



# THE SHOOTING STAR



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## Principal's Corner

September is coming to an end - all too quickly, it seems. We have a busy week planned and hope you will be a part of it.

Progress reports will be sent home Monday for 3rd through 8th grade. The kindergarten, first, and second grades will have parent conferences instead of the written reports. The report cards changed this year for kindergarten and first grade so a conference will present a more accurate picture of your child's progress than a written report. Parents of middle school students will also receive letters describing the results of the FAIR (reading) assessment they took last week.

Parents of students in grades K - 5 will have an opportunity to follow their child's daily schedule at the Back-to-School evenings scheduled for this week. K - 2 will meet Tuesday, September 30 from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Third through fifth grades will meet Wednesday, October 1 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM). Teachers will describe classroom policies and expectations, what the courses cover, and plans for the year. They will also assist you in accessing the digital materials and support available to you and the students. Students have access to digital textbooks and e-sources we purchase from the school district and other vendors. This is not a time for individual conferences, but you could schedule one for another day while you are here. It is very important that you attend these programs. We hope you will be able to come. (The middle school will have their Back-to-School night on Monday, October 6 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.)

Next month we are concentrating on improving attendance and respect. Watch for more information. We will be giving out awards for students with exemplary attendance during September at a ceremony in early October. There is a definite correlation between attendance and academic success, and we need your help in having your child arrive on time and in school.

PTO is sponsoring Spirit Week this week. Join the fun and show your school spirit by wearing your best mismatched clothes Monday. Tuesday you'll need to dress for school pictures. (We're trying it again!) Who's your favorite superhero? Wednesday is the day to show just which superhero you'd like to be. Thursday get out your country or western clothes and Friday wear something supporting your favorite sports team. Neon Day was moved to next Monday because of Picture Day.

There is another restaurant night to raise funds for field trips this Monday at Lee Roy Selmon's. You do not need a flyer, but do tell your server that you are from Sarasota Academy of the Arts. You can go at any time that day. Please do not feel you are expected to attend all of these. It's great if you can because all of the proceeds go into the field trip account for SAA. That way we can keep down the costs and more students can participate.

The volleyball team has two more games this week and a car wash to raise funds for gym rental and referees. The car wash will be Saturday, October 4.

Have a wonderful week!

## Upcoming Dates:

- 9/29: Mismatch Day!
- 9/29: Lee Roy Selmon's Fundraiser!
- 9/30: Picture Day!
- 9/30: Fair Testing 5th Grade
- 9/30: K - 2 Back to School Night (6:00pm - 7:00pm)
- 10/1: Super Hero Day!
- 10/1: 3rd - 5th Back to School Night (6:00pm - 7:30pm)
- 10/2: Country Western Day!
- 10/2: SAA Board Meeting @ 8:00am
- 10/2: Fair Testing 4th Grade
- 10/3: Sports Day!
- 10/4: Volleyball Car Wash Fundraiser @ 10:00am
- 10/6: Neon Day!
- 10/6: Middle School Back to School Night (6:00pm - 7:30pm)
- 10/6: Mandatory Meeting **after** the middle school Back to School Night for Students & Parents interested in Basketball & Cross Country teams.



### Picture Day—Tuesday

Picture Day ID: FA94484IQ0

1. Fill out your flyer.
2. Go to [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)
3. Pay online.



**Want to have a voice and make a difference?** We are looking for new members for our SAC (School Advisory Council). The SAC consists of parents, staff, and community representatives. This working committee is involved with developing and implementing our school improvement plan. The council is advisory in nature and meets monthly.

### We Need Help!

We need a TON of assistance on picture day. We have several openings, helping to get students back and forth from their classrooms to the photography area. If you can help, AND are PALS Approved, so please click on the Volunteer Spot link to sign up! <http://vols.pt/pTh6KN>

### Business Partnership Coordinator

We are looking for a volunteer to handle and coordinate Business Partnerships. Please contact Kelly Marsh at 941-350-3767 if you are interested.

### PTO FUNDRAISERS

Last week, the SAA PTO sent out two fundraising packets. The first being the Spirit Cup fundraiser, and the second the Yankee Candle Fundraiser. Please help us help our school by participating if you can as 40% comes back directly to Sarasota Academy of the Arts. **Both fundraisers are due back on October 10th.**

If you have any questions, please be sure to contact our PTO President, Jill Hutton at [jillhutton10@gmail.com](mailto:jillhutton10@gmail.com).

### Office Help Needed:

**Wednesday, October 1st from 2:00pm - 4:00pm:** Kathy will be out of the office next Wednesday. Can anyone help out in the office? Please be sure you are PALS approved before signing up through the Volunteer Spot link. <http://vols.pt/ZzjTmt>

### Sports Update:

Basketball tryouts will be held on October 8th for the Girls and October 10th for the Boys. Be sure to check the SAA Calendar on our website for updated information.

Students should join the Run Club if they are interested in joining the Cross Country team,

If you have any additional questions, please get in touch with Coach Swilley.