

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



**Students in Mrs. Maiorana's U.S. History I class are conducting a Crime Scene Investigation regarding the Boston Massacre.**

- 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

**Key Upcoming Dates**

- Feb 19 → Monday Schedule (NOT a student holiday, due to weather makeup)
- Feb 21 → Spirit Night @ Red Robin, 5-9pm
- Feb 23 → Flipped schedule (Block 5 & Puma Den) due to morning Assemblies for Black History Month (9-10:30am)
- March 1 → Spirit Night @ California Pizza Kitchen, 5-9pm

**This Week in Puma Den...**

- This week, each grade level will focus on the following themes:
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade → Compassion and Black History Month
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade → Compassion and Black History Month
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade → Compassion and Black History Month



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



**Spirit Night- Red Robin**

Where: Red Robin, 11784 West Broad Street  
When: Wed, Feb 21, 5-9pm



Come join us for spirit night at Red Robin this Wednesday, February 21st from 5:00-9:00 to help support our school and PTA. Show the flyer attached to the end of the Puma Blast to have 20% of your purchase donated to the school.



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## Faculty and Staff Awards

Congratulations are in order for a couple of Short Pump's award winning teachers.

**Brittany McCarter** was voted Short Pump's Teacher of the Year. Ms. McCarter has been teaching for 11 years and has spent the last 7 here at Short Pump doing engaging and exciting activities with her 7th grade math students. Short Pump is lucky to have her talents.

**Kaitlyn LaVoie** was voted Short Pump's New Teacher of the Year. Ms. LaVoie joined Short Pump in the middle of the year last year and her 7th grade English students are lucky to have her. Her classroom is busy with activities that are well planned and engage her students in relevant experiences.

Please congratulate these teachers on their accomplishment when you see them.

## Attention Rising 9<sup>th</sup> 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>

Open Houses:      Glen Allen HS Auditorium February 6, 2018 7:00 PM  
                             Varina HS Auditorium February 7, 2018 7:00 PM

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>

Lottery Dates: February 8, 2018 – March 2, 2018 (Online at <http://tinyurl.com/onlinehpe2018>) Sign up for the lottery (once per child) only if you are serious about taking the class.

Notification of Acceptance to Courses: Week of March 5, 2018

Registration & Payment Dates: March 12, 2018 – March 23, 2018 (4:00 pm)  
Register at attending home school counseling offices

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

## Upcoming Sports

\*All athletic contests begin at 4:45pm

### Tues, Feb 20

Gymnastics vs. Chickahominy (HOME)

### Tues, Feb 27

Gymnastics vs. Rolfe (HOME)

Thank you for supporting our Pumas!



## Attention: Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade DRHS Students & Parents

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

## 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](http://tinyurl.com/80spuma-blast)



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## Spend your 2019 Spring Break in France!



There will be an interest meeting on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 PM in room 613 for any interested students and parents. Contact Mr. Cross [macross@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:macross@henrico.k12.va.us) with any questions.

## 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\\_qwPh2AauhkZ8idwqQjYKiS68ZrFsrADldbeIS-E/pub?start=true&loop=true&delayms=15000](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/110k_qwPh2AauhkZ8idwqQjYKiS68ZrFsrADldbeIS-E/pub?start=true&loop=true&delayms=15000)

## Metro Richmond STEM Fair, 2018

The Junior Division has closed the entries for this year's competition and we are waiting to see what projects will compete for monetary awards, scholarships and STEM recognition from MRSF and the sponsors.

The 2018 MRSF will be held on March 24, 2018 at Hanover High School. Projects will be open to the public from 1 to 3:30. Come see what it takes to be a STEM competitor and start planning your project for 2019.

Contact Mrs. O'Connor with any questions on how to participate in the future [kaconnor@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:kaconnor@henrico.k12.va.us)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Course Override Forms

Attention 8th Grade Students: Deep Run override forms can be picked up in the SPMS school counseling office. Please return these forms to Mrs. Sharpe. Parent override forms are due to the school counseling office at SPMS by March 9, 2018. Override forms will continue to be accepted until April 27, 2018, 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.

## SPECIALTY CENTER

### Upcoming Dates:

- March 9 – Students provided online access to check application status/acceptance
- March 23 – Deadline for applicants to declare intent or accept wait-list offers online. Students may accept one center and one wait-list spot. Students may remain on one wait list until March 30.
- March 30 – All students being offered a spot from the wait list must inform specialty center chairs of their intent to accept an offer of admission

For any questions, students can message Mrs. Sharpe on Schoology or parents can reach her via email at [hssharp@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:hssharp@henrico.k12.va.us) or via phone at 804-364-0837.



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## 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.

**\*Please see the flyer attached at the end of this Puma Blast Issue**



## 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.

## DRHS Yearbook

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

Current 8th grade students who are interested in applying for Yearbook for 9th grade at DRHS may pick up an application in the SPMS school counseling department. The deadline to apply for initial consideration is Friday, March 2, 2018. Students will be notified via email of their acceptance after completed application and references are received. Late applications will be considered on a space available basis. Course space is limited, so please follow up with all necessary individuals to ensure that your application is complete.

