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The Eagle Eye

Sebastian Middle School

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Message from the King.....

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Firstly, I want to thank you for all your support this year. It has been a rewarding year and I so appreciate your support. Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates. We wish you the best in high school next year.

To our returning families, I encourage you to have your son/daughter complete the Summer Reading assignment in order to prepare for next year. I also want to highlight our Summer Camps, especially our STEAM Camp as it provides an opportunity for us to engage with our rising 6th grade students.

Finally, report cards will be issued in late June once state examinations results have been received. As always, if you have questions, please connect with us directly.

Enjoy a safe Summer.

Wayne King, Principal

Important Dates:

June 4-8

Summer Music Camp, 8:30am—3:00pm

June 11-14

Summer STEAM Camp for Rising 6th Graders, 8:00am—12:00pm

August 1-2

Stepping Up to Middle School Program for Rising 6th Graders, time TBD

August 7

6th Grade Back-to-School Orientation, 4:00—6:00pm

August 8

*8th Grade Orientation, 9:00—11:00am
7th Grade Orientation, 1:00—3:00pm*

August 10

First Day of School! Welcome Back!

Summer Office Hours at SMS!
7:30am—3:00pm

Proof of Residency Updates Required

Any student who has moved in the past year or who renewed a lease in the past year must submit new proof of residency in order to receive a schedule for the 2018-19 academic year. **All rising 6th and 9th graders must submit proof of residency to SMS by the end of this year, even if you have not moved.** A complete list of proof of residency documents can be found by clicking [here](#). Please contact SMS Computer Operator Cindy Willey at cindy.willey@stjohns.k12.fl.us with questions.

7th Grade Immunizations

Florida Statute 1003.22 states that children must be administered immunizations and have on file certification of a school-entry health examination in accordance with the law in order to attend school. All students must receive the Tdap immunization prior to entering 7th grade. **If SMS does not receive record of immunizations/health examination by August 10th, your student will not be allowed to attend school.** Any days missed because of failure to have proper immunizations/health examination will result in unexcused absences from school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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And the Winners Are...

After working exceptionally hard all year, many SMS students have been recognized during their respective grade level award ceremonies. Although space does not permit listing the names of every student winner, we are pleased to share the names of those students receiving overall top honors this year:

8th Grade

Principal's Award for Excellence—Zariah James
Principal's Award for Leadership—Seth Hoffman
Principal's Award for Academics—Gabriella Sindicic
Character Counts Award—Li Fitzgerald
Community Service Award—Tristan Ash
Soaring Eagle Award—Michael Branck

7th Grade

Principal's Award for Excellence—Antoine Berdoyes-Guyton
Character Counts Award—Bridget Connor

6th Grade

Principal's Award for Excellence—Alyssa Wihbey
Character Counts Award—Hannah Johnson

Congratulations to these students and so many others who were recognized by their teachers!



New Faculty Spotlight: Tina Cullar, Language Arts

I have truly enjoyed my first year here at Sebastian! After spending the last 11 years teaching in a large school district outside of Washington, DC, I am looking forward to concluding the school-year in May instead of making up snow days well into the middle of June.

Before moving to the DC area to teach, I grew up in Canton, Ohio, and earned my BA in Middle Childhood Education and later an MS in Educational Leadership. I am a lifelong learner and love to read and be outdoors with my family.

I am so excited to be a part of the ground-breaking work being done here at Sebastian. Go Eagles!

8th Graders Bestow Teacher Awards

Amidst the many awards being given out during Tuesday night's 8th Grade Graduation ceremony, a few were exceptionally special—those given to teachers by their 8th grade students. As a class, students had voted to recognize the following teachers:

Most Charismatic/Inspirational—Rachel Mathis
Best at Preparing You for High School—Chassity Johnson
Best at Finding Your Hidden Talents—Heather Hagy
Most Helpful—Angela Fusco
Made You Want to Come to School—Seth Knollhoff

We Will Miss You Mr. Pearrow!



After 17 years of teaching science, the past 7 of which have been spent at Sebastian Middle School, Mr. Pearrow is retiring at the end of this school year. Although he looks forward to spending more time with his family, he reports that he will be back at SMS as a volunteer in the future, inspiring a love of science in students whenever he can!



Thank You to Faux Paws!

