

Welcome Back from Spring Break!

Let's Go, 4th Quarter!

Note from the Principal's Desk

Dear Sarasota Middle School Families,

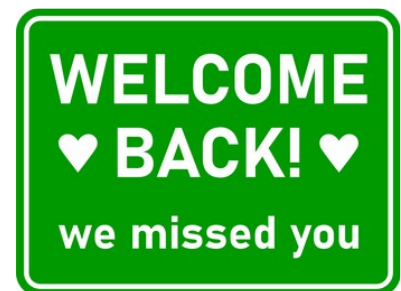
We are looking forward welcoming our students back on **Monday, March 18th!**

We hope you've had a terrific vacation. We're all looking forward to the final quarter of the year, with all the excitement it brings. Please read this newsletter in its entirety as we have a LOT happening in the fourth quarter, including ESOL Night, an All Pro Dad chapter meeting, a new program called The Ripple Effect Award, high school visits, and more!

Please see our **upcoming March events**, and remember that you can always stay up-to-date by checking our [school website](#).

See you soon!

Mrs. Nzeza



Important Dates



Please Mark your Calendars

3/21 - ESOL Night at SMS - See flier attached

3/22 - All Pro Dad Meeting - 8:00 AM - RSVP today!! QR Code at left or in attachments...

3/23 - PSAT for registered students

3/28 - Middle School Career Explo

3/29 - Mini Break - No School

4/4 - PTSO Meeting

4/9 - Golf @ Misty

4/12 - Back to School Night with the Tampa Bay Rays - fliers coming home next week!!

4/12 - SAC Meeting - Discussion of new K-8 School RSVP here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tPjgxuebQT>

4/16 - Modern Band Concert

4/16 - Golf @ Palms

4/18 - Chorus Concert

4/19 - All Pro Dad Meeting - 8:00 AM

4/23 - Orchestra Concert

4/23 - Golf @ Misty

4/30 - Golf @ Palms

What's Happening around Campus

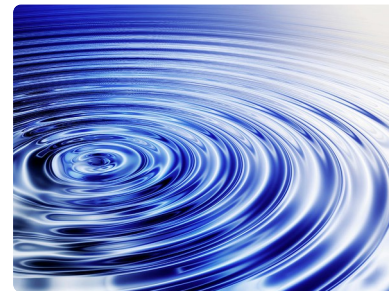
High School Visits

The counseling teams from Riverview and Sarasota High will be visiting our campus soon to begin the scheduling process for 9th grade. Below are important dates to mark on your calendars. **These events are during the school day for students only.**

- **March 27th** : during Advisory.
 - High school counselors will be presenting information about their schools and the scheduling options. Students will be given a paper scheduling form to complete over the next week with input from their teachers and families. The high school counselors will return at a later date to review and collect these forms.
 - Students zoned to Riverview should attend, **except for students accepted to IB - they will have a scheduling night at Riverview later in the year**
 - Students zoned to Sarasota High and accepted to AICE and/or MAST should attend this meeting
- **April 3rd** : during 8th grade Lunch
 - The Riverview counseling team will be on the stage. They will meet with students individually to review their scheduling forms.
 - Ms. Slegeski and Mrs. Muller will be in the Media Center during Advisory if students need assistance completing these forms before lunch.
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Ripples From SMS Program Announced

We would like to announce a new program starting at SMS called **"Ripples From SMS"**. The concept was born when in October of 2023, staff member Marjie Smith was awarded the Ripple Effect Teacher Award from the Margery and Charles Barancik Foundation, a recognition that came with a monetary award. Mrs. Barancik was noted as saying, "We can't change the world, but we can change little pieces of it and hope for a ripple effect." Mrs. Smith is one of those people whose actions have left a ripple of positivity at Sarasota Middle. She has decided to follow Mrs. Barancik's lead and has created **"Ripples from SMS."**



Every action creates a ripple that affects the larger currents of life. The things we do, the actions we take, the words we say, our attitudes – all create ripples. Our ripples start more ripples – and those ripples continue through our lives and the lives of others - creating a greater influence. This program is designed to help SMS students and staff "give back" to our community – to look at how they can help, where they can help, where they can make a difference and what they can do to better our community.

