

**Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week**



Mr. Jackson's business classroom was transformed into an arcade- complete with tickets and prizes! Many students (and staff) had the opportunity to visit the 'arcade'.

- SPMS Administration
- Thomas McAuley  
Principal
  - Meagan Tenia  
Associate Principal
  - Lindsay Ingram  
Assistant Principal
  - Doug Wright  
Administrative Aide
  - Jerome Fleming  
Administrative Aide
  - Rob Przybylski  
Administrative Aide

**Upcoming Assessment Dates**

<u>Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup></u> (test through 6 <sup>th</sup> block, 8 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> block switch)	Writing Benchmark Multiple Choice (Grade 8 only)
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**Powder Puff Football Game**

When: Friday, Nov 17, 4-5:40pm  
Where: Tuckahoe League Field (right next to SPMS)



Be sure to join us to watch the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls go head-to-head with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls on the gridiron! All students, family, and friends are welcome to attend!



**Key November Dates**

- Tue, Nov 14 → Parent Conferences, 4-7pm
- Fri, Nov 17 → Powder Puff Football Game, 4-5:30pm
- Tue, Nov 21 → Report Cards Distributed
- Wed-Fri, Nov 22-24 → Thanksgiving Holiday

**Short Pump Middle School**  
 4701 Pouncey Tract Rd  
 Glen Allen, VA 23059  
 (804)360-0800



**Spirit Week at SPMS**

Please encourage your child to show school spirit this week.  
 Each day students will be able show their spirit in a different way:



- Monday: Sweatshirt Day → Wear your favorite sweatshirt
- Tuesday: Twin Day → Get with your bestie & twin it up!
- Wednesday: Disney Day → Dress as your fave Disney character or wear Disney clothes
- Thursday: Super Hero Day → We can't wait to see your capes & outfits!
- Friday: Sprit Day → 6<sup>th</sup> Grade wear WHITE, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade wear RED, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade wear BLACK

\*School dress code still applies during Spirit Week



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## Maggie L. Walker Governor's School



### **Student/Parent Information Session:**

Monday, Nov 13 at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, 6:30-8pm

**Application Info** → The process for applying to the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School is transitioning to an online application. The one page application form will be submitted through ZippSlip beginning this year. Students must use their guardian's account to complete the application. If your student receives a letter from their school counselor (Distributed October 10th and 11th) or you have received a School Messenger call or email that they are eligible to apply to MLWGS then they have already been granted access to the ZippSlip application. If your student did not receive a letter or you do not see the MLWGS Application as an option when you login to ZippSlip please review the Criteria for Applying document on the web at <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/mlwgs/maggie-l-walker-governor-school/> for further information. If your student does not meet the criteria listed but would like to be considered as an applicant, your student must come to school counseling to discuss this with Mrs. Sharpe. Students wishing to apply that do not meet criteria will be required to write a letter before November 3, 2017. If you feel like your student met the requirements for Governor's School and did not receive a letter, please speak with Mrs. Sharpe. Please call or email Mrs. Sharpe (804-364-0837, [hssharp@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:hssharp@henrico.k12.va.us)) for instructions for accessing Zippslipp if you are unable to log in. **Deadline to complete the online application is December 1, 2017.**



## Principal Advisory Committee

Once a month during lunch (last Monday of the month) Mr. McAuley will be meeting with student representatives (8-10) of each grade level. This will be an opportunity for students to discuss important topics such as inclusion, bullying, homework, athletics, school events, and the overall culture and climate of SPMS. There are NO prerequisites to attend; however, a willingness to share opinions and to listen to the ideas of others in a respectful manner is required. If a student is interested in being a part of this leadership PAcK, they should visit the main office to submit their name with a brief statement to share why they would like to be on the committee. Two slices of pizza and bottled waters will be provided by the school on meeting dates (students are welcome to bring their own food/drink if they prefer).

## Rolling Announcements

See what your students see on our rolling announcements shown everyday all day on our cafeteria monitors. It includes very useful and important information. These update often, so check them daily.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/110k\\_qwPh2AauhkZ8idwqQjYKIS68ZrFsrADlbelS-E/pub?start=true&loop=true&delayms=15000](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/110k_qwPh2AauhkZ8idwqQjYKIS68ZrFsrADlbelS-E/pub?start=true&loop=true&delayms=15000)



## 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](http://www.henricoschools.us) under the Health & Safety tab. Please call or stop by the clinic to speak to Nurse Bragg about HCPS medication policies and procedures if you have questions.



