



Good morning Sarasota Middle School! Today is Tuesday, May 1st!

Today is the FSSA Science Assessment for all of our 8th graders. **ALL 8TH GRADERS** will test in the morning **AND** in the afternoon. The morning session will begin at 9:30, followed by periods 3, 4 and lunch. The afternoon session will begin immediately after lunch and students will remain in their testing locations until the 4:15 bell. ALL STUDENTS should report to advisory first thing this morning. 8th graders, please wait for the announcement for students to move to your testing location. All students not testing will follow the normal order of periods after advisory today.

Testing is taking place in classrooms across campus, as well as in the Media Center. All students, please be sure to be courteous and respectful to the testing environment and do not be disruptive on campus today. During passing time, please avoid walking directly next to doors marked TESTING IN PROGRESS.

Attention all SMS students – Ashton Elementary is a closed campus for safety. SMS students are not allowed to cut through Ashton's campus for any reason on the way to or from school. Students that live behind Ashton will need to take an alternate route. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

A few words of wisdom to start your day...Here's something to think about. A student who is courteous and respectful is admired and well thought of by other students. Sometimes, though, it is thought to be "cool" to be disrespectful and rude. Listen to the words of Eric Offer, a former longshoreman turned philosopher: "Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength." In other words, being rude can be a cover-up for weakness and insecurity. Today, ask yourself this question: When people feel good about themselves, how do they behave? Are they rude...or strong and caring? Are they disrespectful...or courteous and respectful? According to Mr. Hoffer, being rude is the weak thing to do. What do you think? With something to think about, make it a great day. The choice is always yours.

A reminder to all students that breakfast service is at 9:00am, not 9:15am. All students should report to the cafeteria immediately upon arrival if they would like to get breakfast. Students should not leave to get breakfast once they have entered their classroom.

Students – please also remember our school policy: cell phones are not allowed on campus during the school day. All cell phones should be turned off and remain in backpacks between the hours of 9:15 and 4:15, this includes between classes. Please take this time to be sure all of your cell phones are turned off and in your backpacks at this time. If you are found with a cell phone without permission, it will be brought to the office for the remainder of the day.

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 Tuesday!