

# THE RAM REPORT

September 17th, 2023

Upward We Strive

## REYNOLDS RAP

This week is Respect Week! You may be asking yourself why we are holding a Respect Week, and the answer is simple. Everyone wants respect, but we aren't all living by the same definition of respect. In fact, one behavioral expectation in RamNation is to "Be Respectful," but what does that look like? We want to have these discussions so everyone can be on the same page. So during this week, both our Rams Period lesson on Wednesday and our Student Open Forum after school on Tuesday will center on the topic of respect. All students are welcome to join the Student Open Forum and engage in discussions with teachers and administrators to promote positive change on campus. Plus, students earn an hour of community service and get free pizza!

Friday, September 15th marked the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. National Hispanic Heritage Month is annually celebrated from September 15 to October 15 in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. You may not realize this, but 31% of LMHS students are Hispanic, and it's important for us to recognize Hispanic culture and accomplishments. Our Latinos in Action will be making daily announcements and will hold a celebration during lunches on Sept. 26th. Have a great week, and Go Rams! -Dr. Reynolds

## WHAT'S NEW IN RAMNATION

### Respect Week

We encourage all students and staff to participate in this week's Spirit Days!

2023

RESPECT WEEK



SEPT 18

PUT BULLYING TO BED

WEAR PAJAMAS

SEPT 19

RESPECT YOUR TEACHERS

DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE  
TEACHER/ADMIN

SEPT 20

RESPECT YOURSELF

WEAR WHAT MAKES YOU  
UNIQUE

SEPT 21

YOU CAN'T TAKE BACK YOUR  
WORDS

WEAR YOUR SHIRT BACKWARDS

SEPT 22

RESPECT YOUR SCHOOL

WEAR RAM GEAR

Be **RESPECTFUL**, Be Responsible,  
Be Engaged, and Be The Change!

### School Advisory Council

This Tuesday at 6:00 pm is our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting of the school year, and there is still time for parents and community members to sign up and participate. The SAC meets monthly to learn important updates from the school, weigh in on school decisions, and award funding for special projects. If you'd like to join, [CLICK HERE](#) and join us on Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Group Projects Room.

# Athletics Update

## Events for Sept 18 - 23

### Football

**Wednesday:** Freshman Football Home vs. Winter Park. 5:30pm.

**Wednesday:** JV Football Home vs. Oviedo. 7:00pm.

**Friday:** Varsity Football Away vs. Spruce Creek. 7:00pm.

### Girls Golf

**Monday:** Central Florida Tournament of Champions @ Legacy Club. 9:30am.

**Thursday:** Match vs. Winter Springs @ Tusawilla CC. 4:00pm.

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**Wednesday:** Match vs. Winter Springs @ Legacy CC. 4:00pm.

### Cross Country

**Saturday:** Hagerty Invitational. 7:00am.

### Girls Volleyball

**Monday:** Home vs. Seminole. Freshman @ 4:30pm, JV @ 5:30pm, Varsity @ 7:00pm.

**Tuesday:** Home vs. Geneva School. JV @ 5:30pm, Varsity @ 7:00pm.

**Friday:** Home Tri-Match vs. Lyman and Boone. 5:00pm.

### Bowling

**Wednesday:** Match vs. Seminole @ Airport Lanes. 3:30pm.

### Swimming

**Wednesday:** Meet @ Lake Howell. 3:30pm.

**Saturday:** Patriot Invite @ Lake Brantley. All Day.

### Announcements

Congratulations to the Varsity Football team for their 35-2 home victory over rival Lake Brantley on Thursday night last week. The win brings the Mayor's Cup back to Lake Mary for the 8th time in the last 9 years. The Rams move to 3-0 on the season and will travel to Spruce Creek on Friday to face the 4-0 Hawks. Go Rams!

Tickets to all sporting events hosted by Seminole County Public School are only offered through GoFan. Cash is not accepted.

# Clubs & Activities

**Homecoming Info:** This year's Homecoming theme is "Night in the Clouds" and will be in the Ref Room/Cafeteria on October 7, from 7-11 PM. Ticket sales will be on [MySchoolBucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) from September 4 - September 22 for \$40. After that, they will be \$50 from September 25 - October 7. Pickup will be in Bookkeeping September 18 - October 3 during both lunches, except for Wednesdays. All guests will need an approved guest form, which can be picked up from the SGA board outside of Bookkeeping. For those attending Homecoming, please plan to eat beforehand, as only snacks will be served.

**Earth Club:** Join Earth Club after school Monday, 9/18 in Mr. Sifrit's room to decorate for the homecoming parade and reserve your spot on our float! You do not have to be a member to attend but make sure you fill out the parent permission form posted outside Mr. Sifrit's classroom or on our Instagram @earthclublmhs.