Following the article in the St. Augustine Record in April about the SMS STEAM program's project to create a prosthetic leg for Ms. Pardo's dog Snoopy, a local

business, Faux Paws which sells unique gifts for dogs and dog lovers, made a donation to SMS in the amount of \$200 along with a box full of treats and toys for Snoopy. Please visit this unique gift shop on St. George Street when you get the chance, and be sure to thank them for their support of Sebastian Middle School!

FREE Immunizations and Sports Physicals!

For 7th grade Dtap immunizations and all students who wish to try out for any sport at SMS next year, you must have a physical on file in order to participate in try-outs. St. Vincent's Mobile Health Outreach Ministry is hosting two FREE clinics for families in St. Johns County:

Tuesday, July 17, 9:00am—3:00pm

Ketterlinus Elementary School, 67 Orange Street

Tuesday, July 24, 9:00am—3:00pm

Pacetti Bay Middle School, 245 Meadowlark Lane

No appointment is necessary. Please bring current shot record if requesting immunizations. All children ages 4-18 will be seen free of charge.

Please call (904) 547-7628 with questions.



Sebastian Middle School Summer Music Camp June 4-8, 2018

The Summer Music Camp will give music students who have had at least one year of music instruction the opportunity to develop their music skills for the coming school year. Activities will include concert rehearsal techniques, performance fundamentals, improving technical skills, improvisation, and developing musicianship. The following classes will be available for instruction:

String Orchestra	8:30am—10:30am
Guitar	10:30am—12:30pm
Band	10:30am—12:30pm
Chorus	1:00pm—3:00pm

All classes will meet in the music rooms at Sebastian Middle School. Students will enter and exit through the Gymnasium doors. The cost for a week of music camp is \$35. This includes a music class each day for one subject, which will meet at the above times. If a student would like to take two or three subjects, the cost will be \$55. Scholarships are available. For a camp registration form, please visit the SMS website or click [here](#). For more information, please contact Mr. Rogers at Charles.Rogers@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



Summer Reading Assignments

All rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are required to read ONE (1) book of their choice from the list of SSYRA books found to the right, as well as complete a fun Summer Reading Bingo

Assignment which can be downloaded from the SMS website or by clicking [here](#). Students should plan to turn in their completed Bingo sheets to Ms. Cooper, Instructional Literacy Coach, by the end of the first full week of school, August 17. Happy Summer Reading!

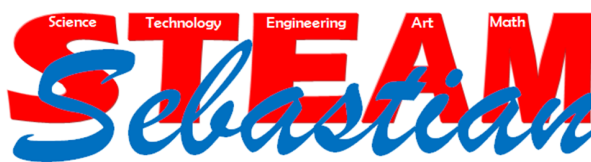
Bo Clark Basketball Camp at SMS

Former Flagler men's basketball coach Bo Clark is bringing his 31st annual basketball camp to the SMS gymnasium this year! Boys and Girls ages 5—17 are welcome. Morning, afternoon, and all-day sessions are offered during the following weeks:

June 4—8
June 11—15
June 18—22
June 25—29



For more information and to register online, please visit www.boclarkbasketball.com or call (904) 484-6495.



Summer Camp For Rising 6th Graders

June 11—14, 8:00am—12:00pm

Cost: FREE!

All SMS rising 6th graders are invited to spend a fun-filled week at SMS learning about elements of our STEAM curriculum, working with robotics, our Maker Space, CAD, art, movement, and even cooking! Students will get to know each other and some of their SMS teachers in advance of joining the SMS family as students in August. A limited number of campers will be accepted, so don't miss out, register today!

Registration Deadline: June 1
Register Online by Clicking [Here](#) Today!

SSYRA



Sunshine State Young Reader Award-Winning Books 2018-19

- The Firefly Code by Megan Blackmore
- A Crack in the Sea by H.M. Bouwman
- How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me From Robots, Traitors, and Missy by Jennifer Brown
- The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cataya
- The Girl Who Could Not Dream by Sarah Beth Durst
- The Van Gogh Deception by Deron Hicks
- Restart by Gordon Korman
- The Library Book 1 (Curse of the Boogin or Surrender the Key) by DJ MacHale
- Frogkisser! By Garth Nix
- Forest of Wonders by Linda Sue Park
- The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez
- Ghost by Jason Reynolds
- Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- Click's by Tamara Ireland Stone
- Eureka Key (Secrets of the Seven) by Sarah Thomson

BE SURE TO READ THEM ALL!

There will be prizes and rewards (Field trips! Food! Fun!) for reading SSYRA Books!