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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 continue practicing their military bearing and marching skills for the Annual Veterans Day Parade on Thursday, November 11th. They are looking sharper than ever! As an Academy, 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 this week, the Middle School boys and girls basketball teams competed in their first games of the season. In addition, the cross country teams run successful and competitive meets. We are looking forward to a great season from our student athletes. Go Eagles!

The High School held its Annual **Student Parent Information Night** on Wednesday, November 3rd. The **SPIN** event was an exciting night for our cadets, faculty and staff, and parents. The entertainment was amazing; the food was delicious and the faculty presented outstanding displays of their department's academic highlights. I was happy to see so many of our Middle School families attend the event as they look forward to next year at the High School. Our very own nurse, Leslie Collier, 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. Thank you, Nurse Collier, for your dedication to this great cause!

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.