



## Sarasota Military Academy

March 4, 2022

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

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

This weekend promises to be a very busy one for the Academy! Beginning this evening, Friday, March 4th, the High School Color Guard under the command of Cadet Sergeant 1st Class Ayla Edwards will present the National Colors (flags) at a ceremony at The Sarasota Yacht Club.

On Saturday, March 5th, SMA will host the **“Congressman Vern Buchanan’s Annual Service Academy Fair Day”** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the High School gymnasium. This is an excellent opportunity for our cadets, their families and other students in the community to come and learn about the opportunities and requirements for admission to a U.S. service academy. Admission is complimentary. Also on Saturday, the High School Drill Team will compete at Riverview High School on Saturday, March 5th at 09:00 am. They are looking to bring home several trophies, so a huge cheer to them– Go Eagles!

The Middle School Color Guard under the leadership of Major Vanston will present the National and State Colors at Circus Sarasota tomorrow Saturday, March 5th at 2:00 pm. As Executive Director of Schools, I will have the privilege to be a guest ringmaster to kick-off the show! I invite you to come out and enjoy the circus, maybe some popcorn and soda, and support our wonderful SMA Middle School cadets! Congratulations go out to the Middle School Boy’s Soccer team as they placed second in the League Championship. Way to go Eagles!

Not that you need a reminder, but Spring Break is just around the corner! Both campuses will be closed March 12<sup>th</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup>. Professional development will be held for staff only on March 21<sup>st</sup> with the return of cadets on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Christina Bowman'.

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Executive Director of Schools