



PUMA BLAST



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16TH

New SPMS Office Hours

Beginning Monday, November 16th, our office hours will be streamlined

Mondays	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays		Fridays
<p>By appointment only.</p> <p>Please email or message your teacher for an appointment.</p>	<p>Open Office Hours- Click on the Office Hours link in Schoology and your teacher will be there.</p>		<p>By appointment only.</p> <p>Please email or message your teacher for an appointment.</p>
	<p>2:15 – 2:45</p> <p>World Languages Science Health and PE Math Social Studies</p>	<p>2:45 – 3:15</p> <p>English All Electives</p>	



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

This year's spelling bee will be virtual and parents must register their child to participate on the Scripps [website](#). Participating students must be registered by November 16, 2020 @ 11:59pm.

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

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

Marking Period 1 Ends on
Friday, November 13, 2020



Marking Period 1 Grades will
report on Parent Portal on
Tuesday, November 24,
2020.

***Paper report cards will not
be distributed***

**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.*

A festive banner for Diwali. The background is dark purple with a red mandala pattern. At the top center is the SPMS logo. Below it, the text 'Happy Diwali' is written in white, with two lit diya lamps on either side. At the bottom, three lit diya lamps are shown. On the right side, there is a yellow box with the following text: 'The Multi-Cultural Club would like to invite you to celebrate Diwali on Monday, November 16th from 3:00-4:00 pm.' Below this, another yellow box says: 'If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gonzalez'. At the bottom right, a yellow box contains the email address 'jsgonzalez@henrico.k12.va.us'.

The Multi-Cultural Club would like to invite you to celebrate Diwali on Monday, November 16th from 3:00-4:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gonzalez

jsgonzalez@henrico.k12.va.us



Pumas,
If you are interested in learning about other cultures and want a safe place to share your own, please email Mr. Gonzalez.

jsgonzalez@Henrico.k12.va.us

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](#)

Attention 8th Grade Families

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

Click [here](#) for a video about the application process!

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.**



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

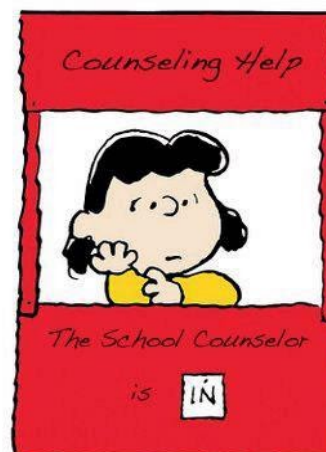
Counselor's Corner

6th Grade: Kellyn Gitomer

7th Grade: Jentae Mayo

8th Grade: Heather Sharpe

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



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!

- Student Holiday-Diwali
Last day of Quarter One
Friday 11/13
- Marking Period One grades will post to PowerSchool Portal
Tuesday 11/24
- 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.

