

SSHS



SPANISH SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

December 14 - Snow Day

December 15 - 0,1st, 2nd period Final

December 16 - 0,4th, 5th, 7th period Final

December 17 - 3rd, 6th period Final

December 18 - No school/End of the Semester

December 21 - January 9th - Winter Break

January 4-8 - Winter Intersession

January 11 - Start of 2nd Semester



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COUGAR TRACKS



On the lookout...

Please talk to your students about using the crosswalks as they are walking to and from school. Both Eagle Canyon Dr. and Alena Way are extremely busy roads as students are coming to and from school. For your students safety please ensuring that they are using the crosswalks. School Police will also be patrolling around our school and will be writing tickets for students jay-walking. Thanks for helping us ensure the safety of all of our students.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL: Tammy Hart

It's hard to believe the first half of the year is nearly completed with students taking final exams soon, which means that the second semester will be underway. The common goal among staff and teachers, which I hope we can all collectively be a part of, is ensuring our students attend school every day. This equates to students passing their classes and earning the necessary credits, which puts them on the pathway of obtaining a high school diploma.

Your role as parents/guardians play an integral part in this process. Please continue to work with your students to develop academic habits, such as establishing time for doing homework and studying for exams. Parents/Guardians should encourage students to self-advocate for help when in need of assistance by either speaking with their teachers, counselors or administrators.

Thank you for your support in your child's education as we grow as a team from your involvement in your student's success. Feel free to bring your questions and concerns to us regarding your child's progress. We are here to help in any way to be certain all students are given every opportunity to be successful.

Enjoy the upcoming winter break!

Best Regards,

Tammy L. Hart
Principal

Finals Schedule Update

Tuesday (12/15) and Thursday (12/17) Final Exams Bell Schedule

7:00 – 7:55am – Zero Periods
8:00 – 9:40am – 1st Exam
9:40 – 9:50am – Break
9:50 – 9:55am – Passing
9:55 – 11:35am – 2nd Exam

Wednesday (12/16) Final Exams Bell Schedule

7:00 – 7:55am – Zero Periods
8:00 – 9:41am – 1st Period Final
9:41 – 9:48am – Passing
9:48 – 11:29am – 2nd Period Final
11:29 – 11:59am – LUNCH
11:29 – 12:04pm – passing
12:04 – 1:45pm – 7th Period Final

Friday (12/18)

Teacher Work Day - No School for Students.

CURRICULUM

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK IN CHARGE OF CURRICULUM – Ms. JENNIFER RITCH:

Finals Week will be Monday, December 14th – Thursday, December 17th.

Tuesday will be finals 0 period, 1st, and 2nd

Wednesday will be 0 period, 4th, 5th, and 7th (school will end at 1:45 pm)

Thursday will be 3rd and 6th

Tuesday and Thursday will be half day classes, and school will get out at 11:35 each day

Winter Break:

The dates of Winter Break will be Friday, December 18th through Sunday, January 10th.

Winter Intersession:

The Winter Intersession will be offered to students currently enrolled in an A+ course(s) who need to finish by January. There will also be some Mastery Exam tests, in some courses, if a student received an F in the course. Please see the Counselor for further information.

Second Semester:

Second Semester will begin on Monday, January 11th. It will be an A schedule Day.

TESTING/ACCREDITATION

FROM THE DESK OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Mrs. Wendy Hawkins

Testing news:

When will I receive my assessment results?

- 12th grade students who participated in the October 2015 High School Proficiency Examinations (HSPE) will receive scores within 6-8 weeks of administration. This would be mid-December to early January. Students will be notified by their counselors with their results.
- 11th grade students who participated in the Spring 2015 End of Course (EOC) examinations should be receiving results in mid-January.

What assessments are coming up?

- January 2016 - 9th grade students MAP testing
- Beginning January 2016 - English Language Learners- English Language Proficiency Examination
- February 8th-12th - 12th grade students HSPE retake.
- March 1st- ACT exam for all 11th grade students

ATTENDANCE

FROM THE DESK OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Mr. Jason Urmston

Tardy Students-

Students who are late to class are missing out on valuable educational time. Therefore, starting December 1st, Spanish Springs will be instituting a new progressive tardy policy. This policy provides a system of progressive consequences for students who are habitually late to class. Consequences will range from lunch detentions to suspensions requiring parent meetings. Tardiness has too much of a negative impact on student education and school culture to not be addressed.

Delayed Starts-

Remember to listen for district notification if there is going to be a delayed start at our school. There is no Zero period on delayed start days, and most of the delays are 2 hours, so school will usually start at 10 o'clock with an adjusted bell schedule.

Attendance-

Please remember to call in when your student is not coming to school. It is important for the school to document all reasons students do not attend. Parents and guardians have 3 days to get excuses in before those absences count against a student's attendance. The district has a 90% attendance rule for students to receive credit in classes. At Spanish Springs, this means a student can lose credit for 5 unexcused absences in periods 1 through 6, 8 absences in 7th and 8th period, and 10 absences in 0 period. Students who would like to earn credit beyond this point are subject to an appeals process.

