



PUMA BLAST



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9TH

Back to School Student Intent Form

Please complete the intent form by 11:59 PM on Sunday, November 8th

How to access the Student Intent Form:

- The form is located within the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on a web browser (not through the app).
- [Sign in](#) using your PowerSchool Parent Portal username and password.
- Once signed in, locate the menu item called “Access Online Forms”.
- From there, select your student(s) name(s) and follow the instructions on the screen for each student.
- The instructions will point you to a link for “Student Intent 2020-21”.
- Need to create a PowerSchool account?
[Start here for detailed instructions and a how-to video](#)
- If you are unable to access the Student Intent Form through PowerSchool, please contact SPMS.



Puma Families, join us **Tuesday, November 10th 4pm-8pm** at

Mellow Mushroom for our next Spirit Night of the year!

Mellow Mushroom

12171 W Broad Street

Spirit Night includes dine-in, carry-out and online orders.

In order to receive credit, please place your receipt in the jar labeled “SPMS PTSA” at the register.

8th Grade Families



#MissionTomorrow #InspireRVA

All 8th grade students will be attending a virtual “Mission Tomorrow” field trip on November 12th from 10:30am – 12:30pm

8th grade ONLY schedule on 11/12

8:30am – 9:05am Advisory

9:10am – 10:10am 5th block

10:20am – 12:30pm 6th Mission Trip
(replacing 6th and 7th block)

12:30pm - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm – 2:00pm 8th Block

What will in-person learning look like at SPMS?

[Click here for our return to school plan.](#)

[Click here for the sample schedule.](#)



**Plans are subject to change pending results of survey and program needs.*



Scripps and Short Pump Middle School will host classroom spelling bees on November 18-19, 2020, via English Class.

This year’s spelling bee will be virtual, and parents must register their child to participate on the Scripps [website](#), beginning 11/9.

This [video](#) provides steps on how to register.

Please contact your child’s English teacher for more information.

Attention 8th Grade Families

On November 10th, the online Parent Authorization and Waiver form for students to apply to specialty centers will be available in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. This must be completed for students to be able to access the application starting on November 16th.

More information can be found here:

<https://henricoschools.us/hcps-student-applicant-process/>.

**This form will be available for completion until
January 14th at 4:00 p.m.**

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS?

Check in with Mrs. Sharpe if you have questions about Maggie Walker Governor's School, Specialty Centers, Advanced Career Academy, or Code RVA.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons starting November 10th
2:30-3:00 p.m.

[Teams Link](#)



IB Application Deadline Extended Friday, November 13th



To apply, visit the Short Pump Middle School Counseling Schoology course, click on 6th Grade Resources and find the IB folder. Complete the Google Student Information Form link (last item in the folder).

Submissions must be in by 11:59 p.m. on 11/13/2020.



Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad

Are you currently loving your Spanish class and want to be even more involved with the Spanish language and culture? Consider joining the Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad (SHA)!

For details about the SHA and how to apply [click here](#).

Want more information? Attend the Information Session **November 17th at 6:30pm** (teams link in the informational document above).

Questions? Email Mr. Norris at bsnorris@henrico.k12.va.us or Ms. Depue at mmdepue@henrico.k12.va.us





Interested in Code RVA? Take a look at this information on the [school](#) and [internships](#)!

In order to be considered for admission, 8th grade students must have a 2.0 GPA.

Aradhya Mathur typifies the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and is nominated for The Lights of Hope Award.

Aradhya is the model Puma! She has stepped up during this pandemic and has shown love and brotherhood to her fellow man. She founded the local Grub4Scrubs in order to help healthcare providers and has raised over \$4,000 in these financially turbulent times.

[Click here](#) to read her amazing story

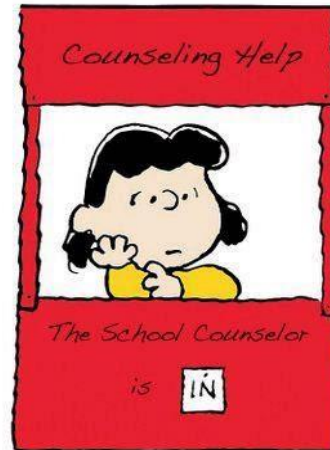
Counselor's Corner

6th Grade: Kellyn Gitomer

7th Grade: Jentae Mayo

8th Grade: Heather Sharpe

**Check out the [SPMS Counseling Website](#)
and our [Bitmoji Counseling Suite!](#)**



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Events:

Ongoing: New Crew Chat and Chew- Lunches with our New Pumas

November 9: Informational session for students and parents posted to [MLWGS site](#)

November 10: Specialty Center Parent Authorization and Waiver form available on PowerSchool Parent Portal

November 12: 8th Grade Mission Tomorrow Virtual Field Trip

November 13: Moody IB Applications Due: Deadline extended (Available on Schoology October 5)

November 16: [Specialty Center](#) Applications Available

November 16-23: Building Relationships in Uncharted Waters Counseling Lessons in Health and PE classes

December 1: Moody IB Writing Prompt for 6th grade student applicants

December 1: [Governor's School](#) Applications Due

December 1: [CodeRVA](#) Open House (Virtual 7:00 p.m.)

December 7-14: Counseling lessons in Health and PE classes

After careful consideration, the decision has been made to cancel winter sports for all HCPS middle schools for this year.

Eighth graders may try out for the JV teams in the following sports: boys' basketball, sideline cheer, wrestling and gymnastics.

The winter season for high school sports begins Monday, December 7th

Please contact Michael Kidd (mjkidd@henrico.k12.va.us), the Director of Student Activities at Deep Run High School, for information on tryouts and required paperwork.

Middle School spring sports will be assessed once we return in February.

If your address has changed or if you have relocated within our SPMS community you need to submit a change of address. You will need all of the following documents:

- Copy of deed, lease, or contract of your new residence
- Copy of your photo ID
- Copy of a utility bill for the new address.

Please send these 3 documents to our registrar, Mrs. Martin, at sjmartin@henrico.k12.va.us

Susan Martin

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SAVE THE DATE!

- 8th grade only: Mission Tomorrow virtual field trip Thursday 11/12 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Student Holiday-Diwali Last day of Quarter One Friday 11/13
- Thanksgiving Holiday Wednesday 11/25 – Friday 11/27
- Winter Break Monday 12/21 – Friday 1/1

Schoology/Teams Backup Plan Directions for Parents/Students

No matter how thoroughly we plan, sometimes technology just doesn't cooperate!
That's why we need a backup plan.

If Schoology or Teams are down, follow these simple steps:

If Teams isn't working:

1. **Check Schoology** to see if your teacher has left a message for the class. If Teams is down county-wide, teachers will create a Google Meet link for the day and post it.
2. If it is **not** a county-wide outage and you are still having trouble, **Email your teacher**.
3. While you wait for your teacher to respond, **complete the warm-up** and any other asynchronous assignments in today's folder in Schoology.

If Schoology isn't working:

1. Go to mail.google.com
2. Log in to your Henrico Google Account using this login information:

Email =

hcps-yourusername@henricostudents.org

Password = the same password you use for your computer

3. Your teacher will respond with directions and a new link for the day.

