Message from the Principal:

I want to thank you for your attendance at our annual Back-To-School Night on Thursday, September 12th. As we move forward during the first marking period, I am pleased to observe how engaged our students are in their academics. As you know, SPHS is a high-performing school and I am always impressed how our students make their education a priority. Please encourage your child to stay involved with their academics, as well as pursue extra-curricular interests (such as clubs, sports, dance, music, art, etc.). Students who are connected to the school experience more success! Additionally, we will continue to support the mental health of our Falcons through our STAR (Students Taking Action Responsibly) program. Our PTSO is an avid supporter of the STAR program, and we will host various STAR Lecture Series Parent Nights throughout the year. Stay tuned for Connect Ed emails with information related to STAR.

As we move throughout this school year, we will continue to hold Advisory each Friday (30-minute class following first period) which is predicated on the belief that every adolescent should have at least one adult at school to act as the student’s advocate. Our Advisory program is designed to deal directly with the affective needs of our students. Research shows that when Advisory programs are effectively implemented, it can be an important factor in supporting student learning by promoting opportunities for social development, creating a small, caring community of learners, assisting students with academic problems, facilitating positive involvement between and among teachers, students and staff, providing an adult advocate for each student in school, and promoting a positive school climate. Effective programs have proven to reduce absenteeism, dropouts and discipline problems and raise academic achievement. At SPHS, we continue to build positive and enduring relationships in order to promote academic achievement and student growth. The SPHS Advisory program will touch on topics such as: Signature (Business Innovation and Leadership), Character Education, STAR theme of “Together We Can,” college information, career exploration, specific grade level class information, Study Hall, and scheduling for 2020-2021.
Congratulations to Virginia Babcock, Steven Engel, Stephen Horman, Maya Kang, Hyun Lee, Tyler Liberto, Matthew Mangano, Corinne Martin, Eric McAlexander, Abigail Omer, Jacob Russell, Akshay Shah, Jacob Shirey and Cameron Zaniker for earning a Letter of Commendation for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Congratulations to Allison Chang and Callista Fuhrmann for earning National Merit Semi-Finalist status!

Check out our school website at www.severnaparkhigh.org for all your Falcon needs.

Thank you again for your support as we move forward with our Tradition of Excellence!

Mr. Patrick J. Bathras
Principal, Severna Park High School
Please visit our website at www.sphscounselingcenter.com

If school is closed and you or someone you know is in crisis, please call the Anne Arundel County Warmline:
410.768.5522 or 911

College application season is upon us!
We have 100+ admission representatives come through the College Career Center each fall!
Check out the full list of scheduled representatives and sign up for visits on Naviance!
Counselors visited senior English classes in September to give further instructions on how to complete college applications through Naviance.
All instructions can be found in the “Document Resources” section at the bottom of your Naviance home page.

Counseling Center Appointments

For Students: Please come to the Counseling Center to fill out an appointment slip located on the student desk. After you fill the form out, place it in your School Counselor’s mailbox on their office door. Every effort will be made to see you within 48 hours. If you have an emergency and need immediate assistance, please let Mrs. Burge Yates, Secretary or Mrs. Besche, Registrar know. They will connect you with a counselor immediately.

For Parents: Please call or email your child’s School Counselor directly to make an appointment. We are not able to accommodate walk in appointments.

Counseling Center Staff
School Counselors are assigned to students based on last name.
For staff bios and contact information, please visit our website.

Mrs. Pastine: A – Col
Ms. Shaughnessy: Com – Gra
Mr. Yi: Gre – Lej
Mrs. Nichols: Lek – Per
Mrs. Ruhf: Pes – Ste
Mrs. Brown: Sti – Z
Mrs. Levy: School Psychologist
Mrs. Jackson: College & Career
Mrs. Burge-Yates: Secretary
Mrs. Besche: Registrar
Mr. Connolly: Test Coordinator

Mrs. Henderson: PPW

Office Hours
7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
(p) 410.544.7591    (f) 410.315.9973
www.sphscounselingcenter.com
AP EXAMS
All AP students should have joined their online AP classes in the first couple weeks of school. As a reminder, students will need to decide by November 1st, if they will take the exam in the Spring. Registration and payment information will go out in the first week of October and will be due by November 1st. Due to new College Board regulations, there will be a $40 fee per exam for any exam ordered after November 15th and absolutely no exams can be ordered after March 13th. There are no waitlists, so please consider carefully when deciding whether to take the exam. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Connolly.