Student Drop Off-

Please remember that the morning drop off zone for students is on the north side of the school near our commons/cafeteria area, not the front of the school. The commons area gates are open, and it is a short walk to get in the building. When cars stop in the front of the school, they back up traffic and cause congestion.

STUDENT RELATIONS OFFICE

FROM THE DESK OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Ms. Joni Miller

Parents, this is the time of year when we need to remind our students about the rules and help them focus their efforts in the classroom on making sure their final grades are as high as possible. Please remind them that all of school rules are posted in the front of their student planner. If they have any questions or need clarification, they can come by the SRO office.

As it gets colder outside, we are seeing an increase number of students wearing their hats inside. Please remind your students that they need to remove their hats as they enter the building. If they need a locker to place their hat in, they can come to SRO office and request a locker and one will be assigned to them.

Finally, please remind your students that all Washoe County School campuses are no smoking zones. Smoking cigarettes or e-cigarettes on school property will result in a disciplinary action that is progressive in nature. Students in violation of this rule may be required to attend a WCSD Smoking Intervention class at Pine Middle School from 7-9pm with a parent/guardian.

Thanks for such a great semester. We will be looking forward to an awesome spring.

ATHLETICS

FROM THE DESK OF ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – Mr. Art Anderson

2015-2016 SSHS Calendar

The Spanish Springs Athletics and Activities Calendar is located at nnd1.org and is available in mobile applications.

2015-2016 Athletic Clearance Packet

The 2015-2016 Athletic Clearance Packet is now available on the SSHS website under Athletics.

2015-2016 WCSD Athletic Fee

Please note that the 2015-2016 WCSD Athletic Fee has increased to \$75.00

2015-2016 SSHS Coach Roster

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION E-MAIL ADDRESS

Athletic Administrator	Jennifer Ritch	(424-7028)	JRitch@washoeschools.net
Athletic Director	Art Anderson	(424-7025)	ADAnderson@washoeschools.net
Athletic Secretary	Kim Sterett	(424-7114)	KSterett@washoeschools.net
Athletic Trainer	Jason Klonicke	(690-0391)	JKlonicke@washoeschools.net

FALL SPORTS

	HEAD COACH		
Cheer	Gina Allen	(287-0792)	cabodude@sbcglobal.net
Cross Country (B & G)	Ron Cross	(843-8114)	RCross@washoeschools.net
Football	Eric Borja	(842-0185)	EBorja@washoeschools.net
Golf (Girls)	Mike Bosco	(354-8872)	MBosco@washoeschools.net
Soccer (Boys)	Winston Mora	(232-8935)	winstonjmora@yahoo.com
Soccer (Girls)	Mike Faker	(742-7553)	MFaker@washoeschools.net
Tennis (Boys)	Brian Thompson	(240-1840)	BThompson@washoeschools.net
Tennis (Girls)	Lynn Rapp	(762-4066)	LRapp@washoeschools.net
Volleyball	Frank Sandomenico	(626-0369)	FSandomenico@washoeschools.net

WINTER SPORTS

	HEAD COACH		
Cheer	Gina Allen	(287-0792)	cabodude@sbcglobal.net
Basketball (Boys)	Kyle Penney	(240-4991)	KPenney@washoeschools.net
Basketball (Girls)	Arturo Cardenas	(741-7031)	arturoccardenas@gmail.com
Rifle	Wade Mendenhall	(424-7245)	WMendenhall@washoeschools.net
Ski	Brett Weible	(813-0161)	BWeible@washoeschools.net
Wrestling	Joe Imelli	(473-8311)	JImelli@washoeschools.net

SPRING SPORTS

	HEAD COACH		
Baseball	Ben Hofmann	(424-7116)	BHofmann@washoeschools.net
Golf (Boys)	Nick Wirshing	(424-7325)	NWirshing@washoeschools.net
Softball	Jeff Davidson	(848-6467)	jdavidson@datstrucking.com
Swimming (B & G)	Ted Branson	(544-1784)	TBranson@washoeschools.net
Track & Field (B & G)	Winston Mora	(232-8935)	winstonjmora@yahoo.com

Fall Sports Major Accomplishments:

Boys Cross Country earned the High Desert League Championship (first in school history), they were 3rd Place in Region Championship (which qualified them for the State Championship for the first time in school history) and they were 2nd Place in the State Championship.

Girls Soccer earned the High Desert League Championship and Head Coach Mike Faker was honored with Coach of the Year. Student, Makayla Long, was Offensive Player of the Year.

Student Collegiate Signings:

Ryan Anderson (Baseball) = University of Nevada, Reno

Hayley Fein (Softball) = California State University, Monterey Bay

Bailey Ivory (Softball) = Caldwell University, New Jersey

ROTC Drill team won first place overall at the SSHS Cougar Drill Meet.

ROTC Raider Team won first place overall at the Douglas High School Inaugural Raider Challenge.

ROTC Rifle team is currently undefeated at 6-0.

