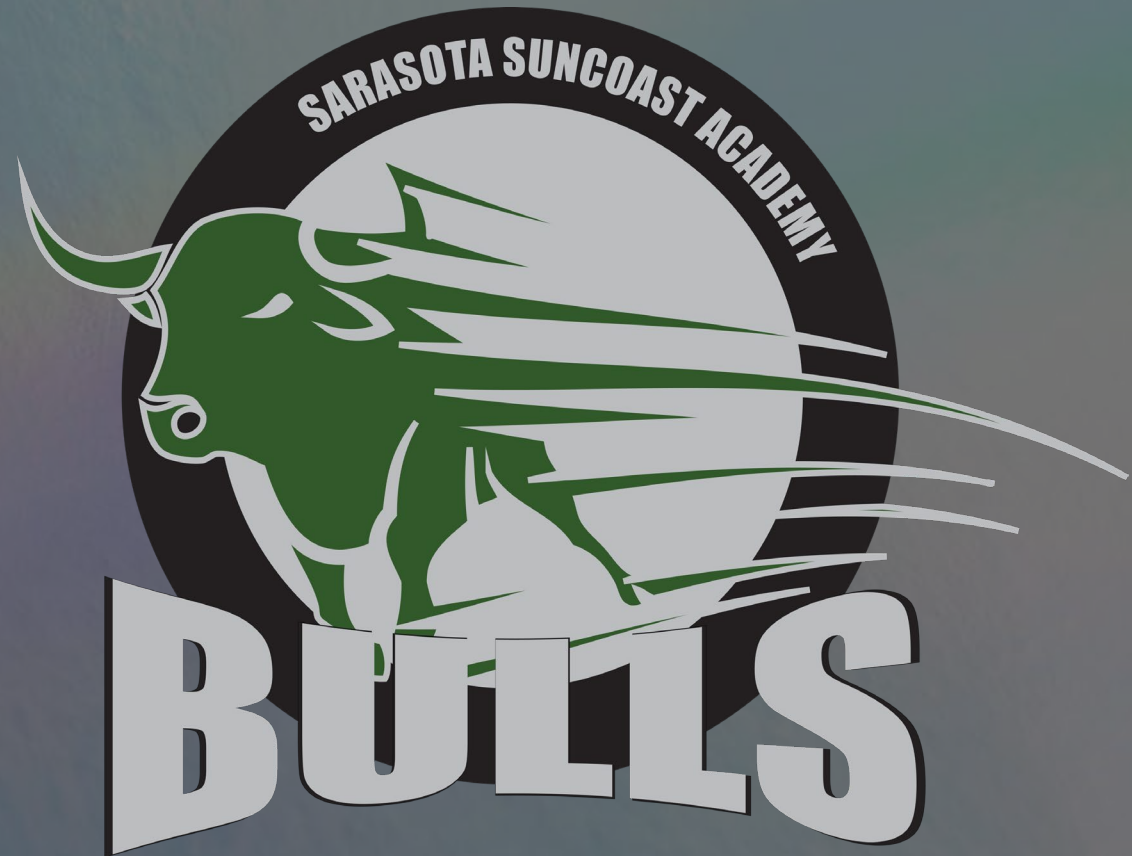


NEW PARENT MEETING

Suncoast Academy 2024-2025



SCHOOL MISSION

“The mission of Sarasota Suncoast Academy is to integrate excellence in education, highly motivated and qualified teachers, deeply concerned and involved parents and a supportive community to provide students a superior learning opportunity. We will develop and reinforce a strong value system and a healthy work ethic that affords children the tools needed to succeed and contribute in the 21st century.”



