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The Eagle Eye

Sebastian Middle School

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Principal's Message

Dear Eagle Families,

It is good to see everyone back safe after the storm, and to resume the process of learning. I appreciate your patience as we wait to put out information regarding make up days as the District and State make decisions.

We are back at full speed this week with our first home volleyball game this Tuesday, and School Picture Day on Thursday. We are also hosting an After-School Club Fair on Thursday from 2:00 - 3:00pm, so please encourage your student to stay and get involved in a club of their choice! Parents are welcome to join us for this Club Fair as well. Interim Progress Reports will be released Friday in HAC to round off our week. If you have any questions about your student's grades or performance in class, please reach out directly to your student's teachers.

Registration is now open for the YMCA after-school program at Sebastian Middle School. The first session begins September 17th and runs for six weeks at a cost of \$60.00 for the full session. The program begins right after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays ending at 4:30pm. Students will have 30 minutes of study hall to complete homework or read and will then participate in intramural sports. This program is open to all students of all athletic ability levels. Please see the links in this newsletter for more information and registration forms. Return the completed forms and payments to the SMS Front Office by this Friday, September 13.

Thank you as always for your support.

Sincerely,

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Important Dates

September 10

Girls Soccer Jamboree, 2:00-3:30pm
Cross Country Practice Begins, 2:00-3:15pm
Girls Volleyball vs. Freedom Crossing,
5:30pm@SMS

September 11

Boys Soccer Tryouts, 1:30-3:00pm

September 12

Picture Day at SMS!
After-school Club Fair, 2:00-3:00pm

September 13

STEAM Advisory Board Meeting, 8:00-9:00am
Interim Progress Reports posted in HAC

September 17

SAC Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm
YMCA After-school Program Begins, 2:00-4:30pm
Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5:30-7:30pm

September 19

Schoology Training for Parents, 8:30-9:30am

Parent Access to Schoology

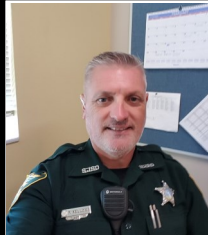
Several weeks ago, students brought home parent access codes for parents to create an account in Schoology that links to their student's account. If you did not receive or have misplaced that code, please email your child's homeroom (1st period) teacher for the code. If you are new to Schoology, you can click [here](#) for a power point presentation that will walk you through setting up your account and navigating the site. If you still have questions, please plan to join us for our second **Schoology Training for Parents** on Thursday, 9/19, from 8:30-9:30am. RSVP to Susan.Connor@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



The Eagle Store Opens 9/13!

As an integral part of our Positive Behavior Incentive System (PBIS), the Eagle Store gives students the opportunity to use the reward points they have worked so hard to earn from their teachers. The PTO will open the Eagle Store this Friday, 9/13, during all three lunches from 10:00am—12:10pm, and it will open once every three weeks throughout the school year. Students may purchase snacks and/or school supplies in the store with points earned through the SMS points-based rewards program.

The store is stocked by donations from our SMS families and the PTO. Making a donation is even easier this year with the addition of the Eagle Store Wishlist on Amazon.com! Click [here](#) to shop on Amazon and ship items directly to SMS. Students and parents are also always welcome to drop off donations in the Front Office; be sure to let the SMS staff know that donations are for the Eagle Store. In addition to your donations, the PTO needs parent volunteers to staff the store on the days when it's open. Click [here](#) to open Sign-Up Genius to select your date(s) to volunteer. As always, thank you for your generous support of this great program!



New Eagle Spotlight: Freddie Kellogg, Youth Resource Officer

I am the new Youth Resource Deputy at Sebastian Middle School. Previously, I served in this position at Freedom Crossing Academy for the last 5 months of the 2018-2019 school year. I moved here from Connecticut and have lived in St Augustine for just over 3 years. This is my 17th year in law enforcement and retired Air Force Security Forces. I live five minutes from Sebastian and am excited about my short commute. I am looking forward to a great school year!



Smile! Picture Day is 9/12!

Leonard's Studios will be on campus this Thursday, September 12 to take year-book photos of all students. Forms were sent home with all students last Friday and may be returned on Thursday with cash or check if you wish to order photo packages. If your student did not bring home a form, you may place your order online anytime at www.leonards.com. The access code for SMS is **C480411**.

SchoolPay[®] Now Available at SMS!

Need to buy a new PE uniform for your student? Pay your Music Program Fair Share fee? Add funds to your student's cafeteria account? You can do all this and more by clicking [here](#) to log into School Pay. New items will be added to School Pay throughout the year, including PTO Spirit Wear!

Did You Know....?



Daily Announcements are posted on the SMS Homepage? Occasionally students will miss hearing announcements being made over the intercom while they are in class. Visit <http://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/daily-announcements/> every day if you'd like to see what's going on SMS!



