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## SIGN UP FOR THE MEDIA CENTER SCHOOLOGY GROUP

Keep up to date with what's going on in the Media Center by joining our group. In Schoology, go to "Groups" at the top and click "My Groups". On the right you will see "Join Group" and it will ask you for an access code. The code is WFJF=JQWB-WQV8P. Students and teachers are requested to join.

## UPCOMING

- The Media Center will be supporting the the St. Johns County Public Library with a library card drive. Both teachers and students will be encouraged to apply for a library card.
- Virtual Book Fair will be coming soon. More information on how to support your Media Center will be forthcoming.

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Banned Books Week (September 27 - October 3, 2020) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.



# SMS MEDIA CENTER UPDATES

Making your Sebastian Media Center work for you!  
September 2020

## How can we serve you?

The Media Center is open for business. In addition to fostering a love of reading, we are here to collaborate with you and your classes. What are things we can do? We can provide lessons on databases, research, and online resources. We can supplement your class needs for computers. We can give students a quiet(ish) place to study, read, or take a test. We can plan innovating lessons that make students think outside of the box. We can provide you with a space for virtual presenters. We can put together a collection of books based on your needs. There is an endless number of activities that we can provide. How can we get this ball rolling? Come on in and we'll take a look at our calendar to see when and where we can fit you.

## SUNSHINE STATE YOUNG READERS AWARD BOOKS

The SSYRA books are books that have been chosen for their wide appeal to a variety of students. Not only do students read them but so do teachers. A virtual Battle of the Books ( a competition of knowledge of the books) against other middle schools will be held during Literacy Week which is the last week of January.



Watch this video to see how to check out ebooks.

<https://vimeo.com/414024850>

We also hold a Teacher vs. Student Battle of the Books at the end of the year. Last school year, we held the virtual battle with Ms. de Castro, Ms. Ludwick, Ms. Cody, and Ms. Harvey who won a very close battle against the students. The Media Center awards students incentives for reading those 15 books. Not only do we have the books in the Media Center, we have the ebooks available through Destiny.

## CANVA PRO FOR EDUCATORS (FREE!)

Have you ever wondered how to put infographics together? Did you ever want to design a poster but had no idea where to start? Or do you just like free stuff? Try out Canva Pro. You can sign up for a free educator account and get access to the professional edition, which normally costs \$9.95 a month. There are also a plethora of add-ons for teachers and students to use in the classroom. Just go to <https://support.canva.com/account-basics/canva-for-education/apply-canva-for-education/>



## TECH TALK

Each week, Tech Talk sends out a newsletter about tips and tricks on anything technology. Teachers and students have a subscription to this resource. In each weekly issue you'll get: 1. a "using technology" article, 2. a "how-to" video on that tech topic (with closed captioning), and 3. a communications (interpersonal) tip. Topics range from Office Suite to web authoring, social media to video creation. You (and your students) can access the Tech Talk resources through <https://www.tech-talk.com/> Username and Password: sjcsd.