

MAIN SAIL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Sailor Nation,

I am thrilled to be back at Sarasota High School and honored to serve as your principal. While the year has already started and is off and running, I am excited to work with you to create a learning environment that both prepares our students for their next step and is supportive for all.

Sarasota High School is a special place with a rich history and a strong commitment to academic excellence. We have a dedicated and talented faculty and staff who are passionate about helping students succeed. We also have a supportive and involved community that plays an important role in our school's success. When we mix those factors in with our outstanding student body, it is no wonder Sarasota High is known as the First and Finest!

I am committed to working with you to make Sarasota High an even better place to learn and grow. I believe that strong relationships between families, teachers, and students are essential for success. I encourage you to get involved in your student's education and to partner with us to make Sarasota High a thriving learning community.

At Sarasota High School, we offer a variety of academic experiences, athletics, and student activities that suit all the students we serve. Sarasota High is home

to three distinct Magnet programs: the Cambridge AICE Program, MaST Research Institute, and Circus Arts Program. These program applications are either open now or opening soon and you can learn more by visiting our website, contacting the school, or scheduling an AICE tour. We will also be hosting our Student/Parent Information Night (SPIN) on February 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM for all prospective families during the School Choice window.

I hope your holiday season is filled with joy, love, family, and friends. I look forward to the additional time I am afforded with my family during this season and hope that time for you is meaningful as well! The holidays can also be a source of stress for many, including our families and students. Should you need support during this time, please reach out to the office so we can discuss options how to help!

As the New Year unfolds, I am confident that together, we can make Sarasota High a place where all students can reach their full potential and I look forward to achieving that mission! Go Sailors!

Sincerely,

Ryan Chase

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MISSION STATEMENT

Sarasota High School collaboratively engages students and staff in a culture of learning to ensure high achievement for all students.

VISION

Sarasota High School will be a high-functioning professional learning community that will graduate all students career and college ready, prepared to contribute to their community.



Aice Coordinator Kristina Harshman, National Merit Semifinalists Hayden Wilding and Nathaniel Gruhl, School Counselor Dana Albanese

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Earlier this fall, Jennifer Carroll was named Sarasota High School's *Teacher of the Year*. Ms. Carroll is a Midwesterner, born and raised in Illinois. She graduated from Rockford University with a Bachelor of Science and holds a Master's in Interdisciplinary Curriculum and Instruction from National Louis University in Chicago.

Ms. Carroll first began teaching in 2001 in an area outside of Chicago. She taught 5th Grade for two years before moving to the Sunshine State. Once in Florida, she taught 5th Grade at Englewood Elementary and then ventured up to middle school at Imagine School Palmer Ranch. While at Imagine School Palmer Ranch, Ms. Carroll taught science and coached volleyball through Sarasota High School. When an opportunity arose in 2019 to venture up again, she applied for and accepted a science teaching position at Sarasota High. Since becoming a Sailor, Ms. Carroll has taught biology and anatomy honors.

Ms. Carroll is part of Florida State University's *SSTRIDE Program* at Sarasota High. She hopes to begin working soon on a grant for another unique program for our students. This program is connected to the University of Florida. The University of Florida's *SHOE Program* (Students for Healthcare and Education) will offer another unique opportunity for students interested in the healthcare and medical field.

Ms. Carroll's passion for science reaches beyond her classroom. During this past summer, Ms. Carroll traveled to Florida State

University with ten students from Sarasota County. While at FSU, the students attended a mini medical school. Ms. Carroll was a facilitator for the program, and she also served as a chaperone for the group of students. The program's length was six days and involved 16-hour days. Because of Ms. Carroll's work on behalf of the students, they were able to attend the mini medical school on scholarship.

