

## Sarasota Military Academy

April 22, 2022

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

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

In terms of highlights, the High School had an amazing turnout for the Annual JSA Talent Show on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The cadet and faculty talent were top-notch and the emotional tribute to SMA-MAJ Sylvia Gillotte for her selfless commitment and undeniable impact on our SMA cadets left no dry eye in the house.

The High School Raiders will have the Middle School Jr. Raiders join them for the Annual Mini-best Raider Competition and Campout this weekend. They are sure to have a great time and good luck to all!

The Middle School held new family welcome nights on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing the incoming cadets on campus in August. The PTCC book fair was held on campus this weekend, and it was a huge success. Thank you to our wonderful PTCC for their support!

The Giving Challenge 2022, hosted by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, is an exciting online giving event beginning April 26 at noon and ending April 27 at noon. This is a 24-hour opportunity for you and your family and friends to support SMA and "Be The One to Ignite Their Future." Double the impact of your gift of \$25 to \$100 with The Patterson Foundation dollar-for-dollar match. Look for more details in your Eagle Weekly.

I would like to remind you that Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> will be an early release day for each campus to provide all staff with professional development activities.

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.

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