



# PUMA BLAST



FOR THE WEEK OF: SEPTEMBER 16 - 20

## EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY 9/16 (DAY 2)

TUESDAY 9/17 (DAY 1)

6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 9/18 (DAY 2)

THURSDAY 9/19 (DAY 1)

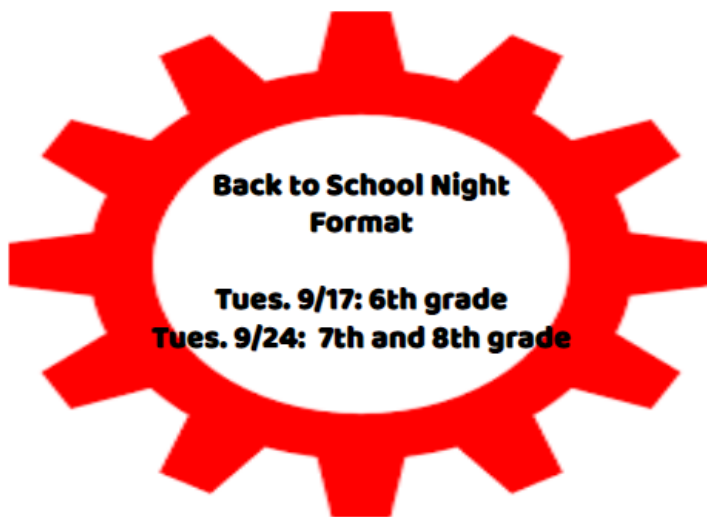
FRIDAY 9/20 (DAY 2)



## Summer Reading **Due Dates**



We hope your child found some great new books and authors over the summer! Summer reading is due to English teachers no later than **September 16 (Day 2) or 17 (Day 1)**. Make sure your child submits both his/her daily weekday reading log AND detailed summary/reflection for each text/novel. [Click Here](#) to access the SPMS Reading Log.



**Back to School Night  
Format**

**Tues. 9/17: 6th grade**

**Tues. 9/24: 7th and 8th grade**

- Program will begin in your child's Block 1 class
- Each block begins with a brief televised video on a topic presented by a member of our admin team
- 8 minute class / 5 minute travel

6:30-6:38	Block 1
6:38-6:43	Travel
6:43-6:51	Block 2
6:51-6:56	Travel
6:56-7:04	Block 3
7:04-7:09	Travel
7:09-7:17	Block 4
7:17-7:22	Travel
7:22-7:30	Block 5
7:30-7:35	Travel
7:35-7:43	Block 6
7:43-7:48	Travel
7:48-7:56	Block 7

## PTA Reflections Art Contest



We know there are a lot of creative Pumas out there! Now is your time to shine by entering this year's PTA Reflection contest. This year's theme is 'Look Within' and we hope you will take some time to reflect on the theme and create art, music, dance, photographs, writing, or videos to show your skills. Submissions will be due in October 2019. Please click into this link to see all the rules and details for each category:

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>

Questions? Contact the PTA Co-Chairs Kim Berselli and Joanne Rosel

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Maymont

Sixth graders will be traveling to Maymont with their 1<sup>st</sup> block class during the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The trip is spread out over three days; 9/25, 9/26, and 9/27 with roughly 1/3 of the grade level traveling each day.

What to bring? What to wear? What to expect? [Click Here](#) for more information or contact your student's 1<sup>st</sup> block teacher.

### TRAFFIC UPDATE:

Our team is working collaboratively with our SRO, Officer Duke, the HCPS Department of Facilities, and the Public Works Office to finalize a revised plan to accommodate our increased traffic this year while also preparing for 200 more students next year. This new plan requires installation of signage and road painting which is currently being scheduled. We will implement the new procedure after all phases of our new traffic pattern have been completed. Our new plan will be released very soon. Staff will continue to welcome students beginning at 8:00 AM each morning.

