



Home of the Eagles

Message from the King

Parents/Guardians:

As we near the end of the year, I wanted to give a few updates relative to Summer 2017 and in reference to our vision for next year. It has been an incredible year and we feel we've made progress getting to know our students. It is important that as we frame curriculum we have a better understanding of the students' needs and interests.

One of our goals next year is to have greater participation for our parent base in our School Advisory Council (SAC). It is a key group and they have developed a *Needs Assessment Survey* that helps us continue to improve.

Our teachers are lifelong learners and with the help of the PTO, we will be training in a variety of settings this summer. The STEAM initiative will see us work for two days with the University of Florida on Project Based Learning. We will also have teachers attend the AVID State Conference and the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Session in Orlando. The goal here is to ensure that we focus on collaboration and differentiation for all students. As we have one-to-one laptops, the idea of a Personalized Learning Approach is achievable.

Finally, I wanted to express how proud I am of Aaron Jett who was recently honored as the Youth Volunteer of the Year for St. Johns County. He is a remarkable young man and certainly one that we will continue to follow through high school and beyond. His impact in our community has been profound.

Mr. King, Principal



SMS Community Garden

Mr. Barber's VE classroom welcomes Meg Mattaliano "Ms. Matt" to Sebastian Middle School. Along with Mrs. Brewster's VE classroom, we are continuing to expand our Community Garden, as well as experiencing tie-dyeing, silk screening and hatching chicks, ducklings and turkeys.

Mr. Barber's class is going to Anastasia State Park this month to learn about our local beach ecosystem, and in May will be taking a boat tour of our bay front and Salt Run aboard the Victory III of Scenic Cruise of St. Augustine.

Mrs. Brewster's VE classroom welcomes new addition "Sheldon," a Florida Striped Turtle. The class is learning about reptiles and the special care pets need on a daily and long term basis.

Stay tuned for details about our exciting activities and Community Based Instruction (CBI) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Congratulations SMS All County Middle School Art

WINNERS!

We are happy to commend to present Sebastian’s winners Ellie Johnson, (7th grade) and Mya Sibley, (8th grade), for their success at the

St. Johns County Middle School Juried Art Show.

Great job Ellie and Mya!



Mya Sibley, First Place Sculpture - “Hoot Owl”



Ellie Johnson, 3rd Place Sculpture-“Totem Eagle”

2017 Testing

5/1/17	8	FSA Math
5/2/17	8	FSA Math
5/4/17	8	FCAT Science
5/8/17	8	EOC Alg. & Geom.
5/9/17	8	EOG Alg. & Geom.
5/11/17	7	EOC Civics
5/18/17	6, 7, 8	Final Exams—Pd.1
5/19/17	6, 7, 8	Final Exams—Pd. 2 & 3
5/22/17	6, 7, 8	Final Exams—Pd. 4 & 5
5/23/17	6, 7, 8	Final Exams—Pd. 6 & 7
5/24/17	6, 7, 8	Exam Make-Ups

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the EMMA Concert Association for their support of the SMS String Orchestra program.

They recently donated \$1,000.00 to our music department for future efforts with our string instruments.



School Calendar

- ◆ 5/1—3:30pm Baseball vs Liberty Pines @ AD Davis
- ◆ 5/4—Goodwill Drive
- ◆ 5/5—8th Grade Gradventure
- ◆ 5/10—6:00pm Rising 6th Grade Parent Night
- ◆ May 12 & 15—Text books collected
- ◆ 5/16—6:00pm Guitar & Strings Concert
- ◆ 5/18—6:00pm Band and Chorus Concert
- ◆ 5/24—Last Day for Students
- ◆ 5/24—6:00pm 8th Grade Awards Night