

**Good morning Sarasota Middle School  
Today is Wednesday, August 21, 2019**



A few words of wisdom to start your day-

Be thankful for  
all the rude,  
obnoxious,  
and difficult people  
you meet in life too.  
They serve as  
important reminders  
of how NOT  
to be.  
- marcandangel

Attention Panthers: Try-outs for Volleyball and Tennis will be held next week! Try-outs for Tennis are before school next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on the SMS tennis courts from 7:50am-9am. Try-outs for Volleyball are after school next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the SMS Gymnasium from 4:30pm-6pm. Students must attend all three days of try-outs to be considered for the team. Additionally, any student that wants to try out needs to have a completed athletic packet turned in to Mr. Joiner by Friday, August 23. Students who do not have a completed packet will not be permitted to try out. Packets are available in the front office. Good luck and Go Panthers!

Attention current National Junior Honor Society members: If you are looking for any extra in-school volunteer hours, please feel free to come and help at the new member induction this Thursday, August 22. We need members to help pass out programs at the beginning and serve refreshments/cake at the end. Please arrive at 5:45. The ceremony starts at 6PM, and it should last around an hour and a half. Please dress your best! Thank you!

Staff and students: Friday, August 30 is National College Colors Day! This is a day set aside every year for fans to show support of their favorite college. Join in the celebration by wearing your favorite college colors to school on Friday, August 30. We are looking forward to seeing how many different colleges will be represented!

Staff and Students today is i-Ready math diagnostic testing. Students please report to your advisory testing location to start the day. We are on a modified schedule today with shortened class periods and no CCR/Advisory after lunch. Students - this diagnostic assessment will provide valuable information about your unique needs and generate a personalized instructional path. It is important to do your best on this assessment.

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 phones 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 1<sup>st</sup> period class at this time.*

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

*Have a wonderful Wednesday!*