



# SHARK CURRENTS

## 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

Dear Shark Nation,

It's been a fantastic start to the school year as our students have come back ready to learn! We appreciate our families' that came out to our Open House and hope you enjoyed getting to meet our amazing teachers and staff. Our students are doing a great job keeping their IDs visible, getting through the metal detectors in a timely manner, and helping us ensure we have a safe campus.

This is a friendly reminder that students are to leave campus after the last bell of the day. The only students that should remain on campus are those staying with a sponsor or coach for an after school sponsored activity. Students should NOT be heading over to Regency after school to wait for extended periods of time for rides home. Regency has asked for our cooperation in ensuring the safety of all its shoppers and please note there is NO supervision at Regency after school. Thank you for ensuring your child takes the bus home or is picked up in a timely manner from the Spanish River campus. Keep in mind that students can only be picked up in the faculty lot on the corner of Jog and Yamato until 3:30 PM. The Yamato gates are manned and then locked at 3:30 PM each day. As we say all the time, safety is not always convenient but it's extremely important!

We are proud to have FORTY SEVEN College Board National Scholars recognized this fall for their excellent academic performance on the PSAT and AP exams last year. Please see the newsletter article for more information on this recognition program and the students recognized. In addition, Spanish River High School has FIVE National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. (Their names will be announced publicly soon!) National Merit semifinalists are chosen from PSAT performance their junior year. We encourage our Juniors to sign up for this PSAT assessment on October 26th (all 9th and 10th graders testing are paid for by the district). We applaud all of these students on their tremendous academic achievements and truly appreciate the fact that our students take their assessments seriously.

We continue to make upgrades and enhancements to our campus. We would like to thank our PTSA and generous family donors that have assisted with our efforts. Please join and help support their biggest fundraiser later this year Auction4Sharks and/or advertise your business 'On the Fence'. Help take River to the next level with your support of our teachers and campus beautification efforts.

If you would like to help support our Athletics program please reach out to our Athletic Director, Christopher Suarez at [Christopher.Suarez@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Christopher.Suarez@palmbeachschools.org).

Our fall athletes are off to a great start and I hope you'll come out and support their hard work and dedication at one of their home games. Hope to see you soon!

Your proud principal,

Dr. Castellano



**Mrs. Allison Castellano**

# Counseling Corner

## Students' Last Name ..... Counselor

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*We were happy to welcome students back to Spanish River High!*

### College & Career Coach

The Spanish River High School College & Career Coach, Mrs. Riggle is available to speak with you regarding your post-high school options. To schedule a meeting, please visit <https://suzanneriggle.youcanbook.me> or email her directly at [suzanne.riggle@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:suzanne.riggle@palmbeachschools.org). She will also be available to answer any questions during both lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the College and Career Room in the Media Center. No appointment is necessary during lunches, just stop in.

Join the College & Career Google Classroom for a multitude of different college-related information. The code to join is zfhborc. Students should make sure to sign up for any college visits they may be interested in!

Spanish River College Night! September 30th at 6pm in the Countess de Hoernle Theater.



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### Senior Graduation Visits

Please note that school counselors visited all 12th grade students during English classes during the last week of August to check graduation tracks. We also had a presentation in the theater during the open house for parents of these seniors.

### Attendance

Attendance is critical to learning for all students. Statistics show that those who attend all their classes on a regular basis have a higher academic success rate. Please ensure your child attends school on time!

### 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. These classes include Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and U.S. History. 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.



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**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

6:00 PM - Presentation in Countess De Hoernle Theater  
 6:45 PM - Choice Program and Club Information Booths in the Courtyard

All students interested in a choice program, including students zoned for Spanish River, **MUST** apply for a choice program at: <http://mypbchoiceapp.com> from November 4, 2024-January 31, 2025

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## Academic Games

The first season of Academic Games is off to a strong start. Over 25 players have signed up to be a part of the team and returning players Kai Gao, Jessica Strizik, Marvin Gao, and Parker Bogue have been busily teaching the new players. The team is still accepting new players for the Language Arts and Social Studies seasons. Interested players should reach out to Ms. Kingham at [Marissa.kingham@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Marissa.kingham@palmbeachschools.org).



