

Sebastian Middle School

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Message from the King.....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's an exciting time of year, and I firstly want to wish you a safe and productive summer. The middle school years go by very quickly, and I encourage you to continue to get involved as the connection with parents is so important to our mission here.

We have navigated through the testing month of May and our testing coordinators Mr. Hodges and Mr. Sirak deserve immense credit. The task is to try to get the students to peak at the right time of year and I feel we achieved that goal. The results shall filter in mid-June and we will send a correspondence when we have information and have finalized report cards. Please remember that State EOC Courses carry a 30% weight on final exam grades, hence the delay with report cards.

Residency Verification is ongoing and you will continue to get emails from the St. Johns County School District until the process is complete. As our District grows, it's important that you are aware of the expectations in order to ensure the Orientation Process goes smoothly in August. Your student will NOT receive a class schedule until you have completed the Residency Verification paperwork.

Summer Reading is key and it is important for you to work with your son or daughter to encourage them to complete the assignments. Developing the capacity and stamina for literacy is a goal here, and there is certainly plenty of choice on the Summer Reading List.

Finally, please familiarize yourself with the Orientation Schedule in this publication. We have also produced the Curriculum Night dates for the Fall. Both of these events will give you an opportunity to connect with the faculty and staff and help you to learn about our Vision for students here at Sebastian Middle School.

Enjoy a safe summer and thank you as always for your support.

Sincerely,

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Important Dates:

May 22

8th Grade Awards Ceremony, 6:00pm

May 23

7th Grade Awards Ceremony, 8:30am

May 24

6th Grade Awards Ceremony, 8:30am

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

May 28

Last Day for Teachers

June 3-7

Summer Music Camp, 8:30am-3:00pm

June 10-13

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

August 2-6

State of Florida Sales Tax Holiday

August 6

6th Grade Orientation, 4:00-6:00pm

August 7

7th Grade Orientation, 1:00-3:00pm

August 8

8th Grade Orientation, 9:00-11:00am

August 12

First Day of School!

August 27

6th Grade Curriculum Night, 5:30-7:00pm

August 29

7th/8th Grade Curriculum Night, 5:30-7:00pm

**REMINDER! School Start Time for
2019-20 will be 7:30am! Doors to
SMS will open at 7:20am.**

SJCSD Returning Student Verifications

Attention all parents and guardians! The St. Johns County School District is going paperless; instead of updating paper forms during the back-to-school orientation events, all parents are now required to review forms and make updates online. You should have received an email from SJCSD with instructions and links, but if you did not, you can visit the SJCSD website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/> and click on "Register Online for 2019-2020" to begin the process. Rising 6th and 9th grade students must provide proof of residence documentation; all other students complete a standard verification form. The Returning Student Verification Form MUST be completed online before your child's homeroom and class schedule can be finalized for 2019-2020. For technical support, please call the PowerSchool Community Help Center at 866-752-6850.

Also, if you are moving over the summer, you will need to re-register your child as a "new student" through the SJCSD website in the link referenced above. Thank you for helping to ensure a smooth start to the 2019-2020 school year!

Harvest Time in Mr. Barber's Class!

With the help of Master Gardener volunteers Lynda Eidson and Gloria Obie (pictured below), Mr. Barber's



ESE students enjoyed a bumper crop of vegetables this spring. In addition to planting, watering, weeding, and nurturing these vegetables to

abundance, Ms. Edison and Ms. Obie also cooked a variety of dishes with the students, using whatever was in season. A favorite was potato soup!



Ms. Waters is Crowned as Penny Wars Champion!

From April 22—May 1, students, teachers and staff donated a total of \$462.53 in pennies, silver coins, and dollars to support the purchase of technology programs for SMS. Ms. Waters is our new Penny Wars Champion, raising the most in pennies from her students. Ms. Nall was the biggest "loser" in the Penny Wars, with too many silver coins and dollar bills donated to her bucket. Thanks to Ms. Ludwick for creating this beautiful crown!

TDAP Immunizations Needed for Rising 7th Graders by August 9, 2019

The Tdap immunization shot is required for all 7th graders and must be recorded on a Florida 680 form. As soon as your student receives this shot, the form can be dropped off at the SMS Front Office, faxed to 904-547-3845, or emailed to Becky Colvin. If the school does not receive a record of this immunization by August 9, 2019, your student will not be allowed to attend school. If you do not have a family physician, services are available at the St. Johns County Health Department. Please call (904) 209-3250 for hours and location. If you have additional questions, please contact the SJCSD Director for Health Services at (904) 547-7628.

