

Welcome Back, EAGLES!

August 2023



ON THE TRAIL TO EXCELLENCE!

Welcome back! We hope that you are refreshed, rejuvenated, and filled with excitement for the new school year. As the summer break draws to a close, we are eager to reunite with our amazing students and welcome everyone back to campus as we set out "**On the Trail to Excellence**".

Our dedicated team has been working diligently to prepare for the return of our students. Staff has carefully crafted engaging lessons, captivating activities, and meaningful projects for our students that will ignite curiosity and foster their love for learning.

While transitioning back to the structured routines of school may bring about challenges for both students and parents, know that we are here to support you every step of the way. Our lines of communication are always open, and we encourage you to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or feedback you may have. Together, we can create a strong partnership to ensure the success of all our students.

We are excited to witness the growth, achievements, and milestones that will be experienced this year. Thank you for your continued trust and support. Here's to a successful and memorable school year!

Together in Education,

Jennifer F. Dolciotto

Principal



Stay connected!

Receive updates & information
via TBES Webpage & Facebook Page.

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/toledoblade>

<https://www.facebook.com/toledobladeelementaryschool>

First Day Prep

We are encouraging families to use the variety of online services to prep for the first week of school (found inside). The office will be open from 8:00am-4:00pm from August 4th – August 9th for families to pick up pre-ordered uniforms, pre-ordered car tags, and drop off school supplies and medications.

First Day of School Thursday, August 10th

"Meet Your Teacher"

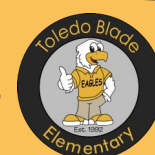
Families of students in Grades 1-5 will be extended an invite by their assigned teacher for a scheduled "Meet the Teacher Session" held on **Tuesday, August 8th**. Families unable to attend the information session should connect with the classroom teacher to ensure receipt of this valuable information.

Grade 1: 8:30 - 9:30am
Grade 2: 9:45 - 10:45am
Grade 3: 11:00 – Noon
Grade 4: 1:30 - 2:30pm
Grade 5: 2:45 – 3:45pm

Kindergarten families will be contacted by their assigned teacher to schedule a small group campus tour & information session to be held on **August 8th**. Please note that the number of participants will be limited



Note: Due to Class Size limitations and enrollment fluctuations, all classroom placements are "Tentative & Subject to Change"; Specific teacher requests are not accepted.

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BACK TO SCHOOL PLANNING CHECKLIST

Below is a guideline/checklist with applicable links to help families prepare for the start of the 22/23 school year. ***Accessing this form via the TBES Website will provide live links**

Things To Do.....		Link to Complete	✓
Registration	On-line registration is complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten families can reserve a time slot for the Kindergarten screening by calling (941) 426-6100 	https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/register	
Uniforms & Supplies	View uniform policy and supply list. Purchase items as needed.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplies may be dropped at the front office between 8/4-8/9 from 8:00am-4:00pm Supplies must be bagged and individual items must be labeled with student's name School uniforms purchased via TBES Student Store will be available for pick-up at the front office between 8/4-8/9 from 8:00am-4:00pm  	https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/domain/1327 https://osp.osmsinc.com/SarasotaFL/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=GC306	
Arrival & Dismissal	View arrival & dismissal procedures. Determine arrival & dismissal arrangements that will be shared with classroom teacher.	https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/domain/1327	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Bus Rider</u>: View bus schedules/routes. Bus riders must be pre-registered for transportation. 	https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/1353	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Biker/Walker</u>: Complete & return the Biker/Walker authorization card 	https://forms.office.com/r/bAGpiZfp25	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Before/After School Childcare</u>: Register and 		
	<p style="text-align: center;">All available spaces have been filled. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, please email Kristen Kinkin at kristen.kinkin@sarasotacountyschools.net</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Car Rider</u>: Pre-Order Car Rider tag if needed *Pre-ordered Car Rider tags will be available for pick-up at the front office between 8/4-8/9 from 8:00am-4:00pm. 	https://forms.office.com/r/2SgCMUHyaS	
Food Services	Complete Free/Reduced Meal Application	https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/FREE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If applicable, add money to an existing meal account 	https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/1334	

