



SMS Sunday Message: September 22



Good evening, Spartan Family! This is Matthew A. Mason, proud principal of Sandusky Middle School, and here are the announcements for the week of September 23 - 27. 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 several sporting events this week. On Monday, September 23, our Volleyball team will be at home against Dunbar Middle School at 5:00 pm. On Wednesday, September 25, our Volleyball team will play away against Liberty Middle School at 5 pm. Finally, on Thursday, September 26, our Football team will be at home in a game against Rustburg Middle School at 5 pm. Let's come out and cheer our student-athletes to victory. Go Spartans!
- By now we are very much aware of the devastation that Hurricane Dorian has inflicted on the Bahamas and the Bahamian people. At Sandusky Middle School, our National Junior Honor Society felt something should be done by our school to help those impacted by this storm, gathering supplies to send down to those in need. Will you join them?! Our students are collecting items such as baby supplies, cleaning items, personal care items, bedding, tarps, rope, flashlights, batteries, and mosquito spray. Any little bit can help someone who may have nothing. Please bring all donations to our front office. Thanks for caring!
- Sandusky Middle School is fortunate to have the 21st Century Afterschool Program to better support students in math and English. This program provides after school tutoring and snacks for all participants, and also enrichment times each day with classes like cooking, photography, engineering, and much more! Transportation is free! If you are interested in this program, please stop by our front office and pick up a

Parent/Guardian Information Sheet, and you may also contact Ms. Ebony Foster, our 21st Century Coordinator, at 515-5363.

- Spartans! Do you want to be a part of something **BIG?**! Our Spartan Drama program is ready to start its season! The Spartan Drama Club will begin meeting after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting this Tuesday, September 24th. **ALL** students from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are eligible to apply for membership. The program will release at 5:15 pm each day, however, students may ride the 5 pm activity bus home or the 5:30 pm 21st Century after school program bus. Please see or contact Mrs. Patricia Finn-Rapiejko in room 213 for information, or you may contact her at 515-5350.
- Lynchburg City Schools has designated September as Attendance Awareness Month for all Lynchburg City Schools. This month, every student at Sandusky Middle School will attend a truancy prevention meeting, at which time your child will bring home detailed information on state laws, LCS and SMS policies and procedures regarding truancy and tardiness and the importance of regular attendance to school. Consistent attendance is key in being successful at school, and also supports Sandusky Middle School's goals for full state accreditation. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please reach out to Ms. Michelle Wooldridge, our attendance coordinator, at 515-5350 for support. 8th grade students will be attending their truancy prevention meeting this Thursday, September 26. Thank you.

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!