Introductions



Stacy Homan
Head of Schools



Justin Kamlade
Middle School Principal



Alba Ramos
Middle School
Assistant Principal

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Jen Lambright
Registrar



Dorcas Weaver
Receptionist



Myreli Zamora
Parent/Student
Teacher
Liaison

6TH GRADE TEAM



Evie Bates
Social Studies



Samantha Johnson
Math



Beth Sampson
ELA



Stacy Agee
Science

7TH GRADE TEAM



Tommy Happel
Science



Olena Kepple
Social Studies



Becky Cymbal
ELA



Aimee Decker
Math

8TH GRADE TEAM



Denise Piney
Science



Jeremy Taylor
Civics



Dan Cymbal
Math



Jennifer Loomis
ELA

ELECTIVE TEAM



Michelle Hill
PE/ Athletic Director



Matt Webb
Band/Orchestra/Music Tech



Deyanira Carey
Spanish



Kat Giguere
STEM/Agricultural
Science



Jenifer Modjeski
Drama/Theater/Dance/
Tech



Nick Conforti
PE



Mihn La
Art



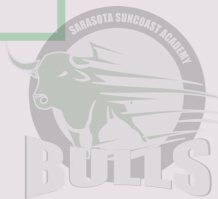
Natalie Smithers
ILA

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website:
www.suncoastacademy.org

Stay informed about current
and upcoming events,
community partners and
other important information

Be sure to check out the
PT4SO tab



8:30am - 3:15pm |
Grades: K-8

A school where y child is the prior

Sarasota Suncoast Academy stresses the strong link be
success and social-emotional learning

About Us

Parent Page

Enrollment >

Tours >

Volunteer Portal

Parent Portal

Extended Care

Event Store



[FAQ](#)



[Parent Portal](#)



[Volunteer Portal](#)



[Cafe Volunteer Signup](#)



[Event Store](#)



[Extended Care](#)



[Lunch Menu & Money](#)



[Car Line Information](#)



[Bus Routes](#)



[Supply Lists](#)



[Summer Assignments](#)



[Summer Reading
Programs](#)



[Parent Tutorials](#)



[Enrollment Information](#)



[Elementary Tours Sign-
up](#)



[Middle Grade Tours
Sign-up](#)



[K-5 Dress Code](#)



[6-8th Grade Dress Code](#)



[MS Uniform Store](#)



[County Handbook](#)



Quick find



Parents

Volunteer Portal Tutorial

How to access Google Classroom

FOCUS Parent Portal



SSA Parent Tutorials

FOCUS PORTAL

Make sure you are updating your information in
Focus Portal:

- Correct email(s)

- Correct address

- Correct contacts

- Correct phone numbers

- Pickup List



FOCUS PORTAL

Check assignment grades

Check progress reports

See report cards

Notifications



Portal

School Info

My Profile

Communication

Preferences

Calendar

Forms

Display Options

Password

Notifications

1 Parent

Status	Name	Email	Frequency	Summaries
		<div></div>	Weekly	<div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attendance</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discipline</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Billing Fees</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming Assignments</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grades Link</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Events and Announcements</div></div>

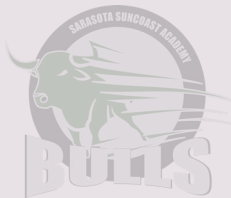
STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK

Parents are responsible for reviewing the handbook and all students are bound by the rules noted in this document and by School Board policy.

their website:

<http://sarasotacountyschools.net/>

You must then click on the “Families” tab. The handbook is listed under the “Other Resources” heading in the middle of the page.



Parents and Students

Registration

Classroom Libraries

MySCS

Family Portal

Online Payments

Focus Portal

Popular Resources

Classroom Libraries >

Online Payments >

Other Resources

School Map & Directory >

Student and Family Handbook >

Technology Resources

District Schools Library Catalog Destiny >

FortifyFL Information >

Student and Family Handbook

- [Section 1 Getting Started](#)
- [Section 2 – Attendance Activities](#)
- [Section 3 – Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [Section 4 – Academics](#)
- [Section 5 – Health](#)
- [Section 6 – Volunteering and Partnerships](#)
- [Section 7 – Directories](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS HANDBOOK

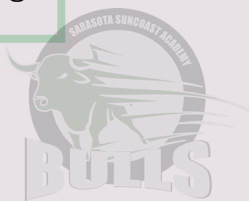
The Student and Family Handbook has been developed to help students, families, and administrators understand the policies and procedures established for students. Topics of interest can be navigated using the menu on this page. Your school may have additional resources like a school-specific handbook that can be found on their website.