PSAT/NMSQT
All 11th grade students will be offered the chance to take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 16 at no cost. This is a normal school day. Students will either test in our Auditorium or Auxiliary gym and will be assigned alphabetically. Score reports should be back in January.

HSA/MISA/PARCC(Now MCAP)
Re-tests will be given from the beginning of December through the end of January. As of August 21, 2019, all students must pass the Algebra 1 and English 10 PARCC exams or receive a combined score of 1450. All students must also pass the Government HSA exam. Finally, they must also participate in the Biology HSA or MISA (Science) exam which will be offered this Spring. They can also meet a combined score of 794 or 1206 for these exams.

The December/January round of testing is geared toward students who are finishing the course after the first semester, who have failed an exam in the past, or who have not met a combined score option. All efforts should be made to attend exams on their scheduled date.

Remediation is being offered for all testing areas by both appointment through departments and on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:10-3:00 p.m. Students should seek remediation if they have failed a test and have not received assistance for improvement.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS
Just a reminder that end of semester exams have been replaced with Quarterly exams. There will be no altered schedule for testing.

SAT: October 5, November 2, December 7, March 14, March 25 (All Juniors at SPHS), May 2 and June 6 (Location: SPHS)
FALL is COLLEGE APPLICATION time!

Feeling overwhelmed or frustrated?

Come to the College Career Center  
Open most days: 10:40-1:00 *(during lunches)*

**REMEMBER KNOW DEADLINES** for each school you are applying to.

DO NOT wait for the application deadline! Get them in early!

$$$ TIDBITS:

- Complete the FAFSA *(opens October 1)*
- Know each colleges’ financial aid deadline
- Know whether scholarship consideration is automatically processed with the application OR if there is a separate application or requirements
- Look at the major you are considering for specific department or major scholarships

46 College Admission Representatives visited in September.

*October’s schedule is full of many more great schools.*

Some September School Spotlights:

**Capitol Technology University** in Laurel, MD

- Engineering, computer sciences, information technologies, & business
- Some PLTW classes transfer to college credit
- Up to $20K scholarship for robotics
- 90-day job guarantee in your field – get 30 credits for free

**The University of Richmond** in Richmond, VA

- Up to $4K for summer internship in your career exploration field

**Saint Joseph’s University** in Philadelphia, PA

- Women in Science & Math Scholarship
- Only university in the nation with an autism study
College Visits &
SPHS Attendance

In order for college visits to be excused absences, students need to obtain a letter from the college; the letter needs to be on college letterhead and include the student’s name and the date/s of the visit.

College visits lasting more than one school day need to be approved in advance by the student’s administrator (assistant principal). Students should meet with their administrator one week before the planned visit.

Mrs. Abruzzo        Dr. Jones
Ms. Rishert         Mrs. Cassarino

In addition, student-athletes should see assistant principal Mrs. Abruzzo prior to their college visit if they are planning to practice or play the same day.
Severna Park High School
Entrepreneur Fair
Oct. 24, 2019
7:30-10:30 a.m.

Presenters are needed to share their entrepreneurial journey with high school students. The format will consist of groups of students rotating around stations in the school cafeteria every 10 minutes. The speaker can share information about a specific product, company, personal journey, or engage students in an interactive activity.

For more information, or to volunteer as a presenter, contact JoAnne Brack, Severna Park High School Signature Program Facilitator, jbrack@aacps.org, 410-544-0900.
Please Join the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)

Money raised by the SPHS Parent Teacher Student Organization enhances every student’s educational experience. The PTSO funds items and events designed to improve the quality of education that are not covered by the county school budget.

Programs funded include:
- S.T.A.R. programs and Speakers
- Student Club and Program Support
- Youth Leadership Conferences
- Scholarships
- Enrichment & Continuing Education for Staff
- Technology Purchases
- Teacher Appreciation

You can join the PTSO by visiting the www.sphsptso.org or at Back To School Night on Thursday, September 12th. Thank you for helping our students.

