

# Principal's Newsletter

December 2, 2023

## *Message from the Principal*

Dear families,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. This week we held our Perfect Score Celebration to honor 61 students and classmates who received a perfect score on a state assessment last year. Six of those students earned a perfect score on more than one! These assessments include the End of Year FAST for Reading and Math, the comprehensive Science assessment, and the Algebra 1 End of Course exam. Congratulations to all the students honored this week!

We also want to give a shout out to both our Boys and Girls Basketball teams and their coaches. Both teams won in their matches against McIntosh Middle School! Well done!!

We will begin FAST Progress Monitoring 2 next week. On Monday our 6th graders will be on a modified schedule. As such, they will be eating lunch 25 minutes earlier than usual. Please pack an extra snack for your child for later in the day. The rest of the schedule will be as follows:

- 7th grade ELA - Tuesday
- 8th grade ELA - Wednesday
- 6th grade Math - Thursday
- 7th grade Math - Friday
- 8th grade Math - Monday, Dec. 11

Students in Algebra 1 honors or Geometry honors will not be taking grade level math tests but will be taking the midterms on December 14 and 15.

Please help us set students up for success by ensuring your childre are prepared to do their best on these assessments by getting a good nights sleep, eating a healthy breakfast and arriving to school on time.

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## *Important Dates*

### **Please mark your calendars**

12/4 - Basketball @ HCMS  
12/4 - SHS AICE Information Night - see attached  
12/6 - Basketball @ SMS  
12/7 - PTSO Meeting  
12/7 - Winter Band Concert  
12/8 - SAC Meeting  
12/11 - Basketball @ Woodland  
12/12 - Modern Band Concert  
12/13 - Basketball @ Brookside  
12/14 - Winter Choral Concert  
12/19 - Orchestra Concert  
12/22- Professional Day (No School)  
12/25-1/5 – Winter Break (School Closed)  
1/8 – Classes Resume

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## *What's Happening Around Campus?*

### **Breakfast on the Go**

Did you know that our Food and Nutrition Services staff provides grab-and-go breakfast for students in the morning? This service is provided to ensure that even those students who may be arriving late to school, or who do not want to eat a full breakfast in the cafeteria can get something to eat before heading to class. We are grateful for our FNS staff at Sarasota Middle!



