

Principal's Newsletter

January 20, 2024

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

We held our 2nd Quarter Renaissance Friday for students who earned a 3.5 GPA or higher. We were so impressed by the number of students who achieved this honor. Our students worked hard throughout Quarter 2 and it paid off. As we continue in Quarter 3, please monitor your child's grades closely - especially those students who are enrolled in high-school level courses. Let's stay on top of things!

We hope you will join us for one or more of the activities coming up this week at SMS. Best of luck to our boys and girls basketball teams!!

Have a great weekend!

Important Dates

Please mark your calendars

- 1/21 - SPIRIT Night at Sky Zone - See below for details
- 1/22-1/26 - Celebrate Literacy Week - See below for details
- 1/22 - Girls BB Semi finals - 6:00 PM @ SMS
- 1/23 - Boys BB Semi finals - 6:00 PM @ Venice
- 1/23 - SPIN Night and Book Fair
- 1/24 - MOSI STEM Club begins
- 1/24 - SMS History Day Contest
- 1/25 - Basketball Championships - RHS
- 2/1 - PTSO meeting
- 2/2 - 7th Grade Dance - Permission slips go out Monday!
- 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.aktivatemy.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?

Attention 8th Grade Parents

Who: Current 8th grade students and their families

What: Riverview High School Student and Parent Information Night (SPIN)

Where: Riverview High School campus, 1 Ram Way, Sarasota, Florida 34231

When: January 31, 2024 from 5-7pm.

Why: SPIN is an evening event designed for current 8th grade students and families. The SPIN program allows rising freshmen to come see the many wonderful opportunities for student involvement that exist on the RHS campus. All student clubs and organizations will be on hand that evening with displays set up and the hopes of gaining new members. Our sports teams will be represented by coaches and players, cheerleader demonstrations will be held in the courtyard, there will be art and science displays to explore, musical performances to enjoy, as well as tours of both the planetarium and aquaculture facility.

This year we plan to have a food truck on site should you care to purchase refreshments. This program is being held in an open house format so feel free to drop in any time between 5p.m.-7p.m. on Wednesday, January 31st. If you have any questions, please give Riverview a call at 941-923-1484 and we hope to see you on campus for SPIN.

On-Campus Tutoring

If you are interested in free tutoring services at SMS, please see below.

SMS PANTHER TUTORING

Need some extra help with your school work?
Confused about a Math problem?
Sign up for tutoring!

Select days, starting Wednesday, January 17

3 sessions:

2:45-3:17**need teacher approval to attend

3:20-4:15**need teacher approval to attend

4:15-5

Sessions will be posted on SchooLinks for you to sign
up; anyone can sign up
Sessions are limited to 20 students

Student tutors from Riverview will be here to help you
with your core subjects

Questions? Contact Ms. Slegeski

24-25 School Choice Application

The 2024-25 Controlled Open Enrollment (COE)/School Choice application will be available February 1-29.

School Choice is a lottery based on capacity and seats are not guaranteed. Applicants not receiving a seat will be placed on a waitlist. The link to the application and additional information about the process (including seats available at each school) will be available on our webpage as it becomes available: [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the School Choice page on the SCS website.

The School Choice application will be the first module launched in the new Focus Parent Portal!

If you have questions, please reach out to ControlledOpenEnrollment@sarasotacountyschools.net.

SMS SPIN Night

Please join us this Wednesday for SPIN night! If you have elementary school-aged children or friends who may be interested in SMS, this is the perfect night to explore all we have to offer!

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

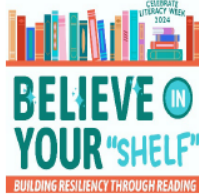
Yearbook, ESE Information, Gifted Information, Counselors, Math, Science, ELA and Social Studies Information, Chess Club, Student Council, SMS Book Club, National Junior Honor Society, Spanish Club, Anime Club, FCA, PE and Athletics Information, SWAT, Career Advisor, Scheduling and Testing Representative,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

Literacy Week

We are excited for our students to celebrate Literacy Week. Please see the flier below for details and a larger version of the QR code attached at the end of this newsletter.

It's *Celebrate Literacy Week* at SMS!



