

SMS Sunday Message: September 16

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 17 - 21. 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 17, our volleyball team will be traveling to Amherst Middle School for a 4:30pm match. On Tuesday, September 18, our cross country team will travel to Dunbar Middle School for a 5pm meet. Finally, on Wednesday, September 19, our cross country team will travel to Linkhorne Middle School for a 5pm meet. Let's come out and cheer our student-athletes to victory! Go Spartans!
- 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!**
- Parents, interim reports were handed to students last week so families can reflect on successes and areas of growth for students in each of their classes. If you have any questions concerning your child's grades, please reach out to that specific teacher to discuss. On September 25, SMS will be conducting our Touching Bases event, which gives time for parents to come to the school and

conference with different teachers concerning their child's academic progress. Please put this on your calendar, and we hope to see you there.

- This week, from September 18 - 21, our 8th graders will be traveling to River Edge Park to receive hands on experience with their science curriculum. Students will experience riding in a canoe, decipher our location in the watershed by learning mapping skills, do some biotic sampling, as well as other activities. Please have your 8th grade child bring back their signed permission slip. We have a lot more students we would like to attend, and we believe this will be an experience they will not soon forget.
- Due to the possibility of inclement weather on Monday, our Rachel's Challenge event planned for tomorrow, Monday, September 17, has been moved to Thursday, October 18. 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 Tuesday, 10/16 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!