

SMA News and Notes

Parent Newsletter

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Our Website is a great source of information for all things SMA- check it out and visit it often for updates!

www.islandfoundation.esc2.net

Frequently asked questions:

When is the first day of school?

Wednesday, August 17th.

What are school hours?

All students should be in class and ready to begin at 7:50. Fifth graders end their day at 3:10; sixth through eighth grade are dismissed at 3:20. Please pick students up promptly unless they are staying for tutoring or sports.

What should my student bring the first day of class?

They need to bring their lunch and supplies.

Where should my student report when he/she arrives on the first day?

We will have a welcome assembly in the gym, and the students will be directed where to go to pick up their schedules.

What clothing is appropriate for school?

Please check our website for the dress code and tons of other information.

Can students bring phones and other electronics to school?

Phones may be brought to school for use before and after school. During the school day, they **must be turned off and locked in the locker.**

School phones are available for student use. If a phone is confiscated, the parent may retrieve it. **A \$15 fine will be assessed.** All other electronics (mp3 players, cameras, gaming devices, etc) should be left at home. They can be a tempting target for theft.

Do you know someone who has moved or not returning?

We have a long waiting list for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade; we would love to let those parents know we have a spot for their student at SMA. At this point all classes are full with waiting lists.

Celebrate our success!

Last year's TAKS scores are "Exemplary". Congratulations to students and staff for a job well done! Scores are on the website.

SMA LUNCH PROGRAM

Students at SMA have a choice for lunch:

Student may bring a lunch from home. Microwaves are available, although lines are often long. Food requiring heating should be in a microwavable container. The school does not furnish paper goods and utensils. If you bring your lunch, the utensils and containers must be brought from home.

Salinas Catering offers lunch daily. A menu is always posted on the website. Because the caterer needs to order food well in advance, we need students to order lunch by the month. The cost is \$3.50 per day. This includes a healthy meal, dessert, and milk. I have attached a copy of the menu for August. Because we need to collect lunch money; no lunch will be provided the first three days of school. Lunch will begin on August 22nd. This short month might be a good opportunity to let your child try out the lunches. They do have two choices each day in case they don't like the main selection. Payment is due by the first lunch of each month; but checks will not be deposited until after the 5th of the month. Although we are not a large school district, we are a public school. If you cannot afford to pay for lunch, the forms for free or reduced lunch are on our website for those who meet federal guidelines.

Aug. Lunch-\$28.00 Sept. Lunch \$73.50



Immunizations:

Please check our website for required shots... the state now requires some new ones for 7th graders.

Supply Lists are on our website!

Take advantage of all those great sales and stock up over the summer. *Students will pay fees for some classroom supplies rather than purchasing materials.*

Art fee for those taking art..... \$10

Fee or recorder for 5th grade music..... \$5

Science Lab fee for grades 6-8..... \$15

NEW STUDENT LEADERS

SMA Student Council officers 2011-2012

President: Josh Ordonez

Vice President: Jenna Thompson

Secretary: Noah Swindle

Treasurer: Zane Ortega



All students will be issued a lock and locker. They may not decorate the outside of the locker – the inside may be decorated with magnets, not tape or glue. Backpacks should be small enough to fit in the locker. Students may not bring their own lock. If our locks are lost, there is a \$5 replacement fee. Student use of their locked space is the best way to safeguard their belongings!

Volleyball Clinic

Mon., Aug. 8 – Thurs., Aug. 11th 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Who can attend the clinic: SMA girls grades 5th-8th

Who can attend try-outs: 6th-8th grade female SMA student

We will have a clinic conducted by Mrs. Dawna Nims, Coastal Bend Volleyball coach, to sharpen up your skills. We will be conditioning prior to the clinic so girls will need to be at the gym prior to the clinic at 5:45pm. The cost of the clinic for all 4 days is \$40.00. The cost is \$10 per day so if you can't make a day, don't pay. I will need to know how many girls will be attending by Friday, Aug. 5th.

Try-outs will be the 15th and 16th from 3-5pm. It is highly recommended that all girls who want try-out attend the clinic.

On Monday, Aug. 1st and Wednesday, Aug. 3rd, I will open the gym for practice from 2-4pm.

We have a scrimmage on Aug. 22nd and our first game is home on Tuesday, Aug. 24 vs. OLPH with our 2nd game on Wednesday, Aug. 25th at home vs. CCMS. The schedule will be posted online prior to the start of school.

PHYSICALS – need to be completed prior to try-outs and paperwork can be found online at the SMA website

As always, if you have questions, please let me know. Start passing...

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T-Shirt Sales (new design below) - go to our website

www.islandfoundation.com

Ordering information is on the SMA homepage.

