

SMA News and Notes

Parent Newsletter

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Dear SMA parents,

We have had a great start to the school year. Our student population has grown to 139. The students are really enjoying the new gym; and we have begun our sports programs with volleyball season. Basketball season is in October.

We are remaining vigilant in regard to the potential health threats of swine flu. We have encouraged students to wash their hands frequently; and have discouraged the sharing of food and drinks. We ask that you NOT send your child to school if they have fever. They should remain home for 24 hours after the fever breaks. We will keep you informed of any potential danger to your student.

We are going to offer milk and juice to students during lunch on a trial basis. The ½ pint will be 25 cents and a pint for 50 cents. Many students are bringing their lunch, and we gladly refrigerate those for them; however, please send lunches in a small tote (some are really quite large) so we will have room to store the milk and juice.

Please continue to check our website for all things SMA. www.islandfoundation.com

The letter I sent home last week will give you access to the "Parent Portal" – you have 24 hour access to your student's grades and attendance. There is a link on our website under the Technology tab.

Sincerely,

Barbara Beeler

School Pictures September 24th

Chess Club

First meeting Wed. Sept. 9th at 3:30
at SMA



SMA Student Council

Officers: President – Josh Solarek
Vice President- Maggie Swindle
Secretary- Shelby Fox
Treasurer- Gaby Gray

Representatives: Collin Kearby, Sophie Paulison, Kim Vaughn, Andrew Carl, JJ Morris, Logan Powell, Thomas Evaristo, Dalen Riddle, Madison Dorsey, Josh Ordonez, Matthew Kalanta, Jenna Thompson, Savannah Stirling, Zane Ortega, Blake McIntyre, Macayla Brickell, Sam Gaines



Science News

6-8 needs drivers for science field lab activities the last Friday of the six weeks beginning Sept. 25th. 6th grade times are 8:50-10:30, 8th grade times are 10:40-1:20 (bringing lunch), and 7th grade times are 1:30-3:20. Even if you don't have a child in one of those grades, but you have the time available, I would love to have you as a driver. We travel off campus for outdoor labs that relate to the concepts we have been learning for the six weeks. For example, we might go to Packery Channel to test the water quality and perform a fish count using a seine.

Drivers are also needed Oct. 30th. The 7th graders will be traveling to the Fennessey Ranch for Monarch Madness Day. This is a great opportunity for our students to catch, tag, and release Monarch butterflies and participate in other outdoor educational activities.

So please, if you have the time, help out because since we no longer have a bus, we can't go off campus without you. – Mrs. Sikes

LOCKS and LOCKERS

Encourage your student to use his/her lock. Many leave them unlocked. They are at risk of losing cell phones, purses and other personal items.



School Dance

Friday, October 9, 2009 7-9 PM
Regular dress code applies

Student Council will be planning this event. Students like to decorate for these events, if you have some decorations in storage you would be willing to lend us, we would love it! Chaperones are needed. Call Michele Ortega if you can help.



CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND KEPT IN THE LOCKERS. Students may use classroom phones or the office phone during the day. We have asked that they leave you a message and the time so you will not need to call the office to track them down. We do not want to call the classroom and interrupt instruction for all students. Confiscated cell phones and other electronic devices will only be returned to a parent; and a fine of \$15.00 will be assessed. (Please refer to student handbook on the website)

PE AND ATHLETICS

Athletics – The volleyball teams have been practicing hard and have started their season. The eighth graders had their first win on September 1st; they defeated Bishop Garriga in the tie breaker. Please check our website for the schedule- we do have occasional changes. This September brings weekends full of tournaments for the girls! Go Penguins! Those 6th – 8th graders interested in basketball – you need to be preparing for tryouts that will happen next month...free throws, dribbling, passing, and shooting a must!

PE – Those summer days can be hot because we have air conditioning and shade! Thanks to all those who came to the gym ribbon cutting! We are sure enjoying the gym this month playing games.

SMA Volleyball Teams:

6th grade: Caitlyn Forrester, Lily Lamb, Carole Ann Malcolm, Sydnei Mantello, Mindy Mayden, Rachel Nash, Kelly Robbins, Savannah Stirling, Anna Tarasweski, Jenna Thompson

7th and 8th grade: Sydney Bernal, Madison Dorsey, Hallie Epps, Corinne Kimper, Amy Lazarte, Kelsey McIntyre, J.J. Morris, Kelly Smith, Matty Stirling, Maggie Swindle.