## Senior Pictures

All senior pictures must be taken by December 17th in order to appear in the 2025 Tiburon Yearbook.

Appointments are going FAST! Make your appointment today at [www.cady.com](http://www.cady.com).

## Refugee Support Club

If you are interested in joining the Refugee Support Club, the first meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at 3pm in Portable 5. The meeting will end at 3:45pm and you must have arrangements to leave campus/get home promptly at that time. Our google classroom code is **vlbmrve**.

Earn Community Service Hours with:

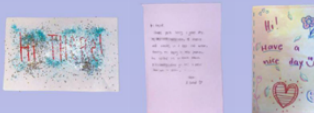


<https://loveforourelders.org>

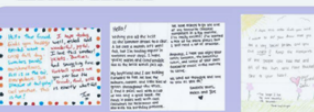
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### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Choose an elder (or elders!) from the website & write your letter(s) - *for your privacy, do not mention SRHS, or your last name*
2. Turn in your letter to the Blue Suite by the last school day of the month
3. We'll sign off on your hours & mail out your letter for you!

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\*\*YOU MUST MEET THE LETTER REQUIREMENTS, OR THE LETTER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND THE HOURS WILL NOT BE SIGNED OFF ON

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## Art Club

Our first meeting was Monday, September 9th! Hope to see everyone at the next one! Please reach out to Ms. Soto if you have any questions.

## Steve's Club

Have you lost a parent or caregiver? We have a grief and loss support group here at Spanish River that welcomes you with open arms. Steve's Club meets monthly in the media center after school with Ms. Chaze, our school therapist. If you are interested in a safe, supportive, and confidential space to talk about your grief, please fill out the interest form through the QR code and more information will be given to you.

## Have you lost a loved one close to you?

A parent, live-in caregiver, sibling, etc.

## Letters to Elders

Letters to Elders is a community service opportunity here at Spanish River! Students can write letters worth 0.5 hours each.

### How to participate:

1. Choose an elder from [LoveForOurElders.org](http://LoveForOurElders.org)
2. Write your letter(s) following these guidelines - handwritten, legible, minimum 5 sentences, no glitter, no religion.
3. Turn in your letter to the Blue Suite - no postage or envelopes required!
4. That's it! We'll send you a signed off community service hour form with your hours.



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### Steve's Club hosts monthly meetings that aim to:

- Help you cope with the loss
- Give you opportunities to talk to your peers about grief
- Connect with mental health supports
- Help you stay in on track in school
- Provide life skills, such as goal setting & transition management

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like one-on-one support, the Guidance department always has an open door to listen to you, help you navigate the loss, and balance school with this life change. Please see your school counselor if you would like to talk to someone about an issue you are experiencing.

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## RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following awardees on being selected for the College Board National Recognition Program. These students earned this recognition because of their academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and/or AP® Exams. They've accomplished these milestones during an immensely demanding period of their high school career. We couldn't be more delighted to share this great news.

Lorenzo Alessi, London Bedell, Gonzalo Bonetti, Dilana Cadette, Jonathan Calvet, Monique Capille, Pedro Castanho, Gael Castro, Ryan Cook, Enzo Cunha, Elisa Cunha, Sophia Da Silva, Bryan Da Silva, Hannah Davis, Vinicius Duran, Erica Dybas, Santiago Enciso, Matias Espina, Isabela Estupinan, Harper Evans, Hannah Federman, Marcel Hawari, Alexandra Hill, Brett Kopittke, Santiago Lecuna, Ana Lema, Sofia Lennon, Jacqueline Levine, Timothy Lin, Zoe Lisker, Anne Magny, Sophia Marchallick, Juan Marulanda, Jasmine Mccrae, Victoria Medina, Emma Miri, Mariana Padilla, Lucas Perez, Dylan Puffer, Martin Saltos Armas, Daniella Sayan-Salcedo, Alexander Schomberg, Virginia Silva, Sabrina Sinder, Blake Slintak, Natalia Veltri, and Kyle Weinstock



