



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the "Back to School" nights last week. We had an excellent turn-out for the elementary grades according to reports I received. (I was unable to be there because I was at the School Board meeting where our school was one of seventeen in the district recognized as a "Five Star School".) Thank you also to the parents who chaperoned the various field trips and assisted on campus at special events. We received a lovely note from the master gardeners who visited with our third and fourth graders. You will find it below and a copy on our website. A special thank you goes to "Around the Bend Nature Tours" which sponsored the 5th and 6th grade trip to Myakka and will be funding the 6th grade trip to an archaeological dig later in the semester. Ms. Julie would like to thank the students and parents who turned out to support the music fundraiser at Applebees Saturday morning. The event raised \$800 that will go towards transportation costs for the music performances.

We have a special project taking place this week as the Middle School Advanced Art class joins with the third, fourth, and fifth grade classes to make beads of hope bracelets to send to Las Vegas. It was requested by a hospital spokesperson that they be sent for the hospital doctors, nurses and first responders at the hospital where 60 of the injured were taken. Later this week the student council will be sending out information for how our school community can help the family of one of the eighth graders who lost their home in a fire last week.

This is the last week of the first grading period. Students should be sure that all assignments are completed as directed. It is important that they be in school as we finish out the quarter. While we are tracking attendance, we suspect our percentages are higher due to the number of absences prior to the hurricane as parents prepared for it or stayed in safer localities. The six days we were off do not count as absences but that still leaves our middle schoolers at 15% chronic absences. This is especially concerning at the 7th grade level where 22% have absences over 10% of the first quarter. We are much better at the elementary level where 91% are present at any given time.

Monday night is the first night of the Fall Shows. Kindergarten should arrive at Glenridge Performing Arts Center at 5:30 pm for a 6 pm show. They should wear pajamas or nightgowns. First and second graders should arrive at 6:40 for a 7 pm show. They should wear nice clothes unless they had a costume sent home with them. Admission is \$5 for adults and all students are free. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The middle school chorus students should wear their costumes to school on Wednesday morning and bring a change of clothes. Please be sure you have returned the permission slip for their off campus performance that morning. Their evening performance is Thursday night. Girl's chorus should arrive at Glenridge Performing Arts Center at 5:30 pm for a 6 pm show. They wear their costumes to

Upcoming Dates:

Be sure to check the SAA Calendar on the school website frequently as that has the most current information!

Monday - 10/9/17

- 4:00pm Student Council Meeting
- 5:00pm K/1st/2nd Fall Show

Tuesday - 10/10/17

- 8:00am Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday - 10/11/17

- 9:00am 1st to Van Wezel
- 9:30am MS Chorus to Nursing Homes

Thursday - 10/12/17

- 6:00pm MS Chorus Fall Show

Friday - 10/13/17

- End of 1st Grading Period

Monday - 10/16/17

- Professional Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - 10/17/17

- 3:30pm PTO Meeting
- 4:30pm - Basketball Tryouts

Wednesday - 10/18/17

- 9:30am 3/4/5 to Nursing Homes
- 4:30pm - Basketball Practice

Thursday - 10/19/17

- 4:30pm - Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm 3/4/5 Fall Show



the show. **Advanced chorus should arrive at 6:40 pm for a 7 pm show, also wearing costumes. Please remember that boys need black dress shoes and black socks. The rest of their costume is provided. Admission is \$5 for adults and students are free.**

Seventh and eighth graders must return their Evita permissions and money for the tickets this week. This is a wonderful opportunity to see a professional production and the historical elements of the show will be taught in social studies classes.

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Student Council

Congratulations to the 2017-18 Student Council members. Everyone did an excellent job running and we have a great team this year!

- 4th Grade Representative- Parker Sasville
- 5th Grade Representative- Skylar Chojnacki and Ada Jordan
- 6th Grade Representative- Sophia Drews and Ana Badalyan
- 7th Grade Representative- Velvet Patton
- 8th Grade Representative- Sydney Chojnacki and Jorge Ramos
- Drama - Dana Zolla
- Beta Club - Abigail Leftwich
- Ukulele Club - Melanie Hester
- Craftastic Club / 3rd Grade Representative - Makayla Eagan
- Garden Club - Anna Smith
- Behind the Scenes Club - Kristy Herbon

Visitors to SAA this week

What a joy to meet the 4th graders at the school gardens! They were so enthusiastic, knowledgeable and anxious to learn. They showed impressive knowledge about basic gardening concepts, and took great interest in the activities (composting, planting and watering). We enjoyed spending time with them to enhance their knowledge of agricultural skills.

Stacy Spriggs, Sarasota County Community Garden

Jill Halman, University of Florida



Become a Business Partner

We are reaching out to YOU, our SAA families, if you have any interest in becoming a Business Partner for the 2017-2018 school year or if you might know someone that would be. We are always looking for business partnerships to fund many of our incredible educational programs at SAA. Check out the 2017-2018 Business Partnership Agreement located on our website to check out the various levels and offerings.

Picture Day - October 19th



Be on the lookout for school portraits order forms that are coming home this week. Picture Day has been rescheduled and will take place on Thursday morning, October 19th.

[Photos will be taken of all students for the yearbook, whether you purchase any or not.](#)

Please note that you must send in the envelope/order form with your child that day and a check, credit card information, or pre-pay confirmation if you wish to purchase pictures. Additional order forms/envelopes will be available in the office.