Summer = Time to Get Sports Physicals!

Any SMS student wishing to try out for sports teams at SMS must have a physical on file dated within one year. Many sports start up in August (e.g., volleyball & cross country), so it's a great idea to get your physical completed over the summer. St. Vincent's will be offering FREE immunizations and sports physicals over the summer to all SJCSD students:

Wednesday, July 10, 9:00am—3:00pm (walk-in only)

Pacetti Bay Middle School
245 Meadowlark Lane, St. Augustine, FL 32092

Wednesday, July 17, 9:00am—3:00pm (walk-in only)

Crookshank Elementary School
1455 N. Whitney Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

SMS Yearbooks on Sale!

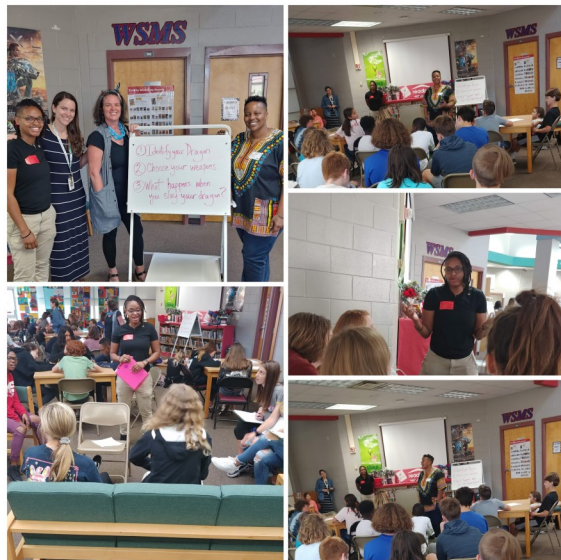
Forgot to pre-order an SMS yearbook this year? Not to worry! Students can purchase yearbooks all week this week during all three lunches for \$30 each, cash or check payable to SMS. Get yours today!

Media Center News & Notes

The Media Center closed for the year on May 10, 2019 so all library books are now due! If a book is unable to be found, we will accept payment for the cost of the book or a replacement of that same book in good or new condition. All non-consumable textbooks should also be returned.

Congratulations to our Media Specialists of the Day who read all 15 SSYRA books: Gia Flaherty, Nick Mariotti, Dylan Cook, Makaila Archuleta, Hyde Kenny, Megan Lay, and Graci Flaherty. Additionally, students who read 7 or more SSYRA books and the top 10 Reading Plus Combo earners were invited to a Reading Incentive Reward Party on May 21st where they enjoyed a Teachers vs. Students Battle of the Books, a luncheon, and a movie.

We also want to thank Love Reigns and B Strong (pictured below), spoken word artists who performed their poetry and conducted a writing workshop with Mrs. Hagy and Mrs. King's art classes earlier in the month. They helped students identify their metaphorical dragons and how to slay them.



Finally, don't forget to keep reading over the summer! The SMS Summer Reading Incentive Program can be accessed on the SMS website at <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/sms-summer-reading-incentive/>. Rewards are being developed now for summer readers, so keep reading!!

STEAM Summer Camp for Rising 6th Graders

Registrations are still being accepted for the STEAM Summer Camp for rising 6th graders, June 10-13, 8:00am—12:00pm. This camp is provided FREE of charge and provides both hands-on fun and a chance to get to know SMS. Click [here](#) for the online application and register today!



PTO Corner

The PTO is pleased to announce the 2019-2020 Board of Directors:

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Please contact PTOSebastian@gmail.com if you're interested in getting more involved with PTO in the coming year! Many committees are forming and new parents are always encouraged and welcome to get involved.

Order Back-to-School Supplies by 6/30!

The PTO invites you to check one thing off your summer "to-do" list by ordering your school supplies for next year NOW! Partnering with "1st Day School Supplies" you can order a box containing the exact school supplies requested by SMS for 2019-20, including name brand products like Mead, Avery, and Ticonderoga.

To order, please visit www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com and enter the zip code for Sebastian Middle School (32084). Your box of school supplies will be delivered to school and available for pick-up at Back-to-School Orientations in August.



SMS Music Camp: June 3-7

The Summer Music Camp will give music students who have had previous 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. Classes will be offered in the SMS Music Room as follows:

String Orchestra: 8:30 AM -10:30 AM

Guitar: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Band: 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM

The cost for a week of music camp is \$40 which includes a music class each day for one subject. If a student would like to take two or three classes, the cost will be \$60. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Mr. Rogers at Charles.Rogers@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Click [here](#) to download a camp registration form from the SMS website.