

SMA News and Notes

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Dear SMA parents,

So we begin our 5th year! For the 3rd year in a row we are an Exemplary Campus- the only middle school in our Region to accomplish this. We have a great staff and supportive parents. It is important that all the adults in a child's life maintain high expectations. In almost 40 years in Education, I have experienced students rising to meet these expectations when all parties support the goal. Let work together! A parent sent me the following article –*When Smart Kids Fail*. I usually use this section of the newsletter to provide parenting or educational tips, or just to get up on my soapbox. This article does it better than I do. I think it includes some very good tips for parents. I especially like the advice in the last few paragraphs, so I encourage you to read to the end.

http://www.science20.com/daytime_astronomer/when_smart_kids_fail-78976

A few reminders!


We have gone over the student handbook with all students. You can access it on our website. The main problems currently are:

- Please check the dress code to be sure they are in compliance. The main violation seems to be the girl's shirts tend to be a bit bare for school.
- Cell phones need to be turned off and in the locker. There is a \$15 fine if they are confiscated, and they will only be returned to a parent.
- Students should always lock their school and personal property in the locker. Many are leaving their valuables all over the hall.

Are you interested in a babysitting course? Contact the SMA office for more information. See attached information

Have you paid Art, Music, and/or Science fees for your student? Please take care of those as soon as possible!

For your child's safety:

- Please sign in at the office when you enter the building. We ask that you not disrupt classes to speak to a teacher or student. We will call your child to the office, leave a message for the teacher, or deliver a needed item. Visiting a classroom during a class period disrupts the learning of all students. Teachers are available during their conference period.
- Please pick up students promptly after school. Students who are still on campus after 3:30 will be in study hall until you arrive.
- Tutoring and study hall end at 4:30. Do not leave your student here later unless you have spoken with a teacher. There will not be anyone here to supervise them.
- Students need to keep a pair of athletic shoes in their locker for gym and science lab. They will also need long pants for lab on Tuesday. It is a good idea to leave a pair of sweat pants on jeans in the locker so it will not disrupt your day to bring them to school.
- Last year there were several students who left campus to go to Stripes and then returned for tutoring. We do not support this action. They are in danger walking on these busy streets. Please reinforce this at home.
- Please monitor your child's Facebook page. Every school in the country is dealing with cyber bullying. This is NOT occurring on school computers, we have blocked Facebook; but the repercussions are felt at school. The school cannot discipline for things that happen on your home computer, so you need to be vigilant.
- If your student walks or rides a bicycle to school, we strongly recommend they use the rear entrance off Palmira. Bikes should be locked in the bike rack.
- All prescription and over the counter medications must be administered through the office. You may leave Tylenol and similar medications with us if they need them frequently. We will not administer anything without your permission, so please download and send the medication form. We do not furnish any medications.
- If your student brings lunch that must be heated, please send it in a mic  container. They should also br



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7th Grade History Project

7th grade Texas history students will be having their annual 'Celebrate Texas Culture with Food' project on September 20th. Beginning September 6th, Texas history students will learn about and examine different cultures within the state of Texas. All students will be receiving a rubric for this project along with a due date.

From 5th grade:

Please make sure you have received Mrs. von Keyserlingk's *Homework Survival Guide*. If you didn't get one at Open House, they were sent home with the students. (Look for a yellow-covered booklet). The avonkeyserlingk@seashore.esc2.net is the best way to reach Mrs. von Keyserlingk if you have Language or Social Studies questions, and rkanipe@seashore.esc2.net for Mr. Kanipe for Science and Math. Also, 5th grade conference times can be scheduled between 10:15-12:00 daily, or after school most afternoons after 3:15.



Science labs begin the first week of school. Brennan and other 6th graders get their first lab experience.

PE News

As the school year begins, students are getting to know each other in their new PE classes. We have volleyball and football seasons here, so we will be improving our skills and knowledge in those sport areas. Please remember students need to have sneakers for class.

SMA Athletics

With so much interest in volleyball, the 6th grade girls will be participating in a league where they will play other schools that have 6th grade volleyball. This is a first for SMA. The 7th and 8th grade girls are off to a super season! With their dedication and determination, this season should bring much success. Come and support your volleyball teams as they will be playing most season games at SMA. Go Penguins. The concession stand will be open after school each game day. Proceeds go to athletics!



Volleyball season has begun. SMA has three teams for girls in 6-8th grade. Mindy is practicing her serve.



Student Council President, Josh and Vice President, Jenna led the pledge at the 1st day assembly.

Student Council Dance and Social

Friday, September 2nd

5th Grade: 3:20-5:00

6th-8th Grade: 7:00-9:00

Admission \$5.00

Dress code applies!

Call Michele @850-3983 to volunteer to chaperone or assist with the food!

Please pick up students promptly!

September Lunch

\$73.50 - Due by Wednesday, August 31
Make Check payable to SCS

(You may use PayPal, but there is a 3% fee charged by them)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p><i>Chef Salad w/ Baked Potato Available / Milk, Chocolate Milk Available with Meal</i></p> <p>5 No School</p>			<p>1 Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Country Gravy, Steamed Corn, Sugar Free Cookie</p>	<p>2 Spaghetti 'n Meatballs, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Orange Wedges</p>
<p>6 Ravioli with Marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Orange Wedge</p>		<p>7 Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Country Gravy, Steamed Carrots Lite Pear Half</p>	<p>8 Grilled Chicken on a Bun, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Sugar Free Cookie</p>	<p>9 Low Fat Pepperoni Pizza, Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Ranch Dressing, LF Pudding</p>
<p>12 Grilled Chicken on a Bun, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Sugar Free Cookie</p>	<p>13 Spaghetti 'n Meatballs, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Orange Wedge</p>	<p>14 Chili Cheese Bean & Beef Burrito, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Lite Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>15 Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Lite Pears</p>	<p>16 Chicken Alfredo, Penne Pasta, Steamed Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Orange Wedge</p>
<p>19 Chicken Strips with Country Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Corn, Lite Peaches</p>	<p>20 Chicken Parmesan Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Orange Wedges</p>	<p>21 Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish, Rice, Refried Beans, Chocolate Pudding</p>	<p>22 Foot Long Hot Dog, Potato Wedges, Corn on the Cob, Sugar Free Cookie</p>	<p>23 Low Fat Pepperoni Pizza, Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Ranch Dressing, LF Pudding</p>
<p>26 Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Corn on the Cob, Ranch Style Beans, Lite Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>27 Chicken Alfredo, Penne Pasta, Steamed Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Orange Wedge</p>	<p>28 Salisbury Steak, Brown Gravy, White Rice, Steamed Corn, Roll, Lite Pears</p>	<p>29 Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Country Gravy, Steamed Corn, Sugar Free Cookie</p>	<p>30 Spaghetti 'n Meatballs, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Orange Wedges</p>