**Give the Gift of Life:** LMHS will be hosting an all-day lifesaving Blood Drive on Tuesday September 19th, 2023, in the auditorium lobby. Giving blood saves lives in our community. Let's show our community spirit and donate blood. Give the gift of life. Sign-ups for Tuesday's blood drive will begin on September 14th, 15th, and 18th in the cafeteria ref room during lunch. Giving blood will also count as 1 hour of community service. Under 18 years of age requires parental consent.

**Be the Change Student Open Forum** will be held Tuesday, September 19th after school in the Group Projects Room and all are welcome. Be the Change is a chance for students, faculty, and administration to come together to have their voice be heard when it comes to important school and life topics. Community service hours can be earned, and friendships can be found. Hope to see you there!

**Powderpuff:** Juniors and Seniors, if you are interested in participating in powderpuff this year, an interest meeting will be held right after school on September 19 in the Media Center, if you have any questions, please see Ms. Sullivan in room 1-165.

**ASL Honor Society:** All Students interested in joining ASL honor society please swing by Mr. Hobby's room 1-144 for the application and permission form.

# Student Activities

**Beta Club** members are currently hosting a "Stock the food pantry" drive until September 28th. Give your donated goods to any Beta Club member to bring along with their own or drop them off in Ms. Ohl's room 01-248. See our Instagram for a list of specific needs.

**Come dance with the Marionettes!** Marionettes have a 1-day dance clinic September 27th 5 - 7pm. You will learn a dance to perform and work on dance technical skills. You also have the option to dance with us at Lake Mary football game on September 29th. To sign up visit their Instagram page @lakemarionettes.com.

**Senior Quotes!** Seniors, now is your opportunity to submit your Senior Quote! Please visit the Senior eCampus page for a guideline explanation and the submission link. The last day to submit your Senior Quote is October 31st.

**Senior Ads:** Parents of seniors can also reserve a Senior Dedication/Ad space by visiting [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and use the job code: 21630. This is a great way to tell that special senior in your life how proud you are of them! Senior Dedications/Ads can be reserved until November 17th. Don't delay, as space is limited.

**School Picture Make-Ups:** The Underclass Portrait Makeup Day will be held in the Auditorium on Wednesday, October 4th throughout the school day. Students will need to have a pass from their teacher in order to be photographed, and students will receive a pass back to class when their photo has been taken.

**Yearbooks on Sale:** Now is the time to reserve your student's copy of the 2024 Chrysomallus Yearbook. The price is \$75.00 but will raise as the year progresses. Act now to ensure you get your copy of this 2x sold out Yearbook! To order, visit [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and use the job code: 21630.

**Senior Portraits:** It's not too late to get your senior's portrait taken and get them into our 2024 Senior Section of this year's Chrysomallus Yearbook. CADY Studios is accepting appointments for Senior Portraits from now until November 12th. Once November 12th passes, no further senior portraits will be included in this year's book, so be sure to book your senior's appointment now. [CLICK HERE](#) to schedule.

# Student Services

## Save the Dates

**September 11-25** - Senior Credit Checks

**September 21** - University of Florida on Campus

**September 26** - College Information Night

## After School Tutoring

Beginning Tuesday, August 22nd Face-to-Face tutoring will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday in the Media Center from 2:45 - 4:15. Tutoring is available for most academic subjects, homework help, including Plato and SAT tutoring. Students must submit a registration form to participate in this program. The form is attached to this email.

## College Information Night

College Information Night will take place on Tuesday, September 26th from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Auditorium. Information on the college application process including admissions and financial aid. We look forward to seeing all of our seniors and their families as we help you prepare for your postsecondary goals.

## Student Email

Students, please ensure that you check your email at least twice a week. Students, email is a primary way for many to communicate. To get to your school email, you will log on to your Clever Portal and select the Office 365 application. From there, you can check and respond to important information and review school announcements that are sent to all students and families.

## Letters of Recommendation

Seniors as you are starting to apply to college, requests for letters will come to your school counselor. Be sure to complete the "Counselor Letter of Recommendation" form located in the Student Services Office or on our school website. You may email this directly to your counselor or give it to Mrs. Maupin in Student Services to submit to your counselor. Please allow 2 weeks before you return to pick up your letter. Also, ensure all information requested on the form is completed so that the letter will be accurate.

## Senior Credit Checks

Senior Credit Checks will be completed in September, please look out for a letter, credit summary and student self-credit check in your mailbox in the coming weeks as we get ready for these student meetings. Additionally, check parent and student emails for weekly updates. For seniors who don't have an ELA class on campus, see Ms. Maupin in Student Services for an appointment.

# SSC Dual Enrollment

Do You Have Questions About Dual Enrollment at Seminole State? Are you a prospective Dual Enrollment student looking to learn more about the program? SSC will be hosting Information Sessions that will provide you with the information needed to participate. Each session will last approximately one hour and will include a time for questions and answers. The next information session is scheduled for September 18. Visit the website for additional information. Use the following website address for more information. <https://www.seminolestate.edu/dual-enrollment>

## Testing Update

### Save the Date

The **PSAT** will be given to all 9th-11th grade students in October. The PSAT will be computer based this year and specific grade level testing dates will be set soon. (Students will be scheduled to test October 16-27.)