LUNCH



- Checks should be payable to “**SKYE RANCH SCHOOL**” and should be placed in an envelope marked with your child’s name (& pin number if you know it.) Note: You can put any amount of money in your child’s account. It is not necessary to pay on a daily basis. Money can be added to your child’s lunch account online through www.myschoolbucks.com
- Costs
 - Breakfast - \$2.25
 - Lunch - \$3.75
- **Need Assistance?** Applications for Free & Reduced Lunch need to be completed and turned in to the district for approval. These items are confidential, and we are not informed, nor do we have any control of decisions they make. You can sign up online by going to sarasotacountyschools.net. Click on “popular links” at the top. Click “menus,” and the application is on the right.
- Middle grade students are allowed to purchase available seconds with parent permission
- If parents wish to eat school lunch with their child, they must let the office know first thing in the morning so that Skye Ranch can be notified to include additional lunches, and they must pay for lunch when they are served. Adult lunches are \$4.00.
- **Late Arrival:** If your child will be late to school, we need to know their lunch order by **8:50**.
- Menus are sent home monthly. Students may eat school lunch or bring their own nutritional bag lunch from home. **NO SODAS OR CANDY PLEASE!**

Please Note: Microwaves are NOT available to students.



HEALTH INFORMATION

- If your child has allergies, asthma, or any other major health issues, please make sure you complete school paperwork so that we can take care of them properly. (A county health nurse may be contacting you to get further instructions on their care.)
- It is illegal for us to have **ANY** medication on school grounds without a written authorization from their doctor, including over the counter medications. Forms are available from the school office. **Note: It is also illegal for students to transport any medications. You must come to the front desk and sign in/out all medications.**
- Students may not come to school if they have a rash, pink eye, or active head lice. Students will be sent home with active head lice, if they have a fever of 100 degrees or higher, or if they vomit. Please make sure you have correct emergency numbers.
- ******SCHOOL POLICY:*** Students may not return to school until they have been fever/upset stomach free (without medication) for 24 hours.



Attendance Policy

As we begin the school year, we would like to clarify all attendance policies at Suncoast Academy.

School begins **PROMPTLY** at 8:30 a.m.

It's advised that students are dropped off **NO LATER** than 8:20 a.m.

Students will begin "Advisory" at 8:30 a.m.

This is an important part of the Responsive Classroom day; therefore, it is important that your child be in class and ready to begin **BEFORE** 8:30 a.m. daily.

**** Drop off gate will be closing at 8:28 a.m.****

After this time parents will have to sign them in the main office.



Morning Drop-off

- Please do not drop off your child before 8:00 a.m.
Gates to campus will remain locked until that time.
(Before Care is \$12/day and runs from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.)
- Students arriving between 8:00 and 8:27 go to their grade level designated area. At **8:27**, students go to their advisory classroom.
- Students needing breakfast **must** arrive before 8:10 and go to cafeteria.

If you are late, please follow this procedure:

You MUST park, come inside and sign in your child.

The book is on the counter at the front desk.

If your child will be later than 8:50 AM,
please call
if they will need lunch.

We call lunches in to Skye Ranch at before 9:00am.

****NOTE:** If your child wishes to eat breakfast here in the morning, they should arrive **NO LATER** than 8:10 a.m. In order for them to finish and get to their class on time.



Absences Policy

- **BE ADVISED:** In accordance with the **parent contract** you signed, excessive tardiness directly affects your child's learning and is grounds for dismissal from the school.
- Students that are absent have **three (3)** days to bring in a note to have their absence excused. We do appreciate you calling to let us know that they will be out; however, for audit purposes we still must have a note for their files. Absences past three days requires a doctor note to be excused.



Excessive Absences/Tardies

Automated phone call for each absence



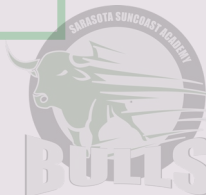
5 unexcused = meeting or call with school



A student that has 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days is considered a habitual truant under state law.



The student may be dealt with as a child in need of services under Chapter 39, Florida Statutes. In addition, the parent/guardian may be subject to criminal prosecution under Chapter 232, Florida Statutes. School Board Policy 5.40 grants authority to the principal to determine excused absences.



