

SMS Sunday Message: September 9

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 September 10 - 14. 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, September 10, our volleyball team will be at home versus Monelison Middle School at 4:30pm. On Wednesday, September 12, our volleyball team will be away versus Brookville Middle School at 5pm. Our girls tennis team will be at home on the same date for a match with Dunbar Middle School at 5pm. Finally, on Thursday, September 13, our football team will play at home versus Linkhorne Middle School at 5pm. Let's come out and cheer our student-athletes to victory! Go Spartans!
- Alright, everyone! We're about to reach the finish line registration time for our Color-a-thon event! But it's not too late to register for the event here at school or online...do it tonight! Send a reminder email to yourself! We are past the **FREE** T-shirt and Color Pack time limit, but will have many items available for sale the day of the event. This is a community event you won't want to miss! Come get color-splashed with your friends and enjoy the After-Blast Party festivities. We will have food trucks, music, different activities, raffles, and a cake walk that you can participate in. So, give it all you've got ... remind all your friends and family that they can still register... and let's finish up BIG!
- The 21st Century After School All-Stars Program starts at Sandusky this Monday, Sept. 10th. This is the 8th consecutive year we have had this federal grant, enabling us to provide after school tutoring for

students who need additional support for math and reading. This year, our math program will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 3:05-5:30pm, reading is Tuesday and Thursday from 3:05-5:30pm, and Friday is our Enrichment Activities Day. We have expanded our Enrichment Program this year to include gardening, personal hygiene, chess, lego club, photography, a Step Team, technology, drama and chorus. Students are required to attend at least two (2) days of the regular week in order to attend enrichment. This program has also proven to be instrumental in helping our students elevate their SOL scores every year.

The program is **ENTIRELY FREE** to all students. A free snack is offered and transportation home is provided everyday. If you would like your child to participate, all it takes is the completion of an application form that can be found in our Main Office.

To date we have 125 students enrolled and we welcome more who would like to join. Please contact Ms. Ebony Foster at 515-5350 if you have any questions.

- Everyday in America, 160,000 kids skip school because they are afraid of being bullied. Rachel's Challenge is a movement in schools across America that is helping to positively transform the culture within those schools and communities. When students are inspired to make their school a positive environment full of acceptance and encouragement, they find one that is free from bullying. Rachel's Challenge is coming to LCS on Monday, 9/17. The organization will do a presentation for E.C. Glass and **ALL** three middle schools. All middle schools will travel together to the ECG auditorium at 9:30am to hear the presentation. We plan on taking every student in our building, however, if you feel that you do not want your child to hear this message, contact Mr. Mason at 434-515-5350 before Friday, 9/14 to opt your child out. Please go to <https://rachelschallenge.org> to learn more about this presentation and view a promotional video to get a feel for what this is all about.

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!