

Good morning Sarasota Middle School! Today is Wednesday, January 24th!



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 tomorrow morning. 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.

Congratulations to our Lady Panthers on their big semi-final win last night against Pine View!! The girls will be playing in the district finals tomorrow night at 6pm at Riverview High School. Can't wait to see you all out their supporting your fellow Panthers!

Congratulations to Jacob Walker for his first place win at the Geography Bee yesterday! He will go on to compete at the state level!

Thank you to all staff and students for a great Showcase and Family dinner last night. The event was a huge success and it was so great to see all of the hard work our students and staff have been putting in this year.

A quick reminder that the campus is under ongoing construction – students, please remember to stay on the sidewalks where construction is present.

We will have a tour on campus today with some Bay Haven students and parents. If you see our guests, please be sure to be courteous and welcoming!

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

Every human being has challenges in his or her life. Challenges are something we all have in common, regardless of our differences. The question is: how do we deal with the challenges of life? Do we just lie down and give up or do we accept them as an opportunity to learn and grow? Stephen Hawking is a man who has faced a major challenge for most of his adult life. He has an incurable disease of the nervous system. Most of his body is paralyzed and he has to use a wheelchair to get around. He can't speak without special computer equipment. But guess what – some consider him to be the world's greatest genius since Albert Einstein. Stephen Hawking tells us: "It matters if you don't just give up." If you are faced with a challenge, remember Stephen Hawking. Remember his challenges, his courage, and his determination, and then don't give up! 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 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 wonderful Wednesday!