## 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!



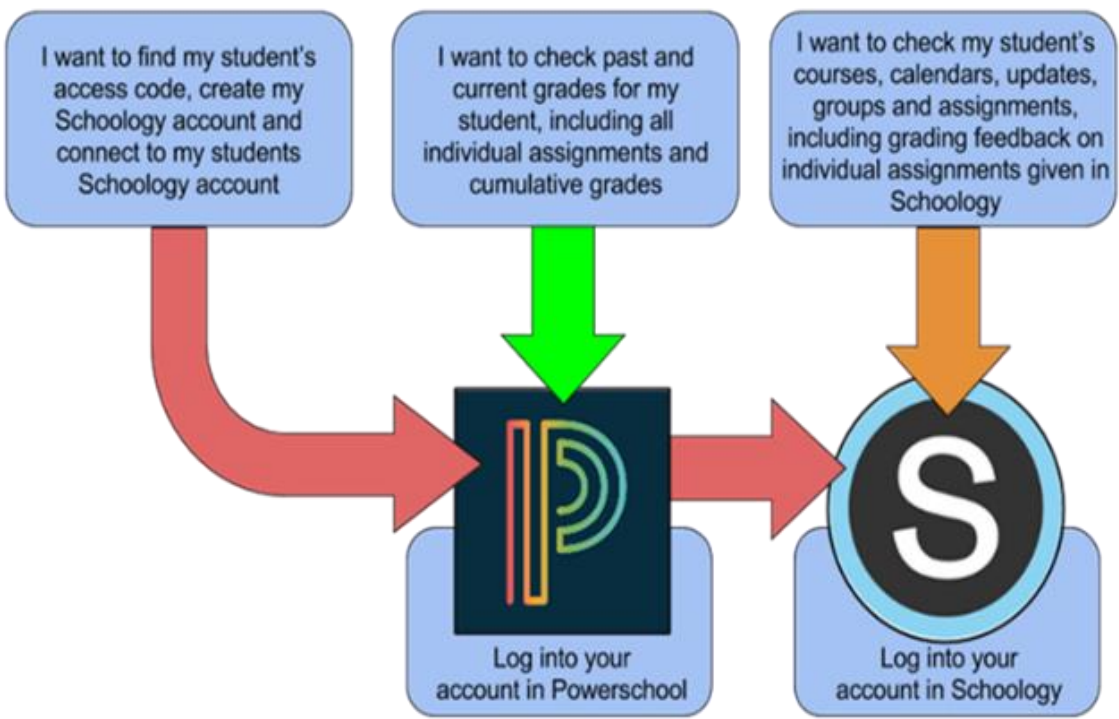
## Spirit Nights

Save the dates for the remaining spirit nights: Wednesday February 21st at Red Robin, Tuesday March 13th at Chipotle and Thursday May 10th at Zoe's Kitchen and Gelati Celesti. Check the Puma Blast and SPMS PTA Facebook pages for more details closer to the dates.

## 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  
Short Pump Middle School*



*Home of the Pumas*

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**36,000**

Number of currently unfilled computing jobs in Virginia

**\$82,690**

Average salary for a computer programmer

**2%**

Percent of all mathematics and science students in college currently studying computer science

**60%**

Percent of all mathematics and science jobs projected to be in computing


**19%**


Percent of Virginia's 1,419 computer science graduates in 2014 were female


#### Participating School Divisions


Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Hanover, Henrico, Hopewell City, New Kent, Petersburg City, Powhatan, Prince George, Richmond City, Sussex

CodeRVA Regional High School

 [coderva.org](http://coderva.org)

 @CodeRVA1

 /coderva

 804.968.1820

## Why CodeRVA?

- Self-paced, personalized learning
- Blended instruction (online and face-to-face)
- Project-based learning
- Emphasis on developing skills in collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, and citizenship
- Focus on computer science
- Integrated coursework to accelerate completion of high school requirements
- Year-round education
- Opportunities to complete
  - ✓ paid internships;
  - ✓ industry certifications; and
  - ✓ a two-year college degree

## Internships and Dual Enrollment

Associate's (two-year) Degree in Computer Science (62 college credits)

- Coursework to complete high school requirements and a two-year college degree in Computer Science
- Industry certifications
- Internship opportunities – up to 240 hours

Applied Studies Path (at least 24 college credits)

- Coursework to complete high school requirements, computer science courses, and applied electives based on interest
- Industry certifications
- Internship opportunities – up to 400 hours

## Applications, Eligibility, & Timeline

- There are no academic requirements for applicants set by CodeRVA Regional High School.
- Students that apply
  - ✓ must be eligible for enrollment in grade 9 in 2018-2019;
  - ✓ must be a resident of a participating school division;
  - ✓ should have an interest in and passion for computer science; and
  - ✓ should be interested in developing their self-management skills and independence in learning, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- Application Timeline – [coderva.org/apply](http://coderva.org/apply)
  - ✧ January 8, 2018 – Online application opens
  - ✧ February 23, 2018 – Application closes at 11:59 p.m.
  - ✧ March 9, 2018 – Selected students notified by email

Visit [coderva.org](http://coderva.org) for more info!





# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade **CAREER DAY**



**Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

**Parent & Community speakers are needed  
to make our career day a success!**

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**The SPMS school counseling department is looking for parent and/or  
community volunteers to speak to 8th grade students on Career Day.**

**A total of 9 speakers will be needed.**

**Each speaker will present to three 8th grade classrooms for  
approximately 20 – 25 minutes. Those interested in volunteering  
should be available from 8:15am – 10:15am on March 28, 2018.**

**Culinary Arts • Health Sciences • Law • Engineering • Architecture • Television •  
Business • Finance • Military • Law Enforcement • Information Technology • Real Estate  
• Human Services • Radio/TV Broadcasting • Hospitality & Tourism •**

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**We'd like several career clusters to be represented. If you're  
interested in volunteering or if you'd like additional information,  
please contact Mrs. Jazmin Coleman in school counseling by email.**

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