Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Alumni of Sarasota High School,

I hope that you and all those with whom you are close are having a wonderful summer! It’s almost unimaginable how quickly the previous two months have passed, but it means I get the sincere pleasure of welcoming back the amazing staff and students of Sarasota High School! We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is always our mission to help every student feel welcomed, connected, and a part of the vast and amazing Sailor family!

As we embark on the 2018-19 school year, please know that we strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic abilities. We believe that all students should graduate from high school prepared for the demands of postsecondary education, meaningful careers, and effective citizenship.

This time of year is always special to me. I love seeing store displays of school supplies, and I feel excited to think of all the new possibilities and challenges a new school year brings. It is not only the knowledge that will be gained; it is the new friendships that will be made and the personal growth every student will experience.

At Sarasota High School, we make it easy for you to help your student track academic progress and stay on top of assignments through our “Student + Parent Portal.” Please visit the District website at www.sarasotacountyschools.net for readily available information on accessing the site. I hope all our families will set a goal to make a weekly check of their student’s academic progress and to express ongoing interest in their student’s expectations and experiences during the important high school years.

At Sarasota High School, we have great teachers who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our students in learning. Our teachers utilize research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and to set goals for growth and improvement. As well, we have a terrific support staff who strive to meet the various needs of our students. We are very excited about the new teachers we have hired over the summer, and I’ll look forward to introducing them to you in a future issue of this newsletter. In this issue, we introduce to you our two new assistant principals, Mrs. Michelle Anderson and Mr. Mark Gilliland.

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**Mission Statement**

Sarasota High School is dedicated to providing a culturally, socially, and intellectually diverse student population with an education that will allow them to be successful in today’s ever-changing society.

Creating a learning environment that is challenging, relevant, and active is essential to ensure our students are equipped for success in their post-secondary pursuits. In doing so, we aim to develop in each student the skills of leadership, accountability, and self-reliance that are essential to become a productive citizen.

**Vision**

To Teach, Challenge, Support and Inspire

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK, continued...**

Please continue reading this newsletter as it contains all sorts of “Back to School” information.

I wish you all a most wonderful new school year. As always, I am incredibly honored and grateful to serve this amazing school community. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your principal!

Warmly,
David Jones, Principal

**Sailors Welcome Two New Members To Administrative Team**

As the 2018-19 school year opens in August, we are excited to welcome two new assistant principals to the SHS administrative team, Mrs. Michelle Anderson and Mr. Mark Gilliland. Their experience and areas of expertise will help to fill key leadership components for Sarasota High.

Michelle Anderson has been working in education since 2002. She earned a Bachelor’s in History and a Master’s in Secondary Social Studies Education from the University of Louisville and earned a Master’s from USF in Educational Leadership. She joined Sarasota County Schools in 2010 as a Social Studies teacher at BHS. During her career, she has served as a Social Studies teacher, student government advisor, yearbook advisor, a master scheduler, and a testing coordinator. She and her husband have two daughters and one dog. Michelle is elated to be joining the team and serving the students and staff at SHS. Go Sailors!

Mark Gilliland has been working with Sarasota County Schools for a very long time—32 years. During his tenure, he has served as assistant principal at Booker High, North Port High and most recently at Riverview High. Mark is the father of a 24-year-old daughter and a 20-year-old son, who attends Florida State University. He enjoys spearfishing and boating and is an avid Seminole fan. By coming to Sarasota High, Mark says he has saved the best for last and we absolutely agree. Go Sailors!

**Have You Re-Registered Your SHS Student For The 2018-19 School Year?**

If not, don’t delay! Please call 941-955-0181 today for more information.

**The Wheels On The Bus Go Round And Round...**

Information regarding bus transportation is available at www.sarasotacountyschools.net. Click on POPULAR LINKS, then BUS ROUTES and follow the instructions. You will be able to enter your address and find your student’s Bus Number and Bus Stop. Sarasota County Schools Transportation may be reached at 941-486-2141.

Administrative approval is necessary in order for a student to ride a different bus other than their assigned one. If a student needs to ride a bus different than their assigned bus, they must have a note from their parent/guardian. The note must include (1) student’s name, (2) name of student they will be riding with and that student’s corresponding bus number, (3) the reason why the student needs to ride a different bus, and (4) parent/guardian’s phone number. Bus request notes should be turned in at the Main Office before school starts at 7:30 AM so that administration can contact the parent/guardian and process the request.