Barbara Brandeen PTSO
President 2019-20
b.brandeen@severnschool.com

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are required to review the County’s harassment prevention Power Point located on the AACPS website. In addition, they must complete a background check or be fingerprinted. All background checks are now submitted online, and the link can be found on the SPHS website under the section ABOUT. The background checks must be renewed every two years. Fingerprinting is required for anyone volunteering for an overnight trip and/or any one on one activity with a student. Once the fingerprinting process is complete, fingerprinting does not have to be renewed as long as you remain an active volunteer with Anne Arundel County Public Schools. To complete the fingerprinting process please call the Board of Education Fingerprint office at 410-222-5045. Each program utilizing volunteers provides specialized training and support unique to the needs and expectations of the particular volunteer job or position. All volunteers can now also submit volunteer hours online by completing the google form located on the SPHS website under the section ABOUT.

AACPS will be offering extended hours for fingerprinting of volunteers/chaperones on the dates and times below at Arlington Echo. Volunteers/chaperones still need to call the Fingerprint Office to schedule an appointment at 410-222-5045.

Thursday September 12th    5:30-7:30
Saturday October 5th      9:00-12:00
Tuesday October 22nd     5:30-7:30
Money raised by the SPHS Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) enhances every student’s educational experience. The PTSO funds items and events which are designed to improve the quality of education but are not covered by the county school budget.

Please join the PTSO and become part of a community committed to the SPHS goal of academic excellence for every student.

How are the PTSO Membership Dues Used?

*S.T.A.R. Program & Speakers  *Student Club/Program Support
*Youth Leadership Conferences  *Enrichment & Continuing Ed for the Staff
*Technology Purchases  *Landscaping/Beautification  *Teacher Appreciation
*Scholarships (such as the Dick Morgan Service Award)

Every contribution, whether money or time, helps us make a difference! We appreciate your support whether through membership or tax-deductible donation.

Parent Name (s): _________________________________________________________
Student Name: ________________________________   Year of Graduation: ____________
Student Name:_________________________________  Year of Graduation: _____________
Student Name: ________________________________  Year of Graduation: _____________
EMAIL for PARENT: ____________________________________________________________
PHONE NUMBER FOR PARENT: ________________________________________________
I would like to be included in the online PTSO Membership Directory. _____YES  _____NO

I am joining at the
_____ Falcon Level ($100)       _____ Blue Level ($75)
_____Gold Level ($50)          _____ White Level ($25)
Payment is a:
_____Check to SPHS PTSO    Check Number _____ Amt. _______

Please accept my additional tax-deductible donation of $______.

The PTSO will be at the Back to School Night and will accept cash or check payments at the event. Payments made before or after the Back to School Night can be paid online at www.SPHSPTSO.org at the membership link or mailed (checks only please) to SPHS PTSO, Attn Treasurer, 60 Robinson Rd, Severna Park, MD 21146. This form is not needed if you filled out your membership information online.

Thank you for your support of our SPHS Students and Teachers as a Member of the PTSO.
How to Join or Renew Your SPHS PTSO Membership Online:

1) Visit the PTSO website at www.sphsptso.org.
2) Click on the Membership Tab at the top of the PTSO page.
3) Follow the simple instructions that will appear on the membership screen to join the PTSO.

(If you are a prior member, look for a login message at the top of the membership page. If you have forgotten it, there is a “forgotten password” link to help you.) Once you login, your past information will be available for editing.

How to make payment for your PTSO membership:
*Online via PayPal or Credit Card.
*By check to SPHS PTSO. You can mail it to:
SPHS PTSO; Attn: PTSO Treasurer; 60 Robinson Road; Severna Park, MD 21146

Important: Please provide your name and email address with your check so we can notify you if we have any issues activating your membership.

*CASH – at the Back to School Night ONLY. Please do not mail cash.
(Checks are also accepted at the BTS Night.)

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A+ Rewards Update:

Giant supermarket is no longer sponsoring the A+ rewards program for schools. We encourage SPHS families to sign up for other reward programs that benefit our school, including Office Depot, Harris Teeter and stores that participate in eScrip savings.

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Link to our Together in Education Account at Harris Teeter

Name of School:

Severna Park High School

Our TIE account number is:

4307

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Education is the foundation to a brighter future

Severna Park High School

70047329
eScrip is an important part of our fundraising program. We ask that every family help us make the grade in our fundraising goal.

Our school needs your support!

