



Eagle Eye News

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Important Dates

Monday, 11/2
Dr. Joyner's State of the Schools Address , 6:30pm

Tuesday, 11/3
Half-Cent Sales Tax Referendum Special Election

Saturday, 11/7
Football Championship Game, NHS, 3pm

Wednesday, 11/11
Veterans' Day

Friday, 11/13
Interims Published

11/26 & 11/27
Thanksgiving Holidays

12/1—12/3
SMS Science Fair

12/7-12/18
Semester & Final Exams
(see SMS website for full schedule)

Friday, 12/11
Winter Dance, 6-8pm

Tuesday, 12/15
Winter Arts Festival, 6pm

A Message From the Principal....

Dear SMS Parents/
Guardians,

Our first quarter is complete and I am proud to say almost 30% of our students (181) made either the A or A/B honor roll!

Congratulations to the Fall Inductees into the National Junior Honor Society: **Katherine Beatty, Emily Burnett, Riley Carr, Dylan Clark, Aslynn Hegarty, Mya Helhoski, Aaron Jett, Cynthia Jones, Alayna McLain, Thomas Nation, Gabe Naughton, Eve Patton, Emma Richardson, Alexis Rowe, Jonah Silbert, Isabelle Smith, Madison Taylor, Jan Tustin, and Emma White.**

A special thank you to the SMS PTO for sponsoring the BMX Trickstars Show during Red Ribbon Spirit Week. More than 90% of our students wore red in order to attend and to support the theme "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free."

The Half-Cent Sales Tax Referendum Special Election is Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. What this could mean for our schools: new school construction to keep up with growth, reconstruction of our existing schools, technology upgrades and safety improvements.

Go Eagles!

Mrs. Battell

What SMS is Thankful for:

1. Incredible teachers and staff.
2. Students who come to school eager to learn.
3. Supportive parents.
4. A great PTO.
5. Our athletes and their coaches.
6. A caring community.



What is IXL?

IXL is an engaging **math** computer program where guessing is not an option, and success is earned through hard work and genuine understanding of each topic. To facilitate this deeper level of learning, every skill on IXL has been designed to engage kids' minds. Topics are approached from multiple angles, visual representations, interactive activities, and more. By the time students have mastered a skill, their understanding of that topic is solid. **2nd QUARTER PRIZE:** Students who complete 40 IXL grade level skills with a smart score of 75% or higher, will be invited to a **pizza party** on Friday, December 18th!



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“Sebastian Middle School will cultivate high achieving, college and career ready students who excel in a complex and changing world.”

SJMSAA Football Championship Game

**Sebastian Eagles vs.
Swiss Point Raiders**

**Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3pm
Nease H.S. Stadium**



GO EAGLES!

Random Reminders

1. The tardy bell rings at 7:45am every morning.
2. Bus passes are only given in cases of emergency. Requests must be made in writing and turned in before 10am.
3. Cell phones must be turned off during the school day and kept out of site.
4. No gum is allowed on campus.
5. Charge your laptop every night.



Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) is hosting a Great American Smokeout event for the SMS staff on **November 20th**. Special thanks to our sponsors: Blooming Art-Celeste Cohen, Cheese Wheel, Heather Dempsey, The Hyppo, Heather Hagy, Mike Hardy, Ned's Southside Kitchen, Norma Sherry, Small Indulgences, and Winn Dixie for supporting SWAT's efforts.

Get ready to lose the habit, and become victorious over tobacco. The American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout event is your chance to triumph over addiction. Every November, we encourage smokers to go the distance, and to finally give up smoking.

About 42 million Americans still smoke cigarettes, and tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States. As of 2013, there were also 12.4 million cigar smokers in the US, and over 2.3 million who smoke tobacco in pipes, other dangerous and addictive forms of tobacco.

By quitting, even for one day, you will be taking an important step toward a healthier life — one that can lead to reducing your cancer risk. It's a race for your health, and it starts today. Today's the day that quitters win!

Attention 8th graders and Parents:

January 11: Middle School Blitz @ SMS 8am-10am (Students only)

January 21: High School Showcase @ World Golf Village 3:30pm-7:00pm (Parents and Students invited)

January 21: Applications Open Online for High School Academies



February 1: Academy Night @ SAHS 6pm-8pm

February 5: SJCCA Auditions @ SAHS for students planning to attend a Performing Arts or Visual Arts Academy at SAHS

February 8: Deadline to apply for High School Academy on SJCSJ Website

SMS Sweatshirts are in stock!

With cooler weather on the way, the PTO is selling SMS sweatshirts for \$22/each.

Download an order form from the SMS website or pick one up from the front office.

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT