

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

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

I would like to thank all of our families, cadets, friends and faculty and staff for their outstanding support for the Wreaths Across America campaign. Through your generosity, SMA sponsored 2,000 wreaths to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The rebate SMA receives for each wreath you sponsored will greatly impact classroom projects, athletics, extracurricular activities and more through PTCC grants. We are already planning for next year so, thank you, SMA!

It's that time of year again when I serve as SMA's "Toys for Tots Elf," and we kicked off the campaign today at formation. Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy or other item that will make a special morning for a child in our Sarasota community. Each year, we donate hundreds of toys through your support and last year we averaged 25 bikes and helmets to Toys for Tots. Let's top that this year! If you'd like suggestions on what toys to donate, please let me know.

As we enter the holiday season, I would like to thank you for your trust in the Academy. We are honored to work in partnership with you to ensure your child receives a values-rich highly rigorous education. Enjoy your time with family and friends and be thankful for one another. Please be reminded that students will not have classes November 22nd through November 26th.

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 Thanksgiving.

Stay safe, stay well and stay kind.