Ms. Carroll attributes her inspiration for teaching to her teachers and the support and encouragement she received from them. While in high school, a teacher told her she was influential. She took it to heart, chose a career in education and became a teacher. Ms. Carroll has committed herself to helping, motivating, and influencing students. She is a strong advocate for students who are struggling or facing challenges, due largely to the difficulties she experienced as a teen. Ms. Carroll considers teaching a reward. She strives to instill the value of education in her students while offering them the opportunity to be successful.

Ms. Carroll enjoyed being at Sarasota High while her daughter Rachel was a Sailor. Ms. Carroll was an avid volleyball fan and cheered Rachel on through many Sailor volleyball games.



Congratulations Ms. Carroll!

SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mr. Norbert Seres who was selected as this year's *School Related Employee of the Year*! Mr. Seres is our Performing Arts Technician. His role covers a broad array of audio and visual support that reaches every part of our campus.

Mr. Seres is responsible for sound, lighting and media support for the Performing Arts Department and for all events taking place in the auditorium. In addition, he provides sound and media for events in other locations on campus as well. For example on Fridays during football season, Mr. Seres can be found in the pre-dawn hours setting up sound equipment for our weekly Morning Marches. He makes it possible for us to honor our veterans during our annual Veterans Day Celebration in the west courtyard. And when there are Class Assemblies or other student meetings in the Howell Gym, Mr. Seres is there making sure sound and media is available and working.

Another aspect of Mr. Seres's role is to oversee and train a group of student ambassadors for the theater. This group is trained in sound and lighting for theater events and dramatic presentations. Mr. Seres is also part of the *Sailor Vision* livestream crew and is

responsible for the audio set up and overall technical production for *Sailor Vision* livestream events. As the school year begins to wind down in the spring, Mr. Seres sets his sights on graduation, the largest event of the year. He is tasked with the technical set-up and overall production for our graduation ceremony. Mr. Seres also oversees the school marquee and posts school events and highlights.

Mr. Seres was born and raised in Budapest, Hungary. He first came to the United States in 2001 and only planned to visit and then return to Budapest. But winning the Green Card lottery changed everything. He returned to the United States, learned English as a second language and the rest is history. He became a United States citizen in December 2011. Mr. Seres filled many jobs in the ensuing years before coming to work for Sarasota County Schools and Sarasota High in July 2019.

Mr. Seres is passionate about learning and helping students grow and discover their strengths and talents. He counts it a privilege to work alongside the student ambassadors as they learn the workings and elements of the audio and visual world. He is blessed to be part of the Sailor family!

Congratulations Mr. Seres!



SAILOR SPOTLIGHT

Assistant Principal of Curriculum Lindsay Gallof was named District Assistant Principal of the Year for Sarasota County Schools. Congratulations Mrs. Gallof!

Congratulations National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists Hayden Wilding and Nathaniel Gruhl!

The Mighty Sailor Band received straight Superior ratings for the third year in a row at the Marching Music Performance Assessment in October. The Mighty Sailor Band and Color Guard performed a portion of their award-winning "American Sketches" show at our Veterans Celebration. Congratulations to the Mighty Sailor Band, Color Guard and Band Directors, Mr. Leiper and Mr. Carter!



Straight Superiors for Mighty Sailor Band

CAREER SKILLS CHALLENGE

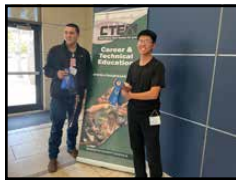
On December 7th, students in the career technical education courses went head-to-head to compete against other high schools in Sarasota County. Each competition showcases their skills being learned in the classroom but offered real-life experiences that students could use after graduation. The competitions included engineering, robotics, healthcare, business opportunities, culinary, coding, and logo design. Each student that competed, used what they designed to be showcased in their School Links profile. This will be available for employers, and colleges to see. Sarasota High School walked away with many awards including 3rd Place Overall for all skills.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 21 End of 2nd Grading Period
 Dec. 22 Professional Day—No School
 Dec. 23—Jan. 7 Winter Break
 Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Day—No School
 Feb. 19 Presidents Day—No School
 Mar. 7 End of 3rd Grading Period
 Mar. 8 Professional Day—No School
 Mar. 11—Mar. 15 ... Spring Break
 Mar. 29 Mini Break
 May 24 Last Day of School



