

## Welcome Back Patriots!

WOW, where did August go? It has been a great first month of the 22-23 school year! First and foremost, I want to say thank you to all the parents in AM/PM car rider for being so patient. It was a slow start and I hope you have noticed some changes we have made. It is moving much faster now, even faster than last year at our best, and with more students/vehicles. Again, thank you for your patience. I love seeing everyone in car rider line.

You may have also noticed the children walking and riding bikes to school. Please continue to be patient and vigilant as the children come to school. Also, please pay attention to the safety personnel assisting the children crossing the road.

I want to remind everyone the speed limit in the school zone is 20MPH and all side streets to/from school are 25MPH. I have received several complaints of speeding through the neighborhoods. Patrols will randomly conduct speed enforcement in these areas, throughout the year. Speeding is the cause of 12 percent of accidents and 30percent of fatal accidents. The faster you drive, the more your brain is bombarded with visual information. This results in tunnel vision and a decrease in depth perception.

Santa Rosa County District Schools are "Tobacco-Free" per School Board Policy 2.90. To comply with the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act and set a positive, healthy example for our students, the use of tobacco products (smoking, non-smoking, vaping, etc.) is prohibited in any facility or on any real or personal property owned by or under the control of the Santa Rosa County School Board.

Santa Rosa County continues to support the SAFE Program. This program is a means of better communication between Santa Rosa County first responders and residents with special needs before an emergency occurs. Additional info can be found at <https://santarosasheriff.org/safe-program>, in our front lobby or you can contact me directly.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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