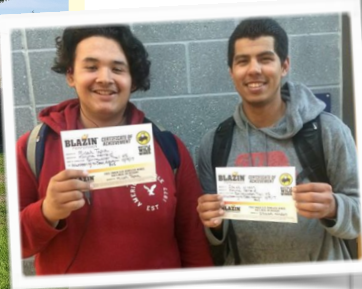


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Principal's Message

Dear Springwater community,

November is here and we all survived the week of Halloween! Springwater's volleyball team remains undefeated as we head into our fourth week of the season.

Last week was "post high school planning week." Activities included: attending the National College Fair at the Convention Center in Portland, applying for MHCC, PCC, and Oregon Promise scholarships, becoming "Instant Vikings" (immediate acceptance to PSU), and listening to information about the Ford Asset Program at MHCC. In addition to activities and guest speakers related to life after high school, we continue to offer field trips and opportunities for students to engage and give back in their community. Last week students traveled to Pleasant Valley Elementary to assist elementary students in habitat restoration near their school. On November 17th, students will volunteer at JOIN: a non-profit supporting individuals and families battling homelessness.

We hope you will join us at our parent/teacher conferences the week of Thanksgiving: 4:30pm-8pm on Tuesday, November 21st or 7:15am - 10:45am on Wednesday, November 22nd. And as always, call or email with questions or concerns.

-Ryan Blaszak

Mark your Calendar

Nov 7 Volleyball Game 5pm
Nov 10 Veterans Day - NS
Nov 14 Volleyball Game 4pm & 5pm
Nov 15 Senior Meeting 1pm
Nov 17 JOIN Field Trip - Lurie's Class
Nov 21 Parent Conferences
4:30pm-8pm
Nov 22 Parent Conferences
7:15am-10:45am
Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving - NS
Nov 28 Site Council Meeting 7am
Nov 28 Volleyball Game 4pm & 5pm
Dec 5 Volleyball Game 5pm
Dec 8 Winter Dance
Dec 19 Site Council Meeting 7am
Dec 20 -Jan 2 Winter Break

Check our school website to stay informed of all the important dates during the school year. Just view the calendar on the home page. You can also view the weekly announcements under News & Information.

MEDICATION

REMINDER!

School personnel may not give children medication without written permission from the parent/guardian and doctor. Parents must bring the medication to the school office and complete the required district form before the medication can be given. Students may never transport medication. Prescription medication must be prepared and labeled by a pharmacist at the direction of a physician. The district requires a signed permission form and instructions from the student's parent, which includes: name of student, name of medication, route, dosage and frequency of administration will be needed. Prescription medication must remain in the original container from the pharmacy or doctor's office. Nonprescription medication must be brought to school in original container or packaging, and must follow recommended guidelines for dosage. Nonprescription medication means only commercially prepared, non-alcohol based medication to be taken during school hours that is necessary for the student to remain in school.

Winter Dance - December 8th

Springwater's winter dance is scheduled for Friday, December 8, from 7-9 pm in the cafeteria. Formal dressing is NOT required. Please wear what you feel comfortable in. Procedures for Guest Passes

In order for a Springwater student to bring a non-Springwater guest to our dances, a guest pass form must be completed and turned into Mr. Blaszak for approval by 3:00 pm on Thursday December 7th. It is then the student's job to return and pick it up. The completed guest pass must be presented at the time the ticket is purchased during lunches the week of the dance. Guest pass forms are available in the main office starting Monday, November 27. No guests younger than 9th grade or 21 and older are permitted at Springwater dances. In addition, faxing the form to or from our school office is not allowed. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the required signatures.

Día de los Muertos

Spanish students did a cultural activity to learn about the Day of the Dead (El Día de los Muertos) which is a traditional celebration throughout Mexico and Central America on Nov. 1 and 2. The custom dates back to pre-Hispanic times, and is a way to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed on. Our study is in no way religious, but instead an exploration of the differences in traditions, especially between Halloween and Day of the Dead. The celebration in those Spanish-speaking countries is lively, joyful, and fun. The ancient idea is that the spirits of ancestors and loved ones can cross the barrier between worlds on that day of the year, and return to see and hear the people they left behind. For this reason the atmosphere is not sad, but festive, to welcome the spirits and show them a good time. Part of the tradition is to decorate a place in the home with flowers, candles, and things that the honored spirits enjoyed in life.



Teddy Bear Parade video now online

You can watch the 35th annual Soroptimist of Gresham Teddy Bear Parade on Youtube! The parade took place on September 30, 2017 in downtown Gresham. Our school was proud to march in the event!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=Zf33tN9B-k

Parent Teacher Conferences

We would like to invite you all to attend Parent Teacher Conferences on November 21st from 4:30-8pm or November 22nd from 7:15-10:45am. Conferences are a open house style. Please feel free to drop in anytime. This is a great opportunity to meet your students teachers and pick up 12 week grades. Translation services are available.

Student Spotlight

November 2017



Student: Jonah Knoke

Spotlight:
Helped cement our relationship with Pleasant Valley School
Grade: 12

Interests: Video games

Favorite subject in school: PE

Favorite thing about STHS: The people

Hobby outside of school: Playing video games



Student: Devin Napier Hamann

Spotlight:
Helped cement our relationship with Pleasant Valley School
Grade: 12

Interests: Cars
Favorite subject

in school: Math

Favorite thing about STHS: The teachers are so open

Hobby outside of school: Cars and riding my bike



Student: Arynne McNamara

Spotlight:
Helped cement our relationship with Pleasant Valley School
Grade: 11

Interests: Sports
Favorite subject

in school: Math

Favorite thing about STHS: The community

Hobby outside of school: Sports



Student: Albert Castillo

Spotlight:
Helped cement our relationship with Pleasant Valley School
Grade: 11

Interests:
Basketball

Favorite subject in school: Physics

Favorite thing about STHS: Getting the help I need

Hobby outside of school: Fixing computers



Student: Zachary Bowen

Spotlight:
Helped cement our relationship with Pleasant Valley School
Grade: 11

Interests:
Basketball

Favorite subject in school: History

Favorite thing about STHS: Good people

Hobby outside of school: Basketball



Student: Emily Monteith

Spotlight:
Helped cement our relationship with Pleasant Valley School
Grade: 12

Interests: Art and Volleyball

Favorite subject in school: Math

Favorite thing about STHS: The school in general

Hobby outside of school: Reading