Fall Sports & Activities Calendar

- ◆ Sep 10—Volleyball vs. Freedom Crossing @ SMS
- ◆ Sep 11—Football vs. Fruit Cove, 7:00pm @ Plantation Park
- ◆ Sep 12—Picture Day at SMS!
- ◆ Sep 12—Volleyball vs. Swiss Point @ SPMS
- ◆ Sep 12—After-School Club Fair, 2:00-3:00pm
- ◆ Sep 13—STEAM Advisory Board Meeting, 8:00am
- ◆ Sep 13—First Quarter Interims posted in HAC
- ◆ Sep 17—SAC Meeting, 2:00pm
- ◆ Sep 17—Volleyball vs. Gamble Rogers @ SMS
- ◆ Sep 17—Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5:30—7:30pm
- ◆ Sep 18—Football vs. Swiss Point, 5:00pm @ Pomar Park, 1600 Masters Drive, St. Augustine
- ◆ Sep 19—Schooly Parent Training, 8:30—9:30am
- ◆ Sep 24—Volleyball vs. Pacetti Bay @ PBMS
- ◆ Sep 25—Football vs. Pacetti Bay, 5:00pm @ PBMS
- ◆ Sep 26—Volleyball vs. Patriot Oaks @ SMS
- ◆ Oct 1—Volleyball vs. Landrum @ SMS

- ◆ Oct 2—Football vs. Landrum, 5:00pm @ Cornerstone Park, 1046 Florida AIA, Ponte Vedra
- ◆ Oct 3—Volleyball vs. Fruit Cove @ FCMS
- ◆ Oct 8—PTO Meeting, 7:45am @ SMS
- ◆ Oct 8—Volleyball vs. Liberty Pines Academy @ LPA
- ◆ Oct 9—Football vs. Valley Ridge, 5:00pm @ Pomar Park
- ◆ Oct 10—Volleyball vs. Murray @ SMS
- ◆ Oct 11—First Quarter Ends
- ◆ Oct 14—Teacher Planning Day/Student Holiday
- ◆ Oct 15—SAC Meeting, 2:00pm
- ◆ Oct 15—Volleyball vs. Valley Ridge Academy @ VRA
- ◆ Oct 16—Football vs. Patriot Oaks, 5:00pm @ Pomar Park
- ◆ Oct 17—Volleyball vs. Mill Creek Academy @ SMS
- ◆ Oct 22—Volleyball vs. Palm Valley Academy @ PVA
- ◆ Oct 12—First Quarter Ends
- ◆ Oct 15—Teacher Planning Day/Student Holiday
- ◆ Oct 17—Football vs. Swiss Point @ Pomar Park
- ◆ Oct 29—First Quarter Report Cards posted in HAC

Note: All Volleyball Games begin at 5:30pm Girls; 6:30pm Boys



SMS Soccer Starts this Week!

All students interested in playing soccer this fall at SMS are invited to attend the following:

Girls Soccer Jamboree—Tuesday 9/10, 2:00-3:30pm
Boys Soccer Tryouts—Wednesday 9/11, 1:30—3:00pm

Soccer is organized by the St. Johns Middle School Athletic Association and students must register at www.sjmsaa.com before attending these events. Practices will begin in late September/early October and the season runs October 15-December 8. Go Eagles!



Get Involved in an After-School Club!

Students (and parents!) are invited to visit our **After-School Club Fair on Thursday, 9/12, from**

2:00-3:00pm. Faculty sponsors will be on hand to answer questions and provide additional information about the format and programming for specific clubs. SMS offers a wide variety of after-school clubs, including National Jr. Honor Society, VEX Robotics, Jr. Thespians, Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), Dance Team, Art Club and much more. After-school clubs will begin next week, so take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about all of them before signing up. See you at the Fair!



St. Augustine Family YMCA Offers After-School Program at SMS Starting 9/17

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We are excited to announce a new after school program run by the YMCA at Sebastian! The first session begins September 17th and runs for six weeks ending October 24th at a cost of \$60.00 for the session. The program begins right after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays ending at 4:30pm. Students will have 30 minutes of study hall to complete homework or read and will then participate in a variety of intramural sports, including basketball, flag football, soccer, dodgeball, kickball, and ultimate frisbee. This program is open to all students of all athletic ability levels. Please click [here](#) to register online, or on the following to download forms: [YMCA Revision Form](#) and [Intramural Registration Form](#). Return the completed forms and payments to the SMS Front Office by Friday, September 13.



Free Weekend Food Available!

Catholic Charities Weekend Hunger Backpack Program offers a supply of nutritious meals and snacks for students at SMS over their weekends and extended breaks, free of charge. Students pick up their bags on the last school day before a weekend or break. Any child enrolled at SMS can receive these weekly bags of food.

If you believe your child could benefit from this program, we encourage you to sign them up by clicking [here](#) to fill out the enrollment form and returning it to the Guidance Office. Please include information for each child, which is kept confidential between SMS and Catholic Charities. Once your child is signed up, they will receive bags of food each week until they leave the school or until you no longer wish to participate.

Questions or concerns? Please contact Leanne Fortune, Guidance Counselor, at Leanne.Fortune@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Thanks to our Generous Business Partners in Education!

The PTO extends a heartfelt thanks to the following businesses who have joined SMS so far this year as Partners in Education:

Pinnacle Partners (\$10,000+)

The Halbrook Family Foundation

Principal's Partners (\$1,000+)

Abare, Kresge & Associates

Bailey Health Solutions

Coastal Foot & Ankle Wellness Center

Diane's Natural Market

Marble Slab Creamery

Smiles by Glenos

Eagle Partners (\$500+)

Dan Lang, Realtor, Sunshine Realty

Blue Partners (\$250+)

A-Ford-Able Automotive Services, Inc.

Antigua Orthodontics

AXA Advisors LLC

BEHST Builders

Chicken Salad Chick

Earthly Elements Sports Massage

Florida Landscape and Nursery Inc.

GZ Handyman Services LLC

Jersey Mike's Subs

The J. Phillip and Davis Mahoney Family

Purple Olive Restaurant

T6 Studios LLC

Red Partners (\$100+)

Gordon Dental

Jet Consulting Inc.

If you own, work for, or frequent a local business and would like to see them added to this list, please click [here](#) to download a registration form and additional info!

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