

# The Puma Blast

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## Principal's Corner

Our school-wide fundraiser is in full swing. Please consider participating. We need the funding raised to purchase interactive smart boards, novels, professional development opportunities, and athletic equipment (to name a few items). Every student will benefit from the funds. Collection day will be next Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. I want to thank you in advance for your support.

--Mr. Thomas McAuley

## SPMS Administration

Thomas McAuley  
Principal

Meagan Tenia  
Associate Principal

Lindsay Ingram  
Assistant Principal

Doug Wright  
Administrative Aide

Terrell Fleming  
Administrative Aide

Rob Przybylski  
Administrative Aide

## Back to School Night

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tuesday, Sep 26<sup>th</sup>

6:00-7:45PM

## Key Assessment Dates

<u>Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup></u> <i>(test through 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:35-11:30, shortened 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>)</i>	NWEA MAP Test
<u>Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup></u> <i>(test through 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:35-11:30, shortened 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>)</i>	NWEA MAP Test
<u>Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup></u>	NWEA MAP Make Up Testing
<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



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## SPMS Fall Fundraiser



We have officially kicked off this year's school wide fundraiser. Visit [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) and use School ID# 407775 or help your student get orders using the paper order forms in their fundraiser packet. Thank you for all your support of our fundraising efforts.

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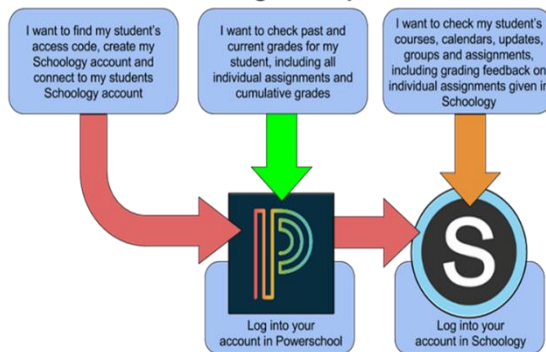
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## Welcoming New Pumas to Our Pack

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...



## Fall Sports

\*All athletic contests begin at 4:45pm

### Tues, Sep 26- HOME

Boys' Soccer vs Chickahominy  
Girls' Tennis vs Chickahominy  
Girls' Basketball vs Chickahominy

### Wed, Sep 27- AWAY

Football @ Rolfe

### Thurs, Sep 28- AWAY

Boys' Soccer @ Pocahontas  
Girls' Tennis @ Pocahontas  
Girls' Basketball @ Pocahontas

Thank you for supporting our Pumas!



## 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.dickerson.hk9q@statefarm.com](mailto:reggie.dickerson.hk9q@statefarm.com).

To voice an interest in attending the informational meeting please

visit: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSednJeMFNpPpFM6ovNNVTt5vJ4zXxLLaIKVsbkvTQ9vgs1\\_S0Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSednJeMFNpPpFM6ovNNVTt5vJ4zXxLLaIKVsbkvTQ9vgs1_S0Q/viewform)

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

### Each session starts at 7:00PM.

Highland Springs High School Sept. 27, 2017

Douglas S. Freeman High School Oct. 3, 2017

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 offer information about all of the specialty centers offered by Henrico County Public Schools.

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.

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## 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 on Monday, November 6, 2017.

On-site writing prompt will be held on November 9, 2017.



## Papa John's & SPMS



Don't have time to make dinner before going to back to school night? 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 eating some pizza!

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



*Home of the Pumas*