



*In Support of Sebastian Middle School's Music Students*

## NEWSLETTER

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Hello and Welcome to another great year at Sebastian Middle School! The 2017-2018 school year is an exciting one for Music: our Music Department rosters reflect **312 students** in a variety of disciplines - String Orchestra, Guitar, Band, and Chorus. With the increasing interest from our students and the opportunities around us for them to explore, now is an important time for Booster Support! Like most Music Programs around the country, our Music Department has a small fee per student. This fee is just to help towards the very basic needs of this special program. There is so much more we'd like to be able to do!

### What are our goals?

- ♪ Repairs to existing instruments and purchasing new instruments to upgrade and maintain student resources
- ♪ New music materials for expansion of potential repertoire
- ♪ Educational classes with guest instructors/performers, such as Dr. Stephen Robinson, coming to Sebastian Middle School on September 26th
- ♪ Music equipment replacement or new purchases, such as a digital interface for multitrack recording
- ♪ Field trips for students to experience broad-based performances, such as the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra

### What can you do to help?

Financial Support: Individual and Business financial support of our Music Program is vital to accomplishing our goals. The Sebastian Middle School PTO generously processes our Booster contributions in support of the Music Department, and as an individual or business, donors can specify level of support and program. Please see the **EAGLES MUSIC BOOSTERS Contribution Form** for details on how to make this important pledge of support!

Materials Support: Are you a professional musician or do you work in the music industry? Your expertise and time can be invaluable to students interested in learning more about technique, presentation, and music as a career field. Businesses specializing in musical instruments and musical production also are invited to contact us for possible materials support.

Writing, Pictures, and Social Media: Promotion of our Music Department publicizes concerts, fundraising, and other events. If you have background or experience in "getting the word out", please let us know!

### Need more information?

You are receiving this newsletter because you've indicated you wanted to be included as a Music Booster or you have a student in the Music Program at Sebastian Middle School. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Southerland at [EaglesMusicBoosters@gmail.com](mailto:EaglesMusicBoosters@gmail.com). I'm happy to help – thank you for your support!