1st Place VEX Competition Winners



1st Place Culinary Clash Winners



3rd Place Logo Design Winners

Culinary Clash – 1st Place

Jackson Bayles
 Haley Howard
 Arabella Rudolph
 and Christopher Schrum

Health Care Trivia – 3rd Place

Senay Kennon
 Mia Martin
 and Lilly Pramuka

Tech Bowl – 2nd Place

Nathaniel Gruhl
 Maddox Mitchell
 and Jonathan Squiteri

Coding – 2nd Place

Allen Busch
 and Luca Moschini

VEX Competition – 1st Place

Jace Johnston
 and Cameron Yam

CAD 3D Design – 2nd Place

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 Delvin Gibson

Logo Design – 3rd Place

Alana Ball
 and Triston Linander



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SAILOR ATHLETICS



EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Key Club was recently awarded the **High School Excellence Award** from Keep Sarasota County Beautiful for their work in beach and campus clean-ups.

So far this year, Key Club has worked with organizations such as Blaze of Hope, The Pines nursing home, Bridge-a-Life, All-Star Children's Foundation, Safe Children's Coalition, Sarasota Parks and Recreation, and Mothers Helping Mothers.

If you have an organization that needs volunteers, please contact Ashley Harris at ashley.harris@sarasotacountysschools.net.

Both Boys and Girls Cross Country teams qualified for the FHSAA State Meet. The streak continued for state as the boys qualified for the 14th consecutive year and the girls have made states for the past 9 years. The Lady Sailors finished 12th overall in the State Meet and the Boys finished 22nd overall. Aubri Antczak finished 19th overall in the Girls Meet.

Congratulations Aubri and both Cross Country teams!



Sailor Cross Country

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

The first National Signing Day of the 2023-2024 school year took place on November 8th. Seven Sailor athletes signed National Letters of Intent.



Bernard Barnes—State College of Florida—Baseball
Elian Corn—Loyola University Maryland—Swimming
Abby Johns—University of Tampa—Softball
Juan Perez—State College of Florida—Baseball
Cullen Pfanmiller—University of Mount Olive—Cross Country
Aidan Siers—Auburn University—Swimming
Joe Ziegler III—Stetson University—Football

In addition to these athletes, Sofi Miller committed to Tennessee Tech University in September.



*Bernard Barnes,
Coach Mulhollen and
Juan Perez*



Abby Johns



Sofi Miller

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and their families!*



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SAILOR SWIMMING 4PEAT STATE CHAMPIONS!

The Sarasota High School Boys Swim Team captured their 4th State Championship in a row in November. The Sailors have won the previous four state meets dating back to 2020. This year's championship team included Casey Ate, Elias Corn, Jorge Guzman Gutierrez, Victor Izquierdo III, Jackson Irwin, Colin Jacobs, Daniel Keegan, Alex Malaj, Andrew Malaj, Ethan Ooi, Toby Schwenk, Henry Shoemaker, Aidan Siers, Luca Simon and Bogdan Zverez. Congratulations to Aidan Siers and Elias Corn for their commitments to Auburn University and Loyola University Maryland for swimming and to the entire team for this amazing feat!



