

Good morning Sarasota Middle School Today is Thursday, February 14, 2019



A few words of wisdom to start your day-
Talk show host and TV producer, Oprah Winfrey, grew up in poverty and faced many obstacles during her childhood. Despite these challenges, she held on to her dreams and set goals for herself. She proved that determination and hard work could take her where she wanted to go.

Listen to what Ms. Winfrey has to say to us today:

If you believe you can only go so far, it is an obstacle.

Where do you want to go in life? What are your goals and dreams? Write them down and share them with someone who encourages you to be your best. And then believe in your ability to overcome obstacles.

SMS Students and Staff. Today marks the one-year anniversary of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. All schools in Florida have been asked by Broward County Superintendent to commemorate last year's tragic shooting events by observing a **moment of silence** at **10:17 a.m. today**. A **moment of silence** is the expression for a period of **silent contemplation and reflection**. A **moment of silence** is a gesture of respect, particularly in mourning for those who have died recently or as part of a tragic historical event. Ms. Loos will come on the intercom at 10:17am to begin our moment of silence to respect and remember those whose lives were lost, those who were injured and the Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Parkland families whose lives have been changed forever.

Attention students-If you have your paper Encore selection form with you today, you will be entering your selections on the digital form today during Advisory. If you don't have your form today, please bring it tomorrow so you can make your course selections.

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 Happy Valentine's Day!