Until our new drop off plan is implemented, you can help expedite the process by:

- Following staff requests to pull up as far as possible in the front of the building before dismissing your child. If each car stops directly in front of the door, it slows down the traffic pattern and stops entry on our campus from Pouncey Tract Road.
- Releasing your student as soon as you have stopped your car. Frequently, students remain in the car for several minutes after arriving in the drop off zone.
- Remaining in your car so you can proceed in the traffic pattern after your child exits your vehicle. We want to ensure student and parent safety during this very busy time on our school campus.

*\*\*Our new School Security Officer, Mr. Hiel, will be joining our team this week.  
He will also assist with morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up!*

## **Spend your 2020 Spring Break in London and Paris!**

**There will be informational meetings for all interested parents and students on Tuesday, September 17 and Tuesday, September 24 in room 508 (just to the left of the library) at 6:00 PM. For your convenience, these are just before back to school night and will end in time for you to get to first block.**

**Contact Mr. Cross at [macross@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:macross@henrico.k12.va.us) or [click this link](#) for more details.**



**SPMS Technology Student Association (TSA) is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year**



**The Technology Student Association is for middle and high school students in the U.S. and internationally. In the U.S. alone, there are over 400,000 middle and high school students who join and compete at the regional, state, and national level. Members integrate science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) concepts through co-curricular activities and competitive events. TSA gives students the opportunity to build knowledge and compete in hands-on challenges to learn and expand on strengths for future careers. SPMS TSA competes at the highest level (Regional, State, and National), and spots are limited. Get your application today!**

- **Applications are located in Mr. Doolidge's room, 403.**
- **September 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for ALL applications.**

## 2019 - 2020 Schedule Information



### Bell Schedule: Day 1/ Day 2

8:05 – 8:35 Report to Block 1  
8:35 – 9:25 Block 1 instruction  
9:25 – 10:03 Advisory  
10:07 – 11:35 Block 2/5  
11:39 – 1:38 Block 3/6  
1:42 – 3:15 Block 4/7

[Click Here](#) to access the Day 1/ Day 2 calendar for the entire 19-20 year.

### Advisory Format:

**Monday: Henrico Learner Profile Lessons (technology and life skills)**

**Tuesday: Directed Study**

**Wednesday: Puma PAWS Lessons (social emotional learning)**

**Thursday: Directed Study**

**Friday: Gear Up and Go Read (silent reading, later in the year we will read a book together as a school)**

### A NOTE FROM THE CLINIC

**IF A STUDENT HAS AN EPI-PEN OR INHALER, PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO THE CLINIC ASAP WITH PAPERWORK.**

### **The PE dept. is in search of loaner uniforms!**

**If you have a child that has outgrown their HCPS PE uniform, please donate it to us! Thank you!**

Got School Spirit? ~ Do you have talent and interest in dance and performing? ~ Are you responsible, dedicated and committed? Consider auditioning for the SPMS Dance Team!

We will be holding a student interest meeting on Thursday, September 19th from 9:30-10am (Advisory). The meeting will be in room 700.

For additional information contact Mrs. Duszak or Mrs. Mayo.



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to school night:  
Tuesday 9/17 @ 6:30
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to school night:  
Tuesday 9/24 @ 6:30
- Student ½ Day: Monday 9/30
- NWEA Testing: Thursday 10/3 Math
- NWEA Testing: Tuesday 10/8 Reading
- Student Holiday: Monday 10/14
- Student ½ Day: Monday 10/28
- Boo Bash Costume Dance:  
Friday 10/25 @ 7:00
- End of Marking Period One:  
Monday 11/4
- Student Holiday and AM Parent  
Teacher Conferences:  
Tuesday 11/5 9:00-12:00
- PM Parent Teacher Conferences:  
Thursday 11/14 4:00-7:00
- Student ½ day: Monday 11/18
- Thanksgiving Break: 11/27-11/29
- Student ½ Day: Monday 12/9
- Winter Break: 12/23-1/3
- Martin Luther King Holiday:  
Monday 1/20
- End of MP 2: Friday 1/24