SAILOR BASKETBALL

BJ Ivey, Varsity Head Coach Elias Gutierrez, JV Head Coach

Dec. 19	@ Braden River	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Dec. 21	Manatee @ Home	6:00 PM/2:30 PM
Dec. 28—Dec. 30	Chick-fil-A Classic	TBA
Jan. 5	@ Cardinal Mooney	4:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 9	Venice @ Home	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 11	@ Southeast	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 12	@ Tampa Jesuit	5:30 PM/7:00 PM
Jan. 13—Jan. 15	@ Braden River JV Shootout	TBA
Jan. 19	Walley Keller Classic @ Charlotte High	8:00 PM
Jan. 20	Walley Keller Classic @ Charlotte High	4:20 PM
Jan. 23	@ Lakewood Ranch	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 25	@ Venice	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 27	Cardinal Mooney @ Home	TBA
Jan. 29	@ Riverview	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 31	Southeast @ Home	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Feb. 2	Cardinal Mooney	4:30 PM/7:30 PM
Feb. 6	District Quarter Finals	7:00 PM
Feb. 8	District Semi-Finals	7:00 PM
Feb. 10	District Championship	7:00 PM
Feb. 15	Regional Quarter Finals	7:00 PM
Feb. 20	Regional Semi-Finals	7:00 PM
Feb. 23	Regional Final	7:00 PM
Mar. 6—Mar. 9	State Championship	TBA

LADY SAILOR SOCCER

Kevin Reasor, Head Coach

Jan. 6	@ Sebring	11:00 AM
Jan. 8	Lemon Bay @ Home	5:30 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 12	@ Lakewood Ranch	TBA
Jan. 16	North Port @ Home	TBA
Jan. 18	Palmetto @ Home	TBA
Jan. 24—Jan. 28	Post Season Tournament	TBA

SAILOR SOCCER

Enrique Coletti, Head Coach

Jan. 9	@ Parrish Community High	5:00 PM/7:00 PM
Jan. 11	Braden River @ Home	5:00 PM/7:00 PM
Jan. 12	@ Venice	5:00 PM/7:00 PM
Jan. 16	Riverview @ Home	5:00 PM/7:00 PM
Jan. 17	Tampa Catholic @ Home	5:30 PM/7:00 PM
Jan. 19	Booker @ Home—Senior Night	5:00 PM/7:00 PM
Jan. 24—Jan. 28	JV Tournament @ Riverview	TBA
Jan. 26	Varsity District Playoff	TBA

LADY SAILOR BASKETBALL

Radhika Miller, Varsity Head Coach John Cox, JV Head Coach

Dec. 27—Dec. 30	Tampa Bay Christmas Invitational @ Wiregrass	TBA
Jan. 5	@ Cardinal Mooney	4:00 PM/6:00 PM
Jan. 6	SUTS Report Classic	(Away) TBA
Jan. 9	@ IMG	6:00 PM
Jan. 11	Palmetto @ Home	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 13	@ Venice	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 16	@ Southeast	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 18	@ Booker	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 20	@ Seffner	1:00 PM/2:30 PM
Jan. 23	Parrish @ Home (Senior Night)	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Jan. 26	IMG @ Home	6:00 PM
Jan. 30	Charlotte @ Home	6:00 PM/7:30 PM
Feb. 2	Cardinal Mooney @ Home	6:00 PM
Feb. 5	District Quarter Finals	TBA
Feb. 7	District Semi-Finals	TBA
Feb. 9	District Finals	TBA
Feb. 14	Regional Quarter Finals	TBA
Feb. 19	Regional Semi-Finals	TBA
Feb. 22	Regional Finals	TBA
Mar. 6—Mar. 9	State Championships	TBA

LADY SAILOR WEIGHTLIFTING

Holly Shafer, Head Coach

Jan. 16	@ Venice	4:00 PM
Jan. 25	District Meet @ Charlotte High	9:00 AM
Feb. 1—Feb. 3	Regional Meet	TBA
Feb. 15—Feb. 17	State Championship	TBA

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Meet Rebel, Sarasota High School's new Professional Therapy Dog. Rebel is usually hanging out in front of buildings 13 and 14 between classes, spreading unconditional love to students and staff. Originally, Rebel was in training to be a Service Guide Dog for the Blind, but his career path changed, and school Social Worker Dianne Arthur, was lucky enough to adopt him. He came all the way from Denver, Colorado to Florida. He loves to go out on the boat, do yoga, especially downward dog, and he loves treats! If you see Rebel around campus, come say hi. He loves the attention.