Group ID: 6563031

We need all of our families to get straight A's in their enthusiasm to raise funds. This task will not require hours of homework but just a few minutes of your time and your grocery club card card number.

- Log onto www.eScrip.com. Enter the School or Group I.D.
- You can also register your debit and credit cards.
- Shop at eScrip merchants!
- Use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases.
- A percentage of purchases will be automatically contributed by the merchant.

That's it! It's that easy—your family shops—our school earns dollars.

For eScrip Program Information, Merchant Lists or to sign up online visit www.escrip.com

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On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and return it to Anne Arundel County Public Schools in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children’s names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, please note that the complete address of the Parent/Guardian’s Employer if they work on Federal Property, the complete address of the Federal Property on which they work, and each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian.

The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on October 1, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately $2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.

Severna Park High School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.
November 15, 16, 22 & 23 at 7pm
November 17 & 23 at 3pm*
*Tea Party with Cinderella and Friends at 2pm
Visit www.sphsdrdrama.com for tickets!

SP Drama visits NYC to see Dear Evan Hansen on Wednesday Oct 23! Contact Miss Germanos at agermanos@aacps.org for a ticket to see it!

SP Cares was Friday September 27 and we raised funds for our charity HOPE FOR ALL! Thanks SPHS!

The next Thespian Meeting is Monday October 7 at 2:30 in the Black Box.
The next Drama Booster Meeting is Monday October 7 at 7pm in Conference Room A.
SUB SALE DATES | 2019-2020 SEASON

~ AUG 17 ~  
(orders due by Aug 11 @ 8:00 PM)

~ SEPT 14 ~
(orders due by Sept 8 @ 8:00 PM)

~ NOV 9 ~
(orders due by Nov 3 @ 8:00 PM)

~ DEC 14 ~
(orders due by Dec 8 @ 8:00 PM)

~ JAN 18 ~
(orders due by Jan 12 @ 8:00 PM)

~ FEB 22 ~
(orders due by Feb 16 @ 8:00 PM)

~ MAR 21 ~
(orders due by Mar 15 @ 8:00 PM)
BANDS by the BAY

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12 | 3:00 PM
SEVERNA PARK HIGH SCHOOL

hosted by SPHS

12 OUTSTANDING MARCHING BANDS PERFORMING!

Tickets available at the door
Adults - $15
Students (with ID) - $10
Children 12 - under (with paying adult) - free

For more information visit SPHSMusic.org
Thank You!

We're sending a HUGE thank you to our 2019 SPHS Music Sponsors

Severna Park Family & Cosmetic Dentistry - Drs. Russell, Deasey, Wright, Zitosfsky
www.thetoothplace.com

The Jen Holden Group of Coldwell Banker
www.jenniferholden.realtor

Victory Awards & Promotions, LLC
www.victoryawards.com

Smithey Law Group
www.smitheylaw.com

Atlas Marble & Tile, Inc.
www.atlastile.com

Genesis - Severna Park Center
www.genesishcc.com/SevernaPark

Leo’s Vacation Center
www.leosrv.com

Carrol’s Creek Cafe
www.carrolscreek.com
October 2019

Important Information

- PROM will be held on May 9, 2020 at 7pm at the BWI Marriott.
- A Purse Bingo Fundraiser for Prom Breakfast is schedule at the Severna Park Elks Lodge on November 15th.
- Here is a link to the Facebook page for the parents of the Seniors. The page is called “Parents of SPHS Class of 2020.”
  https://www.facebook.com/groups/353721734703002/

To help pay for all these amazing things that happen this year, we are asking for everyone to pay their class dues as soon as they are able. Remember that these dues cover many of your Senior Year activities – Graduation Expenses, Prom Expenses (including your ticket) and more! Class dues are $160 per student.

Please let me know if you have any questions. My email is nhendler@aacps.org.

Sincerely,

N. Hendler
Class Advisor 2020, 2022 and 2023
Department Chair- PE, Health and Dance
Head Unified Sports Coach

Please mail the form below in with your check made out to SPHS. Address the envelope c/o Ms. Hendler Class of 2020. Thank you!

CLASS OF 2020 DUES

Student’s Name: _________________________________________

Amount Enclosed: $40______ Senior Year $__________ Another Amount

Check Number: ____________ Cash: __________
Hello Juniors!!

