



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Saturday night, I, along with about 50 parents, had the pleasure of watching our drama club students present their program of 13 one-act plays or skits. These middle school students have been working in drama class and after school in the drama club to entertain us with their projects for first semester. The presentations were sometimes comedy and sometimes drama and most reflected topics middle schoolers deal with today. Thank you, Mr. Jeff and parents who supported the students through bringing food, being in the audience, and encouraging them to join the drama club. Well done, SAA thespians! It is so good to see you doing something you obviously enjoy.

This week another student event takes place - The Hour of Code, but at SAA it's a week-long event. Here's a message from Mr. Thomason, IT Coordinator:

Hey Parents!

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. Fewer than half of all schools teach computer science. That's why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 4-8). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code. We will be doing coding in all K-5 classes everyday this week, and also Middle School will be participating in some of the core classes. Our Hour of Code is making a statement that Sarasota Academy of the Arts is ready to teach these foundational skills.

Thanks,

Brett Thomason, Technical Coordinator

Thank you to the SAA PTO for the parent breakfast on November 28th. About 21% of the families participated. It was good to see those who could make it. The PTO put out quite an extensive spread of breakfast foods.

This week we begin Holiday performances with the Girls' and Advanced Choruses going out to perform on Wednesday in assisted living centers and Thursday night for parents at the Glenridge Performance Theatre at 6:00 PM. The cost for Thursday night is \$5.00 for adults. The advanced chorus will travel to Disney World this weekend to perform their Holiday Show. Look for more information in the notices from Ms. Julie.

Exam Weeks

Upcoming Dates:

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

Wednesday - 12/06/17

- 9:15am Girls Chorus @ Cabot Reserve
- 10:30am Advanced Chorus @ The Pines

Thursday - 12/07/17

- 6:00pm Girls Chorus
- Advanced Chorus Winter Show (Glenridge)

Friday - 12/09/17

- Advanced Chorus to Disney

Monday - 12/11/17

- 9:15am 1st/2nd Field Trip to Heron House
- 10:45am Kindergarten @ Alderman Oaks
- 6:00pm 1st/2nd Grade @ Glenridge

Tuesday - 12/12/17

- 8:00am Governing Board Mtg

Wednesday - 12/13/17

- 9:30am -3/4/5 Field Trip

Thursday - 12/14/17

- 6:00pm 3/4/5th Grade @ Glenridge



Principal's Corner (cont.)

The Governing Board will meet for a unscheduled short meeting tomorrow morning on facilities with the regularly scheduled meeting on December 12. Meetings are held in the Administration Building at 8:00 AM. Hearing rescreenings will take place Monday and Tuesday. Thursday, District personnel will be here to review our documentation for our charter renewal.

Have a wonderful week.

Cecilia Blankenship
Principal

Exam Weeks

- Dec. 12 - Spanish 1
- Dec 13 - Algebra 1 and Geometry
- Dec 14 - Science - HS Physical Science and 8th grade
- Dec 15 - Science - 6th & 7th grade
- Dec 19 - Science - 5th grade; Civics - 8th grade!

School Lunch Menu



Did you know that the breakfast and lunch menus are posted on the website? Check back each month for the latest and most updated information.

Survey Monkey

We would very much appreciate your taking the time to complete the anonymous survey and return to us by Tuesday, Dec. 5. We'll let you know how the results come out.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/88KP2WM>

Holiday Toy Drive Underway

We are participating in the Annual Toy Drive for Sarasota Memorial Hospital's Pediatric Unit.

The needs of the pediatric unit at Sarasota Memorial Hospital are year-round as illnesses do not just happen around the holidays. Many children spend all kinds of holidays, birthdays, and special occasions in the hospital. While a toy does not make up for that lost time, it does help them forget about their troubles for a little while and escape into playtime.

Please help us make a difference, donate a new unwrapped toy and bring some smiles year-round to the kids at SMH! Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

There is a collection box in the office and we are looking for NEW & UNWRAPPED TOYS (NO stuffed animals).

Donations accepted now through December 15, 2017.