Follow Rebel on Instagram
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RIPPLING EFFECT

Social Studies teacher B.J. Ivey received the *Ripple Effect Award* from the Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation. This award was created to honor the birthdays of Charles and Margery Barancik. Chuck and Margie Barancik's legacy continues to positively impact our schools and community. Margie was fond of saying, "We can't change the world, but we can change little pieces of it and hope for a ripple effect." Mr. Ivey consistently models selflessness, humility, and the Golden Rule creating a ripple effect on the Sarasota High campus and beyond. Congratulations Mr. Ivey!



GEARING UP FOR SUCCESS

The Student Success Center has been bustling since the first day of school. Seniors have filled out over 2,000 college applications, created resumes and authored essays. They are also exploring military opportunities, technical and trade colleges and straight to work opportunities. We are very proud of the work our seniors have done to achieve their post-secondary goals, and the Sarasota High School reputation in our community is stellar as they model college and career readiness.

We will be hosting a *Financial Information Night* for parents and students on January 17 and April 3. We will be spending a class period with juniors in their English classes beginning December 2 to start college and career planning. We will meet again with juniors and their families in April.

Thank you, staff, students, and families for your support of the Student Success Center. It is a valuable resource for all students. Mrs. Wagner-Haller and Mrs. Odell look forward to assisting students in their college and career pathways.

2024 SENIOR SHIRT DESIGNS



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SENIOR DATES FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION/CONTACT
Announcement Order Deadline	December 22, 2023	Anytime on their website	Jostens.com
Final Payment for Senior Packages Due (No Refunds)	December 22, 2023	School Hours	Main Office Mrs. Mavrikas
Grad Bash '24 Ticket Reservations (No Refunds)	January 29— February 7, 2024	School Hours (Limited tickets—may sell out before last day of sales)	Main Office (Ticket Sales) Universal Studios— Orlando, FL
2024 Graduation Student Speaker Applications	Available: SHS website- Senior Tab Deadline: April 12, 2024 Auditions: April 19, 2024	School Hours	Return by deadline to Dr. St. John
Grad Announcement Distribution	March 2024	School Hours	Main Office Mrs. Mavrikas
Senior Fee \$50 This fee is included in the SHS Senior Packages if you purchased one.	April 5, 2024 If you have a financial hardship, please see your School Counselor.	School Hours	Main Office Mrs. Mavrikas
Cap & Gown Distribution	April 12, 2024	During Lunches	Gym Lobby Mrs. Mavrikas
Grad Bash 2024	April 19, 2024	2:30 PM—4:00 AM	Universal Studios/Island of Adventures
Prom	April 27, 2024	7:00 PM—11:30 PM	Hyatt Regency
Mandatory Graduation Practice	TBD May 16/May 17	7:00 AM—11:00 AM	SHS Auditorium/ Football Field (Bring water & sunscreen)
*Graduation	May 17, 2024	8:00 PM (Students arrive 7:00 PM)	Cleland Stadium at Ihrig Field -- SHS

*Graduation Rain Date is May 18th at 8:00 AM in Cleland Stadium at SHS.



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THROUGH THE ALASKAN LENS

Natasha Turner, NAHS Secretary

National Art Honor Society has been working on a lot of activities this quarter. Stop in to view the "Alaska - Through the Lens" photography exhibit in Building 5's Art Gallery. NAHS's sponsor and Digital Arts teacher, Debra Markley, installed a vast photographic display of Alaska's beauty. With a **TIME Fellowship Award** from the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation, Mrs. Markley captured the stillness of the landscape and many captivating animals in her beautiful pictures.



Mark your calendars and come support us at local artist markets where National Art Honor Society will be selling handcrafted jewelry made by club members. Save the dates and come see us on December 16th or next year on February 10th at the Bazaar's Youth Market on Apricot & Lime from 10 AM to 3 PM.