We are excited to announce that your prom venue has been chosen! Prom will be at the **LIVE! Hotel at Arundel Mills** on **Saturday, May 8, 2021**. We are excited to be working with their hotel to create the best prom possible!

Remember that Class Dues are ESSENTIAL when planning our senior year activities. These dues cover all of your Senior Year activities – *Graduation Expenses, Prom Expenses (including your ticket) and more!* Class dues are **$160** per student. They may be paid all at once, or you can split the amount and pay a portion each year. If you would like to split it up evenly, you may pay just $80 a year. Thank you to all who have already paid their dues!

Please be on the lookout for upcoming class spirit wear orders and **FUNdraisers**!

Sincerely,

Ms. Stahl and Ms. Sasse
tstahl@aacps.org
asasse@aacps.org
Class of 2021 Sponsors

Please mail the form below in with your check made out to SPHS. Address the envelope *c/o: Ms, Stahl, Ms. Sasse or Class of 2021*. Thank you!

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**CLASS OF 2021 DUES**

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Amount Enclosed: __________________________________________________________

Cash:__________________ or Check Number: __________________________

CLASS OF 2021
Dear Class of 2022 Families,

One of our most important jobs during the four years of high school is to collect your Class Dues. These dues cover all of your Senior Year activities – Graduation Expenses, Prom Expenses (including your ticket) and more! Class dues are $160 per student. They may be paid all at once, or you can split the amount and pay a portion each year. If you would like to split it up evenly, you may pay just $40 a year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Hendler and Ms. Stahl
nhendler@aacps.org
tstahl@aacps.org
Class of 2022 Advisors

Please mail the form below in with your check made out to SPHS. Address the envelope c/o: Ms. Hendler or Ms. Stahl, Class of 2022. Thank you!

CLASS OF 2022 DUES

Student's Name: _________________________________________________________________

Amount Enclosed:
$160 ______________________________
$40 ______________________________

Cash:______________________ or Check Number: ________________
Welcome Class of 2023

One of our most important jobs during the four years of high school is to collect your Class Dues. These dues cover all your Senior Year activities – Graduation Expenses, Prom Expenses (including your ticket) and more! Class dues are $160 per student. They may be paid all at once, or you can split the amount and pay a portion each year. If you would like to split it up evenly, you may pay just $40 a year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Hendler
nhendler@aacps.org
Department Chair- PE, Health and Dance
Head Unified Sports Coach
Class of 2020, 2022, 2023 Advisor

Please mail the form below in with your check made out to SPHS. Address the envelope c/o Ms. Hendler
Thank you!

CLASS OF 2023 DUES

Student’s Name: _________________________________________

Amount Enclosed: $160 _________ (Covers All Four Years)
                $ 40 _________ (Freshman Year Dues)

Check Number: _______________           Cash: ________________
YE A R B O O K I N F O

Y E A R B O O K S A L E S

2019-2020 YEARBOOKS ARE ONLY SOLD ONLINE AT:
www.jostensyearbooks.com

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 4   MAKE UP PICTURE DAY (PICTURE REDOS)
JANUARY 3    CLUB PICTURE DAY

THE 2019-2020 YEARBOOK IS OFFERING A SPRING SUPPLEMENT THAT WILL INCLUDE PROM, SPRING SPORTS, GRADUATION FROM THIS SCHOOL YEAR. SUPPLEMENTS WILL BE DELIVERED IN THE FALL OF 2020 AND THERE IS A COST TO GET ONE $7.00. ADD THESE TO YOUR ONLINE ORDER OR CALL JOSTENS: 877-767-5217 TO ADD TO AN ORDER ALREADY PLACED. EXTRAS WILL NOT BE ORDERED.

WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK?

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

WE want your photos! Share them with us at sphsembers@gmail.com. Send your photo as an attachment and share some important information about the photo: WHO is in it? WHAT is it about? WHERE did this happen? WHEN did this happen? And WHO took the photo.

We are looking for all sorts of photos -- summer, hanging out with friends, clubs, sporting events, team dinners, ETC.

