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Springdale Preparatory School Student Safety Walkout *Students Pay Tribute to Victims of High School Shooting*

In act of solidarity with students who have lost their lives and been injured as a result of school violence, students and faculty members at Springdale Preparatory School participated in a school safety walkout on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. The 17-minute walkout honored the 17 lives lost in the February 14 mass shooting at Majorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. Schools across the nation held walkouts at 10am on that day, and Springdale students stood in solidarity with students advocating for school safety.

At 10am on March 14, Springdale students, faculty, and staff walked out of class for 17 minutes. Staff provided facts about the Majorie Stoneman Douglas High School mass shooting and all commemorated the lives lost that morning. Staff also facilitated small group conversations, reflecting on the impact such a violent event has in our nation's schools and ways that we can advocate for safer schools.

In addition, students and family members will also participate in the MARCH FOR OUR LIVES on Saturday, March 24. Finally, on March 30, students will spend time crafting letters to Maryland's United States senators and representatives as well as to President Trump regarding their expectations relating to the vital topic of school safety. Learning facilitators and Springdale's Student Services Support Team will assist students in expressing their opinions in their letters.

About Springdale Preparatory School

Springdale Preparatory School is a, co-educational, independent boarding and day school located on 21 acres in northern Maryland's rolling countryside. A college preparatory school with a diverse student population from Maryland counties, other states across the country and from all over the world, Springdale Prep offers rigorous academics while equipping all learners with the tools needed to meet all of life's challenges. Springdale prepares students for enduring success beginning with a foundation of respect for other students, faculty, and the world around them. Students develop strong relationships with each other and with faculty, who help to shape them to become tomorrow's leaders. Whether in the classroom, in the dormitory, or on the athletic fields, students experience learning through innovation and develop the skills needed to embrace lifelong learning and make a difference. For more about Springdale and its rolling admissions, visit <https://springdaleprep.org>.

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