

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 February 1 - 5. This message has been forwarded to our SMS family via email and can also be found on our website under the Sunday Messages tab.

- Athletics has started! Boys and girls basketball, cheer, and football will continue to have workouts on Tuesday, February 2 for Cohort A and Thursday, February 4 for Cohort B. Any 8th graders interested in volleyball have the option to practice with the JV team at HHS, please see coach Mangano if you would like to participate or contact him at 515-5350. All students must have a current physical on file before practice. Students are encouraged to have a ride home from practice if possible as transportation will be limited. Any questions, please contact coach Mangano at 515-5350. Thank you.
- As a reminder, attendance is still very important. Students, parents and guardians, remember to complete your Question of the Day so that you are marked present for the day. Also, students, please remember to charge your Chromebooks each night, and bring your charger to school if you think your Chromebook is low on energy.
- This is a reminder that Quarter 3 began January 19. Students, let's continue to give it your best! Reach out for help, work hard, and let's continue to persevere through this year! Specifically, one of our school goals is to have ALL students pinpointed for their grade level on the IXL Reading and Math platform by the end of the third quarter. Students, if you have not completed your initial diagnostic for Reading and Math on IXL, you must do so. Each week, teachers will look at the list of students

and support students in getting this done during Spartan Block. Again, this is a school goal. Let's achieve it!

- For all students who are interested, there is a Thank A Teacher Art Contest. Please see the following <u>link</u> for details. There is a great prize that goes along with this, not only showing teachers how much we appreciate them, but also bringing materials into our art program and a gift card to the winning student. Again, go to the link for details.
- If you are a 6th or 7th grade student at SMS currently, please see the following links. Our Sandusky Sings Choir is looking to recruit more students, and this three-question survey will help us in projections for next year. Sandusky Sings was started by our stellar chorus teacher, Mrs. Rebecca Rea, and we would like to expose more students to the incredible cultural arts programs at SMS. Here are the links 6th grade now (Rising 7th): <u>This Link</u> 7th Grade now (Rising 8th): <u>This Link</u>
- Parents, guardians, and students, we ask that all students please wash face coverings if possible at least once a week. We want to make sure that everyone who enters our building is safe and that we all see the importance of keeping our face coverings clean. Thank you.

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!