

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week:



Students in Mr. Rossner's eighth grade Art class are learning a technique called Splatter Paint! The finished art work will be amazing!!

- 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

- March 7th → Battle Across Broad 5:00-8:00 PM (see below for more details)
- March 13 → Spirit Night @ Chipotle (near the Town Center)
- March 15 → Chorus Assessment Concert, DRHS 7pm
- March 21 & 23 → Writing SOL Testing

Battle Across Broad Tournament

WHEN: Wed, March 7th from 5pm-8pm
WHERE: Godwin HS

Join us this Wednesday, March 7th as SPMS faculty/staff go against Holman, Quiocasin, Pocahontas, and Tuckahoe middle schools on the basketball court. SPMS cheerleaders and band members will be present. There will be raffle prizes and concessions. Admission is \$5 and proceeds go to American Cancer Society Relay for Life.



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



Spirit Night- California Pizza Kitchen

Where: California Pizza Kitchen
11008 West Broad Street (Short Pump Town Center)
When: Thu, March 8, ALL DAY (11am-930pm)



Come join us for spirit night at California Pizza Kitchen (at the Short Pump Town Center), March 8th from 11am-9:30pm to help support the Battle Across Broad basketball game. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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Community Input: Next HCPS Superintendent

Share your thoughts on the next superintendent of Henrico County Public Schools! Please take a five-minute survey that will help us find the next leader of the school division. The survey closes March 7:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HenricoCountySearch>

For more details including the full timeline of the superintendent search, visit our website at:

<http://henricoschools.us/search-for-new-superintendent/>

Upcoming Testing Dates

All intermediate and advanced orchestra members will have a mandatory rehearsal on Tuesday Feb. 27th, from 3:15-5pm. This is the ONLY rehearsal that we will be having before our first assessment on March 8th!

March 21 → Writing SOL Short Paper

March 23 → Writing SOL Multiple Choice

*6th and 7th grade students will take the HAT writing tests these days also.

SPMS Orchestra

Attention ALL Orchestra Members: We will be performing in the District 1 Orchestra Assessment, held here at SPMS on March 8th. Please see the schedule for your performance time. The Intermediate and Advanced Orchestra students will perform on Thursday March 8th at 9:20am. The Beginning Orchestra will be performing on Thursday March 8th at 1:25pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch your children perform!

This Week in Puma Den...

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

6th Grade → Monday Kindness Lessons; Black History Projects

7th Grade → Monday Kindness Lessons; Women's History Projects

8th Grade → Monday Kindness Lessons; Black History Projects

Upcoming Sports

*All athletic contests begin at 4:45pm

Mon, March 5

Gymnastics @ Holman (Away)

Mon, March 12

Gymnastics vs TBD (HOME)

Thu, March 15

Gymnastics vs TBD (HOME)

Thank you for supporting our Pumas!



Attention: Rising 9th 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



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

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**

8th 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 or via phone at 804-364-0837.



Finance & Economics: Rising 9th Graders



Attention Rising 9th Grade students: Longwood University will be hosting an informational interest meeting for a dual enrollment personal finance and economics course on Tuesday, March 27, from 6:30-7:30 pm. If you are interested in earning college credit in a condensed summer course, this course will meet those needs. To get more information on the dual enrollment personal finance and economics course, please, attend the interest meeting on March 27th at Deep Run HS or Henrico HS in the school's auditorium.

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>

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



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
kaoconnor@henrico.k12.va.us

March Madness PTSA Fundraiser

The PTSA is short \$4000 in funds for this year. Be on the lookout for more information next week on how you can help meet our goals to save important programs and activities from being cut.



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.

