



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:



Could this be trouble? Mr. Andy Jenks participated in our career day. He showed students how he accesses the program to cancel school.

I want to thank Ms. Coleman and our entire School Counseling team for organizing career day for our eighth grade students (a special thank you to all our guests who visited the classrooms to discuss careers).

SPMS Administration

Thomas McAuley
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Administrative Aide

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Key Upcoming Dates

April 2 – 6 → Spring Break

April 10 → 6th Grade Field Trip: Richmond Zoo

April 13 → NWEA Testing

Puma Fest

End of MP3



Happy Spring Break

Short Pump Middle School
4701 Pouncey Tract Rd
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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.



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This Week in Puma Den...

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

6th Grade → Monday Guidance Lesson: Be an Upstander; Coding Wed & Fri

7th Grade → Monday Guidance Lesson: Be an Upstander; Coding Wed & Fri

8th Grade → Monday Guidance Lesson: Be an Upstander; Coding Wed & Fri

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_qwPh2AauhkZ8idwqQjYKiS68ZrFsrADldbelS-E/pub?start=true&loop=true&delayms=15000

Camp Unplugged

Whether watching television or online videos, checking social media, gaming or simply chatting with friends, today's teens spend more than 9 hours each day consuming media. Camp Unplugged aims to change that. With activities that give them the tools to tackle issues related to social connection, self-esteem, stress, resiliency and accountability, Camp Unplugged's fun and meaningful outdoor experience helps kids be kids again. Please see the flyer attached at the end of this issue for more details.

Attention: Rising 9th Grade DRHS Students & Parents

April 12 → Deep Run Freshman Parent 101, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

8th Graders: Course Override Forms

Attention 8th Grade Students: Override forms will continue to be accepted until April 27, 2018, but with no guarantee of placement. Placement will be determined on a space available basis. Final requests for all other schedule changes will be accepted until the last day of school, and will be honored on a space available basis.

The Family Learning Series Summit, 2018:

Engaging and Empowering our Parents

Henrico county families are invited to attend this free event on April 28th. The summit will be kicked off with an awesome keynote/comedian and have approximately 50 breakout sessions, over 60 vendors, a kid zone, and transportation provided. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



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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

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!



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.



Papa Johns Pizza and SPMS PTSA



When ordering pizzas for your March Madness parties you can also help SPMS PTSA earn money by ordering from Papa Johns and using the promo code SPMS when you checkout online.



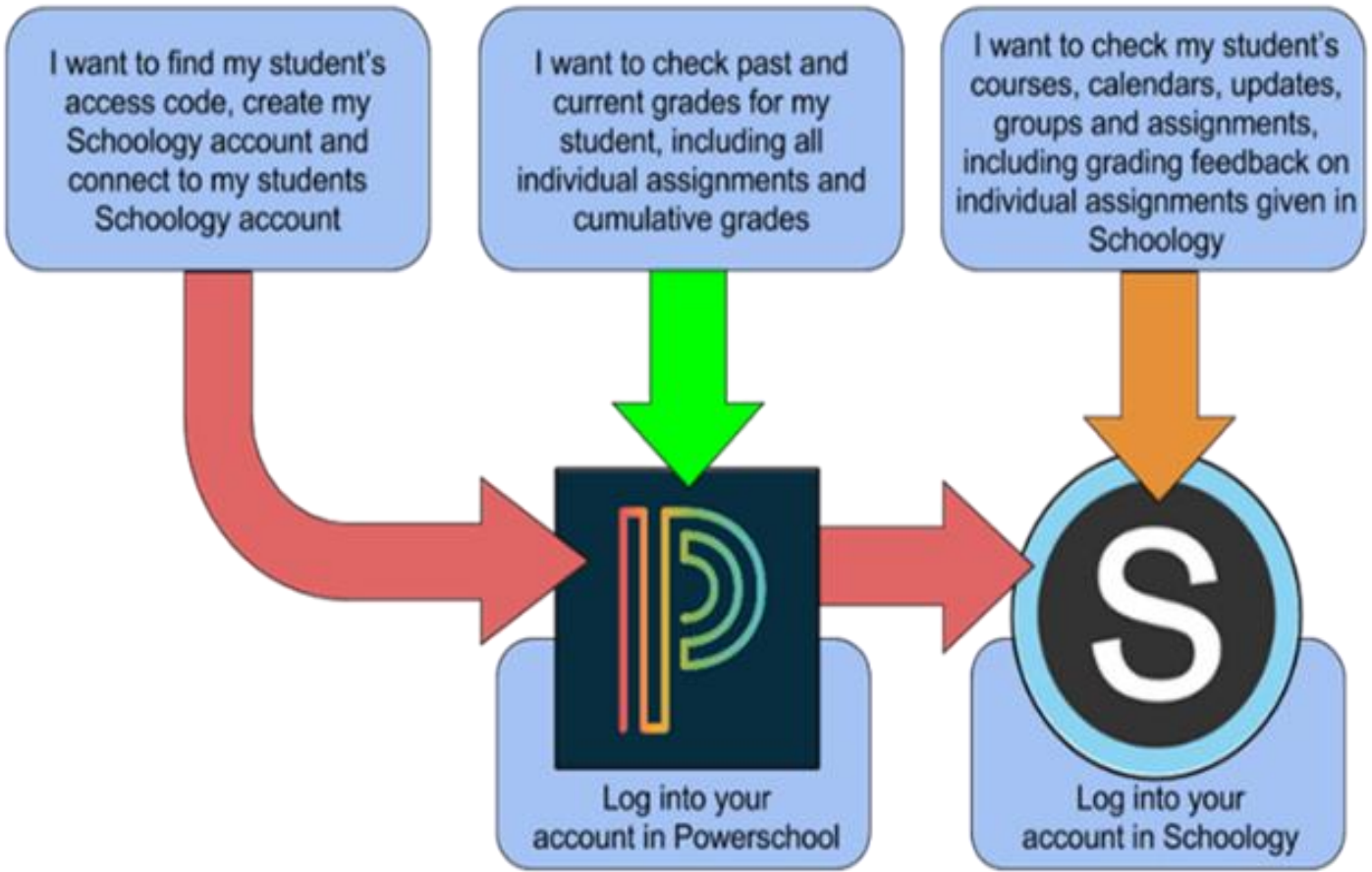
Yearbook

Parents, the yearbook class needs your help! We want to know some things about growing up in the 80's. Answering these questions will help us create part of the SPMS yearbook. tinyurl.com/80spuma-blast

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
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Home of the Pumas



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:

Tad's Kids
12276 Stancroft Road
Rockville, VA 23146

SAVE THE DATE!



Family & Community
Engagement

Henrico County
Public Schools

Family Learning Series Summit 2018

Engaging and Empowering Our Parents

Saturday, April 28, 2018 • 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Hermitage High School, 8301 Hungary Spring Rd., 23228

Registration & continental
breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

Keynote Speaker:
Micah "Bam-Bamm" White

- Parent workshops
- Vendor fair
- Children's activities, ages 4 and older
- Food trucks
- Transportation available
- Door prizes



Online registration will open March 26th

HCPS
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The right to achieve.
The support to succeed.