NAHS is getting into the holiday spirit by participating in the annual Gingerbread House Contest at University Town Center. This year's theme is a house titled "Santa Claude's Candy Lilies". This creative display is a play on Claude Monet's famous water lilies.

All of these events and activities would not be possible without our sponsors this year. NAHS would like to thank Wells Insurance, Markley Construction, and the Laughlin Tanner Group for their generous donations.



JROTC BULLDOG BATTALION

Cadet/Command Sgt. Major Allan Bizzaro

The Bulldog Battalion has hosted many fun events for this year's cadets and there are many more on the way. Since our last Main Sail, our Raider team competed in the County Raider Meet. They finished 1st Place overall. Go Raiders! They are led by our Battalion Commander Hayden Wilding. Our Rifle team this year, under our Battalion S-2, Kaia Nelson, competed in several competitions. Most recent was the National Competition (CMP), where they competed against 800 other JROTC cadets.

Our JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl team has also performed exceptionally well. This year's JLAB team is being commanded by Larry Caceres. In JLAB, the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl, cadets compete virtually, taking online tests which assess their knowledge of math, reading comprehension, grammar, leadership and many more. As of now we are still waiting to hear the results on the placement scores to see if we qualified for Level 2, but we are rooting for our Bulldogs.

This month is the beginning of the season for our Drill team. The Drill team is being commanded by our Battalion Executive Officer Renna Ramsaran and Battalion Command Sgt. Major Allan Bizarro. In Drill, cadets hone their marching skills in preparation for meets in January and February, competing against other schools' JROTC programs. The first drill meet of the season will be January 20th. The Drill team practices every Tuesday and Thursday with the goal of bringing home a trophy again this year.

It is not just our teams that have been making a splash. On Veterans Day, select cadets in the Battalion marched in the Veterans Day Parade to honor the veterans within our community. Finally, our annual Service-Learning Project is coming up. This year we will be visiting Brookdale Assisted Living. We will put on several demonstrations for the residents, namely rope bridge and squad drill, and then play games and spend time with them. Our goal is to bring encouragement and joy to the residents there and show them they are not forgotten.

Though we're close to the end of first semester, this year's Battalion has not even shown its full potential. GO BULLDOGS!!!



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UP FOR DEBATE

By Devin Escobedo & Anika Sackerlotzky

The Speech and Debate Team continues the 2023-24 season and this year's team consists of students across all grade levels. The team has diligently trained in their various events, with their hard work paying off at the first two league tournaments of the year. The first FGCCFL tournament of the season was held at Hillsborough High School. Congratulations to the following students—Ella Collier, Tournament Champion in Original Oratory, earning her National Speech and Debate Association Degree of Honor; Drew Light, 2nd Place in Congressional Debate, earning his NSDA Degree of Merit; Junior Captain Devin Escobedo, 3rd Place, earning her NSDA Degree of Excellence; and Senior Captain Anika Sackerlotzky, 2nd Place in Extemporaneous Speaking.

The November tournament at Newsome High had similar success. The team swept Extemporaneous Speaking with Andrew Springer placing first, Gemma Davies placing second, and Anika Sackerlotzky taking third. James Mayer placed third in Dramatic Performance and Andrew Springer earned his NSDA Degree of Excellence with Genesis Pena Suarez earning her Degree of Merit. The team continues to work hard helping each other to perfect their arguments, speeches and performances.



Without amazing parents to judge and provide transportation to tournaments, the team would not be able to compete and continue their efforts towards the second semester schedule. The team is also deeply grateful to coach Dr. Terri St. John, who encourages, supports and cheers the team on.

If you are interested in supporting a competitive academic team at Sarasota High, please consider donating today. Funds will be used to help members enter championship tournaments which will enable them to compete for spots in national championships in Illinois and Iowa. The Speech and Debate team's GoFundMe page can be found at <https://gofund.me/73ea903e>.

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