ACCREDITATION

Spanish Springs High School needs your feedback for accreditation!

Accreditation is a process that all high schools must go through every five years in order to retain their accreditation status. Essentially what that means, is that an outside agency closely analyzes several different aspects within the school to determine if the school meets accreditation standards. There are five standards that the external review agency focuses on; purpose and direction, governance and leadership, teaching and assessing for learning, resources and support systems, and using results for continuous improvement. Within each of those five standards there are several indicators used to break down the standards further for assessment by the external agency.

The great thing about the accreditation process is that it creates an open space for dialogue about how well the school is meeting the needs of students. It gives parents, students, teachers, and administrators the opportunity to voice their opinion about what is and isn't working to promote student achievement. The information collected from the accreditation process is used to build the school's improvement plan for the next five years. This is why it is so important to hear the voice of students and parents. It is the goal and mission of each teacher and administrator at Spanish Springs High School to help students succeed. Without the valuable feedback of parents and students, we won't be able to create the best school improvement plan possible. Please take the time to complete the online survey and voice your opinion. We need your feedback to make Spanish Springs High School the best it can be.

- Parent Survey: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/8464489>
- Student Survey: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/8213831>

The link to the online survey can also be found on the school website's homepage under "current info".
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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NIAA MASTER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR, 2015-2016

AUGUST, 2015

- 8-12 **FOOTBALL heat acclimatization period**
10-23 Dead Periods for Winter & Spring Sports
13 First Day of Non-Contact Football
15 First Day of Practice for Fall Sports
17 First Day of Contact Practice for Football
17 Deadline Winter Sports Transfers/Appeals
17-21 Winter Sport Level II Appeals
22 First Day for Football Scrimmages
25 First Possible Day for Football Contests
27 First Possible Day for Fall Sport Contests

OCTOBER, 2015

- 5 Half way point of Fall Sport Season
6-14 I/I-A Region B/G Tennis - Team
12-17 I/I-A Region B/G Tennis – Individuals
12-15 III State Girls Golf – TBA dep. # schools
12-15 I/I-A League/Region Girls Golf
19-22 I/I-A State Girls Golf, S
22-24 I/I-A State B/G Tennis, S
29-31 I/I-A/III League/Region B/G Cross Country
30/31 I-A South Football, Region Quarterfinals

NOVEMBER, 2015

- 3-7 I/I-A Region B/G Soccer (III-Soc TBA)
3-7 I/I-A Region Girls Volleyball
6/7 IV Football, League Playoffs
III Football, League Playoffs
I-A Football, Region Semifinals
I Football, N-SS Region Quarterfinals
6-7 III/IV League/Region Volleyball
7 I/I-A/III State B/G Cross Country, N
13-14 All State Girls Volleyball, S
13/14 IV Football, State Semifinals
III Football, State Semifinals
I-A Football, State Semifinals
I Football, N-SS Region Semis / SR Quarter.
13-14 I/I-A State B/G Soccer, N (III-Soc TBA)
7-20 Dead Periods for Fall & Spring Sports
14 First Day of Practice for Winter Sports
20 I Football, N-SS Region Finals / SR Semis.
21 I-A/III/IV State Football, N
26 First Possible Day for Winter Sport Contests
28 I Football N-SS State Semifinals / SR Final
30 Deadline Spring Sports Transfers/Appeals

DECEMBER, 2015

- 11/30-4 Spring Sport Level II Appeals
5 I State Football, S
28 Half way point of Winter Sport Season

JANUARY, 2016

FEBRUARY – MARCH, 2016

- 1/31-4 I/I-A Region B/G Bowling
5 State B/G Bowling, S
5-6 I/I-A/III League/Region Wrestling
12-13 I/I-A/III State Wrestling, S
16-20 I/I-A Region B/G Basketball
17-20 III/IV League/Region B/G Basketball
25-27 All State B/G Basketball, N
19-3/5 Dead Period for Fall & Winter Sports
TBA I State B/G Skiing, N
27 First Day of Practice for Spring Sports

MARCH, 2016

- 10 First Possible Day for Spring Contests

APRIL, 2016

- 11 Half way point of Spring Sport Season
25 Top 10 Banquet, N
27 Top 10 Banquet, S

MAY, 2016

- 6-14 I/I-A Region B/G Track
9-12 I/I-A/III League/Region Boys Golf
10-13 I/I-A Region Boys Volleyball
10-14 I/I-A Region Baseball
10-14 I/I-A Region Softball
12-14 I/I-A Region B/G Swimming
III/IV League/Region Baseball
III/IV League/Region Softball
12-14 III/IV League/Region B/G Track
15 Deadline Fall Sports Transfers/Appeals
16-20 Fall Sport Level II Appeals
16-19 I/I-A/III State Boys Golf, S
17-20 I State Boys Volleyball, S
19-21 All State Baseball, N
19-21 All State Softball, N
20-21 All State B/G Track, N
21 I/I-A State B/G Swimming, S
30 Memorial Day

JUNE, 2016

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