

Good morning Sarasota Middle School Today is Tuesday, April 2, 2019



A few words of wisdom to start your day-

English writer Samuel Johnson once advised:

Pause for a while from learning, to be wise.

Every day we pause and listen to a few words of wisdom from around the world. Why is that so important? Why do we need wisdom? Having wisdom means having the ability to make good, sound decisions. It means having the ability to make healthy, wise choices.

Today, ask yourself this: How can pausing to listen to a few words of wisdom help me make wiser choices? Then remember this Japanese proverb:

Knowledge without wisdom is a load of books on a fool's back.

FSA testing begins today. 6th grade students will be administered the paper-based test and 7th gr students will be administered the computer-based test on April 2nd. All 6th grade students will test in the morning. 7th gr ATA teams will test in the morning and 7th gr PGA teams will test after lunch. Please ask your advisory teacher where you are testing.

Students it is important that you get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and do your best during this test and the results will count towards your Reading FSA and impact which classes you can take next year.

When you are not testing, please note that we will need your assistance by passing from class to class quietly. Yelling or talking loudly can disrupt test takers. We will have testing in both the morning and afternoon. Please avoid the media center specifically, however testing will also be occurring in classrooms.

A couple important reminders to start your day:

Breakfast service begins at 9:00am. Any student arrives after 9:25am will only be able to purchase a grab and go breakfast. If you are interested in getting breakfast, then you must report to breakfast upon your arrival. Do not wait until the 9:15am announcement.

It is school policy is to have all cell phones and personal devices turned off during the school day and concealed from view. You should not text or make phone calls during the day. Students, please ensure your devices are turned off at this time.

Students, please make sure you are following dress code. The SMS dress code is located in your handbook and online. As we move into the school year, students not following dress code will be sent to the office for assistance.

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 terrific Tuesday!