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FOLLOW US AT SPHSEMBERS
FOR PROMOTIONS AND PHOTO REQUESTS
DM with QUESTIONS or PHOTOS
SENIOR ADS
CLASS OF 2020

PRICES
1/8 Page  $125 (if available)
1/4 Page: $150 (if available)
1/2 Page: $250 (if available)

* ALL ADS FOR THE 2019-2020 yearbook are FULL COLOR

STEP 1: Decide your senior ad space (1/8, 1/4, OR 1/2)

STEP 2: Write a check to SPHS, write YOUR NAME on the MEMO PORTION
        Mail it to SPHS; c/o Embers; 60 Robinson Road; Severna Park, MD 21146
        or HAND it to Ms. Earhart by NOV 20th in 244.

STEP 3: See Ms. Earhart for a TEMPLATE for your AD OR use a digital platform to create
        your own ad (PHOTOSHOP, ILLUSTRATOR, ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT CAN CREATE A
        HIGH RESOLUTION FILE)
(1/8 Ad: 2.2 by 2.75 inches   1/4 Ad: 4.25 by 5.5 inches   1/2 Ad: 8.5 by 5.5 inches   FULL: 8.5 by 11 inches)

STEP 4: Turn in completed AD by NOV 20th to 244
        Either by HANDING it to Ms. Earhart or emailing a HIGH RESOLUTION PDF to
        sphsemers@gmail.com (in the subject heading write SENIOR AD) - you
        SENIORS CAN CREATE AN AD DIGITALLY (SEE DIMENSIONS ABOVE) OR THEY CAN
        CREATE AND AD USING PRINT COPIES OF PHOTOS (WAIT FOR TEMPLATE IN FALL)

CLASS OF 2020 GOOGLE CLASSROOM PROFILES
SENIOR SUPERLATIVE NOMINATIONS
SENIOR SUPERLATIVE VOTING
CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones must be turned **OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT** during school hours. The school is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft of these items.

The policy for cell phone/electronic device use is stated in the AACPS Student Handbook/Code of Conduct as follows: *Cell Phone Misuse*: Use of cellular phone, camera phone, video phone, or other communication devices during the school day or on school buses unless in an emergency. *Electronic Device Misuse*: Use of communication devices, such as cell phones, and other electronic devices during the school day or on school buses unless in an emergency. Other devices include, but are not limited to the use of an iPod, CD player or hand-held game, use of camera cell phones or PDA camera to invade privacy (in locker rooms, restrooms, etc.) or violate this code of conduct. *Cell phones/Electronic Devices are to be off and out of sight.*

Note: SPHS will abide by AACPS policies and regulations in regard to cell phones for sending and receiving text messages, checking email, posting on social media and the unauthorized use of the phone as a camera or recording device. Cell phones are to be “off and out of sight” during the school day. However, there will be times when it may be advantageous to use the technology available in cell phones (i.e. timers, calculators) or other features (i.e. internet, app) to augment classroom instruction. For example, students may want to capture data, diagrams, charts or lab set-ups with the camera or conduct a quick internet search as part of an instructional activity. On these occasions, the TEACHER WILL determine its instructional use and will make it clear to the students how and when the cell phone may be used. The cell phone will NEVER be allowed in a testing environment and is NOT PERMITTED for use during classroom lecture, unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Any unauthorized use of the cell phone will result in immediate confiscation and consequences in accordance with AACPS and SPHS policy. The school is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft of these items. Seniors on early release may not use cell phone during school hours in the school building.

Failure to comply with above will result in confiscation of the device and the parent is required to come to school to pick it up. Refusal to turn over a device when asked is considered insubordination and may result in suspension. Subsequent violations will result in disciplinary action as follows:

2nd Violation—Device confiscated. A parent may pick-up the cell phone at school after 2:18 p.m. the day of the violation. If a senior is on early release, a parent may pick up the phone after the senior’s last class period. If picking up the phone the day(s) after the violation, the parent may pick up the phone during school hours. Student is assigned a Friday School.

3rd Violation or more—Device confiscated. A parent may pick-up the cell phone at school after 2:18 p.m. the day of the violation. If a senior is on early release, a parent may pick up the phone after the senior’s last class period. If picking up the phone the day(s) after the violation, the parent may pick up the phone during school hours. Student is suspended from school.

Please take time to review the cell phone/electronic device policy with your student so that the learning environment is not disrupted by misuse of cell phones or other electronic devices.

www.severnaparkhigh.org