



The Puma Blast



SPMS Vision: Every student has the Right to Achieve, and the Support to Succeed

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Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week:



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Making sweet music is literally true in music exploratory as students create their own instrument. Shown here is a homemade set of drums being played for the class.

Key Upcoming Dates

May 21-24 → SOL/HAT Testing (see schedule at end of this Issue)

May 28 → Memorial Day Holiday- No School

June 11 → 8th Grade R.I.S.E. Ceremony @ DRHS

SPMS Orchestra

Attention All Orchestra Members: Our Spring Orchestra concert is coming up soon! All students will have a dress rehearsal on Tuesday May 29th from 3:15-5pm. Our concert will be held on Wednesday May 30th, in the SPMS auditorium at 7pm. All students must arrive, dressed in nice "black and white" clothes, by 6:15pm. 8th graders may wear nice "colors" if they wish. The concert should last about an hour.



Attention 8th Grade Families



The 8th grade dance committee has a surprise in store for our 8th graders but we need your help. Please find all of your pictures from grades 6-8 and send them to the following email address: SPMS8thgradedancephotos@gmail.com

All pictures must be submitted to the email address no later than May 31. Happy picture hunting!



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Student Athlete Pickup

Attention parents and guardians of student athletes:

Please be sure to arrange for pickup of your child by 5:30pm on practice days. If a coach has communicated a different time, please be sure you arrive by the agreed-upon time to pick up your child. SPMS thanks you for your cooperation and support to ensure all student athletes are picked up from practice in a timely manner.

8th Grade R.I.S.E. Ceremony

When: Monday, June 11th @ 7pm

Where: DRHS Gymnasium

Students should dress nicely:

boys → dress pants & tie

girls → dresses/skirts/dress pants

Each 8th grade student will be issued three tickets for the ceremony

This Week in Puma Den...

This week, each grade level will focus on the following themes during Puma Den:

All Students → Focus will be on SOL/HAT Assessment preparation



SPMS Yearbook



Yearbooks are on sale for \$25.00 for those who have not purchased one yet. We have a limited number left, so don't miss out on your opportunity to have a record of the school year. To purchase one, bring cash or a check payable to SPMS to either Mr. Cross in room 613, or the main office. Online sales are no longer active.

Spring Sports

*All athletic contests begin at 4:45pm

Mon, May 21

Baseball @ Chickahominy

Girls' Soccer vs. Oak Knoll (HOME)

Softball @ Liberty

Tue, May 22

Boys' Tennis vs. Oak Knoll (HOME)

Wed, May 23

Baseball*

Girls' Soccer*

Softball*

Track*

Thu, May 24

Boys' Tennis vs. Tuckahoe (HOME)

An asterisk (*) = the location and opponent have not yet been determined. This information will be communicated to athletes and parents/guardians by coaches as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting our Pumas!



Marine Corps JROTC



Looking for a class to set your student apart from their peers to build a competitive resume? Consider Tucker High School's Marine Corps Junior Officers' Reserve Training Corps (MCJROTC), A.K.A. "Military Science I." MCJROTC will challenge students mentally and physically and will help them achieve their goals. As the MCJROTC program is helping students become successful, they will have fun attending field trips and other activities outside of school whether competing on the marksmanship team, the drill team, and/or the physical training team. The bottom line is MCJROTC can help students thrive as a high school student and give them the tools they need to be successful after high school.

If you would like more information about Tucker's Marine Corps JROTC program, visit our website (<http://tuckerjrotc.weebly.com/>) or Instagram page (https://instagram.com/jrt_mcjrotc). Interested students can also stop by to see Mrs. Sharpe for more information.



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Camp Unplugged

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From the Clinic...



If your student has emergency medications that are needed at school, such as an Epi Pen or an asthma inhaler, please provide the medication(s) and/or the health action plan(s) to the clinic ASAP. New forms and medicines are needed each school year. Forms for the parent and health care provider to sign can be found in the clinic and at www.henricoschools.us under the Health & Safety tab. Please call or stop by the clinic to speak to the nurse about HCPS medication policies and procedures if you have questions.

