



# Home of the Eagles

## Message from the King

Parents/Guardians—

It has been an interesting few weeks here at Sebastian Middle School. We have hired a new teacher, Mrs. Tami Johnson, and I'm excited to have the opportunity to work with her. She is wonderfully creative and will help us move our English / Reading Department forward. Student enrollment is climbing and we will have 260 sixth graders here next year. Our County in general continues to grow and we will work hard to ensure that we attract teachers who have that creative element.

We spent last week at our feeder elementary schools connecting with the incoming class. It is important to have those conversations, and I certainly appreciate the parents who took the time to be there. I also found our last Communication Cornerstone here to be very powerful. We spent time visiting classrooms and the parent feedback was rewarding.

Finally, our eighth grade awards ceremony is May 24<sup>th</sup>. We are busily preparing for that in conjunction with our PTO.

Thanks as always for your support.

Mr. King   
Principal

Sebastian Middle School

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*Growing Achievement through a  
Personalized Learning Approach*

## Welcome Ms. Johnson!!

Greetings Sebastian Middle School! My name is Tamika Johnson and I am excited to be joining the SMS team. I have been in education for eight years and am as enthused about teaching today as I was eight years ago when I first entered the classroom.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication, a Master's Degree in Corporate Communication, and an Ed. Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership with a focus on Educational Technology. After several years in the 'real world' I decided to return to school to pursue my childhood passion of becoming an educator. After receiving my certification in English and Language Arts, I returned to school to pursue my Ed. Specialist Degree. Over the course of my career as an educator I have been blessed to have been chosen as Teacher of the Year and nominated on two other occasions. In addition to teaching middle school students, I am a part time instructor with Ashford University, where I teach a communications course. I also work with EdConnective as a Virtual Instructional Coach.

My goal as an educator is to instill in every student that crosses my path (whether I teach them or not) the idea that education isn't a right, but a privilege, and they should take advantage of the educational opportunities presented to them because what they take from it can play an important role in determining their destiny.

I am from New Orleans, Louisiana and am the oldest of six children. I have been married for 12 years and have 2 daughters. My family and I recently relocated to Florida and have been enjoying and adapting to living in the sunshine state.

I am thrilled at the opportunity to work with the students, parents, and community of Sebastian Middle School!

## PBS Update

Greetings from the Deans Office! It is a pleasure to report that our **Positive Behavior Support (PBS)** system at Sebastian is a growing success. Our students are excited about the numerous opportunities to earn Eagle Bucks, and our volunteer PTO parents have done an outstanding job operating our Eagle Store.

Students currently have many opportunities to earn eagles bucks throughout the day: in the classroom (being engaged, displaying great character), in the cafeteria (table captains) and at the end of each quarter (honor roll, no referrals). Our Eagle Store is open every Friday during lunch for students to purchase items. In addition to Eagle Bucks and our Eagle Store, students who make the honor roll are granted special permission to eat lunch on our wonderful cafeteria patio.

Our vision for next year is to increase our PBS system by partnering with all stakeholders (teachers/staff, families, community members) to strengthen and develop new best practices for PBS implementation. While our program this school year focuses on rewarding positive behavior within the school, our efforts next year will include establishing school wide behavior expectations, creating more consistent reward AND redirection procedures, and establishing a school wide data/progress monitoring system.

We are proud of the progress that we have made this school year and even more excited about our plans for PBS next school year. Mr. King has laid a wonderful foundation for the future of our school and we want to continue to support his vision and goal for Sebastian Middle School. GO EAGLES!!!

April 2017

DATE	GRADE	TEST
4/10/17	6	FSA ELA
4/11/17	6	FSA ELA
4/17/17	7	FSA ELA
4/18/17	7	FSA ELA
4/20/17	8	FSA ELA
4/21/17	8	FSA ELA
4/24/17	6	Math
4/25/17	6	Math
4/27/17	7	Math
4/28/17	7	Math

Testing

### Thank you! - Thank you! - Thank you!

We would like to thank Staples employees Stephanie Hunt, (Community Relations) and Dawn Klaffka, (General Manger), for their generous donation to our school for the purchase of student school supplies.

Their commitment to our community and our school is overwhelming. We want to thank them for enriching our students' lives and ensuring their academic success!



### School Calendar

- ◆ April 4—4:00pm Softball SMS v/s Patriot Oaks @ Patriot Oaks
- ◆ April 6—4:00pm Softball Patriot Oaks vs SMS @ SMS
- ◆ April 6—5:30-7:30pm **Chic-fil-A** Spirit Night
- ◆ April 11—4:00pm Softball Pacetti Bay vs SMS @ SMS
- ◆ April 13—4:00pm Softball SMS vs Pacetti Bay @ PBMS
- ◆ April 14—**Student/Teacher Holiday**
- ◆ April 18—3:00pm SAC Meeting
- ◆ April 18—4:00pm Softball Swiss Pt vs SMS @ SMS
- ◆ April 20—4:00pm Softball SMS vs Swiss Pt @ SPMS
- ◆ April 25—4:00pm Softball SMS vs Landrum @ LMS
- ◆ April 25—6:00pm PTO Meeting
- ◆ April 27—4:00pm Softball Landrum vs SMS @ SMS
- ◆ April 28—7-9:00pm 8th Grade Dance @ SAHS
- ◆ May 10—Rising 6th Grade Parent Night
- ◆ May 16—6:00pm Guitar/String Concert
- ◆ May 18—6:00pm Band/Chorus Concert
- ◆ May 24—**Last Day for Students**
- ◆ May 24—6:00pm 8th Grade Awards & Recognitions