Make Up Work Policy

To receive credit for missing work due to absence, a student must turn in assignments upon returning to school within the number of days missed. However, for assignments that had previously determined due dates, those due dates must be observed unless prior arrangements were made with the teacher.

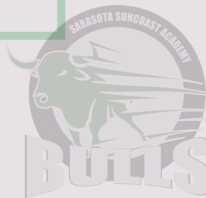


Late Pickup

Students must be picked up by 3:30 p.m.

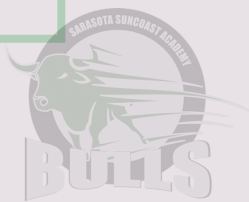
Habitual late pick up will result in dismissal from Suncoast

Helpful Tip: If you sign up for After Care, we will send students over at 3:30 if you happen to be running late



Early Pickup

- Students need to stay in class through dismissal as learning takes place from the beginning to the end of the day.
- **Please attempt to make appointments after school.**
- Middle school students must be signed out in the middle school office!
- **Please send a note** if you know in advance that you will be taking your child early. It really disrupts the class if the teacher has to stop instruction.



Bus Riders

Sign up for bus – Focus Portal

Contact Transportation (941-486-2141) if you have issues.

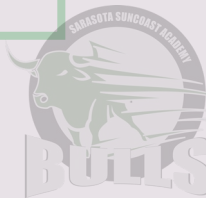
Bus riders must get off at the same stop every day they ride the bus.

Students may not ride the bus to go hang out at another student's house.

District Information: Parents can begin checking FOCUS for bus transportation starting July 22, 2025. If no information appears by August 1, they should submit a request through the Transportation page on the district website. The WheretheBus App will begin updating with route information on August 4.



****Please note: Cars must yield to a bus at all times!**



Afternoon Pickup

****Urgent Notice: Please Pull All the Way Forward****

- Pick up begins at 3:02
- Avoid early pick up. (Middle School pick up at MS office)
- Students will be walking out to find your car. Please stay in the car and do not walk up to where students are standing.
- Students with elementary siblings will be picked up by the big tree in the elementary line.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ARRIVAL ROUTE



MIDDLE SCHOOL DISMISSAL ROUTE



Uniforms

- Students are expected to wear school uniforms daily as outlined below:

Monday- Thursday

- **Polos:** green, grey, black. Any shade. Small logos
- **Bottoms:** At least fingertip length. Athletic shorts are acceptable. NO sweat pant material. No tights, leggings, yoga pants. Students may wear leggings under appropriate length clothing in school colors.
- **Shoes:** Closed toe shoes required. Crocs allowed when actively raining but must have change of shoes for when stops.
- **Hoodies:** grey, green, or black. No screen prints. Small chest logo is acceptable. Must wear polos under hoodie.
- Fridays- Students may wear their “School Spirit”, school sports team spirit shirts, or Running of the Bulls shirts on **Fridays Only** in place of their polo shirts.



Unacceptable Clothing



No lines
on sides



Sweatpants/or
sweat pant
material



Leggings,
tights, or yoga
pants



Undergarments
showing



One leg
leggings/
compression
leggings





Acceptable Clothing

Shorts At least **Finger tip** in length applies to girls and boys



Black, Gray or any
color green



Pants Solid: Tan, black, navy blue, gray



Hoodie with polo
underneath



Joggers (no sweat pant
material)

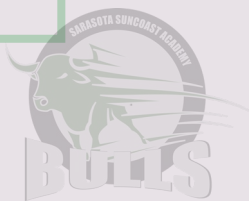
Lost and Found

LOST AND FOUND

Students lose jackets, extra clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc.

Hint: put student's name on items including water bottles and lunch boxes!

**** Every 4 weeks we will send unclaimed lost and found items to Mothers Helping Mothers ***



CELL PHONE POLICY

We have adopted a NO-cell phone policy for the safety of our students, families and staff. We appreciate your cooperation in restricting the use of cell phones in the following areas:

- While in a car in the pick-up / drop-off line
- While driving in the driveway or parking lot at any time
- While walking in the parking area
- In the classrooms while students are present
- **Parents should not text or call students on their cell phones.**

Please use the school number for correspondence with students while at school.

