



PUMA BLAST



FOR THE WEEK OF: SEPTEMBER 23 - 27

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY 9/23 (DAY 1)

TUESDAY 9/24 (DAY 2) @6:30 PM

7TH AND 8TH GRADE

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 9/25 (DAY 1)

6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP- GROUP 1

THURSDAY 9/26 (DAY 2)

6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP- GROUP 2

FRIDAY 9/27 (DAY 1)

6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP- GROUP 3

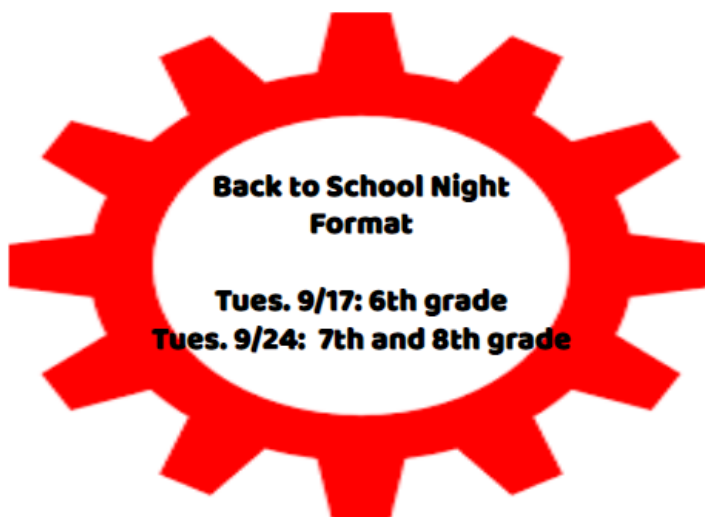


[Click here](#) to access the **SPMS Homework Boards**

Each homework board has a section titled, 'Something to Ask Your Puma'. This is a great way for families to engage your child in conversation!

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~
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THE DROP-OFF LINE IN THE MORNING SEEMS TO BE MUCH SMOOTHER. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE PARENTS PULLING FORWARD AND STUDENTS QUICKLY EXITING FROM THEIR CAR!



**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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6th Grade Field Trip to Maymont

Sixth graders will be traveling to Maymont with their 1st block class during the week of September 23rd. 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.

Group 1

Burks
Stoker
Rettig
Mitat

Group 2

McCarter
Liverman
McKinnon
Whitehead

Group 3

Morrissey
Nguyen
Thorpe
McKee

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

IB Program at Moody Middle School

Mrs. Mayo will be holding an interest meeting for students interested in applying for the IB Program at Moody Middle School. The meeting will take place **during advisory (9:30-10am) on Tuesday, September 24th in room 700**. Applications can be picked up from School Counseling beginning September 18th-November 1st. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Mrs. Mayo, 6th Grade School Counselor.

HCPS Specialty Centers

Attention 8th Graders! There will be a Specialty Center Assembly on **September 24th during Advisory. ALL 8th Graders will attend.** Specialty Center applications will become available online on November 18th and will be due January 17th. To find more information about Specialty Centers, visit <https://henricoschools.us/specialty-centers>

Spend your 2020 Spring Break in London and Paris!

There will be an informational meeting for all interested parents and students on **Tuesday, September 24** in room 508 (just to the left of the library) at 6:00 PM.

For your convenience, this meeting is scheduled prior to the start of 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
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.
- **Wednesday, September 25th** 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)



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Henrico "CTE Now" Podcast will be featuring the SPMS Technology Education program and Mr. Doolidge on October 8th @ 11am. Listen in to hear some of the cool things our Puma's learn with CTE!

<https://anchor.fm/henrico-cte>

Henrico's Career & Technical Education's podcast promotes and educates students and parents about the importance of career and technical education in Henrico County, Virginia and the US. Join Reshawn Garnett and Mike Roberts and find why career and technical education is so important for students now and for their future.

On Thursday, October 3rd and Tuesday, October 8th, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress Growth™ (MAP GROWTH).

[Please click here for more information.](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

- 7th/8th 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

Come support our PUMA Athletes



[Click here for the Fall Sports
Schedule](#)



**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!**