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**Good evening, parents and guardians of our exceptional SMA cadets!**

I am SMA-COL Christina Bowman, and welcome to your weekly SMA Briefing.

Both SMA campuses have been busy this week as cadets are practicing their military bearing and marching skills for the Annual Veterans Day Parade on Thursday, November 11th. They are looking sharper than ever! We are looking forward to playing an important role in honoring our community veterans on this special day, so join us along the parade route down Main Street. A sincere thank you to all of our families who have donated water to keep our cadets and staff hydrated at the parade.

In terms of highlights, on October 27 th , the Middle School held a blood drive to help maintain the life-saving blood supply at our local hospitals--an effort that directly impacts the citizens of Sarasota. Also, the Middle School cadets had the opportunity to wear Halloween costumes and attend their own Halloween dance this afternoon. What a fun day!

The High School celebrated Spirit Week with a different theme every day. Cadets, faculty and staff could be seen wearing pajamas, heroes vs. villain costumes, class color day, decades day and costumes for Halloween on Friday. What an exciting week for SMA High School!

Upcoming events for you to mark your calendars include a High School Raider team competition on Saturday, October 30 th at 7:00 am at Braden River High School as well as the High School Student Parent Information Night (SPIN) on Wednesday, November 3 rd from 6:00-8:00 pm on the High School Campus. Come out and join us in celebration of the amazing programming available at SMA!

I would like to remind you that there is an early release day on Wednesday, November 3 rd .

Thank you for allowing me into your home this evening, and I look forward to visiting with you every week. In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please feel free to reach out to me either by telephone or email.

I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Stay safe, stay well and stay kind.