



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

This week is a short one but jam-packed with activities! Monday we have the special activities for our ESOL families in the evening. Asolo Theatre actors will be here in the afternoon to prepare the middle school students for their trip to the theater on Tuesday to see South Pacific. Mrs. Julie has already seen it and raved about the quality of the performers and the performance itself. Ms. Teri is a member of the orchestra and will be playing the day the students attend. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Julie and Ms. Teri, the students will not have to pay anything for the bus or tickets. We were fortunate to be granted the funds to cover everything by the Education Foundation. Be sure to look for the information letter from Mrs. Julie about the trip.

Tuesday the elementary grades will be celebrating Thanksgiving with special activities. You should have received information from your child's homeroom teachers. The middle schoolers will be gone from 9:30 - 1:45 for South Pacific.

Last week, Kelly Marsh, Governing Board member, Mr. Matt, Business Manager, and I attended the Florida Charter School Convention in Orlando. We came away with our heads spinning, but lots of information and ideas we are excited to share with you. The theme of the convention was collaboration, not only among the charter school, authorizing district and Florida Department of Education, but more importantly among the teachers, students, and parents of Sarasota Academy of the Arts. Did you know that the students at charter schools outperformed the students at traditional public schools on the whole on FCATs last year? We at SAA are privileged to be a part of that group but we have to work hard to be a five-star school again and an "A" school. It will take all of us working together.

In keeping with the spirit of collaboration, we are fortunate to be a part of Sarasota County Public Schools. It seems many of the charter schools do not enjoy the cooperation and support of their district like we do. Congratulations go out to Dr. Lori White of Sarasota County Schools for being named District Superintendent of the Year by the Florida Charter School Consortium.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Dates:

Be sure to check the [SAA Calendar](#) on the school website frequently as that has the most current information!

- 11/24: ESOL Night
- 11/25: South Pacific Field Trip
- 11/26 -
11/28: Thanksgiving Break
- 12/2: FST Field Trip
- 12/3: 1st & 2nd Grade at Woodlands Village
- 12/3: SAC Meeting @ 4:15pm
- 12/4: SAA Board Meeting @ 8:00am
- 12/4: Picture Retake Day

Want to sign up to volunteer your time at SAA? Please follow the link below to see spots available.

<http://vols.pt/Jgjnqw>



Did you miss it?

We have two sets of Spirit Cups (NY Yankees & Tampa Bay Rays) up for grabs. Each set comes in a pack of 4 cups, and are \$18 per set. If you're interested, please stop by the office. They are available on a first come, first served basis.



Mayors Feed the Hungry Food Drive!

Thank you so much to everyone for participating in the Food Drive! It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without you!

YARD SALE

Thank you to everyone that participated in the SAA Family Garage Sale, it was a great morning, and we'd like to thank all the families for participating, and helping to support our school! Thank you to Mr. Kolowith for helping to set up all the tables this morning, and to all the families that helped to take it all back down. It was a fun morning spent with SAA families and the PTO managed to raise \$350 from the sale of the donated items, the bake sale table and the space rentals! Thanks again to everyone for your support!



Picture Retakes - Dec. 4th

Hello SAA families, if you had any errors in your photo packages, incorrect names on student ID cards, or just want to have your student's photo re-taken, then please return the complete photo package to the SAA office. Photos will be retaken on Picture Day, Thursday, December 4th.

We have picture retake forms available in the office, so please drop off your original photos, and stop by and pick up a retake form and send it in with your student that day.



SAA Now Tweets!

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