

# The Puma Blast

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

**Mr. McAuley is in Ms. McCarter's math classroom. The students are using Legos to demonstrate their mastery in solving surface area.**

**Special Note: Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is a half day (12:10 PM is dismissal). Students will report to periods 5, 6, 7, and 8.**

## Puma Dads Informational Meeting

**October 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**

**Attention all Dads/male guardians of Pumas-**

If you are interested in participating in a volunteer program created solely for our Dads/Male guardians, there will be an informational meeting held on October 9th, at 7:00PM in the Short Pump Middle School library.

If you have questions regarding the informational meeting, you may contact PTSA Board member, Reggie Dickerson at [reggie.dicerkson.hk9q@statefarm.com](mailto:reggie.dicerkson.hk9q@statefarm.com).

Please go to the following link to voice an interest in attending the informational meeting: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSednJeMFNpPfm6ovNNVTt5vJ4zXxLLaIKVsbkvTQ9vgs1\\_S0Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSednJeMFNpPfm6ovNNVTt5vJ4zXxLLaIKVsbkvTQ9vgs1_S0Q/viewform)

## Moody Middle International Baccalaureate (I.B.) Program

Moody IB informational sessions will be held at SPMS on October 12, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Moody IB applications are available in the school counseling office. Current sixth graders may apply to attend their seventh grade (2018-2019) school year. Applications are due to Ms. Riggs in the School Counseling office by Monday, November 6, 2017. On-site writing prompt will be held on November 9, 2017.

## SPMS Administration

Thomas McAuley  
Principal

Meagan Tenia  
Associate Principal

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Assistant Principal

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Administrative Aide

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**Papa John's & SPMS**



Don't have time to make dinner? Then order a Papa John's pizza online and enter "SPMS" in the promo code box to have 10% of your purchase donated to the school. And even better, this code can be used the entire school year to help earn money for SPMS. Just enter the code any time you order. So let's get started eating some pizza!

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

### Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Glen Allen High School Oct. 10, 2017

Hermitage High School Oct. 18, 2017

All eighth-graders and their parents are invited to attend one of the specialty center information sessions listed above. Please attend the session that is most convenient for you. All sessions are the same and will provide information about all of the specialty centers offered by Henrico County Public Schools.

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.



## 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).

## Fall Sports

\*All athletic contests begin at 4:45pm

### Tues, Oct 10- HOME

Boys' Soccer vs Pocahontas

Girls' Tennis vs Pocahontas

Girls' Basketball vs Pocahontas

### Wed, Oct 11- Away

Football @ Pocahontas

### Thurs, Oct 12- HOME

Boys' Soccer vs Tuckahoe

Girls' Tennis vs Tuckahoe

Girls' Basketball vs Tuckahoe

Thank you for supporting our Pumas!



## Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

### Student/Parent Information Sessions:

Tue, Oct 17 at John Rolfe MS, 6:30-7:30pm

Wed, Oct 18 at Pocahontas MS, 6:30-7:30pm

Thu, Oct 19 at Wilder MS, 6:30-7:30pm

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 MLGWS then they have already been granted access to the ZippSlip application. The ZippSlip application will be available on October 16, 2017. If your student did not receive a letter or you do not see the MLGWS 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/mlgws/maggie-l-walker-governor-school/> for further information. Please call or email Mrs. Sharpe (804-364-0837, [hssharp@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:hssharp@henrico.k12.va.us)) for instructions for accessing ZippSlip if you are unable to log in.

**Deadline to complete the online application is December 1, 2017.**

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## 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.



### 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.

## Short Pump Ruritan Craft Show

Don't miss the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Short Pump Ruritan Club's Craft Show - **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00AM-3:00PM**. More than 70 crafters and vendors will be participating featuring a variety of items, including handmade jewelry, purses, fall and Christmas décor, baked goods, photography, original paintings, Thirty-One, The Doll Hospital, doll clothes, handmade soap, candles and more. Flu shots and free blood pressure checks will be offered by IVNA. Admission is free. For details, contact Susan at 387-6804 or [suebzink@aol.com](mailto:suebzink@aol.com).

## Key Assessment Dates

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

## Box Tops



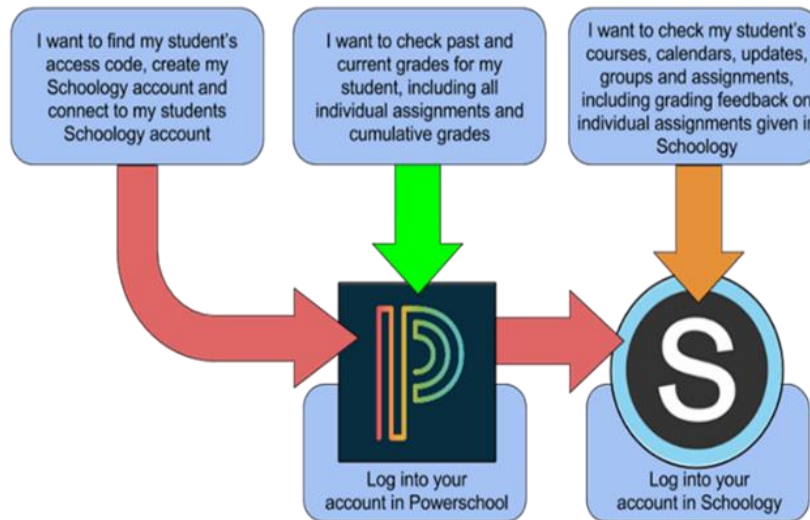
SPMS Parents & Students please save and share your box tops!

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...



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



*Home of the Pumas*