**Summer Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Parking Permits

For Juniors and Seniors Only - Student parking permits will be issued on August 1 and August 2, from 8 AM to 11 AM, in the Main Office. In order to receive a parking permit, students will need to bring a parking registration form, completed and signed by their parent/guardian, vehicle registration, proof of insurance, driver’s license and $32 cash. Parking Registration cards may be downloaded at www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/sarasota. Then select “School Resources” and click on “Parking Registration Form”.

Earn your Bling! Experience rewarding opportunities! Join extracurricular activities! Complete state level competitions on color guard, drill team, Raiders, and rifle team. Participate in formal events and local parades! Volunteer within the community and at leadership camps!

JROTC

The JROTC program is designed to motivate high school students to be better citizens. This is accomplished by developing six core abilities: Building your capacity for life-long learning, Taking responsibility for your choices and actions, Communications skills, Service to others, Treating self and others with respect, and Applying critical thinking skills. These skills are useful in life and for all future careers. NO military obligation is associated with the JROTC course and program.

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Class Of 2019 Senior Pictures

Senior pictures for the Class of 2019 will be taken by Lifetouch in the Edward F. Howell Gymnasium lobby on July 23 and July 24 and August 1 to August 4, from 8:00 AM – 3 PM. Seniors should receive information in the mail from Lifetouch to go online and set up an appointment. The last opportunity for seniors to have their senior pictures taken will be October 15 and October 16.

Attention Seniors

The Sarasota County School District allows high schools to charge a senior fee to each of its graduating students. The approved mandatory fee* is $50.00 and covers items including, but not limited to the graduation ceremony, diplomas, diploma covers, graduation cords, programs, stage set up and equipment rentals.

In an effort to make the costs associated with graduation more affordable, senior packages have been created to allow families to bundle items together at discounted rates. The purchase of a package is not required and individual items may be purchased throughout the year a la carte.

Senior Packages are as follows:

- **Orange Package - $360 (two payments of $180)**
  Senior Class Fee, Class Photo, Graduation DVD, Yearbook, Prom Ticket, Grad Bash Ticket, Senior Class T-Shirt

- **Black Package - $280 (two payments of $140)**
  Senior Class Fee, Class Photo, Graduation DVD, Yearbook, Grad Bash Ticket, Senior Class T-Shirt

- **White Package - $80 (two payments of $40)**
  Senior Class Fee, Class Photo, Graduation DVD, Senior Class T-Shirt

*Senior Class Fee (Required for All Students) - $50 (two payments of $25)

Please note that payments for senior fees/senior packages may be paid all at once or in two installments. Payment due dates are October 1, 2018 and February 1, 2019. Senior package purchases are non-refundable and non-transferable. Payment can be made by cash or check made payable to SHS. For additional questions, please call 941-955-0181.

Please Note—Caps and gowns are not included in the cost of Senior Fees.

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**Sarasota High Guidance Counselors**

Lauren Taylor ....... Last Names A – Do
George Sweitzer ...... Last Names Dr – Kr
Dana Albanese ..... Last Names Ku – Ra
Casey Chasteen ..... Last Names Re – Z
Star Conti .............. AICE 11th – 12th

**Sarasota High ESE & ESOL Liaisons**

Valerie Anthony .... Last Names A – K
Sue Hilliard .......... Last Names L – Z
Mark Ruprecht ..... Behavior Specialist
Ed Volz ............... ESOL Liaison

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Schedule Pick-Up Grades 10 – 12

Students in grades 10 – 12 may pick up their schedules/request a schedule change in the SHS cafeteria as outlined below. While on campus to pick up schedules, students may have their pictures taken, purchase Sailor spirit items, pre-order yearbooks and secure locker rental ($5 Cash Only). Also, students in grades 11 and 12 may obtain parking permits ($32 Cash Only).

Tuesday, August 7
• Seniors............. 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
• Juniors.............. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
• Sophomores........ 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Students unable to pick up their schedules during the above designated times will pick up their schedules on the first day of school in the Building 4 Administration Breezeway.