This policy has been put into effect due to some close calls during arrival and dismissal in order to prevent accidents.



Student Cell Phone Policy



May have in their bags or purses, etc. (Not on their person)



Must remain OFF while on campus at all times



No smartwatches or other devices that can connect to internet



Students may **NOT** have Bluetooth headphones, must be headphones with wires



Students should not text or call from their cell phones during the school day

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch is not longer provided for free by the county. To apply for free or reduced lunch visit Sarasota County Schools website.

<u>2025/2026 Approved Prices</u>	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary School	2.25	3.25
Middle School	2.25	3.75
High School	2.25	3.75



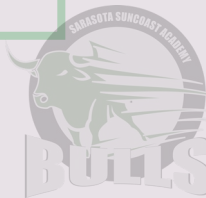
ACADEMICS AT SSA

- High academic standards exist at Suncoast.
- New this year: Any student receiving a letter grade of an F (59 and below) for a nine-week quarter will be placed on academic probation. The student will have one quarter to bring the grade above an F.
- Any students receiving an F grade will need to take Course Recovery for the next 9 weeks.



PARENT COMMUNICATION

- Step 1: Have your child go to the teacher
- Step 2: Go to the teacher
- Step 3: Hold 6th grade team meeting
- Step 3: Reach out to administration



ATHLETICS AT SUNCOAST ACADEMY

Athletic Seasons:

Girls Volleyball – August-October

Coed Golf – August-October

Coed Cross Country – September-December

Cheer – September-May

Girls Basketball – October-December

Boys Basketball – October-December

Flag Football - January-March

Pickleball - January-March

Boys Soccer – March-May

Girls Soccer – March-May

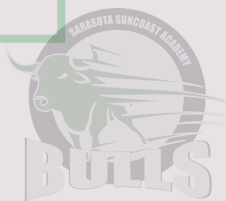
Coed Tennis – March-May

Athletic Director: **Michelle Hill**

Michelle.Hill@suncoastacademy.org



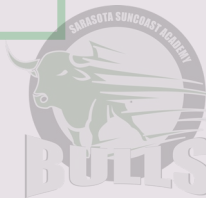
Students must maintain at 2.0 GPA to participate in school sponsored sports! Packets available on the website or you can contact Michelle Hill at Michelle.Hill@suncoastacademy.org for more information.





VOLUNTEER HOURS

- Suncoast families are required to give 10 hours of volunteer time.
 - 20 hours for families with both elementary and middle students.
- Hours are awarded for volunteering in the lunchroom, in classrooms, chaperoning field trips, and for attending extra-curricular activities.
- Hours can be logged on the school website
- Suncoastacademy.org -> Parent Info -> Volunteer hours -> "Click Here to Register"





VOLUNTEER HOURS

- Suncoast Academy STRICTLY enforces the volunteer time requirement. In accordance with the parent contract you signed, failure to complete your obligation will result in your child being returned to his/her district school the following school year. Our parental involvement is part of what makes our school special.
- Please start your volunteer time early!
- In accordance with the Jessica Lunsford Act, everyone visiting our campus must come to the front desk and receive an official photo I.D. in order to be on school grounds. In addition, all volunteers must also have completed F.D.L.E. search through the PALS system.

NOTE: YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE THE FIRST TIME IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR I.D. BADGE.



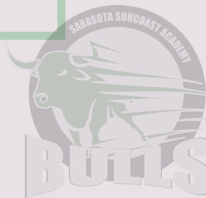
Volunteering

Possible volunteer opportunities:

