

Good morning Sarasota Middle School Today is Wednesday, January 9, 2019



A few words of wisdom to start your day-

The NJHS meeting originally scheduled for this Friday has been CANCELLED! The next meeting will be February 8th.

Attention students-Join us to cheer on your Panther Basketball teams as they take on Venice tonight at Venice Middle School! Games start at 6pm.

Attention students-the SMS FBLA will be hosting a fundraiser on Monday at Panera. Join us from 4-8 at Panera on Bee Ridge and Cattleman on Monday to help us raise money for our events. See any FBLA member or Mrs. Moriarty for a flier.

We would like to wish the 8 talented SMS Choir students the "BEST OF LUCK" on their participation at the "Florida Music Educator's Conference" and "All State Choir" performance this weekend.

The following 8 panther singers that successfully auditioned for, were accepted to perform with the All State Choir and represent SMS are:

Mia Albuerne, Isabella Alberti, Shannon McNiven, Kathryn Saltzman, Daphne Churgel, Jacqueline Gibson, Sitar Ben-Herut, Addisen Pennella

The All State Choir is made up of approximately 300 of the "best of the best" student singers in the state of Florida. Students will rehearse both Thursday and Friday with a grand performance on Saturday morning at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa.

Enjoy your time at the All State conference and know that your SMS family is standing behind you 100%.

Greetings,

Tuesday was another great day at the SMS dig site. There were lots of wonderful questions, novel lines of inquiry and a great deal of intellectual curiosity observed from the immersion scientists and Ed Foundation staff. Tuesday also saw some of the first submissions by SMS student investigators. The site investigators really appreciate all of the help and input from SMS students and staff. As teachers work to deliver content and undertake investigations in the classrooms, we will continue to advance aspects of the immersive narrative the remainder of the week.

Wednesday we will look deeper into pesticides. Dr. Dana will lead this day as Dr. Mitch will be working more in the lab Wednesday. Wednesday's site focus will include historic (DDT) options, the banning of DDT in the U.S. as well as alternatives including modern organics, bioremediation and the like. The book silent spring, being read by several students, will also be critiqued and discussed some. There are plenty of chances for debate and discourse on Wednesday relating to the pros and cons of insecticides and their global historic use. The Wednesday artifact find or unveiling will include an authentic can of DDT spray that students will be able to observe and investigate.

Like every day, there will also be a myriad of investigations going on in independent classes and disciplines. These ongoing lines of inquiry cover broad topics areas such as German POW's present in Florida during and following WWII, legislative reviews regarding pesticide use in the state, marketing and design investigations regarding citrus crates, a look at 1940's era toys and how toy design has evolved over the years, a look at early FL marketing for tourism and development, water quality testing, the banning of DDT, red tide

factors, watershed analysis, as well as, numerous other exciting lines of inquiry. At any time, scenario investigators are willing, when able, to assist in discussions, debates and help supplement any teacher lead investigation or lesson. Morning news will be used to communicate scenario details and can be used to answer questions that may arise from classes unable to physically visit the dig site as needed.

We look forward to continued excitement, academic growth and inquiry investigation!

Mitch, Dana and Kati

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 winning Wednesday!