Creating a Family Portal Account

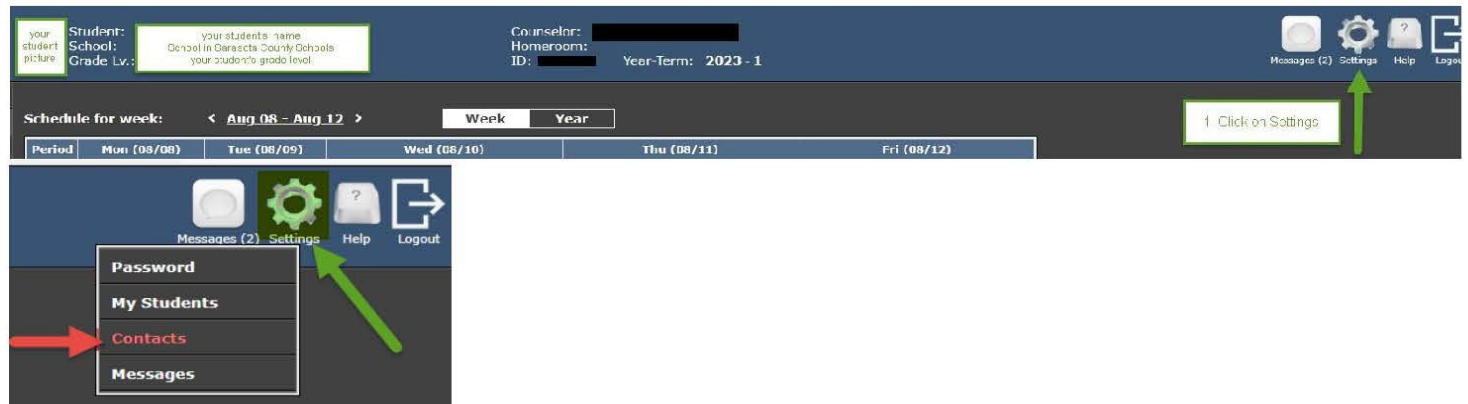
REQUIRED
FOR
ALL
STUDENTS

- Go to www.sarasotacountyschools.net
- Click on Parents and Students
- Under Popular Parent & Student Links (in left column), click on Family Access Portal
- Click new user registration
- Click if you are the student or parent
- Create username and password
- Add your students, you will need their student id/N#
- Fill in boxes student id/last name/first name/birthday
- Click save
- You will be emailed a confirmation

Family Portal Contact Updates

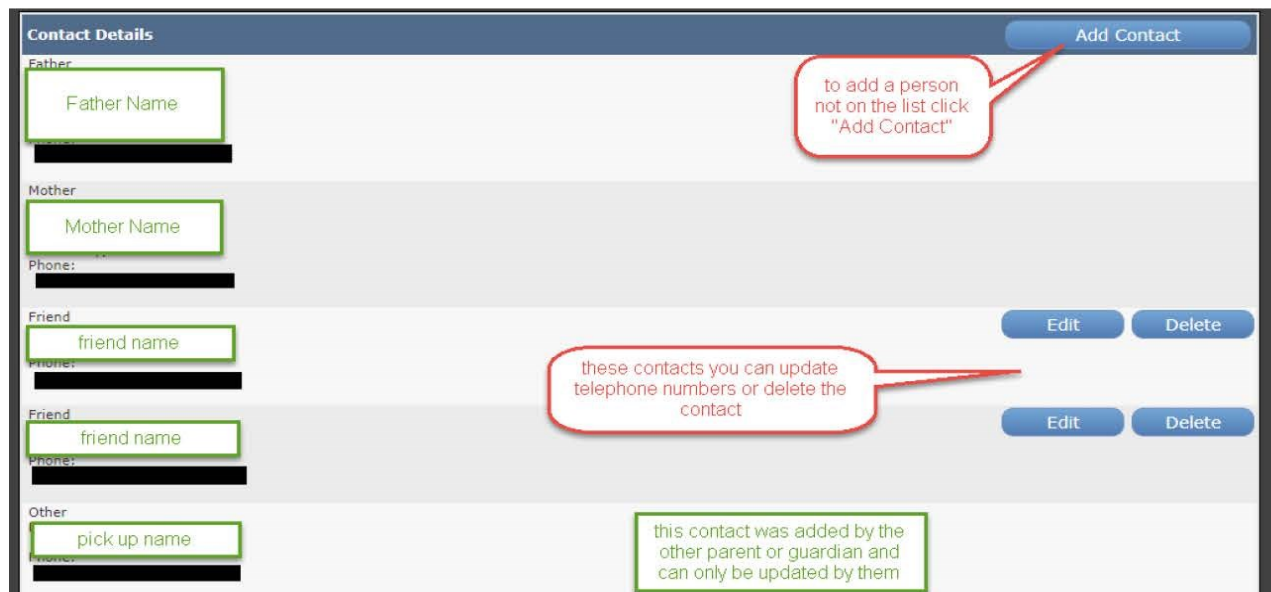
Parents and Legal Guardians: Update your Contacts in the Family Access Portal
(If you do not have a Family Access Portal, please visit <https://parentportal.sarasotacountyschools.net/>)
(Your student's N# will be required to set up a portal account)