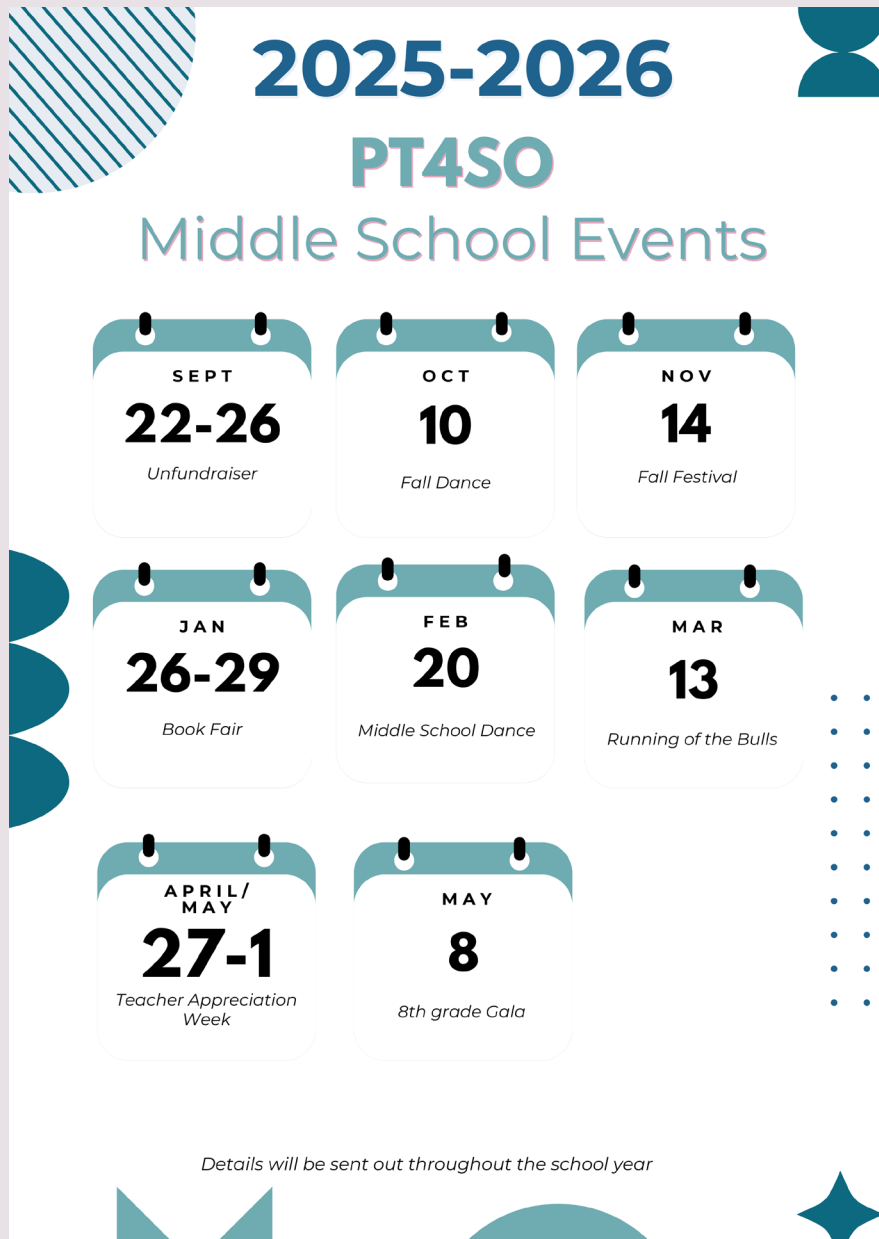
Classroom events
Cafeteria help - daily 11:00-1:15
File books in the library
Running copies/ laminating
PT4SO events

After hours opportunities:

PT4SO Meetings / Events
School Meetings / Events
Sports/Events
Cleaning with the custodian
Yard/lawn work (Hurricane Clean Up)

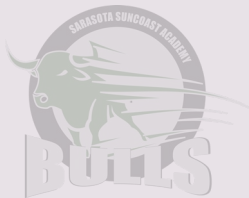


PT4SO- Parents and Teachers For Students Organization



Welcome to the 2025 - 2026 school year at Sarasota Suncoast Academy. The PT4SO is excited about the many possibilities that each new year brings. Whether your family is returning to Suncoast, or you are new to the school, we look forward to working with you to make this year a success!

The PT4SO's goal is to build a strong community of parents, teachers and administrators. We are committed to enriching the lives of our students and their families through events.





MIDDLE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Room Parents

Responsible for sending communications out to parents, through a class email list. Providing details on the events coming up. Help during advisory school events and overall support to the advisory teachers.

