

Good morning Sarasota Middle School! Today is Tuesday, January 30th!



Congratulations to Lucas Garcia for winning first place in the K-8 division of the Suncoast Chess Tournament! Way to go, Lucas!

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

Staff, a reminder that we are in the attendance survey window, which will run through February 9th. It is imperative that attendance be recorded in gradebook within the first 15 minutes of class. Please be sure to take your attendance first thing for every class period.

Today is SMS History Day! Good luck to all of our fantastic participants and thank you and welcome to all of our wonderful judges.

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

What does it mean to be a person of character? It means a person that's respected for their honesty, integrity, and moral strength. So where does character come from? Are we born with it? Do we inherit character from our parents? In the wise words of former first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, "People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built." So what does that mean? It means that every time we think and act in a way that is honest, understanding, and thoughtful, we are building character, thought by thought, action by action. 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 terrific Tuesday!