Once signed into the Portal Click on Settings and then Contacts:



See the list of Contacts associated with your Student: Add, Edit and/or Delete from here.

- The Contacts you have added are the Contacts you have access to Update
- You can view all Contacts

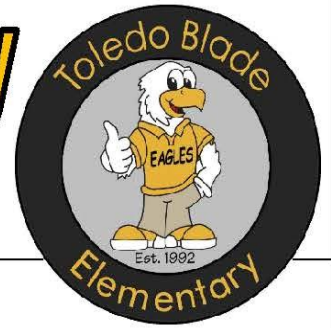


The Contacts are updated in real time in the SIS system that School Personnel can view.

Toledo Blade Elementary

Student Uniform Policy

Mandatory for ALL Students PreK-Grade 5



<p>Tops: Collared Polos, Dresses, Sweaters, Jackets</p>	<p>Top Colors: Gold, White, and Black</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short or long-sleeved collared polo shirts • Solid uniform color, <u>with or without logo</u> • No button up shirts authorized • Sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets & layered items must be in solid uniform color <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Optional:</u></p> <p>Logo uniform polo shirts can be ordered online or at Toledo Blade Elementary. The cost is \$15.00 each. Logo sweatshirts & jackets are also available for order at various times during the year.</p>
<p>Bottoms: Shorts, Pants, Capris, Skirts, Skorts, Jumpers</p>	<p>Bottom Colors: Khaki and Black</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottoms must be to mid-thigh with an inseam of 6 inches or more • Shorts are expected to be worn under skirts • Leggings (khaki or black only) can be worn <u>under</u> bottoms • Leggings/jeggings/excessively tight bottoms may not be worn alone • Athletic/workout shorts and sweatpants are not allowed (Solid blue jeans allowed ONLY on school SPRIT Days)
<p>Shoes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed toed/Fully enclosed shoes with a sole required. • Must be tied or closed with Velcro straps • Sneakers required on PE day(s) and for recess participation
<p>Socks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required - Solid uniform colors "preferred"
<p>School Spirit Days</p>	<p>"Last School Day of the Week"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid blue jeans/denim and any TBES polo/spirit t-shirts are optional
<p>Free Days</p>	<p>To be announced by administration</p>
<p>Picture Days</p>	<p>For Class Picture Days: Full uniform required Individual Picture Days: Students may dress out of uniform, but in full compliance with dress code expectations</p>
<p>Field Trips</p>	<p>Full uniform required on all field trips unless approved by administration</p>
<p>Enforcement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Offense: Call, note home & change into uniform attire • 2nd Offense: Call, note home & change into uniform attire • After 5 days of non-compliance: Letter mailed to the home and administrative team intervention
<p>Scholarships</p>	<p>Applications for assistance are available from the Guidance Department and are subject to approval (verification of eligibility required)</p>

Toledo Blade Traffic Plan For Arrival & Dismissal

Please adhere to the prescribed traffic pattern and procedures to safely accommodate the volume of car riders, bike riders, and walkers at Toledo Blade.

The traffic pattern allows for two car arrival/dismissal locations that are designated by grade level. The facility design and procedures have been established in our continued efforts to make the Toledo Blade campus a safe and secure environment for our families.

