

Good morning Sarasota Middle School!

Today is Thursday, January 18th!



Next week only, yearbooks will be on sale here at school! The cost is \$40 and can be paid in cash, or a check made out to LIFETOUCH. We will also have volunteers selling in the drop-off lane on the mornings of the 23rd and 24th, as well as at the SMS Showcase here on campus the evening of the 23rd. Please remember that the FINAL date to purchase online is March 15th and next week is the ONLY WEEK they are being sold here at school! The envelopes for purchase are in the front office.

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

How much patience do you have, and what difference does it make anyway? Think about that...what if the first time your friend made you angry, you threw your arms up and said "forget it!" and that was the end of your friendship? What if the first time you stood at bat and struck out, you stomped off the field and that was the end of your baseball career? Obviously, that kind of impatience would keep you from ever developing any skills or talents. The Italians say it this way: "He who has no patience has nothing at all." Remember this: whether you're building a relationship, a career, or a talent, patience is an important ingredient to success. Today, be patient with yourself and others. With something to think about, make it a great day. The choice is yours always.

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 phone 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 tremendous Thursday!