Attention Rising 9th Grade Students

Summer Online Health and Physical Education 2018

NOTE THAT SUMMER SCHOOL HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS CAPPED AT 500 STUDENTS. ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO ENTER A LOTTERY TO BE SELECTED FOR THE COURSE THIS SUMMER. SEE DETAILS AT:

<https://sites.google.com/a/henrico.k12.va.us/online-health-and-pe/home>

Courses are offered to students who will be enrolled in Henrico County Schools or HCPS students enrolled at Maggie Walker Governor's School during school year 2018-19.

Information: Information will be available in January in your school counseling office, the HCPS Website and the Summer Online Health & Physical Education page: <https://sites.google.com/a/henrico.k12.va.us/online-health-and-pe/home>

Course Dates: May 29, 2018 – July 31, 2018

Mandatory Meetings: May 29 for everyone, June 26 for 9th grade HPE, June 27 for 10th grade HPE and July 31 for everyone; as well as twice-monthly meetings with instructor for heart monitor downloads

Cost: \$300.00 Henrico Resident Tuition



Calling All Pumas!



Please help your fellow Pumas get an adaptive tryke to help them get exercise while having fun! These students are limited in their mobility and would benefit from this tricycle which is adapted to their needs! Your donation will directly support the non-profit organization, ReachCycle (<http://www.reachcycles.org/>) in Richmond, who are dependent on donations to purchase and supply these trykes. Please help our Pumas get a tryke of their own! Thank you so much for your donation!

