

Principal's Newsletter

January 14, 2024

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Dear SMS Families,

Welcome back! We are off to a good start with the girls team winning against Pine View this week! The boys will wait to see how things shake out with a few other schools and hopefully we'll see both teams in the championships on January 25th.

And how perfect that we celebrate the life of MLK just at the start of the new year -- it offers the opportunity to make resolutions about the steps each of us can take to foster a more just world!

We hope you enjoy this long weekend.

-Mrs. Nzeza



Important Dates

Please mark your calendars

- 1/15 - MLK Day - No School
- 1/17 - PSAT for 8th Grade Registration DUE
- 1/19 - 2nd Quarter Renaissance
- 1/21 - SPIRIT Night at Sky Zone - See below for details
- 1/23 - SPIN Night and Book Fair
- 1/24 - MOSI STEM Club begins - See below for details

1/22-1/26 - Celebrate Literacy Week - See below for details

1/25 - SMS History Day Contest

1/25 - Basketball Championships - RHS

2/1 - PTSO meeting

2/2 - 7th Grade Dance - More to come!!

2/9 - SAC meeting

Other Important Dates & Information

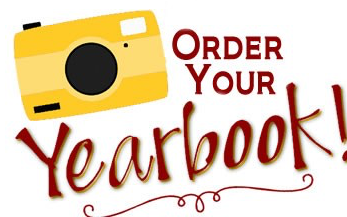
- Track & Field Tryouts are 1/23, 1/24, 1/25 from 7:50-9:00am. Meet in the Gym. [Aktivate.com](https://www.aktivite.com) registration is required.
- Weight Training Intramurals is from 1/23-3/21 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00-9:00am. Meet in the gym. The required Parent Permission and Hold Harmless Agreement can be accessed on the SMS website. Limit to 30 participants.

What's Happening around Campus

Important Yearbook Information

DEDICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED to Jan 19th! DON'T MISS OUT!

Order your Yearbook and dedication today! Don't miss the chance to tell your child how proud you are of them.



Dedications are memories your child will cherish forever. Select a layout with one to three photos to be included in the yearbook. You can build your own dedication or contact Yearbook Advisor, Mrs. Murphy. She will create the dedication for you. For ideas, please see attachments at the end of this newsletter.

AND REMEMBER...Don't forget to buy your Yearbook at the same time.
Yearbook Book sales END March 8th, 2024

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Tutoring Opportunities Starting this Month

Parents, Sarasota Middle has partnered with Riverview JROTC to offer student tutoring on campus. Student volunteers from RHS JROTC program will be here on select days to assist any student who would like additional support in their core subjects. Please see the attached document for additional information.

- Tutoring sessions offered between 2:45 to 5:00, on select Wednesdays

- Set schedule starting January 17, January 31, and February 21; additional days will be scheduled.
- Sessions posted in SchooLinks for sign up - limit 20 students
- Students can participate in all or any part of the tutoring session and can elect to leave at regular dismissal time.
- Parents transportation required if students stay until 5:00. Student pick up will be in the bus loop. Please let me know if your student will be walking or biking home.
- If a student signs up, parents will receive an email notification.

Please see the attached flier at the bottom of this newsletter for sign up information.

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MOSI STEM Club Starting Soon

Interested in STEM? Join the Sarasota STEM Voyager Club (afterschool) sponsored by MOSI Tampa!

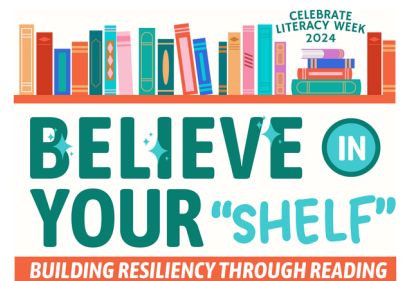
The club is open to any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade SMS student and has very limited spots remaining. Please see Mrs. Simonson in room 623 for forms.

Please see the flier attached at the bottom of this newsletter for all the juicy details! We hop your student will consider joining!

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SMS Literacy Week - January

The Florida Department of Education promotes Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! which "is designed to raise awareness about the importance of reading and to inspire Florida's students and families to make reading part of their daily routines."



We hope you will consider helping your child celebrate literacy by participating in our week-long activities. Please review the flier attached for details. All submissions will be approved first! Thank you!

-Mrs. Fauvel, Literacy Leadership Team Chair

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SPIN Night

Please join us and tell your friends about our Sarasota Middle School SPIN Night for an opportunity to walk around the SMS campus! See what we offer, listen to our musical groups, talk with representatives from clubs/organizations and academics, get questions answered, visit the food trucks in our bus loop --- And just enjoy being on the SMS campus!

Welcome to the 2024
SMS Showcase & Student/Parent Information Night (SPIN)
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Please join us for dinner: A variety of food trucks will be offering dinner and dessert from 5:00-7:30 PM in the SMS bus loop, with a small amount of the proceeds benefiting SMS.

Please come hungry and purchase food from: *El Indigo, Kona Ice and D.K. Eats!*



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Chorus, Jazz Band, Orchestra and Drama Performances
Every 10 minutes 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM – Café

Student Art Displays
5:30 PM-7:30 PM – Art Room 411

National History Day Projects
Websites, Performances, Historical Papers, Documentaries, & Exhibits!
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Media Center

STEM/Science Fair Showcase
5:00 PM-7:30 PM – Media Center

SMS Archery Club Demonstration
Between Building 11 and the Gym
Time TBD

SMS Clubs and Activities Tables
6:00 PM-7:15 PM – SMS Gymnasium

Yearbook, ESE Information, Gifted Information, Counselors, Math, Science, ELA and Social Studies Information, Chess Club, Student Council, SMS Book Club, National Junior Honor Society, Spanish Club, Anime Club, FCA, PE and Athletics Information, SWAT, Career Advisor, Scheduling and Testing Representative, PBIS Information and WEB Leaders plan to participate.

This event brings SMS families together to celebrate our students' talents and achievements.
It also gives SMS an opportunity to host potential SMS students and their families
for an informational evening - so they can see all that SMS has to offer!

Spirit Night at Sky Zone

Please join us to support SMS at our inaugural spirit night at Sky Zone. Money only goes back to the school if you register via the link below or tell them you're with Sarasota Middle at check in.

[Click Here to Pre-Register for SKY Zone Spirit Night!](#)

COME PLAY & SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

SARASOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL



SUNDAY JAN 21, 4-8pm

2 Hours of PLAY \$25 AND \$5 goes back to our school!

*SKY SOCKS required and not included. Waivers required for each participant.

(Children must be supervised by family. School staff are not responsible for children participating in Spirit Night.)

TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE, USE THE QR CODE ABOVE

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!



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Jennifer Nzeza

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