

SPARTAN MONTHLY



DECEMBER
2024

Recognition of the Month

Teacher of the Month:

Ms. Baratie, 6th Grade Math

Ms. Baratie, an outstanding 6th-grade math teacher, goes above and beyond to support her students with a positive attitude and an optimistic outlook. She actively engages in professional development, collaborates effectively with her team, "The Olympians," and consistently develops innovative ways to communicate with families. Known for her responsiveness, she takes feedback in stride and implements it immediately, exemplifying her commitment to growth and excellence.

Support Staff of the Month:

Ms. Ramos, Bilingual Assistant

Ms. Ramos, our incredible bilingual assistant, is so much more than her title suggests. She takes a genuine interest in not just our ESOL students but all students, fostering a welcoming and supportive environment. Ms. Ramos has created an efficient system to ensure all compliance paperwork is completed on time, demonstrating her exceptional organizational skills. Her positive energy and warm personality radiate sunshine wherever she goes, making her an invaluable part of our team.

Students of the Month:

6th Grade: Emmanouela K.

7th Grade: Ryane T.

8th Grade: Enayjah B.

The December Students of the Month demonstrate Spartan PRIDE and are leaders on campus, with a strong focus on academic success.

PM2 Testing Update:

PM 2 Testing begins right after Thanksgiving Break!

Testing dates:

December 3: ELA- Eng 1 Honors

December 4: ELA- 8th Gr Adv

December 5: ELA-Olympians

December 6: ELA- Titans

December 9: ELA- 7th ELA CLS

December 10: Math- Pre-Alg, 7th Math

December 11: Math- Titans

December 12: Math- Olympians

December 13: Math- 7th Math CLS

December 17: 8th Gr Alg

December 18: 7th Gr Alg

Important Dates:

- December 3: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser @ Elk's Lodge
- December 10: Orchestra Winter Concert
- December 17: Winter Chorus Concert
- December 20: End of Semester

Out of Field Assignments

Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to the highest level of student achievement, but sometimes it becomes necessary to assign a teacher a subject for which he/she is not certified. Teachers assigned out-of-field are carefully chosen, given additional district support, and are expected to work toward certification in a timely manner.

OOF: Mr. Barnes & Ms. Williams



Spartan Pride

High School Planning Day

Five high schools (East Lake, Tarpon Springs, Palm Harbor, Dunedin, and Countryside) sent student and staff representatives to showcase the programs available to our 8th graders!



Spelling Bee

The top spellers at TSMS competed in a school-wide Spelling Bee on November 21st. The spellers went for an exciting 12 rounds and our winner was Isaac T. He will go on to compete in the district competition.



NJHS & AVID SPC Field Trip

Members of the NJHS and 8th Grade AVID took a field trip to St Pete College/Tarpon Campus on 11/14/24. Students explored the Leepa-Rattner Museum, the Campus Lounge & Weight Room, toured the Workforce Innovation Hub, and learned about various college options including dual enrollment and early college!



Future Cities Competition

TSMS students attended the Future Cities Competition in November. Our city beat out 16 other schools to win the "Most Creative Use of Recyclables" Award! Congratulations, Spartans!



PM 2 Test Taking Tips:

1. **The test is adaptive:** All questions need to be answered in order for the test to determine your correct level.
2. **If you skip, you'll take a dip:** Skipping or flagging questions will count the question as incorrect, making your question track lower.
3. **Answer every question in order:** You need to take your time and answer every question in order.