



# HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL



## Hawk Happenings – September 2024

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### Important Dates in September

- 9/2: Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- 9/3: FFA Parent Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- 9/4: HOME Volleyball v. Oak View @ 4:00 pm  
PTSA Spirit Night at Cilantro Tacos 4:00-8:00 pm
- 9/5: OPEN HOUSE
- 9/9: Morning Mile Club Begins @ 7:30 am  
HOME Volleyball v. Lincoln @ 4:00 pm
- 9/10: FFA Student Meeting *until* 3:30 pm
- 9/11: Elementary Chess Club
- 9/17: School Advisory Council @ 2:30 pm
- 9/18: EARLY RELEASE Wednesday @ 12:53  
Jr. Beta Meeting – 1:00-2:00 pm  
AWAY Volleyball v. Kanapaha @ 4:00 pm
- 9/19: Middle School Chess Club  
Yearbook Meeting
- 9/23: HOME **GIRLS** Volleyball v. Hawthorne @ 4:00 pm
- 9/25: AWAY Volleyball v. Ft. Clarke @ 4:00 pm
- 9/26: Elementary Chess Club  
Boosterthon Kick-Off Day
- 9/30: HOME Volleyball v. Westwood @ 4:00 pm

### Middle School Sports

**Volleyball** season began on August 28<sup>th</sup> with victories for both the boys and girls against Mebane. We are excited to have both of our teams under the direction of Coach (Officer) Sayers. Please come out and support both teams. You can find a schedule of games on our HSCS website.

### Do you want to volunteer?

Volunteers must complete an application every year. Go to our school website: [www.sbac.edu/highsprings](http://www.sbac.edu/highsprings) and click on the volunteer tab to complete the application. Volunteers must have an approved application to help in the classroom, attend class parties or go on field trips.

### PTSA News

This year's Boosterthon Kick-Off Day is September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Boosterthon Fun Run/Color Run will be held October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our first SPIRIT NIGHT will be held at Cilantro Tacos on September 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm.

### Elementary Media News from Mrs. Sumner

#### *SSYRA Reading for Pleasure Program!*

The SSYRA program is for third and fourth grade readers. Most of the titles are in, however supply is limited so I encourage students to also visit the [public library](#). The public library has multiple copies of the titles. Several are available as ebooks and a few are available as audiobooks.

Who selects these titles- A group of media specialists who are members of our professional organization (FAME) along with a representative from the DOE read a hundred recommended books, discuss, and develop a list of fifteen for third-fifth and fifteen for sixth-eighth. They develop lists that have a balance of reading level and genres to make a list that will appeal to a wide audience.

How it works- Students read the book and then take a quiz with me. Students can take quizzes with me before school starts when I am not on duty, when I am not teaching other classes, during media class when time allows and after school. I email the classroom teacher with the student name/book title/score.

Incentives- Brag Tags were popular last year and so I purchased these as well as the necklaces. Unfortunately, I am unable to replace lost tags.

Bookmark- Upon passing the first quiz a student receives a SSYRA bookmark with a list of all 15 books with a space to check them off as they read and pass each quiz.

SSYRA Bulletin Board- Students build a "chain" of titles they have read after passing each quiz. These will be displayed in our Media Center windows.

Poster- Students who read ten books will receive a poster.

T-Shirt- Those that read all fifteen will earn the SSYRA t-shirt. These readers are announced on the morning news.

Celebration! - In May we will celebrate all readers of five or more titles (from the current year) at a TBD time when they will also vote for their favorite book!

What about younger readers? SSYRA Jr. is our program for K-2nd graders. The students who read these books and take a quiz with me, will receive the necklace and brag tag for that book.





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Please plan to join us on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for Open House!

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

There will be a Title I Parent Meeting beginning at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria. All elementary families are welcome to attend!



During the week of September 16<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup>, High Springs Community School will do our part in helping students recognize warning signs of loneliness and spread awareness of acceptance and inclusion by participating in Start with Hello Week. Start with Hello is a program created by Sandy Hook Promise that works to end school shootings and create a culture change that prevents violence and other harmful acts that hurt children. Activities will be done throughout the week to support the cause. Students and staff are encouraged to wear green on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> as a symbol of unity, inclusivity, and solidarity with Sandy Hook Promise. For more parent information please visit:

<https://sandyhookpromise.app.box.com/s/lik4zuf1uffwsmo08ovwxtfchakkddm>.



Students should not be dropped off before 7:30 am. Teachers and Staff are not on duty prior to 7:30 am. This is a change from last year!

Crosswalks should be used when moving from any parking lot onto campus. Crossing through the drop-off/pick-up lanes during morning and afternoon dismissal should be avoided.

In the mornings, K-3 students and any older siblings (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) are to be dropped off at the elementary front car drop-off area. This area is under the overhang in front of the student services building. Students should not be dropped off before the vehicle they are riding in gets to this point. All other 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students without younger siblings should be dropped off at the back car drop off area. If you are parking and walking your K-3 student, please park in the front of the campus. K-3 students should not be dropped off nor be walked onto campus from the bus loop area.

No animals, including dogs, are allowed on campus at any time unless they meet the requirements set forth by the School Board's policy (8390) as it relates to classroom animals or service animals.

### FAST Testing



All students will be receiving ELA and Math FAST PM #1 results once testing is completed at the end of September. If you have questions about interpreting the results, please contact your student's teacher.

Progress Monitoring #2 and #3 results for all grades, K-8, will be posted in Skyward Family Access



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