1100 AM	
Tuesday, May 6, 2025	AS International History	9489	- 15	Thour IS minutes	PM	11:00 AM	
Tuesday, May 6, 2025	AS US History	9489		Thour 15 minutes.	PNI .	1530 AM	
Tuesday, May 8, 2026	AS Business Studies	9509	. 10	Thour 15 minutes.	PM	11:30 AM	
Wednesday, May 7, 2025	AS Media Studies	9607	21	2 hours	63.1	7:30 AM	
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Tuesday, May 26 2025	A Business Studies	9509	41	Thour 15 minutes	PM	11.00 AM	
Thursday, May 22, 2025	A5 French Longuage (Multiple Choice)	8028	25	1 hour 30 minutes	PM .	11:50 AM	
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Congratulations as well to the SRHS Choral Department for being selected to perform in the Walt Disney World Annual Candlelight Processional Mass Choir. Being selected for this choir is a great honor, and students are looking forward to performing in Walt Disney World's Epcot on Tuesday December 10th at 5:00pm.

If you'd like to make a donation to help support the choral students at Spanish River, please visit https://spanishriverchorus.ludus.com/donate.php or scan the QR code!



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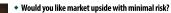
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Spanish River SGA Delegates at SASC

Spanish River's Student Government Association traveled to Orlando in October to compete at the Southern Convention of Student Councils. Our students participated in workshops, listened to inspiring guest speakers, and met other SGA students from around the southern United States. Our students learned valuable leadership skills and were inspired by the conference -- we can't wait to implement some of what we learned! We were quite successful in the competition portion of the convention. We competed in 5 categories and placed in 3 of them! Our school service project and membership motivation project both won 2nd place and our environmental awareness project placed 3rd. It was an invigorating conference and we are so proud of our SGA students!









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Silver Sound Marching Band

Congratulations to the Silver Sound Marching Band and Guard on a fantastic marching season! The band marched under the stars with a fitting show this year called Sharks After Dark! Countless hours of practice, hard work, and dedication made this show an outstanding success! We couldn't be more proud of our 2025 seniors, band, and guard members that led the band to a season full of accomplishments including earning an Overall Superior Rating at our District 14 Marching Band Assessment and superior ratings at Cavalcade. The band also enjoyed performing during halftime at the Riverboyz home games and supporting the football team in the stands!

It has already been a year of unforgettable moments including a trip to Disney World where the Silver Sound Band and Guard marched in the Magic Kingdom parade!

Off the field, the fall concert, which included the Omni Middle School Band, was a spooky and delightful musical night! Go Silver Sound!

Interested in Marching Band, Color Guard, Concert Band, or Jazz Band? Join the fun! Contact our director, Craig White at craig.white@ palmbeachschools.org. You can also learn more about our band and guard programs on our website spanishriverband.org.







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Sports Corner

Are you interested in playing a sport for the winter or spring season? Athletes will need to register through the following link: https://www.registermyathlete.com/login/. Once you create an account, you will need to submit all the athletic packet requirements through the site. If anyone has any questions, please see Coach Suarez, Athletic Director, or Coach AY, Assistant Athletic Director.

SPANISH RIVER GIRLS TENNIS OPEN COURT (CHANCE TO COME AND PLAY BEFORE TRYOUTS) ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO HAVE A NEW ATHLETIC PACKET COMPLETED ONLINE

- DATES:
- DEC 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20
- TIMES: 3:15 PM TILL 4:30 PM
- TRYOUTS WILL BEGIN JAN 16
- ANY QUESTIONS SEE COACH JONES in PE OR EMAIL
- john.jones.2@palmbeachschools.org
- All Participants please bring drinks, towel and racquets!!

Swimming and Diving

Congratulations to the swimming and diving teams. The girls swim team placed first at the district swim meet and placed third at the regional swim meet. The girls qualified six swimmers and one diver for the state meet in November. Congratulations to Jordyn Lewis, Lexi Shapiro, Lelah Lewis, Giselle Lobeto, Navah Hirschmann, Lilly Karas, and Ava Baker. The boys swim team placed fourth at districts and eighth at regionals and qualified four swimmers and one diver to the state meet. Congratulations to Quinn Gehring, Gabriel Rais, Jorge Aguila, Baran Ulus, and Matthew Brisson. In addition, Matthew also placed first at both the district and regional dive meets. He is seeded fourth for the state swim meet. This was a fabulous swim and dive season as both teams went undefeated during the dual meet portion of the season.



