



SMS Sunday Message: October 24



Good evening, Spartan Family! This is Matthew A. Mason, proud principal of Sandusky Middle School, and here is the Sunday Message for the week of October 25 - 29. This message has been forwarded to our SMS family via email and can also be found on our website under the Sunday Messages tab.

- We have a few sporting events this week. On Monday, October 25, our football team will play at Heritage High School against Dunbar Middle School at 6:30 pm. The cost of admission is \$5. Open gym for boys basketball is held every Monday and Wednesday after school. Tryouts for boys and girls basketball will be held on November 9th and 10th. Students must have a valid physical on file. Please contact our Athletic Director, Coach Kelso, at 515-5350 if you have any questions. Let's come out and cheer our student athletes to victory. Go Spartans!

- Parents and guardians, we are identifying students whose grades have been impacted due to quarantining or inconsistent staffing. Please be patient as we identify students and determine what is the most efficient way of supporting students with their grades. More information will come once the best method of support has been determined. Thank you.

- This week is Spirit Week at SMS! Each day has a theme, and we look forward to celebrating the week together. Here are the days and themes:
 - **Monday:** SMS Spirit Day (wear your blue and yellow for our big game against Dunbar Middle School!)
 - **Tuesday:** Twin/Triplet Day
 - **Wednesday:** Wacky Tacky Day
 - **Thursday:** Throwback (Decades) Day
 - **Friday:** Favorite Character Day (remember to be school appropriate!)

- Finally, parents, guardians and students, while SMS does supply masks for students when they are in need of one, students are required to bring their own masks to school and on the bus. Parents and guardians, please remind students of this each morning. Also, we have had high incidences of students touching and hitting, which have led to altercations. We let our students know each day to keep all hands, feet, and other objects to themselves. These actions may lead to a loss of time in the classroom and possibly suspension from the school building. Again, please remind students of these expectations as we do each day at school. Lastly, it is expected that students use their time wisely and make it to each class period on time. When the tardy bell rings, students should be in their classroom and ready to be successful. We will begin implementing different strategies to help our students respect the tardy bell. Thank you for your support as we all continue to adjust to five days of instruction.

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