## Visual Arts Gallery

To all 8th Grade Middle School Students: Please join us for the Center for the Arts (CFA) Fall Visual Arts Gallery Preview and Performing Arts Showcase Dress Rehearsal on Thursday November 16, 2017 at Henrico High School Visual Arts Gallery Preview at 6:00 p.m. in the Jeff Hall Gallery followed by the Performing Arts Showcase IDR at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium  
 Discussion with CFA teachers after the show

Henrico High School 302 Azalea Avenue, Henrico, VA 23227

## Maggie L. Walker Governor's School- Testing

Students applying to MLWGS are required to attend a testing session from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on January 27, 2018 at Maggie Walker Governor's School, 1000 North Lombardy Street, Richmond, VA 23220. Students unable to attend the January 27th testing session due to school/sports activity or religious reasons will be offered a make-up opportunity based on availability. This make-up test will be held February 13th at MLWGS from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Written permission to attend the make-up test must be submitted in writing by December 8th to the Gifted Specialist, Gifted Education Programs, 3820 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA 23223. Note: If a student becomes ill or a family emergency occurs and is unable to attend the testing session on January 27th, the parent must notify the gifted program office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29th in order to reschedule testing.

## CodeRVA

Information regarding CodeRVA can be found at: <http://coderva.org/>. CodeRVA applicants should have an interest in and passion for the study of computer science. Individual school divisions may have local requirements. Currently, Henrico County requires their applicants to have a least a C average (2.0 GPA). Application Timeline: the application window for the 2018-2019 school year will open on January 8, 2018 • The application window will close at 11:59 p.m. on February 23, 2018. • Selected students will be notified by email on March 9, 2018. • Selected students that accept the offer to attend must maintain residence in a CodeRVA partnering school division and their eligibility for enrollment in grade 9 during 2018-2019. Open House at CodeRVA (2601 Durham Street, Richmond VA 23116) • November 15, 2017, 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (1 hour per session)

## Specialty Center- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**  
 Information regarding Specialty Center Information Sessions, Open Houses, and the Application timeline can be found by visiting: <http://henricoschools.us/specialty-centers/>. Applications will be available on November 20, 2017. Applications are due January 12, 2018.  
 Please contact Mrs. Sharpe at [hssharp@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:hssharp@henrico.k12.va.us) or 804-364-0837 if you have any questions.



## Box Tops



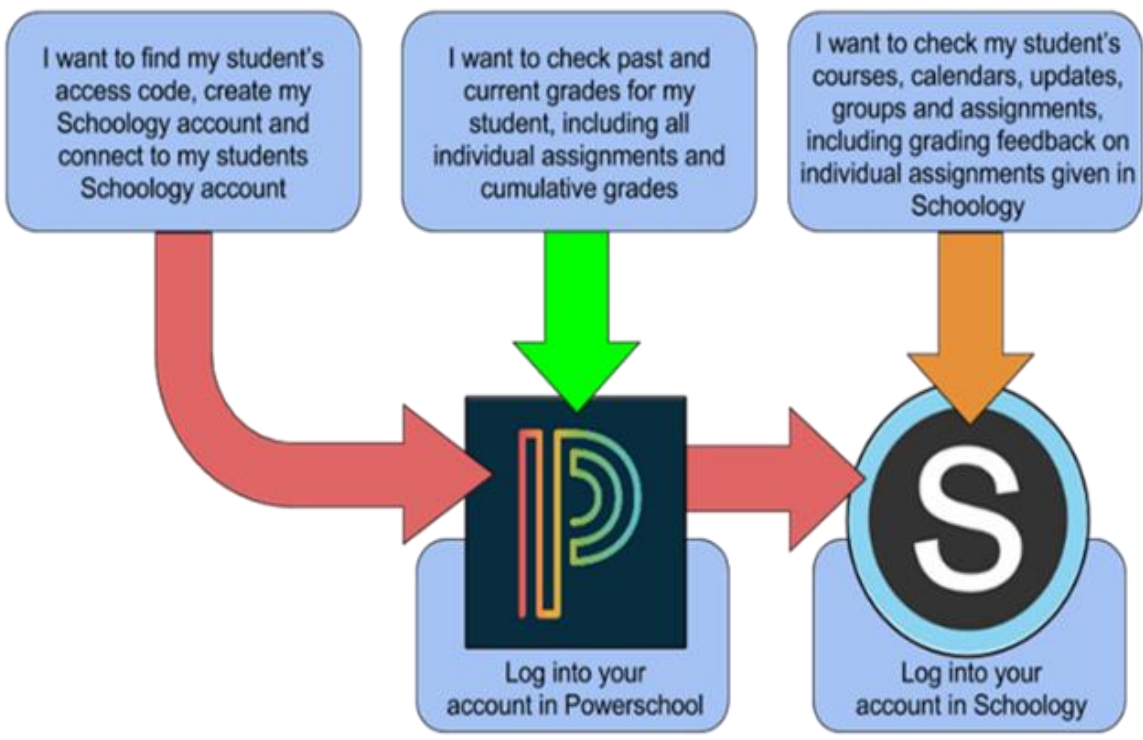
SPMS Parents & Students please save and share your box tops!

In addition to using the new box top app, don't forget to continue to cut out and save your box tops for the library. Please continue to send them in to the library with your student. Make sure their name is on the envelope or baggie. The money we receive from the box tops is used to purchase books, iPads along with cases and tripod adapters, games, puzzles and other supplies for students to use in the library. Thank you for your support!

## 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](http://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  
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*Home of the Pumas*