Dances

Middle school hosts 3 dances per year. We need 3 chair volunteers to run these events. Chairing events, you create your team and run the event. We have 2 (all grade dances) and 1 (8th grade dance)

Unfundraiser

Largest fundraiser Suncoast Academy runs at beginning of year. This fundraiser helps build up our PT4SO funds for the upcoming year of events. PT4SO funds all of the events put on for both elementary and middle school.

Fall Festival

Fall Festival is a yearly school celebration & silent auction that brings our school K-8 together. It takes place in November and is a time of fun, community and fundraising. All funds raised to go teachers & their classrooms!

Field Day "Running of the Bulls"

Responsible to help pre organize as well as help run for the day of the event. Requires pre-planning for yearly custom shirts & gathering donations to cover the cost of shirts.

PT4SO



SPONSORSHIPS



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



BULLS PARTNER

\$5,000

- Promotional Booth at Fall Festival
- Large Logo on Running of the Bulls/Little Bull Run Shirts
 - ¼ page ad on Yearbook
- Monthly social media shout out
- Website link to your business
- Logo displayed in school lobby
 - Banner on fence
- Classroom Sponsor for Teacher of choice

CLASSROOM SPONSOR

Sunshine Sponsor - \$200

- Certificate of Appreciation

Solar Flare Sponsor - \$350

- Certificate of appreciation
- Yearbook Ad
- Business link on School Website

Solar Eclipse Sponsor - \$500

- Plaque - Fall Festival
- Yearbook Ad
- Business link on website
- Social Media Shout out

ATHLETICS SPONSOR

\$3,000

- Scoreboard Advertisement for 3 years (limited to 3 Sponsors)-Larger size

\$2,000

- Scoreboard Advertisement- (limited to 1)-Smaller size

\$500 Sports Spirit Shirts - (per sport)

- Sponsor back of the shirt
- Volleyball, Football, Soccer girls/boys, Basketball Girls/Boys, Pickleball , Cross country , Tennis, Cheerleading.

\$350

Company Banner on the MS Athletic Field Fence

ARTS SPONSOR

\$500

Name on Play and Night of the Arts programs

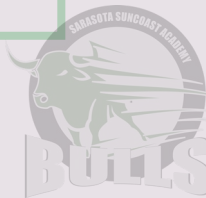
Name on Play Shirts

Special Events Sponsors Contact PT4SO
(Dances, Teacher Appreciation, Fall Festival, Family gatherings,
Little Bull Run, ROB, Pj Bingo)



Supply Donations

- The supply donation goes to benefit teachers, to help purchase items that are needed but are difficult for parents to provide
- Payment envelopes will be given to students on the first day of school

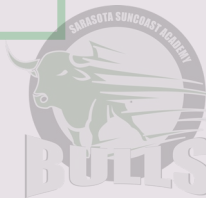


Student Schedule Pick Up

Thursday, August 7, 2025

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

- Purchase Friday Spirit Shirts (\$12)
- Buy school hoodies (\$30)
- Pick up Before/Aftercare Information
- Pick up Athletic Info
- Sports Physical – Dr. Jason Walsch, DC (\$25 cash/check) (Use Sign up Genius)
- Walk your schedule
- Meet teachers
- Drop off supplies and/or donations under the tent



MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

2025-2026 Middle School Events

AUG 27 <i>Open House 5-7pm</i>	OCT 1 <i>Picture Day</i>	OCT 10 <i>Middle School Dance</i>
OCT 28 <i>NJHS Induction 7th-8th</i>	NOV 14 <i>Fall Festival</i>	NOV 24 - 28 <i>Thanksgiving Break</i> DEC 22 - JAN 5 <i>Holiday Break</i>
JAN 14 <i>Sports Banquet</i>	FEB 20 <i>Middle School Dance</i>	MAR 4 <i>Middle School Play</i>
MAR 13 <i>Running of the Bulls</i> 15-20 <i>Spring Break</i>	APR 15 <i>Night of the Arts</i>	MAY 8 <i>8th grade Gala</i> 20 <i>8th grade Graduation</i> 27 <i>Last Day of School</i>

Details will be sent out throughout the school year