

## SMS Sunday Message: March 3

Good evening, Spartan Family! This is Matthew A. Mason, proud principal of Sandusky Middle School, and here are the announcements for the week of March 4 - 8. This message has been forwarded to our SMS family via email, and will also be available on our website under the Sunday Messages tab.

- We have a few sporting events this week. On Monday, March 4, our girls and boys soccer teams will be away at Appomattox Middle School for a double-header match starting at 5:45 pm. On Tuesday, March 5, our girls and boys soccer teams will be at home in a COED match against Monelison Middle School at 4:30 pm. Let's come out and cheer our student athletes to victory! Go Spartans! Students, teachers, and parents, please check our Athletics Facebook page for any scheduling changes or updates. You can search [@SMSathleticsLCS](#) on Facebook or if you go to our athletics page, there is a link you can click that will take you there as well.
- All LCS students will be out of school from Wednesday, March 6 through Friday, March 8 for our March break. Students will return to school on Monday, March 11.
- Our PTO will be meeting this Monday, March 4, at 6:30pm in our cafetorium. Come on out and see how you can support our Spartans!
- For all rising 8th grade students, this is important information concerning electives for next year. Please be aware that Latin 1 will **NOT** be offered as a World Language elective for the 2019-20 school year at all middle schools. SMS will still offer Spanish and French as World Languages for our students to learn. We will provide more information on future languages being offered as that information becomes available.
- This message is for current 8th grade students and parents. Unfortunately, SMS will need to cancel our Writing Bootcamp scheduled for March 7-8 due to low participation numbers. We will still provide remediation

opportunities during the school day to prepare for our Writing SOL this month. We appreciate all support given by the community, and we hope to present this opportunity again next year.

- The library and our 21st Century After School program have teamed up to host a really awesome event! On **SATURDAY, March 9th**, Bright Star Touring Theatre will perform "Black History Heroes, Soldiers & Spies" at 10:30am. If you're interested in finding out more about BSTT, check out their website at [www.brightstartheatre.com](http://www.brightstartheatre.com). There is no admission fee. Lunch will be provided (Pizza, drink, dessert) for \$1.50 for those who are not a part of our 21st Century After School program. You can't beat that! We wanted to extend the invitation to you and your family!! Please contact Ms. Ebony Foster, our 21st Century Program coordinator extraordinaire, at 515-5350 to let her know if you plan to attend and how many family members you will be bringing with you. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!
- On Tuesday, March 5, letters will be sent home with all students providing information on the Student School Climate Survey SMS will be participating in provided by the Virginia Department of Education. The purpose of this survey is to help schools assess their progress in establishing a positive school climate that promotes student learning. This is a voluntary survey, and the letter will provide information on what to do if you decline your child completing it. Again, this letter will be sent home on Tuesday, March 5. Thank you.
- Parents and students, this is just a reminder and encouragement for students to come to school every day. Consistent attendance is key in being successful in school, and also supports Sandusky Middle Schools goals of full state accreditation. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please reach out to Mrs. Michelle Wooldridge, our attendance coordinator, at 515-5350 for support.

**Please check today's email, our Twitter account (@Spartans\_SMS), and our website for more important information on school events. Again, this is Matthew A. Mason, and SMS is pleased to serve our community!**