

Good morning Sarasota Middle School! Today is Friday, February 16th!



Teachers: Just a reminder to that some of our 8th grade students will be in a mentoring program today during 8th grade lunch and will need to leave 5th period a few minutes early. All of these students should have a pass with them.

Students and staff, please remember that there is no school on Monday, in honor of President's Day.

A few words of wisdom to start your day...

In West Africa, there's an old proverb that goes "Not to know is bad, but not to wish to know is worse." Let's think about that. Many children on the planet who want to learn never have the privilege of going to school. And then there are children in the world who have the opportunity to get an education but don't wish to learn. Which do you think is worse? Francis Bacon, great English philosopher, says "Knowledge is power." Today, think about this. If you love to learn, share the power of your knowledge with others. Serve as an example...tutor others...encourage others with kind words of support. If, on the other hand, you think that school is a waste of time, remember the words of Francis Bacon and ask yourself this: What kind of person do I want to be – powerful or powerless? It's your choice. With something to think about, make it a great day. The choice is always yours.

Important reminder – Breakfast service begins at 9:00am. Any student who arrives after 9:25am will only be able to purchase a grab and go breakfast. If you are interested in getting breakfast, then you must report to the cafeteria upon your arrival. Do not wait until the 9:15 bell rings.

It is school policy to have all cell phones and personal devices turned off during the school day and concealed from view. Today, as in everyday, you should refrain from texting, make phones calls, or taking pictures or videos during the day. Students, please take a moment to ensure your devices are turned off and put safely away at this time.

Staff, if you have any students who you believe are not dressed for success, please send them to the main office for assistance at this time.

Staff all buses arrived on time today. There were no late arrivals and all students should be on time from breakfast service.

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Staff bus(es) _____ arrived a bit late today. Students were unloading at 9:20. Please excuse student from bus(es) _____ as they may be a min or two delayed from breakfast service.

Students, remember our Panther Pact: be Polite, Prepared, Productive and Safe. Have a Fabulous Friday!