



Sarasota Military Academy

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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.

As we are all aware, COVID-19 continues to burden our community. This is certainly reflected in the number of positive cases we have seen on each campus this week. The High School campus experienced 17 positive cases among cadets with continued contact tracing as well as one positive case for a staff member. Please note, the staff member was not in the classroom during symptoms or the report of a positive test. The Middle School experienced five positive cases among students with contact tracing continuing as well as two positive cases among staff members. Please note, neither staff members were in the classroom during symptoms or the report of a positive test. We are grateful to our staff members and SMA families for their continued due diligence following the CDC guidelines.

Highlights this week include our members of the High School counseling team, administrative team and cadet ambassadors visiting the 8th grade class to discuss the unique educational opportunity at the High School and the transition of the 8th grade class to 9th grade for the 2022-2023 school year. This was also followed up by another visit to assist cadets in their scheduling options. SMA-COL Fout and his whole campus is excited about the arrival of your cadet in August!

In celebration of National Literacy Week, both the Middle School and High School campuses are looking forward to hearing guest speaker and author, Kyle Prue, on Monday, January 24th. While Prue is an author, he is also the founder of Sparking Literacy, a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring teens to read, write and follow their dreams in an attempt to lower high school dropout rates. His writing and passion for increasing literacy is something that resonates with our Academy, and we look forward to hearing his story and seeing our cadets inspired and ready to achieve great things. We would also like to thank the PTCC for sponsoring a "Meet the Author" breakfast.

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.

SMA-COL Christina Bowman
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