



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 15

Basketball @ Brookland, Wrestling vs. Moody, 4:45PM
[Chipotle Spirit Night](#) (near the mall)

January 16

Writing Benchmark for all students through Puma Den
Basketball vs. XXX, 4:45PM

January 17

Wrestling @ XXXX

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Sixth grade social studies classes completed a breakout room and were joined by Officer Graves as they worked the 'crime scene' of the Boston Massacre.

Looking to the Future

January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 24: SPMS Curriculum Fair @ 6:00PM
January 25: End of Grading Period

Daily Announcements

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

Spirit Night

Eat some Chipotle to support SPMS PTSA! On January 15, from 4-8PM, come to the Chipotle at 11728 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23233. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer. Make sure to mention SPMS so the proceeds will help our school!



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 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.

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!



Thank You!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Barnes and Noble book fair. We received over \$350 to use for purchasing new books for our library. Have a recommendation you would like to see in our library? Visit the library Schoology course and share it with us.

Curriculum Fair

Thursday, January 24th. An opportunity for families to learn more about course options for the upcoming school year.

Rising 7th and 8th grade: 6:00PM-6:5

Rising 6th grade- 7:15-8:30.



Library News and Notes

-January Book Club: January 30th. 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!!!

