

Good morning Sarasota Middle School! Today is Friday, March 2nd!



As a sign of respect for the memory of Reverend Billy Graham, please know that the flag of the United States will be flown at half-staff today until sunset.

There will be a Spring Dance on March 15th from 6:30-8:30 in the cafeteria. The theme is Hollywood, and dress is semi-formal attire. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner, dessert and a drink, plus great entertainment, including a photo booth! Tickets will be on sale all next week during lunches – we can't wait to see our Panthers out on the red carpet!

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.

As a reminder to all about safety and security here at SMS – If you see something, say something. We are a safe campus and expect that all students and staff practice safety in all areas of campus.

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

Somerset Maugham (mau-am) is one of the most popular writers of the twentieth century. Listen to what he has to say to us today: "It's a funny thing about life: if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it." That doesn't mean we should turn up our noses at every little thing that doesn't please us. There's a wiser way of looking at Mr. Maugham's words. For example, if you refuse to accept anything less than the best in terms of your performance at school, you're likely to get the best grades possible, allowing you to move toward your dreams. Today and every day, be confident and expect only the best from yourself. 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!