

Good morning Sarasota Middle School Today is Wednesday, January 30, 2019



A few words of wisdom to start your day-

In 1961, Vilma Martinez was a senior in high school who wanted to go on to college, but her counselor refused to advise her because Vilma was Mexican-American. Vilma didn't let this stop her. She believed in herself, so she wrote to the University of Texas anyway. Just two and a half years later, she graduated and went on to law school at Columbia University. At the age of 30, Vilma Martinez became president of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Here's what she has to say about education:

Education is very important. It prepares you. You equip yourself to help others. It gives you the tools to complete.

Fortunately, the world has changed a great deal. It's changed because of the unstoppable people like Vilma Martinez who believed in their own potential and overcame all the obstacles.

Remember, there are teachers and counselors today who are committed to helping you realize your fullest potential. The question is: Are you?

Teachers-

We have started our 2nd Attendance Survey window of the school year and it will last until February 8th. **It is imperative that attendance be recorded in Gradebook during the first 10 minutes of class (PE classes – as soon as possible).** This survey helps determine our funding for the school year, so attendance must be accurate. Thank you all for your help!

Sarasota Middle School Encore Course Descriptions

Coding Fundamentals - The content includes but is not limited to foundational knowledge and skills related to computer coding and software development. Learning activities are provided in a laboratory setting using hands-on experiences with technology. Students learn Python language to design a game and HTML for webpage development. Open to all grades.

Computer Business Applications - This course is designed to provide instruction in keyboarding, word processing, electronic presentation, computer hardware, Internet, spreadsheet, and business applications skills. This class will utilize the above skills in the creation of the school yearbook and school newsletter.

TV Production - Learn the "ins and outs" of TV production as part of the WSMS News Team. Experience news research, copy writing, and anchoring while you learn to operate the camera equipment and computer board. Open to all grade

"Crisis text line signage is posted throughout our campus. The crisis text line can be accessed by anyone in need of help for any reason. By texting HERE4U to 741741, you can connect with a crisis counselor 24 hours a day/ 7 days per week. Your text remains confidential and provides you with someone to listen. If you or a friend needs help at any time, please text HERE4U to 741741."

Students-you may notice some extra people on campus today. We are hosting a group of parents and students who are interested in learning all that SMS has to offer. If you see any of these guests today, offer a bright smile and a warm welcome!

All busses have arrived on time and all students should be in their 1st period class at this time.

Students, remember our Panther Pact: be Polite, Prepared, Productive and Safe!

Have a wonderful Wednesday!