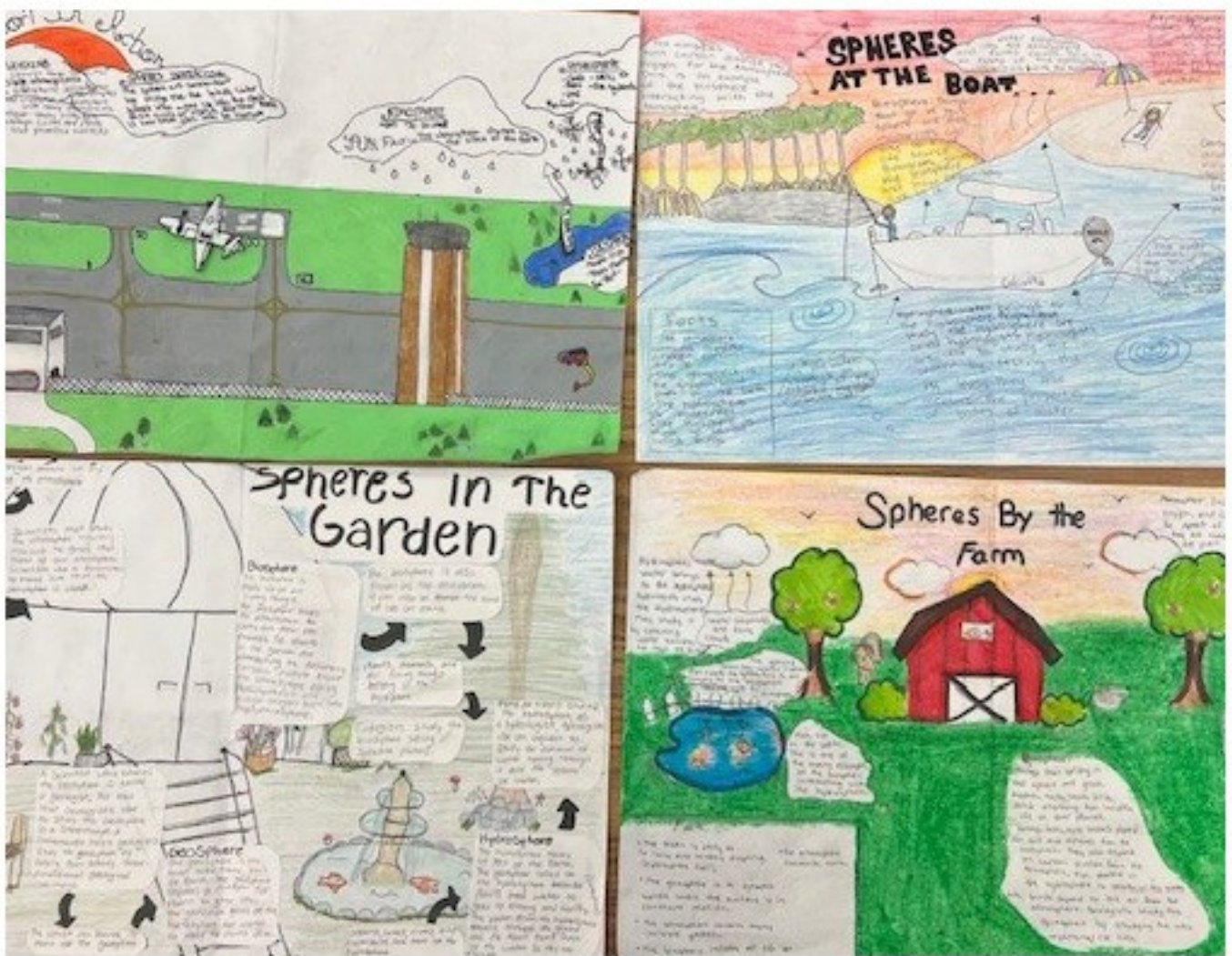
Each day, submit a picture of yourself participating in the theme so it can be posted to the SMS Literacy Week Instagram page! Use the QR code above or send your photo to Mrs. Fauvel: Laurn.Fauvel@Sarasotacountysschools.net, or ask your ELA teacher to take your picture and send it to her!

- Monday, Jan 22..... Kick-off:** wear your craziest kicks! (Dress code appropriate!)
- Tuesday, Jan. 23..... Words Matter:** Wear your favorite words t-shirt! (Dress code appropriate!)
- Wednesday, Jan. 24.... Music is Literacy:** Wear your favorite music t-shirt! (Dress code appropriate!)
- Thursday, Jan. 25..... Teachers are Lit.:** Teachers, wear your favorite literature-themed T-shirt!
- Friday, Jan. 26..... Believe in your Shelf door decorating contest:** classes decorate teachers' doors!

Spheres Interaction

Students in Mrs. Moksha's classes began this quarter with a weeklong project: researching, enriching learning and creating a Spheres Interaction poster, choosing four of the five spheres (atmosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere, cryosphere and biosphere). Students chose a theme, noted what is in each sphere, how they interact, what scientists use to study them and how (tool and means used).

Gallery Walk posters by Raphael Ducrey, Chloe Crabtree, Lily Brucksieker, Scarlett Sokolski



Gallery Walk posters by Madison Brown, Ashlynn Marshall, Antonia Di Pardo, Aubree Eckler



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