



Eagle Eye News

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Important Dates

Friday, 4/1
Spring Pictures

Monday, 4/4
Report Cards

Tuesday, 4/5, 5-8pm
Spirit Night @
The Press

4/11-12
6th grade FSA
Reading

Tuesday, 4/12
SAC, 3pm

4/14-15
7th grade FSA Math

4/18-19
6th grade FSA Math

Tuesday, 4/19, 5-8pm
Spirit Night @
Sonny's

Thursday, 4/21
Talent Show, 6pm

4/21-22
8th grade FSA
Reading

4/25-26 7th grade
FSA Reading

Thursday, 4/28
Interims Published

Thursday, 4/28
8th grade Science

Friday, 4/29
School Holiday

A Message From the Principal....

Dear SMS Parents/ Guardians,

Spring has sprung! We are in the home stretch of the school year but it is busy nine weeks. The testing season is also here so I have listed several tips to help your child do his best:

Have a Positive Attitude

A positive attitude goes a long way toward success.

The Night Before

Remember, your brain and body need sleep to function well, so don't stay up late!

The Morning of the Test

Did you know that you think better when you have a full stomach? So don't skip breakfast the morning of the test. Get to school on time.

Test Time

Before the test begins, make sure you have everything you'll need - scratch paper, extra pencils, your calculator

(if you're allowed to use it). Understand how the test is scored: Do you lose points for incorrect answers? Or is it better to make guesses when you're not sure of the answer? Read the instructions! You want to make sure you are marking answers correctly.

Manage Your Time

Scan through the test quickly before starting. Answering the easy questions first can be a time saver and a confidence builder.

I'm Stuck!

Those tricky problems can knock you off balance. Don't get worried or frustrated. Reread the question to make sure you understand it, and then try to solve it the best way you know how. If you're still stuck, circle it and move on. You can come back to it later. What if you have no idea about the answer? Review your options

and make the best guess you can, but only if you don't lose points for wrong answers.

Neatness Counts

If your 4s look like 9s, it could be a problem. Be sure that your writing is legible and that you erase your mistakes. For machine-scored tests, fill in the spaces carefully.

I'm Done!

Not so fast - when you complete the last item on the test, remember that you're not done yet. First, check the clock and go back to review your answers, making sure that you didn't make any careless mistakes (such as putting the right answer in the wrong place or skipping a question). Spend the last remaining minutes going over the hardest problems before you turn in your test.

Go Eagles! Mrs. Battell



8th Grade Dates!

8th grade Dance April 22
GradVenture May 6
Graduation May 26, 8:30am

Proctors Needed for FSA Testing



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Visit the SMS website athletic page for schedules and contact information.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The 3rd Annual Pinwheel Parade Against Child Abuse will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at the SAYS campus from 10:00-11:30am. There will be a ceremonial “parade” around the campus, refreshments, free children’s activities plus tables set up with parenting information and people on hand to answer questions about the resources available in St. Johns County.

Eagles in the News!




The SMS Math Counts Team placed 21st out of 60 teams at a state competition in Jacksonville recently. Team members included: **Dylan Clark, Li Fitzgerald, Ashlynn Hegarty, Jordan Kier, Keegan Lynch, Noelle McClung, Evan Nettuno, William Qualls** and **Maggie Taylor**.

Ava Nelms and Sophia Peake’s exhibit on Lewis and Clark earned 2nd place at the SJCSJ History Fair held at FCTC in February.

The SMS Battle of the Books team placed 2nd out of 10 teams at the annual SJCSJ competition held last month at Landrum Middle School. Team members included: **Zach Albright, Jordon Ferguson, Soleil Von Hausch, Kate Herrod, Ellie Johnson, Cynthia Jones, Jadyn Kaufenberg, Ben Koppman, Jordan Levy, Christian McGlothren, Haydyn Pouncey, Ashton O’Shell, and Juliana Sallas.**

The St. Augustine Art Association Middle School Art Show winners being recognized April 1st: **Audrey Beglis, Alexyan Flanary, Sophia Peake, Nesicha Pogacnik, and Evelyn Sylvia.**

SMS students recognized by teachers for best representing the pillars of character during the third quarter: **Caring** - Madisyn Amonette, Jovien Hamilton, Heidi Hawk, Amy Horn, Emily Lopez, Audrey Matthews, Marissa Newsome, Mason Page. **Fairness** - Macey McRoberts, Ben Owens, Marcos Rodriguez, Madison Taylor, and Kennedy Yelvington. **Respect** - Jaden Harris-Hynes, Ijon Marshal, Cali Schmidt, Matthew Showalter, Tamas Meszaros, Brooke Reed, Gabriella Sindicic, Kendall Staley, Haley Stevenson, and Jacob Usina. **Trustworthiness** - Jackson, Callagan, Zavion Ferguson, Gabe Fitzgerald, Seth Hoffman, and Davis Loose.


Attention 6th Grade Parents:

All 7th grade students are required to have a Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis shot (T-DaP). The updated blue HRS 680 form must be provided to the school. Please take the time to review your child’s records or contact your health care professional.

Your child will not receive a schedule in August if immunization records are not up-to-date.

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