Each quarter during the school year, SMS students or staff members are eligible to be recognized for their efforts – with a cash award of \$250. It may be given to a single person or a group. Half of the award money will go to the organization/group benefiting from the student's/staff's efforts and half of the award money will go to the recipient – the honoree.

We hope to continue to create ***Ripples from SMS*** to our Sarasota community. The inaugural quarter for **Ripples from SMS** will finish after Spring Break. Students, staff, and parents are welcome to nominate an **"SMS Ripple Creator."** There is a nomination form on our website, www.RipplesFromSMS.com and it is also printed and available at the front office. Please email the form, with your nominee, to: Marjorie.Smith@sarasotacounty schools.net.

A decision will be made at the beginning of April and our **"SMS Ripple Creator"** will be announced on the SMS News and will be showcased on our website – www.RipplesFromSMS.com. Please help us to create **Ripples from Sarasota Middle School**. Check out our website and think about a person you know that could be nominated for the **SMS Ripple Creator** award.

CTE Student of the Year Announced

We are thrilled to share that 8th grader, Ava Valabek has been named the **23-24 CTE Student of the Year for Sarasota Middle School**. Ava achieved this honor for her work in the Engineering Program with Mr. Sims. She was recently awarded first place at the State Vex competition and will represent Sarasota Middle School in Orlando this summer at Nationals. Ava will be honored as CTE Student of the Year at the March 19th School Board meeting and will receive a plaque and certificate, and called forward for a photo. If you know Ava or her parents, please share your congratulations for this outstanding student.



Quarter 4 Requirements for 8th Grade Students

Eighth Graders who want to attend our special events listed below **must adhere to the following school expectations throughout 4th Quarter:**

- Receive no more than one Disciplinary Event and Discipline Report in Quarter 4
- Receive no In- or Out-of-School Suspensions in Quarter 4
- Have no more than three (3) unexcused absences in Quarter 4
- Have all library books, textbooks, and computers returned or fines paid before **May 10th**
- Show passing grades for all classes for the year
- Show completed state assessments for promotion requirements

These events include:

May 21st Urban Air – Field Trip – Students will meet in the bus loop at 9:30 AM and travel as an 8th Grade Group to Urban Air for the day. Students will return by 4:00 PM and will go home as they normally do. Lunch is provided. \$60

May 22nd SMS Cafe - Breakfast & Yearbook Signing – Students will enjoy a light breakfast, watch a slideshow, and sign yearbooks. FREE

May 22nd SMS Gym 7:00-8:30 PM Formal Dance – Students will enjoy their last get together as an 8th grade class. A DJ, photo booth, and food will be provided. \$10

A poster for Riverview High School's cheerleading tryouts. It features a light gray background with several illustrations of ram heads and megaphones in maroon and gray. The text is centered and reads: "RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL" in a small, black, sans-serif font. Below it is a thick black horizontal line. The main title "CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS" is in a large, bold, maroon serif font. Underneath the title, "Online Registration" and "Due April 5th" are in a black sans-serif font, separated by another thick black horizontal line. A bulleted list follows: "• ONE JUMP AHEAD CLINIC APRIL 6TH 2-4PM \$10 CASH", "• MATERIAL APRIL 15TH - 18TH", and "• TRY OUTS APRIL 19TH". Below the list, the social media handles "INSTAGRAM: @RHSRAMSCHEER" and "FACEBOOK: RHS RAMS CHEERLEADING" are listed, followed by "QUESTIONS:" and the email "AIMEE.MULDOON@SARASOTACOUNTYSCHOOLS.NET". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Online Registration
Due April 5th

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