Some helpful reminders to help keep our campus safe & orderly during arrival and dismissal:

Arrival

- Students arriving before **8:00am** should report directly to the main office. If the student is registered for the Before School Care Program, he/ she will be sent to the appropriate location. If he/she is not registered, parents will be notified and fees will be applied. **Children should not be left unattended on campus prior to 8:00am**
- Bike riders/walkers should **only** enter campus at the supervised crosswalk
- Bike riders must have a "Bike Rider" authorization form on file in the office
- Classroom doors open at 8:15am; Students arriving between 8-8:15am will be directed to the cafeteria for quiet reading time and/or breakfast service
- Parents may park in designated parking spaces and check in the front office **if** arriving for school business (ex. Scheduled meetings, clinic, volunteering, etc.)
- Parents wishing to walk students to the classroom may do so between 8:15-8:30am following the detailed procedures outlined in the family handbook located on our website

Dismissal

- All dismissal changes must be submitted in **writing** to the **office before 2:00pm**
- Early release after **2:45pm** is not permitted unless prior arrangements have been approved

Car Rider

- Utilize the grade level assigned location for arrival & dismissal
⇒ **Families with students in multiple grade levels will use the location assigned to the youngest sibling**

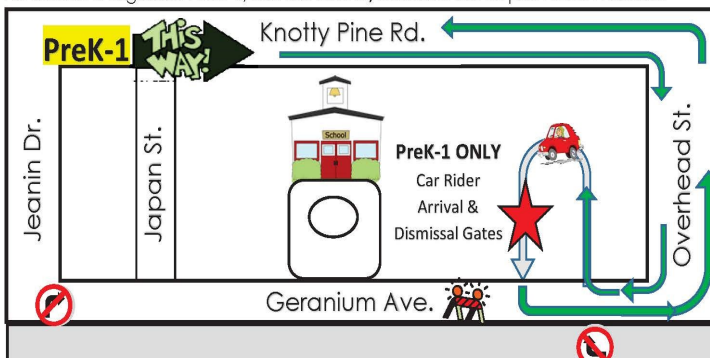
Loop(s)

- Travel at posted speeds and adhere to traffic flow patterns
- Remain in the vehicle at all times with a hang tag clearly displayed and photo ID available
- You will be asked to visit the front office if the hang tag is not displayed or staff request verification of ID
- Pull to the farthest open designated gate to load along the curbside
- Children will be dismissed from a "dismissal classroom" and directed to the assigned dismissal location/gate
- Children that are not picked up by **3:35pm** from the car rider line(s) will be escorted to the front office (fees will be applied) until a guardian arrives



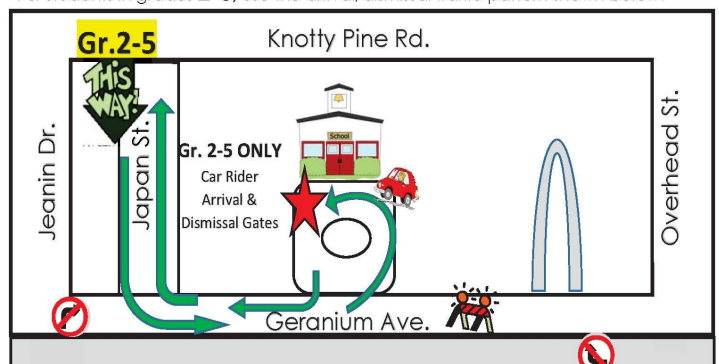
Grades PreK-1

For students in grades **PreK-1**, use the arrival/dismissal traffic plan shown below:



Grades 2-5

For students in grades **2-5**, use the arrival/dismissal traffic plan shown below:





KINDERGARTEN

Pencils (any size)
 (2) Boxes Crayons 24 count
 Scissors
 Glue bottle
 (2) Big pink block eraser
 Dry Erase Markers (4 pk)
 Washable Markers
 (2) Composition Notebooks
 (2) Spiral Notebooks
 Self-seal plastic bags (gallon & quart)
 (1) 1 inch three-ring binder
 (2) Two pocket folders with prongs
 Daily Snack

***Additional Requested Supplies:**

Water color paints
 Paper plates
 Play-Doh

In addition to the grade-level supplies,
ALL students MUST have their own:

Headphones

Supply Box/Pencil Bag

Appropriate School Uniform

(ALL tops/hoodies/jackets/outerwear must be
 solid uniform color)

See Current Uniform Policy

Be sure to label items with a first & last name.

