



Safety and Security

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Hello Sarasota Middle School Panthers & Families!

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Your School Resource Deputy (SRD) Chip Kuentzel & Director of Safety & Security Michael Andreas would like to welcome you to Sarasota Middle School for the 2016-2017 school year! We understand the first few weeks of school can be difficult as everyone adjusts to their new schedules. Therefore, as we start our third week of school there are a few reminders we would like to pass along to parents and students.

- Parents - Keep in mind that the speed limit on Ashton Road from 9:00 – 9:30 am & 4:00 – 4:30 pm is **15 mph**. Deputies will be monitoring this area and we don't want to see anyone ticketed.*
- Please don't use Bliss Road (North of Ashton Road.) for parking or as a pick-up point for your child. Bliss Road is narrow with heavy traffic, including busses and is not considered a safe place for children.*
- Parents, we also discourage the use of Ashton Elementary parking area for after school pick-up. Using that area forces students to cross the road in front of Ashton without a crossing guard. We would prefer you schedule a few extra minutes for the safety of your child and use the established drop-off/pick-up point at the front of SMS.*
- Additionally, please remember to drive cautiously through our driveways and parking lots.*
- Students and Parents – Bike riders are required by Florida law to wear a helmet for safety, this law will be enforced throughout the school year. Students, please be extra careful during drop-off and pick-up times, watch out for cars & trucks, keep an eye on the safety of your classmates and immediately notify a staff member if you detect anything unexpected or unusual.*

As always, we welcome your questions or concerns. Please call to set-up an appointment to see Mr. Andreas at the District Safety & Security Office at 927-9000 Ext. 31128 or contact Deputy Kuentzel at Sarasota Middle School 361-6464.