The **SAT** will be given to all 12th grade students on Wednesday, October 11 during the school day. (This will be paper based testing.) Students can set up a College Board account at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and can link their account to Khan Academy where they have access to official SAT practice items.

The **ACT** will be given to all 11th grade students on Tuesday, October 31 and Tuesday, March 26 during the school day. (This will be paper based testing.)

The SAT will be given to all 11th grade students in March, 2024 during the school day. This will be computer based and specific testing dates will be set closer to the time.

Students will **not** need to register for these assessments and there will be **no charge**. More information will be sent out closer to each testing date.

### National SAT/ACT Testing Dates

Students can register through College Board ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)) and ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)) to take these tests on a Sat. National Testing Date.

**SAT** – October 7, November 4, December 2, March 9, May 4, and June 1

**ACT** – October 28, December 9, February 10, April 13, June 8, July 13

# Testing Update

### 11th & 12th FAST ELA Retakes

11th and 12th grade FAST Retake make-ups will be this week at 7:20am in Media.

The passing score on the FAST ELA Retakes is 350. If any student who is new to Lake Mary High School has a concordant SAT (SAT ERW score of 480+), ACT (average of 18 on English and Reading Subtests) scores, or previous FAST or FSA scores from another school in Florida, please email [kathleen\\_aslin@scps.us](mailto:kathleen_aslin@scps.us) with the score report.

### 12th FSA ELA Retakes

If 12th grade students do not achieve a passing score on the FAST ELA Retakes, they have been scheduled to take FSA ELA Writing and Reading Retakes (FSA Writing – Monday, September 18, FSA ELA Reading Session 1 – Tuesday, September 19, FSA ELA Reading Session 2 – Wednesday, September 20). These test scores will be available in December and the passing score is 350. This has been emailed to students and parents to whom it applies.

### Algebra 1 EOC Math Graduation Requirement

Students may utilize any of the following options to meet the Math graduation requirement:

- Earn a level 3 (score of 497) on the Algebra 1 EOC or
- Earn a level 3 (score of 499) on the Geometry EOC score or
- Earn/use a comparative score on one of the following assessments:
  1. PSAT/NMSQT Math Score of 430+
  2. SAT Math Score of 420+
  3. ACT Math Score of 16+

11th and 12th grade students who have not yet met the math testing graduation requirement will be scheduled to take the BEST Algebra 1 EOC on Tuesday, September 12. This is a computer-based assessment and all students can have 160 minutes or longer to complete it. Students and parents will receive an email with testing date, location, and time information closer to the testing dates.

### Scholar's Diploma EOC Testing

EOC testing for students who are pursuing a Scholars Diploma or did not take the EOC in Spring 2023 will be on September 25 and 26 in Media at 7:20am. Students can sign up to take the Geometry EOC, Biology EOC, or US History EOC at [tinyurl.com/Fall2023EOC](http://tinyurl.com/Fall2023EOC)

## Celebration Days

Last week, I posted celebration days from the wrong year. My apologies. Here is an updated list for this school year.

### September

- 9/15-10/15 – National Hispanic Heritage Month
- 9/17-9/23 – Constitution Week & Citizenship Week
- 9/17 – Citizenship / Constitution Day
- 9/19 – National IT Professionals Day

### October

- Oct. 1-31 – Czech Heritage Month
- Oct. 1 – 31 – Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month
- Oct. 1 – 31 – Learning Disabilities Awareness Month
- Oct. 1-31 – National Bullying Prevention Month
- Oct. 1-31 – National Principal Month
- Oct. 1 – 31-Polish American Heritage Month
- Oct. 2 – Custodial Appreciation Day
- Oct. 6 – Coaches Day
- Oct. 8-14 – Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 10 – World Mental Health Day
- Oct. 15-21 – America's Safe Schools Week
- Oct. 16-20 – National School Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 18 – Unity Day
- Oct. 23-31 – Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 28 – Make a Difference Day
- Oct. 31 – Halloween

### November

- Nov. 1-30 – Homeless Youth Awareness Month
- Nov. 1-30 – National Native American Heritage Month
- Nov. 1-30 – Military Family Month
- Nov. 5 – Daylight Saving Time
- Nov. 6-10 – National School Psychology week
- Nov. 8 – National STEM Day
- Nov. 9 – National Community Education Day
- Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day
- Nov. 13-17 – American Education Week
- Nov. 13 – World Kindness Day
- Nov. 15-Education Support Professionals Day
- Nov. 16-National Parental Involvement Day
- Nov. 17 – Substitute Educators Day
- Nov. 19-25 – National Family Week
- Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day

### December

- Read a New Book Month
- Dec. – National Special Education Day
- Dec. 7-15th – Hanukkah
- Dec. 7th – Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec. 15 – Bill of Rights Day
- Dec. 25 – Christmas
- Dec. 26-Jan. 1 – Kwanzaa

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