GRADE 3

Wooden pencils
 Crayons/color pencils
 Scissors
 Glue bottle or glue sticks
 Erasers
 Dry Erase Markers (low odor preferred)
 Washable Markers
 (3) Composition Notebooks
 Self-seal plastic bags (gallon & quart)
 (6) Two pocket folders
 Ruler
 (1) 1 inch three-ring binder

GRADE 1

Wooden Pencils
 Crayons or colored pencils
 Scissors
 Glue sticks
 Block Erasers
 Dry Erase Markers
 (2) Spiral Notebooks
 Self-seal plastic bags (gallon & quart)
 (5) Two pocket folders with prongs
 (1) 1 inch three-ring binder
 Daily Snack

GRADE 4

Wooden Pencils
 Crayons/color pencils
 Scissors
 Glue sticks
 Dry Erase Markers
 Washable Markers
 (2) Composition notebooks
 Self-seal plastic bags (gallon & quart)
 (4) Two plastic pocket folders with prongs
 (1) 1 inch three-ring binder

GRADE 2

(24) Wooden Pencils
 Crayons
 Scissors
 (3) Glue sticks
 (2) Erasers
 (16) Dry Erase Markers (thin & black preferred)
 Washable Markers
 (2) Composition books
 Self-seal plastic bags (gallon & quart)
 (2) Two pocket folders with prongs (plastic)
 Daily Snack
 (1) 1 inch three-ring binder

GRADE 5

Wooden Pencils (12-24)
 Colored pencils
 Scissors
 (2) Glue sticks
 (2) Pink peal erasers
 (8) Dry Erase Markers-dark colors
 (5) Composition Notebooks only (not spiral)
 (1) Pack of Wide Rule Notebook Paper
 (1) 1 inch three-ring binder (prefer clear front)
 (3) Two pocket folders with prongs
 Self-seal plastic bags (gallon & quart-slide zipper)

***Helpful School-Wide Donations:**

Copy paper
 Extra glue sticks, Facial Tissues & Post-It Notes
 Hand Sanitizer/Wet/Baby Wipes



August 2023

Toledo Blade Elementary

Title One Information

Did You Know....

Title I is the largest program of Federal funding in education. It's roots are traced back to President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty policy in 1965.

The U.S. Department of Education affirms that Title 1 was developed to guarantee that **ALL** students obtain a high-quality education by bridging gaps in educational achievement.

The goal of Title I is to improve student achievement through:

Effective Instructional Practices
Professional Development for Staff
Increasing Family Involvement

It is intended to help ensure that **ALL** children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments.

How does a school qualify for Title 1 ?

Schools qualify for Title 1 support based on the percentage of students/families who qualify for the free/reduced lunch program.

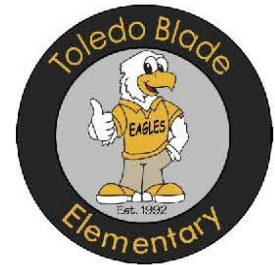
Children are not required to eat school lunch if they qualify for the F/R program. Families can choose to pack lunches or utilize the breakfast and lunch service as they like.

How do families qualify for the free/reduced lunch program?

It is based on economic need as determined by the size of the household and **consistent income**. It is a quick, simple form to fill out.

How do you apply for the F/R program & support our Title 1 status?

Information is available on our website, or by visiting the front office. If you have questions, please contact us at (941) 426.6100.



Toledo Blade Elementary has received the designation as a Title One school for the 2023/2024 school year.

As a Title One school we will be able to offer so many outstanding opportunities and support to our students and families.

Through targeted assistance programs and working TOGETHER, we can continue to have the most positive impact on our children's daily lives and future.

Together In Education,
Jennifer F. Dolciotto, Principal

WELCOME BACK!

