



# PUMA BLAST



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

Marking Period 1 Ended 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\*

Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
SPMS will be open to the public **only** for computer repair from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm



## New SPMS Teacher Office Hours

Beginning Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, our office hours were 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 World Languages Science Health and PE Math Social Studies</p>	<p>2:45 – 3:15 English All Electives</p>	

## **Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families**

**On November 10th, the online Parent Authorization and Waiver form for students to apply to specialty centers became available in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.**

**This must be completed for students to be able to access the application starting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**[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 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

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 7<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Michael Kidd ([mjkidd@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto: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.



**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](mailto:jsgonzalez@Henrico.k12.va.us)

## 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](#).

Applications are due Tuesday, November 24th at 3pm.  
Applications can be found in the informational document above.

Questions? Email Mr. Norris at [bsnorris@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:bsnorris@henrico.k12.va.us) or Ms. Depue at [mmdepue@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto: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.

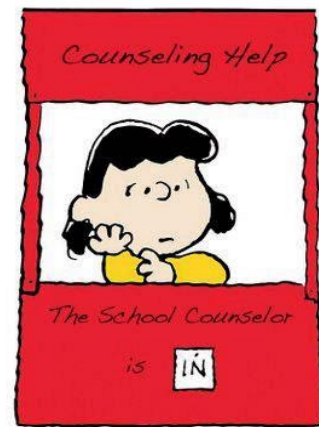
### Counselor's Corner

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor: Kellyn Gitomer**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor: Jentae Mayo**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor: 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 16-23: Building Relationships in Uncharted Waters Counseling Lessons in Health and PE classes

December 1: Moody IB Writing Prompt for 6<sup>th</sup> 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



## THE Writing Prompt Date <sup>3</sup>

# December 11th

## 9:00 am start\*

## Makeups: December 16th

More details will follow before  
Thanksgiving holiday.

\*Counselors are encouraged to have students join their Writing Prompt Teams link at 8:30 to get everyone settled, accounted for, devices working, bathroom run, etc.



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

- Marking Period One grades will post to PowerSchool Portal  
Tuesday 11/24
- Thanksgiving Holiday  
Wednesday 11/25 – Friday 11/27
- 11/30 – 12/4 SPMS will be open to the public only for computer repair.
- Winter Break  
Monday 12/21 – Friday 1/1