## Testing Dates

### 2024-2025 ACT Dates & Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 25, 2024	September 6, 2024
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024	October 18, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024	December 6, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025	January 31, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025	March 28, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025	June 6, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	July 4, 2025



### 2024-2025 SAT Dates & Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
August 24, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 13, 2024
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

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# ARTS CORNER

## Choir

The Spanish River Choral Department is very excited for the 2024-2025 year! Please join us for our first two concerts! The Fall Concert will be on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00pm, featuring music from around the world! Then, join us again on Thursday, December 5th at 7:00pm for an extra-special holiday concert featuring students from Blue Lake Elementary School, Morikami Park Elementary School, Carver Middle School, and Spanish River High School! Tickets and more information are available at [L.sdpbc.net/ptiwi](http://L.sdpbc.net/ptiwi). We hope to see you there!



## Hispanic Heritage Assembly

Come to our Hispanic Heritage Assembly on September 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the theater. **Tickets are on sale now for \$10 each.**

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Friday, October 25 at 8:30pm  
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# Juniors & Seniors

## Herff Jones Dates 24-25

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	Cap & Gown/Graduation	Gym Lobby
September 27, 2024.....	Junior Ring Orders .....	Lunches
	Cap & Gown/Graduation	Gym Lobby
October 24, 2024 .....	Junior Ring Orders .....	Lunches
	Cap & Gown/Graduation	Gym Lobby
November 21, 2024 .....	Junior Ring Orders .....	Lunches
	Cap & Gown/Graduation	Gym Lobby
December 12, 2024 .....	Junior Ring Orders .....	Lunches
	Cap & Gown/Graduation	Gym Lobby
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# SPORTS Corner

## Spanish River Sophomore Timeo Domergue Selected for National Team Development Program

(Interview by WSRH sports writer Jordyn Lewis)

Spanish River High School's boys' volleyball team has a promising standout in 6' 5" sophomore outside hitter Timeo Domergue, who has been selected to train with the prestigious USA Volleyball National Team Development Program (NTDP) in Colorado this fall. Timeo's inclusion in this highly selective program is a testament to his dedication to training and exceptional talent on the court.



The NTDP seeks to identify and develop the most promising junior volleyball athletes across the country. Its mission is to help these young players reach their full potential and prepare for the demands of international competition. Timeo, being one of the few athletes chosen nationwide, has taken a significant step toward what could be a bright future in the sport.

As part of the Spanish River volleyball program, Timeo not only excels as an individual but also brings a strong sense of leadership and teamwork to his team. "I want to bring the team together like brothers and during games get the best out of each and every one of them," Timeo shared. His focus on fostering teamwork mirrors the team's collective ambition, as they aim to defend their district championship title and go back-to-back this season.

Reflecting on his journey, Timeo offers a piece of advice to younger players who aspire to be in his position: "Don't give up. I have cried about this sport, hurt myself for this sport, and learned to keep pushing despite the adversity that I might face." His passion and resilience serve as an inspiration to his teammates and others looking to pursue their volleyball dreams.

With Timeo's leadership and the team's drive for success, Spanish River volleyball is poised for another exciting season, and Timeo's future in the sport looks brighter than ever.

### Tennis

Spanish River Girls Tennis will have an open court on January 7th - 9th from 3:15pm - 4:30pm. Come and play before tryouts on January 13th! All participants need to have a new athletic packet completed online to participate. All Participants please bring drinks, towel and racquets!! Any questions please see Coach Jones in PE or send an email to [john.jones.2@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:john.jones.2@palmbeachschools.org).



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