



On Friday, to culminate Unity Week, the entire school convened to take a picture. The picture was a symbol of our commitment to stand together as ONE.

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



Junior Beta Inductions



Student inductions into Junior Beta will take place this Wednesday, November 1st from 2:15-3:00pm in the SPMS Auditorium. All parents are welcome to attend.



Calling All Singers, Actors, and Dancers!



Music Man Jr. auditions will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 2 and 3 from 3:30-5:30 in the Auditorium. Please pick up a packet outside of Mrs. Berry's room (307) for more information. Audition songs and a character breakdown can be found at tinyurl.com/SPMSMusicMan. The actual performance dates are February 23 and 24, 2018. Hope to see you at auditions!



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

HCPS College and Career Night

Henrico County's College and Career Night will be held at Henrico High School on November 1st, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fundraiser Item Pickup

All parents who purchased items for the school-wide fundraiser may pick up those items up from 2:30-4:30 on Thursday
Nov 2nd



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Parent-Teacher Conferences

When: Nov 14th, 4:00-7:00pm

Teachers are contacting individual families this week for conferences they deem absolutely necessary. A sign-up link will arrive for ALL parents on November 7th

Key Assessment Dates

<u>Wednesday, November 8th & Thursday, November 9th</u> <i>(test through Grade 8 English classes)</i>	Specialty Center Writing Prompt (Grade 8 only)
<u>Wednesday, November 15th</u> <i>(test through 8th block, 8th and 5th block switch)</i>	Writing Benchmark Multiple Choice (Grade 8 only)
Follow a midterm schedule with 90 minute classes <u>December 5th</u> blocks 1 and 3 <u>December 6th</u> blocks 5 and 7 <u>December 7th</u> blocks 2 and 4 <u>December 8th</u> block 6	Reading, Science, Math, and Social Studies Benchmark

Moody Middle International Baccalaureate (I.B.) Program

Thank you for picking up a Moody IB application! Please remember that the completed application (including teacher recommendations) is due to Ms. Riggs on or before Monday, November 6, 2017. The writing prompt will be given on November 9th at SPMS from 8:30-10 a.m. in the library. It is your responsibility to give your teachers the recommendation forms. Please fill in the requested information prior to giving the recommendations to your teachers. It is your responsibility to follow-up with your teachers to ensure that they have completed the recommendation and have also turned it in to me.

- Please do not wait until the last minute to give your teacher a recommendation as there are many students asking for recommendations.
- Your application will not be submitted without the teacher recommendations.

Thank you so much! Ms. Riggs

PTSA

Thanks to the SPMS families and staff who have already joined the PTSA and donated money to help fund items to enrich our school. If you haven't done so yet, please go online to www.pta.org/join and click on the state of VA then click on the link that appears below the map. If your employer offers company matching for donations you can submit for funds then forward the matching information to our PTSA Ways and Means Chair, Kim Imajo, at kimajo18@hotmail.com. ATTENTION CAPITAL ONE EMPLOYEES: Capital One is ending their corporate matching program and all matching funds requests MUST BE SUBMITTED ON PULSE BY NOVEMBER 10th. If you are considering making a donation but haven't gotten around to doing so, now's the time so SPMS PTSA can receive double of your donation before this program ends.



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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 Nurse Bragg about HCPS medication policies and procedures if you have questions.

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Student/Parent Information Session:

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) for instructions for accessing Zippslipp if you are unable to log in. **Deadline to complete the online application is December 1, 2017.**

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



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).



Specialty Center- 8th Grade Students

Attention 8th 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 or 804-364-0837 if you have any questions.

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 Houses at CodeRVA (2601 Durham Street, Richmond VA 23116) • November 8, 2017, 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (1 hour session) • November 15, 2017, 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (1 hour per session)

PTSA Reflections Contest

Reflections entries are due November 1st. Please bring them into the main office by 3:00PM.

Each year, students from all over the country submit ideas for the Reflections theme, from which a single theme is chosen. Two years ago, Ben Berselli as a fifth grade Shady Grove student, entered the PTA Reflections theme contest and submitted the "Within Reach" theme. Ben's "Within Reach" theme was selected as this year's nation-wide Reflections theme for this year's Reflections' contest. In addition to being recognized on national PTA publications, Ben received a nominal monetary prize. We are so proud of Ben, and excited that the Pumas have such an inspiring theme to respond to!



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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_qwPh2AauhkZ8idwgQjYKiS68ZrFsrADldbeLS-E/pub?start=true&loop=true&delays=15000

Box Tops



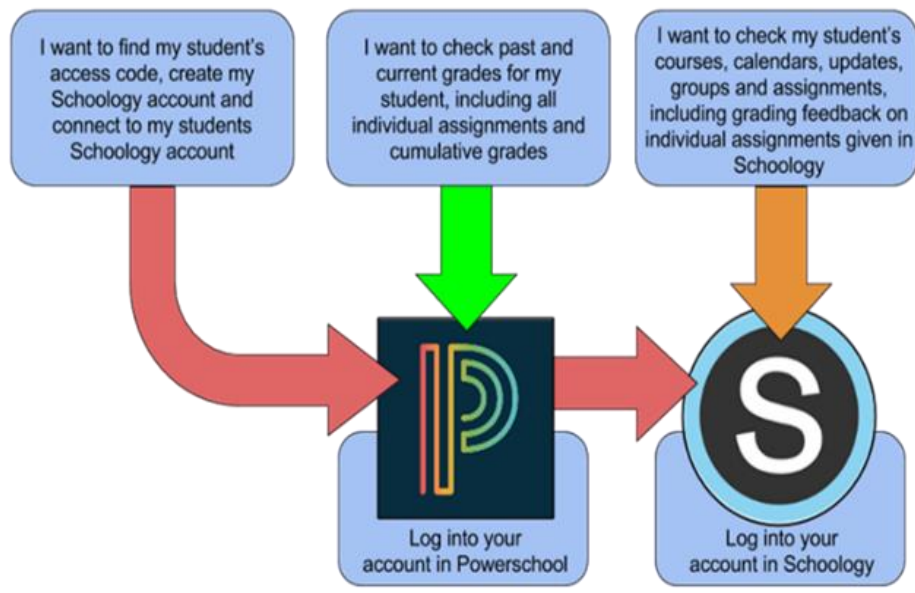
SPMS Parents & Students please save and share your box tops!

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. 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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WIN **\$5,000** Worth of Books for SPMS!!



Go to contest.collectivegoods.com to enter. Be sure to select Short Pump Middle School as the location. Contest ends November 5 so enter TODAY!! The more people that enter, the better our chances are of winning!!! Thank you for your support of the SPMS Library!

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



Home of the Pumas