

## **SMS Sunday Message: October 28**

Good evening, Spartan Family! This is Matthew A. Mason, proud principal of Sandusky Middle School, and here are a few announcements for the week of October 29 - November 2. 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 two sporting events this week. On Monday, October 29, our volleyball team will be away for a match with Linkhorne Middle School at 5 pm. On Wednesday, October 31, our volleyball team will be away at Liberty Christian Academy for a match at 5 pm. Let's come out and cheer our student-athletes to victory! Go Spartans!
- On Tuesday, October 30, SMS will be hosting our Fall-o-Ween Concert! Start time is at 7pm. Come out and see our students showcase their talent and hard work from our chorus, band, and orchestra classes. See you there!
- Thank you to all parents who attended our 21st Century afterschool program Lights on Afterschool event on Thursday. It was great to see the many accomplishments of our students. Thank you to Ms. Foster and the 21st Century staff for making this happen, to the students for all their achievements, and to you, parents, for all you do!
- Parents, I want to make you aware of a few policies we have in place at SMS. We are asking that you help us in reminding students of these policies at home.

We always look forward to parents coming and having lunch with their child. In our cafeteria we have designated tables for you and your child to sit to enjoy this time. Our staff will escort you to the cafeteria and direct you to those tables when you arrive in the

cafeteria. This is to help us know who is in our building for the continued safety of all students.

Students are allowed to have water throughout the day, and it must be in a clear container if not from a water fountain. If a student has a flavored or colored drink, it still must be in a clear container, must be put away in their locker and can be consumed during lunch. Students will be asked to dispose of or put the drink away if it does not meet the above criteria, and can also be confiscated if necessary.

Phones are not allowed to be used during the school day. They are to be turned off and in lockers. If a phone is confiscated, it will be returned at the end of the day to the student for the first offense. For the next offense, the parent will need to come and retrieve the phone from the front office. For subsequent offenses, consequences can range from in-school detention time to the student no longer being allowed to bring the phone to school.

Finally, hoods are not allowed on within the school building. We must be able to recognize students, and hoods make it difficult to do so. Clothing can be confiscated if a student repeatedly does not comply with this policy, but will always be returned to the student at the end of the school day. Earbuds and headphones are also not allowed in the halls. This is a safety concern due to students not being able to hear staff giving directions throughout the school day. Consequences for repeatedly not complying to this directive will be the same as for phones. Parents, thank you for supporting us with these policies.

**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!**

