



# 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 21**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service-No School
- January 22**  
Day 1 Schedule; Gymnastics Tryouts Begin
- January 24**  
SPMS Curriculum Fair (grades 7/8=6:00-6:50; grade 6=7:15-8:30)
- January 25**  
End of Third Grading Period

## Looking to the Future

- January 28: Student Holiday
- January 29-30: English and Social Studies Benchmarks through those class
- January 31-February 1: Math and Science Benchmarks through those classes

## Curriculum Fair

All content areas' and electives' awesomeness will be on display! Come out on January 24<sup>th</sup> to talk to teachers, ask questions, and see student work! This fair can help you make decisions for what courses to take next year for rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Please be aware of the times for each grade level. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you!

Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders: 6:00-6:50PM  
Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders: 7:15-8:30PM

## 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://tinurl.com/spmssportsupdates>

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Deep Run High School counselors met with our eighth grade students on Friday. Deep Run will be very fortunate to have this class next year. I predict great things to come for the class of 2023!

## Daily Announcements

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

## THANK YOU!!

A BIG thank you to Principal Thomas McAuley, Associate Principal Meagan Tenia, and Assistant Principal Lindsay Ingram for leading, supporting, nurturing, and inspiring all of our Pumas. You make SPMS a special place to be for everyone! You help make Short Pump the school with PRIDE and HEART!! Happy School Principals Appreciation Week!

## 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.

## Principal Advisory Committee

Once a month during lunch, Mr. McAuley will be meeting with students from each grade 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, students should respectfully be able to share opinions and listen to the ideas of others. Interested students should see Ms. Weir in the office.in being a part of this leadership PACK, she/he should see Mrs. Weir in the office to pick up a form. Pizza (two slices) and a drink will be provided.

## 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.

## 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!



## 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!



## Gymnastics

Gymnastics tryouts begin on January 22. You must have a physical on file (or brought in) that is dated after May 1, 2018. For questions, please contact Ms. Perry at [Hperry@hcps.us](mailto:Hperry@hcps.us).



## Twin Hickory Library Book Club

Have you read or are you planning on reading *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds? Join in the book discussion at the Twin Hickory Area Library on February 2 @ 1pm. For more information, stop by the school library or check Schoology.



## 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 Night:

Thursday, Feb. 7th Red Robin

Monday, March 11th BWWings 4-8pm

Saturday, March 23rd Skate Nation 2-4pm

## 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!!!