Box Tops

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



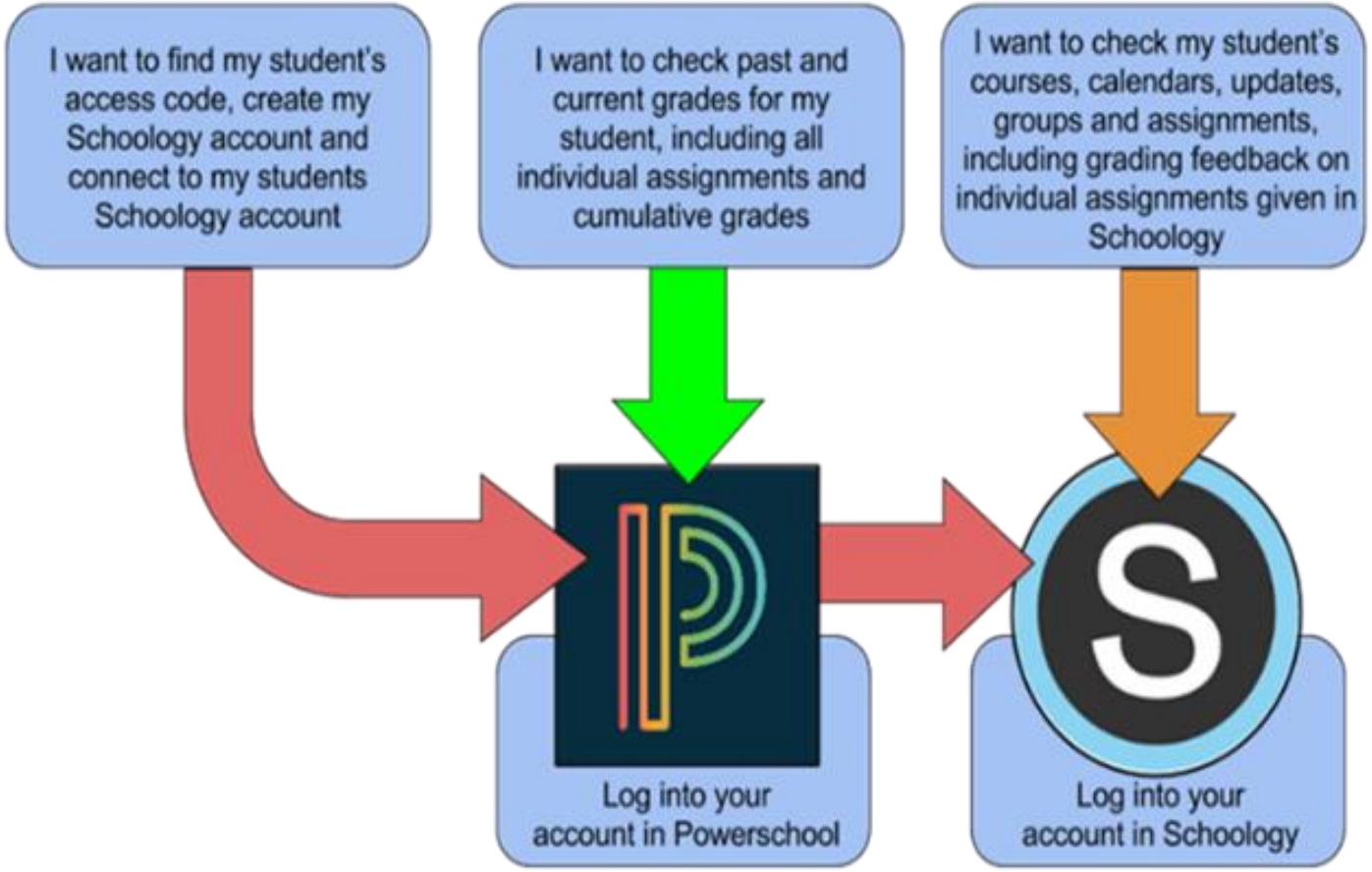
In addition to using the new box top app, don't forget to continue to cut out and save your box tops for the library. Please continue to send them in to the library with your student. Make sure their name is on the envelope or baggie. The money we receive from the box tops is used to purchase books, 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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*Thank you for being a valued member of
Short Pump Middle School*



Home of the Pumas



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



@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
 - ✧ 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 for more info!



8th Grade **CAREER DAY**



Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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

**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 •**

**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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