Grams



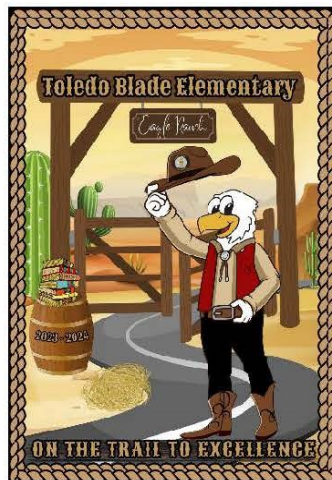
Wish your student a great start to a new year with a Welcome Back to School Pencil Gram!

\$2

Gram purchases will be located in the Media Center during your scheduled **Meet Your Teacher Event!**

SPIRIT SHIRT SALES

\$12



Available in the Front Office & Online Beginning **Aug. 1st**

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/SarasotaFL/BVM/odules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=GC306>



We are looking for those special people who are able to share some of their 'valuable' time as a volunteer to help keep our school moving forward.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The **S**chool **A**dvisory **C**ouncil consists of parents, teachers, community representatives and administration. The State of Florida requires that each school elect members for assisting in the preparation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan and provide assistance in an advisory capacity, as needed, in preparing the school's annual budget and plan.

Typically, there is one, 1-hour meeting each month scheduled on the last Thursday at the end of the school day (approximately 3:45pm). Agendas and minutes are provided via email in advance of each meeting. Free child care for TBES students available on meeting days.

Regular attendance is a requirement of this committee

Please contact Jennifer Bell if you are interested or would like to nominate someone who may be interested at:

jennifer.bell@sarasotacountyschools.net

School Events, Media, Office Support

By volunteering at Toledo Blade Elementary, you can help a student reach his or her full potential and improve the quality of your own life at the same time. Everyone is welcome. No special skills are required – **only some time and a giving heart.**

We welcome fellow community members, parents, students, businesses, professional people, and retired citizens who wish to contribute their valuable time in sharing their special knowledge, skills, hobbies, and talents to provide support and enrichment to our students and staff.

Volunteering is not only an invaluable contribution, but it builds community and provides an example for our students.

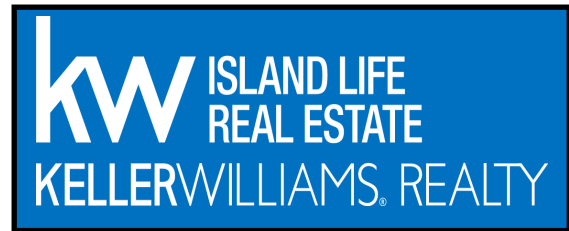
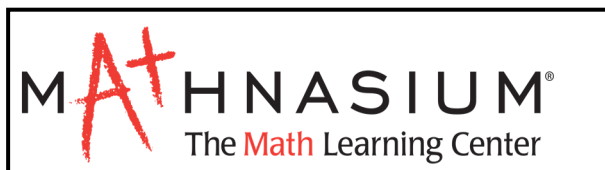
Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Brown for more information on how to become an approved volunteer at:

Katherine.brown@sarasotacountyschools.net

or visit the Community Relations page at:

sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/1369

*A BIG Thanks
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If you are interested in how to become a Business Partner, please contact
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Phone: (941)-426-6100



SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS

2023-2024 DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

1960 Landings Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34231 Phone (941) 927-9000

JULY 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				


3rd - 7th - 240 Staff Non-Work Days
18th - 220 Staff Return

AUGUST 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

3rd - 196 Staff Return
10th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

SEPTEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

4th - Labor Day - Students, All Staff

OCTOBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

12th - End of 1st Grading Period
16th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

NOVEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22		
27	28	29	30	


20th - 24th - Thanksgiving Break -
Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff
23rd - 24th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

DECEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29


21st - End of 2nd Grading Period
22nd - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff
25th - 29th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff

JANUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

1st - 5th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff
15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

FEBRUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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12	13	14	15	16
	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

19th - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

MARCH 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

7th - End of 3rd Grading Period
8th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff
11th - 15th - Spring Break - Students, All Staff
29th - Mini Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

APRIL 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
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MAY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
	28	29	30	31

24th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff
27th - Memorial Day - All Staff
29th - Last Day for 196 Staff

JUNE 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

14th - Last Day for 220 Staff

*Orange highlighted days will be used as inclement weather makeup days if needed

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