Coach: Mrs. Sikes

The SMA Builder's Club will be meeting soon and electing officers. The SMA Builder's Club is an arm of the North Padre Island Kiwanis Club and is a service organization for our school, community, country, and world. We volunteer to help others. The club is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. We strongly encourage our students to participate in this club.

Last year the club read to students at SLC during the day, assisted the Kiwanis with the Easter Egg Hunt and the Breakfast With Santa, participated in two local beach clean-ups, planned and executed a very effective clothing drive for Timmons Ministries, and assisted SLC and SMA with a number of other activities. Your student needs to be academically eligible to participate. Most events will be held during the school day and some will occur on Saturdays or evenings. Please contact Brent Rourk 361-244-7603 if you have any questions about this service organization or if you have a service-oriented project or idea.

SMA SPANISH CLASSES

The Spanish classes are off to a quick start this year. The returning Spanish 1B class is studying Oaxaca, Mexico and is learning commands, irregular verbs, how to ask for directions, how to make purchases, bargaining, arts and craft vocabulary, location, foods and how to place an order in a restaurant. Spanish 1A is learning the Spanish alphabet, learning greetings, numbers, days, and will shortly learn about the family, conjugating verbs, professions, what they like to do, subject pronouns, clothing, appearance, colors, and characteristics.

Mr. Rourk is investigating the possibility of taking 16 students and four parents to either Puerto Rico or Costa Rica during spring break (or late next July). This potential trip is a great opportunity for students to learn more and experience a Spanish speaking culture. He is looking at keeping the trip affordable. More information coming about the trip.

Math Events

November 13 - AMC8 for all students in above grade level math class - taken during school

November 14 - Spurs Mathletes in Action - Geometry and Challenge 2 classes

Contact Colleen McIntyre for more information.

September 09

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Soft Beef Taco Rice/Beans Fruit	2 Macaroni and Cheese Fruit Brownie	3 Chicken Caesar salad Garlic Bread Granola Bar	4 Pizza Fruit Cookie
7 No School	8 Egg Rolls Rice Rice Krispie Treat	9 Spaghetti and meatballs Garlic Bread Pudding	10 Hot Dogs Tater tots Yogurt	11 Pizza Rolls Fruit Cookie
14 Chicken sandwich Fries Nutty Bar	15 Bean and Cheese Burrito Rice/Beans Fruit	16 Chicken Fetticini Alfredo Garlic Bread Brownie	17 Chicken Fajitas Rice/beans Granola Bar	18 Pizza Fruit Cookie
21 Hamburger Fries Fruit cup	22 Chicken Caesar wrap Fruit Rice Krispie Treat	23 Lasagna Garlic Bread Pudding	24 Corn Dog Tater Tots Yogurt	25 Pizza Rolls Fruit Cookie
28 BQ Beef sandwich Baked Chips Nutty Bar	29 Chicken strips Mashed potatoes Fruit	30 Penne Pasta with meat sauce Garlic Bread Brownie		
Alternate for Mondays Ham/ Cheese sandwich Baked chips Dessert	Alternate for Tuesdays Baked Potato Side salad Dessert	Alternate for Wednesdays PBJ Sandwich Baked chips Dessert	Alternate for Thursdays Garden Salad Dessert	Alternate for Fridays Grilled Cheese Baked Chips Dessert

Extracurricular opportunities for SMA students:

- **Community FOOTBALL/CHEER-** contact Tricia Alexander at padredave2u@yahoo.com – forms available at school office
- SMA will be offering another day for **sports physicals** (\$25.00) – **Thursday, Sept. 10th 4:30 - 6PM** FIRST COME FIRST SERVE. Forms must be signed by parent and are available in office or off our website
- **SMA Chess Team-** information (soon to be on our webpage) – go to <http://smachess.blogspot.com/>
- **DI (Destination ImagiNation)-** contact Gayle Mantello gaylemantello@yahoo.com or 549-3705 impromptu Meet & Greet Wed. Sept 9th 3:45 - 5pm at SMA Cafeteria, parents attend last 10 minutes of meeting
- **Girl Scouts-** sign-up Sept 3rd 6:30 pm SMA cafeteria- for information contact Maggie Wagner 883-3611
- **Sallie Spradlin Music** -(361) 737-2698 Private Piano and Voice Lessons
- **Windsurfing Day-** 9/26 contact 549-3662 or alissain@gmail.com
- **Tennis Program-** at Padre Isles Country Club contact 949-8228
- **SOCCER-** Registration available online at www.gulfcoastsoccer.org – Season starts Sept. 19
- **STAR Gazing Party for AMATURE Astronomers-** Island in the Son United Methodist church at 749-0884 September 12th 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.