

**Saraland
Middle
School**

**Points of
Interest:**

- **Saraland Middle School website is smspartans.com**
- **Summer Office Hours, Mon– Fri, 9am–2pm**
- **Before making uniform purchases for 2010-2011 School Year, please review the uniform policy enclosed in this mailing.**

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Parent Newsletter

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Time Flies, Another Year Has Come and Gone!

Oh, how time flies! Another year has come and gone. In the second year of operation, Saraland Middle School has continued to experience academic, extra-curricular, and athletic success. In terms of academic success, the Duke Talent Search recognized 41 seventh grade students for outstanding academic achievement on standardized tests. Also, based on outstanding performance during the season, the Scholars' Bowl Team was invited to participate in the Super Tournament where they competed against public

and private schools from Mobile and surrounding counties. The Beta Club inducted 97 students in their charter membership, led a Relay for Life fundraising drive, and was recognized as the school contributing the most to Relay efforts. The football team celebrated a winning season while the baseball team qualified for the playoffs. Student Council promoted humanitarian efforts by organizing the Elf Helping Families Drive and a Haiti Relief Campaign. Despite achievement of these milestones, there continue to be goals yet to attain. But, now, it's time to enjoy

summer vacation: rest, relax, and regroup. In no time, back-to-school shopping will begin!

Mark the Calendar:
Saraland Baseball Camp, June 18th-19th

Spartan Boys Basketball Camp, June 21st-24th

Camp Spartan, Rising 6th graders, August 3rd, 12pm-3pm

Meet the Teacher, Thursday, August 5th, 3pm-6pm

First Day of 2010-2011 School Year, Monday, August 9th

Summer Reading

Middle School summer reading books will be on sale in the Saraland Middle School office daily from 9am-2pm, or parents may purchase books from a store of their choice. Students will be tested on assigned reading.

6th grade:
***The BFG* by Roald Dahl, \$7.00**

7th grade:
***Crash* by Jerry Spinelli, \$7.00**

8th grade:
***Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, \$7.00**

9th grade:
Regular Classes
***Make Lemonade* by Virginia Euwer Wolff, \$8.00 OR *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers, \$9.00**
Advanced Classes
***Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë, \$5.00 OR BOTH books designated for the regular classes**

Summer Camps

Saraland Baseball Camp

9-12 year olds, June 18th-19th, 9am-noon, Register at Amelia Park, Cost \$50.

For more information contact Kristi Beck, 591-7393 or Coach V, 605-5138

Summer Football Workouts

Begin June 14th at 4pm and continue until August, Saraland Middle School Weight Room,

Workouts will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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

Spartan Boys Basketball Camp

Rising 2nd grade-9th grade boys, June 21st-24th, 9am-noon, Saraland High School Gym, Cost \$75.

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

Basketball Camp T-Shirts will be given to those who pre-register before June 7th

SMS Summer Office Hours
Mon.—Fri.
9:00 am—2:00 pm

Key to Success

When parents become involved, both students and school benefit:

- Grades and test results are higher;
- Students' attitudes and behavior are more positive;
- Academic programs are more successful; and
- The schools, as a whole, are more effective.

<http://www.middleweb.com/ParntInvl.html>



2010-2011 Board Approved Student Fees

In May 2010, the Saraland Board of Education approved the following fees for middle school students: General Fee-\$25.00, Strings Fee-\$30.00, Art Fee-\$25.00, Band Fee-\$25.00, Computer Applications Fee-\$15.00, Music Fee-\$15.00, and all other electives, \$15.00 fee. Physical Education uniforms will also be sold for \$25.00 and the cost will include the fee for locker and lock rental. PE sweat shirts and sweat pants will be sold for \$20.00 each or \$37.00 for both, for parents who would like to order a sweat suit.

School Supplies

- 6th grade-7 plastic, 2 pocket folders with prongs (red, green, yellow, blue, purple, and orange-2)
- 7th grade- 6 plastic, 2 pocket folders with prongs (red, green, yellow, blue, purple, and orange) and 1 two inch binder with 1 pack of 5 tab dividers
- 8th grade-1 two inch binder and 1 pack of 8-tab binders
- 7th and 8th grade-1 pack (20 sheets), 3-hole punched graph paper
- 7th and 8th grade-1 pack (50 sheets) assorted construction paper

The following items are needed by all students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades:

- 2 packs of wide rule filler paper (replenish as needed during the school year)
- 1 12" plastic ruler with center holes (U.S. customary and metric)
- 1 pack 5-tab, 3 ring dividers
- 1 pack #2 pencils (12)
- 1 double barrel pencil and crayon sharpener
- 1 4-function, basic calculator
- 1 pack (12) colored pencils
- 2 red pens, 2 blue pens, 2 black pens, and 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 pack (500 sheets) white copy paper
- 1 pack Expo Markers (black or assorted colors)
- 1 box facial tissue, anti-bacterial wipes, or Germ-x