

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 September 13 - 17. 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, September 13, our football team will play away against Forest Middle School at Jefferson Forest High School at 5:30 pm. Our cross country team will have a meet this Tuesday, September 14 at Timbrook Park at 5 pm. All volleyball games for this week have been canceled. Let's come out and cheer out student athletes to victory. Go Spartans!
- Sandusky Middle School will be administering Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Growth Assessments this fall as per new legislation that was recently passed. SMS will assess Reading on Tuesday, September 14 and Math on Thursday, September 16. Makeup testing will be on September 20.
- This Saturday, September 18, the Heritage vs. EC Glass football game will be held at City Stadium at 2 pm. Tickets are \$7 and will be sold online at this <u>Online Ticket Link</u>. Students, this is a reminder that good behavior is expected at all school-sponsored events. Remember that you represent SMS at events, and it is expected that all rules are followed before, during, and after these events. Families, please enjoy this awesome community event!
- This Friday, September 17, students will not be attending school. This is a professional development day for staff.

- Fall pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 23 via Lifetouch. We will begin distributing forms soon. The Fall make-up picture day will be on Tuesday, October 21.
- Parents, if you have any concerns or questions in regards to your students' classes, please reach out to the classroom teacher first for information you may need. Please reach out to your child's school counselor or administrator for scheduling and/or social concerns within the building. The school counselor and administrator for students with last name A K is Ms. Rebekah Melton and Mr. Robert Kerns, respectively. The school counselor and administrator for students with last name L Z is Mrs. Lakisha Kidd and Ms. Annitra Leigh, respectively. 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!