

Good morning Sarasota Middle School! Today is Friday, May 4th!



All students, please note that today we are following a REGULAR SCHEDULE. There is no regular testing today and all students should follow the normal schedule. That being said, please continue to be quiet and respectful in passing time as we will be conducting makeup testing throughout the day.

Teachers, please be on the lookout for emails about makeup testing and send any students you have to their testing locations accordingly.

A reminder to SMS Students – All students that get pick-up in the parent loop. Students must either wait to for their parents to come through the loop to pick students up from the sidewalk or cross on the cross walk to a parked car in the lot. Students cannot enter a car that is in line anywhere expect for the approve pick up area.

Congratulations to the following students, who will be in Tallahassee this weekend for the Florida History Day Contest. Best of luck!! Brielle Campbell, Madelyn Diago, Judah Klunder, Landon Glenn, Jesus Rodriguez, Ethan Bixby, Ella Sams, Lillian Wouk, Kate Fleming, Colin Stroble, Miguel Heredia, Lucas Garcia, Anna Lazzara, Zoe Lipton, Allison Housh and Andrei Nesterenko. We are so proud of you all!

A few words of wisdom to start your day...Did you know that research shows we human beings are born with the ability to be compassionate? That's right. No sound can upset a newborn more than the sound of other babies crying. Older babies may start to cry when another child gets hurt and cries. Toddlers will often try to comfort someone who is hurt or crying. Compassion is important because it reminds us that we are connected to others and their feelings. The Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, says this about compassion: "A heart full of love and compassion is the main source of inner strength, willpower, happiness, and mental tranquility." Today, be compassionate with others so you can become a stronger and happier person. 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 fantastic Friday and weekend!