<https://www.gofundme.com/Pumacycle>





Learning Can be Noisy...Especially in the Library

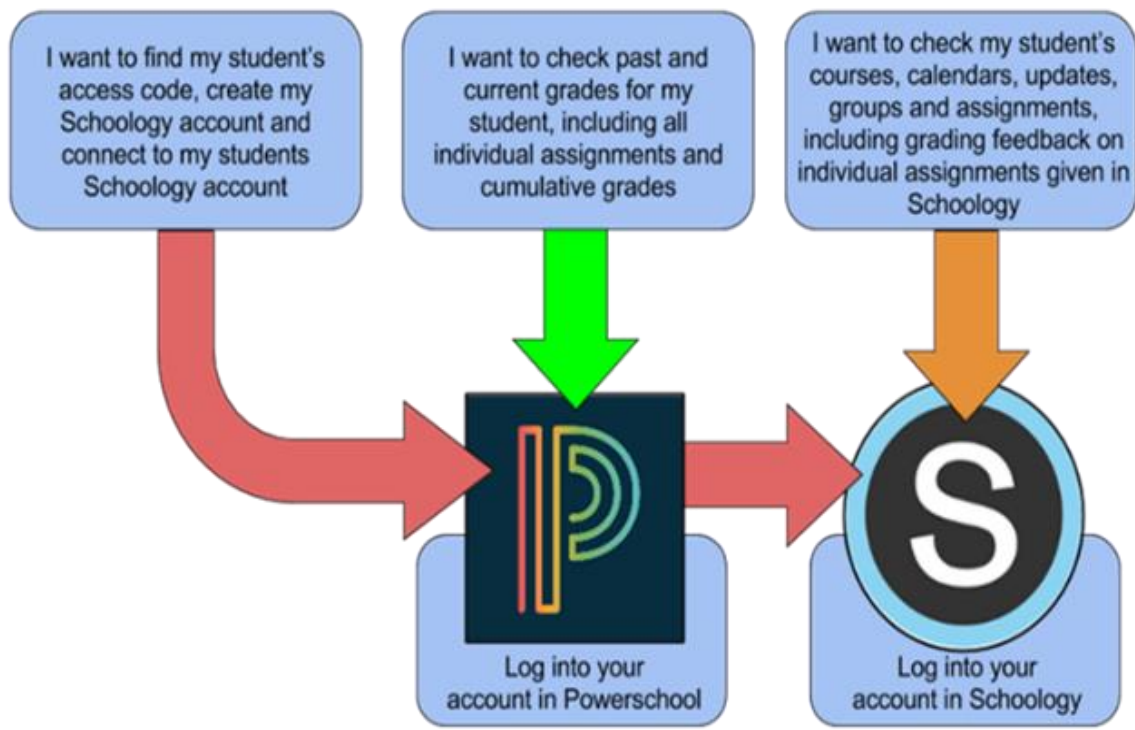


SPMS needs your help. We are so lucky to have such a large and architecturally unique library. It hustles and bustles everyday with students and teachers working with the librarian as well as using the space for exciting and engaging activities. We often have 2 classes plus individual students using the library at once. The high ceilings and openness creates an issue with noise levels. We would love to have sound panels added to our walls. If you know of any or know anyone who may know of recent remodels in which sound panels were removed or replaced, we would love to have them donated to our school library. Please contact Michelle Grubbs at mkgrubbs@henrico.k12.va.us with questions.

Welcoming New Pumas to Our Pack

Although moving to a new area and school can be an exciting adventure, it can also be a challenging and overwhelming experience and we would like to provide our families with some neighborhood support. The School Counseling team would like to create a pool of people who are willing to help welcome new Puma families to SPMS and to our community. If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, please complete this form: www.tinyurl.com/pumawelcome. We may use the information collected from the form to help match families in similar neighborhoods or with similar backgrounds. By completing the form, you are agreeing to allow the School Counseling team to share your personal contact information with newly enrolled families. Thank you for your willingness to support our Puma family!

Where do I go as a parent if...





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*Thank you for being a valued member of
Short Pump Middle School*



Home of the Pumas

SOL/HAT Testing Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 14 2 nd 8:35 - 9:16 3 rd 9:20 - 10:01 4 th 10:05 - 10:46 5 th 10:50 - 11:31 6 th 11:35 - 1:02 7 th 1:06 - 1:47 1 st 1:51 - 3:15 (rollback)	May 15 Block 1: SOL/HAT/Exams 8:30-11:39 Block 2: 11:43-1:40 Block 3: 1:45-3:15 (rollback)	May 16 Block 3: SOL/HAT/Exams 8:30-11:39 Block 4: 11:43-1:40 Block 5: 1:45-3:15 (rollback)	May 17 Block 5: SOL/HAT/Exams 8:30-11:39 Block 6: 11:43-1:40 Block 7: 1:45-3:15 (rollback)	May 18 **Schools Closed due to inclement weather**
May 21 Block 7: SOL/HAT/Exams 8:30-11:39 Block 8: 11:43-1:40 Block 2: 1:45-3:15 (rollback)	May 22 Block 2: SOL/HAT/Exams 8:30-11:39 Block 3: 11:43-1:40 Block 4: 1:45-3:15 (rollback)	May 23 Block 4: SOL/HAT/Exams 8:30-11:39 Block 5: 11:43-1:40 Block 6: 1:45-3:15 (rollback)	May 24 Block 6: SOL/HAT/Exams 8:30-11:39 Block 7: 11:43-1:40 Block 8: 1:45-3:15	May 25 Regular Monday Schedule



Tad's Kids

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ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ALL OF THE PRESSURES TODAY'S CHILDREN EXPERIENCE?

Social - Anxiety - Self-Esteem - Digital Addiction

We are too.

We've decided to do something about it.

Formerly known as the Tad DuPriest Foundation, Tad's Kids is a non-profit organization that celebrates the life of Tad DuPriest by empowering kids to be kids again through camp programs like Camp Unplugged, and other resources.

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Tad's Kids will hold two sessions of Camp Unplugged in 2018:

April 13-15, 2018
High School Camp
Camp Hanover

August 17-19
Middle School Camp
Camp Hanover

Applications can be found on www.tadskids.org. There is no cost to attend but space is limited.

How can you help?

Volunteer at camp!

Spread the word to kids who could benefit!

Make a donation

Because all kids are "at risk" of falling prey to the pressure and anxiety they face navigating the teen and tween years today, there is no cost to attend Camp Unplugged. Consider underwriting the cost of a camper, \$300. To support Tad's Kids with a donation, go to www.tadskids.org or send a check to:

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