



THE SHOOTING STAR



Sarasota Academy of the Arts

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Principal's Corner

The first day of 2014-2015 has arrived! I hope everyone is excited to start back for a great year of learning and performing in the music and visual arts.

The teachers have been working hard this past week to have everything ready. They even had to sing and dance to practice adding more arts to their curriculum!

Students are welcome to arrive in the classrooms any time from 7:30 AM until 8:00 AM. Classes start at 8:00. If you plan to drop off prior to 7:30, please go through the JRA door off the front parking lot. JRA will provide before and after school care if you need it. SAA teachers will be in their classrooms at 7:30 on the first day; after that, they will open the classrooms at 7:45. Buses will pick up according to the schedule on the Sarasota County Schools website and on the Transportation page on the SAA website.

When dropping off, please pull all the way to the end of the drive-through so cars do not back up on Fruitville Road. If it is going to take very long for your child to exit the car, please pull around and park so the lanes are not blocked. You should follow the same directions when you pick up in the afternoon. You can still obtain a car rider card from the office if you call and let us know.

Your child will be bringing home several letters regarding music, Box Tops, and other topics on Monday. Please read through them and respond as necessary.

Remember to send money for lunch if you have not established an account online. You may have received notification of approval for Reduced/Free lunches and you may still apply online if you like.

Remember to bring in your reading response. The popcorn party will be Friday for all students who return their project and reading log. Don't forget! We'll be taking pictures of the projects for the website!

Upcoming Dates:

- 8/18: First Day of School
- 8/20: PTO Mtg @ 6:00pm
- 8/25: 8th Grade Technology - 6:30pm
- 8/26: 7th Grade Technology Night - 6:30pm
- 8/27: 6th Grade Technology Night - 6:30pm
- 8/28: 5th Grade Technology Night - 6:30pm
- 9/2: 3rd and 4th Grade Technology Night - 6:30pm
- 9/3: Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Technology Night @ 6:30pm
- 9/3: Scholastic Book Fair

Need Volunteer Hours?

Here is the Volunteer Spot Group Page that lists many opportunities until the end of the school year.

Please sign up today!

<http://vols.pt/jginqw>



PTO Meeting - Thursday 8/21

Our 1st PTO meeting will be held this coming Thursday, August 21st at 6:00pm in the middle school classrooms.

We will be discussing upcoming volunteer opportunities, how to register for PALS and explain the Level 2 requirements for overnight trips and volunteering for Out of County Field Trips. Be sure to turn in the volunteer opportunity sheet that's due on Monday indicating which area you would like to get involved in.

Also, come and meet YOUR new PTO Board for the 2014 - 2015 school year!

- President - Jill Hutton
- Co-Vice Presidents: Kristina Swain & Giustina Solano
- Secretary: Sharon Young
- Treasurer: Elizabeth Thomas



Middle School T-Shirt Contest

Middle School Parents: Did you see the information in your student's welcome back packet regarding the T-shirt contest? Entries are due on Friday, August 22nd. This is a great opportunity for our students to showcase their artistic talent and get a chance to have their design chosen as the SAA middle school shirt for the 2014 - 2015 school year.



Sarasota Academy of the Arts is starting an after school book club this year. Be sure and check the SAA website for the details, on the "After School Activities" page.

VOLUNTEER INFO /PALS

The PALS computer is available in the main office of SAA to register as a volunteer. If you were PALS approved last year, you will just need to reactivate your account. If you are new to Sarasota County public school, you will need to register and obtain Level 1 approval through PALS in order to be able to volunteer at Sarasota Academy of the Arts. So don't delay, stop in and register as soon as possible.



ATHLETICS

Be sure and check out the Sports page on the SAA website for information and rules regarding participating in SAA sports this school year! Download the Athletic Sign Up Sheet and return it ASAP!



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