



# The Puma Blast



Short Pump Middle School: The School with P.**R.I.D.E.** and **Heart**  
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## This Week's Events

### January 8

Basketball @ SPMS, wrestling @ QMS, 4:45PM

### January 10

Girls STEM Club Meeting, 3:15PM  
Basketball @ SPMS, 4:45PM

### January 11

Specialty Center application window closes  
Limo Lunch Fundraiser Reward for those who sold a specific number of magazine, etc.

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



SPMS' school resource officer Ron Graves conducted a discussion regarding the opioid epidemic. This is part of a required curriculum in Henrico schools. Families, we encourage you to have conversations with your students about opioids and their dangers.

## Daily Announcements

Keep up-to-date with the daily school announcements! Click [HERE](#) to view them.

## Looking to the Future

January 15: [Chipotle Spirit Night](#) (near the mall)  
January 16: Writing Benchmark (all students) through Puma Den

## Help Out Our School!

-Link your Kroger Card to SPMS to help SPMS help our students!

**How to link your Kroger Plus Card:** 1) Visit [www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards](http://www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards) and click Sign In. 2) Once logged in, select I'm a Customer/View Details. 3) Search for Short Pump Middle School by name. 4) Select Short Pump Middle School and click Enroll.

## Specialty Centers

The window to apply is open and has been open since November. **The application window closes on January 11, 2019.**

Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://henricoschools.us/specialty-centers/> for more information about the Speciality Center process, among other items.

## School Counseling

Need information about IB/ Specialty Centers/ Governor's School? Want to know what services school counselors provide? Need tips, strategies and resources to help your child to be successful? The SPMS School Counseling team has a new website! Parents and students can access information about programs and the various ways we serve the SPMS community. Visit the site [HERE!](#)

## The Sports Authority

If inclement weather is forecasted, the following link will be updated by 2 P.M. each day:  
<https://tinyurl.com/spmssportsupdates>

## Principal Advisory Committee

Once a month during lunch, Mr. McAuley will be meeting with student representatives (8-10) from 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, she/he should see Mrs. Weir in the office to pick up a form. As part of this form, the student needs to include a brief statement as to why they would like to be on the committee. Two slices of pizza, a small dessert, lemonade and bottled water will be provided by the school on meeting dates (students may bring their own food/drink if they prefer).



## Let's Keep It Safe, Pumas!

For the month of January, there will be various safety drills, including:

- Fire Drill
- Signal Blue Hide and Lock during a class transition.



## High School Online Health/PE

Interested in ONLINE Health and PE this summer? Act fast! Don't delay! There are limited slots available. Please check out [THIS LINK](#) for more information.

## Box Tops Collection

January 14th - Box Tops for Education Coupon Collection Drive Begins

The library Box Tops for Education Collection Drive starts January 14th. Bring in your clipped Box Tops coupons on a collection sheet or in a Ziploc baggie with your student's name and grade and drop them off at the library or the office. Students who bring in 25 or more Box Tops earn an outdoor lunch pass. Let's go Pumas!



## PTA Corner

-When ordering pizzas, you can also help SPMS PTSA earn money by ordering from Papa Johns and using the promo code SPMS when you check out online.

-To join, volunteer, donate, and more, click [HERE](#).

-Upcoming Spirit Nights

[Tuesday, January 15th Chipotle \(near the mall\)](#)

Thursday, Feb. 7th Red Robin

Monday, March 11th BWWings 4-8pm

Saturday, March 23rd Skate Nation 2-4pm

## School Counseling on Twitter

SPMS School Counseling is now on TWITTER! This will increase our communication and visibility to students and parents in a relevant way that incorporates technology. Please support and follow us!

@SPPumaSC Share! Share! Share! In addition to school-based communication (Puma Blast, Rolling Announcements, School Website, Schoology), we will begin posting announcements and happenings in school counseling on Twitter to continue to publicize and build an awesome connection with the community as THE School with Pride and Heart!



## Maggie Walker Governor's School

The process for applying to the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School is through an online application in PowerSchool. If your student did not receive a letter or you do not see the MLWGS application as an option when you log in to PowerSchool, please review the "Criteria for Applying" document on the web [HERE](#) for further information. If your student does not meet the criteria listed but would like to be considered as an applicant, parents are required to write a letter and submit it as soon as possible, as there will be a deadline determined. If you feel like your student met the requirements and did not receive a letter, please contact Mrs. Mayo, 8th grade School Counselor, as soon as possible at (804) 364-0837 or [jcsmayo@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:jcsmayo@henrico.k12.va.us).

## Library News and Notes

-January Book Club: January 30<sup>th</sup>. Genre: graphic novel/manga

-Help support your library! Send in your Box Tops for Education to the library or drop them off in the front office. Every one counts. Thank you!!!

