

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, THERE IS AN 11:50 EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS. NO BUS PASSES WILL BE ISSUED. ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE THEIR OWN BUS HOME.

Next week is our first Spirit Week of the year. Let's show our SRMS spirit!

Monday: Comfy Day Tuesday: Twin Day

Wednesday: Crazy Sock Day Thursday: Team T-shirt Day Friday: Halloween Costume Day

Once again, the **LEO Club** is sponsoring the "Make a Difference" campaign. Students will receive a slip of paper in homeroom. When the student completes a work of volunteerism or some activity that he/she feels makes a difference, fill out the slip. Homeroom teachers will return them and the LEO Club will keep track. *Make a Difference Day is October 24* – let's see if we can get 100% participation this year!

The middle school yearbooks will be on sale starting this week. Please make sure you check your mailboxes at home because order forms are mailed directly to your houses. If you plan on ordering a yearbook, remind your parents or guardians about the mailed order form. All orders can either be mailed back to Balfour directly, or you can order one online. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Reynolds in E-8 or Mrs. Kuchinsky in E-7.

The Southern Regional Theatre Company will present the fall play – **Twelve Angry Jurors** – on Thursday and Friday November 12th and 13th in the auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Ticket sales will begin on Oct. 13th. Forms can be found in the main office or on Southern's website at www.srsd.net. Advance ticket sales will continue until Oct. 27th. After that date, tickets can be purchased the nights of the performance when the box office opens at 6:00 each night.

Rutgers Outstanding Students Day will be on November 28 at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway. Students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade will receive FREE tickets for the Maryland vs. Rutgers football game. For tickets and more information, contact Doug Bean in the Rutgers Tickets Office at 732-907-1574.

Attention any 8th grade students interested in applying to MATES: You will need to attend one of the Admission Information Sessions:

- Thursday October 22 @6:30 pm
- Saturday November 14th @ 10:00 am

Attention any 8th grader interested in applying to the Performing Arts Academy: You will need to attend one of the Admission Information Sessions:

- Saturday October 24th @ 9:00 am
- Wednesday November 11th @ 6:30 pm
- Saturday November 21 @ 9:00 am

Applications for MATES and PAA are due to your guidance counselor by Tuesday December 1st.

The **Math Team will be meeting on Tuesday October 27**, after school in **Room A-6.** Please see Mrs. Lovas or Mrs. Browning if you have any questions.

Attention members of **the Spanish Club**: our next meeting will be **Thursday, October 29**th **from 2:20-3 in room D-4.** See Mrs. Abbato if you cannot attend.

Clear your calendar for Friday, October 30! The high school Student Council is hosting "Movie Night" in the football stadium at the high school. Find a friend and join the student council for a double feature of Goonies followed by Signs. The first movie starts at 7 and the 2nd should end at about 10:30. Bring a chair or a blanket and refreshments will be sold there. Tickets are \$5. You can buy a ticket from an SRMS student council member during your lunch period. Again, tickets are \$5. Buy them early before they sell out.

The next meeting for **Youth Canteen will be Thursday, October 29**, in room N-8. If you are interested in helping out at the dance but can't make the meeting please see Mrs. Browning in N-8 or Mrs.Mazzerina in D-3

The next Ramporter meeting will be next Tuesday, October 27. All writers please plan on staying until 3:00 in room E-8. Any student who did not attend the first meeting, please come to this one. We will begin writing our first articles, so bring your ideas! If you have any questions, see Mrs. Reynolds in room E-8 or Mrs. Stefanski in room C-8.

ATTENTION ALL GIRLS WHO ARE TRYING OUT FOR CHEERLEADING ON OCTOBER 26-28: YOU MUST HAVE YOUR UPDATED PHYSICAL FORM TURNED IN NO LATER THAN THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND.

There is a meeting for current 8th grade S.T.Y.L.E. members on Monday, October 26th after school in room C-16. Please try to attend.

What will you do to choose "kind" today??