

Good morning Sarasota Middle School! Today is Monday, January 22nd!



This 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 25th, as well as at the SMS Showcase here on campus tomorrow night. Please remember that the FINAL date to purchase online is March 15th and this week is the ONLY WEEK they are being sold here at school! The envelopes for purchase are in the front office.

The regular season for basketball has come to an end and the first round of playoffs are tomorrow! Congratulations for our girls for claiming the #2 seed! Our Lady Panthers will be playing here at SMS tomorrow night against Pine View at 6 pm. Be sure to come and support your fellow Panthers!

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

Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of former President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was once asked what, if any, regrets she had about her life. Her humorous response came as quite a surprise. She responded: "I would have liked to have been prettier." But beauty is only skin deep, right? Eleanor Roosevelt's gift to the world was the beauty of her wisdom. Here are a few words of her wisdom: "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do that which you think you cannot do." So here's your challenge for today: Be courageous. Notice what stops you from realizing your full potential. Are you afraid of something? If you are, look fear in the face, then 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 magnificent Monday!