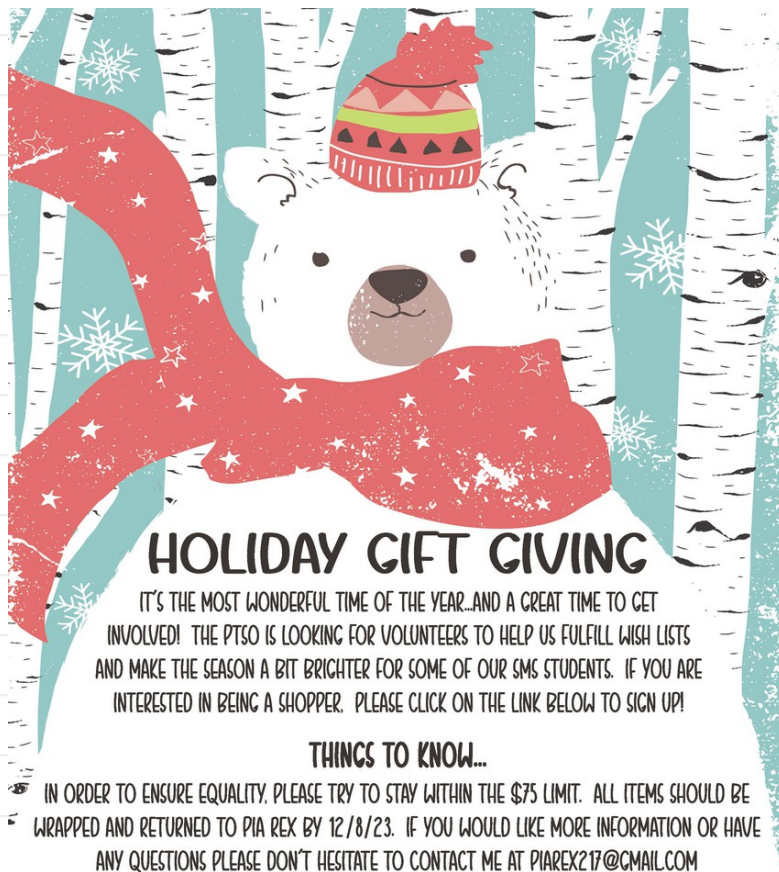




## *Holiday Gift Giving*

Our Holiday Gift Giving collection is in full swing! Below is a Sign Up Genius link and flier to give you more information, but we are hoping we can help out some of our families in need this holiday through your support. You can read more below and click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A5A622ABFDC25-45811470-holiday>



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### THINGS TO KNOW...

IN ORDER TO ENSURE EQUALITY, PLEASE TRY TO STAY WITHIN THE \$75 LIMIT. ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE WRAPPED AND RETURNED TO PIA REX BY 12/8/23. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME AT PIAREX217@GMAIL.COM

### ONE MORE THING...

IF YOU CHOOSE TO BE A SHOPPER, YOU ARE ONLY SHOPPING FOR THE SELECTED SMS STUDENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOP MORE, SMS WILL HAVE A HOLIDAY TREE WITH NAMES AND WISH LIST ITEMS FOR OUR SELECTED STUDENTS' SIBLINGS IN THE MAIN OFFICE.

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/CO/10C0948A5A622ABFDC25-45811470-HOLIDAY](https://www.signupgenius.com/co/10c0948a5a622abfdc25-45811470-holiday)

## *Book Fair is Coming*

Sarasota Middle School, and Media Aide Mrs. Rivera, are excited to bring the Book Fair to you during our SPIN Night on January 23! There will be more information about SPIN night coming, but for now, please see the Book Fair flier below.



ANNOUNCEMENT

# SAVE THE DATE!

Scholastic Book Fair


**2024**

**Jan 22-26**

**SMS Media Center**

Books, toys, games, supplies, and more!

Tell all your family and friends.

More information to come 



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## *35 Under 35 Honoree at SMS*

Our very own, Dr. Tracey is featured in the December issue of SRQ Magazine as one of our area's 35 Under 35 Honorees. This is an annual award where the magazine aims to recognize 35 young professionals from the Suncoast, under the age of 35.

If interested in learning more about one of our own educators, here is the link to the write up on Dr. Tracey: <https://www.srqmagazine.com/articles/1956/35%20Under%2035>



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## *Friendly Reminders*

- Parents, please remember that slippers, pajama pants, and blankets are not appropriate attire at school. These items are for home or for sleep. If students wear them to school they will be asked to change into appropriate school attire.
- Additionally, cell phones and air Pods are to be put away during the school day. If we see students with air Pods or cell phones, we will confiscate them.

Thank you for your help in reminding our students of these school and district expectations.

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## *Extras*





## Want to learn more about Girl Scouts?

Join us for these fun virtual holiday events to not only have fun but also see how amazing Girl Scouts are.

Scan this QR code for event details and registration.





Can't attend? No problem.  
Contact [customercare@gsgcf](mailto:customercare@gsgcf) to learn how you can join Girl Scouts today.

**Paper bag Turkey**  
Saturday, November 18 • 10:00 a.m.

**Fall Wreath**  
Wednesday, November 22 • 6:00 p.m.

**Cornhusk Dolls**  
Saturday, November 25 • 10:00 a.m.

**Paper bag Snowflakes**  
Saturday, December 9 • 10:00 a.m.

**Corn Husk Poinsettia**  
Thursday, December 14 • 6:00 p.m.

**Holiday Wreath**  
Saturday, December 16 • 10:00 a.m.

**Paper Bag Reindeer**  
Wednesday, December 20 • 6:00 p.m.

**Straw Star & Tree**  
Saturday, December 23 • 10:00 a.m.

**Cornhusk Dolls**  
Thursday, December 28 • 6:00 p.m.

**New Year Fun**  
Saturday, December 30 • 10:00 a.m.

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Learn more about Girl Scouts here



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