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# SARALAND MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

## A YEAR TO REMEMBER AT SARALAND MIDDLE SCHOOL!

As each school year ends, it is always exciting to reflect on all the accomplishments of our students. This year was particularly successful for many of them.

In the fall, 26 seventh grade students were selected for the Duke Talent Identification Program. These students were chosen for their outstanding achievement on standardized tests.

The Scholars Bowl competed in tournaments throughout the year, bringing home several individual medals and team trophies.

The Beta Club inducted 87 members at its spring ceremony in February. During the school year, members collected money for the fishermen in Bayou la Batre and Relay for Life. They also participated in the Downs Syndrome "Buddy Walk" and "Great Strides" Walk for Cystic Fibrosis.



We are very proud of the 82 students selected for charter membership in the National Junior Honor Society in early May.

Our Student Council raised over \$1,000 for deserving families at Christmastime, showing the compassionate spirit of our students. Our athletic teams displayed endurance and sportsmanship during every game. The Spartans brought home a conference championship in football and were the Mobile County Champions in baseball. Each Saraland Middle School athletic team enjoyed a competitive season in 2010-11. The players appreciate the fans who supported them throughout the season. The coaches are to be commended for displaying excellent character and motivation.

With another successful year behind us, we are all eager to enjoy the upcoming summer vacation. We hope you also enjoy this time of rest and relaxation. Back-to-school preparations will begin before we know it! Keep up with school happenings all summer long!

Visit our website at www.smspartans.com

Find us on Facebook! Saraland Middle School

Summer Office Hours Monday-Thursday, 8am until 4pm

#### **OPEN REGISTRATION**

for the 2011-12 School Year Monday-Thursday 8am until 4pm

Bring two proofs of residency to registration (i.e. mortgage statement, lease agreement, utility bills)

Schedule Pickup Dates
8th Grade—July 25
7th Grade—July 26
6th Grade—July 27
5-8pm on each date

#### **REQUIRED SUMMER READING BOOKS**

Required summer reading books are on sale in the Saraland Middle School office each day from 8am-4pm (6th-8th grade titles only). Parents may also purchase these titles from area bookstores. <u>Students will be tested on assigned readings during the first week of classes.</u>

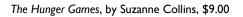
6th Grade

The BFG by Roald Dahl, \$7.00

7th Grade

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff, \$7.00

8th Grade





9th Grade (Saraland High School) Regular Classes

Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff

OR

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Advanced/Pre-AP

**Both** titles listed above **OR** Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë Meet the Teacher Thursday, August 11 3-6pm

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR IS MONDAY, AUGUST 15.

# HAVE A BALL AT SPARTAN SUMMER CAMPS/WORKOUTS!

#### Spartan Boys Basketball Camp

Rising 2nd grade—9th grade boys June 13-16, 12:00-3:00pm Saraland High School Gym Cost is \$80.00



For more information or to register, contact Coach N. Blaylock at 554-2976 or saralandbasketball@gmail.com.

Camp t-shirts will be available to those who pre-register before May 31!

# School Supply Lists for 2011-12

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED BY ALL STUDENTS:

7 plastic, 2 pocket folders with prongs (red, green, yellow, blue, purple, and orange-2) 4 packs of wide rule filler paper (replenish as needed during the school year) 12" plastic ruler with center holes (US customary and metric) One pack 5-tab, 3 ring dividers 2 packs #2 pencils (24 total) Double barrel pencil and crayon sharpener Four-function calculator One pack (12) colored pencils 2 red pens, 2 blue pens, 2 black pens and 2 yellow highlighters One pack (500 sheets) white copy paper One pack Expo markers (black or assorted colors) One box facial tissue, anti-bacterial wipes AND Germ-x One roll of paper towels (GIRLS) **OR** one box BandAids (BOYS) One pack construction paper (assorted colors)

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS BY GRADE LEVEL:

Summer is a great time to collect Box Tops!

#### 6th Grade:

I" binder (Language Arts)

#### 7th Grade:

I" binder (Language Arts)

Spiral notebook

One pack 3-hole graph paper

#### **Art Students:**

One sketch pad (any size)

#### 8th Grade:

5 packs of small index cards (Science) Index card holder (Science) One box large paper clips (Science) 3 packs 3x3 Post-It notes (Language Arts) Composition notebook (Language Arts) Jump drive (Technology Education) 2" binder One pack of 8-tab, 3 ring dividers Two glue sticks





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### SMS Student Fees

General Fee—\$25.00 (all students) Art Fee-\$25.00 Band Class Fee-\$30.00 Marching Band Fees not included Computer Applications Fee—\$25.00 Family & Consumer Sciences Fee—\$25.00 Strings Fee—\$30.00 All Other Electives—\$15.00

Yearbook—\$40.00

Physical education uniforms will be sold for \$25.00 and include the fee for locker and lock rental.

A variety of spiritwear, including t-shirts, sweatshirts and fleece jackets, will be on sale during summer office hours and schedule pickup dates.

> **CAMP SPARTAN** for rising 6th graders Wednesday, August 3 12:00-3:00pm

Summer Football Workouts

Workouts will be held each Tuesday

and Thursday from 4:30 until 6:00pm

Saraland Middle School Weight Room

For more information, contact Coach Miller at 601-672-4437

June 14—mid August

each day.