



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Newsletter



Spirit Week last week was great fun! I think Mis-match Day and Neon Day had the greatest number of participants, check out the new photo gallery on the SAA website to see all the fun we had. We'll do it again later this year!

We finished all of the FAIR testing Friday so you will receive a letter soon giving you the results of your child's test. This test gives you, your child, and your child's teacher one more piece of information to better plan a program of instruction to improve reading skills. Whether a student scores low or high, we want to know where the strengths and weaknesses are so that growth and improvement always continue. With the scores, you will receive some suggestions for ways to help your child at home.

Monday, the students taking Algebra I will have a computer-based benchmark test geared to the Algebra I EOC. Tuesday will be the seventh graders' turn at the Civics benchmark test for the Civics EOC. Like the FAIR, these will give an indication of where the students are and what we need to do to best help them learn the required material. These scores do not affect the quarterly grade, but students are encouraged to do their best. Benchmark tests for K - 8 in math and 5 - 8 in science will begin the 22nd.

The first quarter ends on the 21st of October. Please make sure all assignments are up-to-date!

Have a great week!

Be sure to check the SAA website frequently, especially the Parent's Corner page and the School Calendar. It is updated weekly with important information!

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RUN CLUB



Have you heard about our latest after-school activity, called the Run Club? It's for students (1st - 8th grades), parents, faculty and staff of SAA.

Run Club will meet Tuesday and Thursday afternoons immediately after school until 5:15 p.m. Practice routes will be determined at a later date, but Run Club will participate in several local 5K races throughout the school year. (1st and 2nd grade students must have a parent present during meets and races). If you are interested in joining, please fill out and return the form that went home. **Forms are due Oct. 23rd!**

Orientation will be held on Tuesday, October 29th at 4:15pm. For questions, please call Sabrina Lugo at (941) 284-3101.

Bottle Caps

"Hi, my name is Carmela Moedano and I'm in the 7th Grade. I'm collecting bottle caps that twist off, for kids with cancer and if I collect 1,000 bottle tops, 5 kids get a radiation treatment. You can get the tops from water bottles, Gatorade, juice, milk, etc. Once I get that much I can turn them into any hospital. Please bring the tops to the office, where there is a collection container. I will be collecting them all year. Thank you for your support!"



The PTO page has been created on the SAA website. Please stop by and check it out!

You will find information on tons of projects, committees, and ongoing volunteer opportunities posted, that include staff & teacher requests, etc.

Upcoming Dates:

- **October 15th: Yankee Candle Fundraiser due!**
- October 17th: Student Health Visit to SAA for vision tests
- October 19th at 7:00pm: Sarasota's Got Talent Show, held at Sarasota Military Academy (come out and see & support all the amazing talent Sarasota has to offer!
- October 22nd: Fall Follies at Sarasota Military Academy
- October 29th: Run Club Orientation at 4:15pm
- October 31st: Halloween Festivities for K - 5 Grade
- November 1st - Yearbook Orders DUE!
- November 1st - Picture Makeup Day
- November 1st - Middle School Dance from 7:00pm - 10:00pm



PARENTS:

School Health will be at SAA on Thursday, October 17th to do vision testing for Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 6th graders, and new-to-the-state, 2nd, 4th and 5th graders.