Student schedules will also be available on the “Student + Parent Portal” at www.sarasotacountyschools.net.

Schedule Change Procedures

SHS guidance counselors have attempted to meet the course requests for all students; however, some requests were not able to be filled due to class size amendment or number of course sections.

Should a student feel that their schedule is incorrect or if a preference has changed, they may see a guidance counselor during schedule pick up on August 7 and August 8 and during the first 2 weeks of school. Deadline for ALL schedule changes is Friday, August 24.

Freshman Orientation/ Schedule Pick-Up

All freshmen should attend the scheduled orientation according to the first letter of their last name.

Wednesday, August 8

A—L 8:00 AM - Freshman Orientation & Tours - SHS Auditorium
A—L 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Freshman Schedule Pick-Up - SHS Cafeteria
M—Z 12:00 PM - Freshman Orientation & Tours - SHS Auditorium
M—Z 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Freshman Schedule Pick-Up - SHS Cafeteria

During orientation, freshmen can expect to interact with SHS student ambassadors who will serve as guides, assisting in answering questions and sharing important information.

Scholarships
Flexible Scheduling
Career Opportunities
Locations in Englewood, Venice, Port Charlotte, Sarasota and Bradenton
Apply in person or online @ McDonalds.com/careers

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Sailor Athletics

Let’s Go Sailors! The SHS Athletic Department is offering a Sailor Athletic Pass for students. This pass allows students to attend any and all Sarasota High School regular season events (over 100 events to choose from) for one low price of $50.

Gear up and cheer on the Sailors... 2018-2019 Sailor spirit shirts, hoodies, hats and additional gear available for purchase at Freshman Orientation and Schedule Pick-Up.

Summer workout schedules, training calendars and more can be found at www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/sarasota. Then select “School Resources” and click on “Athletics” tab.

Congratulations
Sailor Baseball
2018 Class 8A State Runner-Up Champions
The SHS Athletic Department is offering a “pass” for students which will allow them to attend any and all Sarasota High School regular season events (over 100 events to choose from) for one low price!

**SAILOR ATHLETIC PASS**

STUDENTS NAME: ______________________________________________________________ GRADE: __________

(Please Print)

PARENTS NAME: ______________________________________ PHONE: ________________________

   o CASH
   o CHECK # ______________________

Complete form and return to:
Sarasota High School Athletic Department • 2155 Bahia Vista Street • Sarasota, FL 34239

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

STUDENTS MUST SHOW PHOTO I.D. AT GATE FOR ADMITTANCE

$50.00
Sarasota High School Helpful Links

SHS Website: www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/sarasota

Transportation/Bus Routes
• Go to Sarasota County Schools website (www.sarasotacountyschools.net)
• Click on Popular Links
• Click on Bus Routes

View School Calendar
• Go to SHS website
• Click on Upcoming Events
• Click on View School Calendar

Athletics: Information, Schedules, Athletic Packet
• Go to SHS website
• Click on School Resources
• Click on Athletics

Grade Level Information
• Go to SHS website
• Click on grade level tab

View SHS Clubs & Organizations
• Go to SHS website
• Click on Website Menu
• On drop down menu, select SHS Clubs & Organizations

Dress Code Information
• Go to SHS website
• Click on School Resources
• Click on Dress Code

Graduation Requirements, Community Service, Bright Futures Scholarship Information
• Go to SHS website
• Click on Website Menu
• Click on Guidance
• Under Guidance, click on links for Graduation Requirements, Community Service and/or Bright Futures Scholarship Information

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications, Menus & Lunch Accounts
• Go to Sarasota County Schools website (www.sarasotacountyschools.net)
• Click on Popular Links
• Click on Menus
• On right side, click on Free/Reduced Lunch Application or My School Bucks

Student Schedules, Grades & Attendance
• Go to Student + Parent Portal website (www.Parentportal.sarasotacountyschools.net)
• Log in or click on New User Registration and follow registration process

Stay Connected with Peachjar
• Electronic flyers regarding school activities/events distributed via email

Helpful Apps
• Remind - Messaging app to help connect parents, students and teachers with important information.
• Sarasota County Schools - This app gives a personalized window into what is happening at the district and schools. You can also view student grades, attendance and assignments.