

# SEBASTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

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## WE NEED YOU!

Join the PTO to stay informed of all events

NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

Send an email to [ptosebastian@gmail.com](mailto:ptosebastian@gmail.com) with your student's name & grade to have your name added to our email list

Attend monthly meetings to learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities



## FUNDRAISING NOW

- PURCHASE SPIRITWEAR
- BECOME A BUSINESS PARTNER
- MAKE A FAMILY DONATION

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<https://sebastian-middle-school-pto.store.cheddarup.com>



## MEET YOUR BOARD

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## WHO ARE WE?

The PTO exists to enhance and enrich our children's education by helping to maintain and improve the quality of our school and, with the cooperation of the administration, faculty and staff, foster the continuing development of the students of Sebastian Middle School. We are a group of mothers, fathers, family members, community leaders, teachers and administrators that work together to provide our students and staff with all of the tools they need to be successful.

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

### TEACHER GRANTS

- Provided funds for extra learning tools
- Maintained vital educational program subscriptions
- Supported the project needs of Inquiry Hour
- Purchased equipment and materials for departments and classrooms

### FIELD TRIP SCHOLARSHIPS

- Ensured all eligible students had the opportunity to participate in field trips to places such as Washington DC, Tallahassee & others\*
- Over \$10,000 raised in 2019-2020 for field trips
- \*Due to COVID-19, all field trips have been put on hold for the 2020-2021 school year.

### STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

- Created Eagle Store for students to purchase fun items with reward points; supplied products and volunteers to store
- Created Holiday Shop to allow students to "shop" for family and friends using reward points
- Funded rewards for SSYRA readers
- Purchased, supplied & delivered testing preparation supplies
- Outfitted Eagles Nest with games and activities

### FUNDRAISING

- Organized various events throughout the year to earn money for our staff & students
- Created fundraising opportunities within the community through business partnerships and spirit nights
- Recruited volunteers to assist in special fundraising events
- Raised over \$30,000 in the 2019-2020 year

## WHAT WILL WE DO THIS YEAR?

What will we do this year? Honestly, we don't know. This is our first Global Pandemic, too. We do know that there will be expenses that are not covered in the school budget and that the teachers will need our help to cover those items. We will learn how to do this together. Potential expenses include:

- **Teacher Training:** New teaching techniques and technology
- **Fees/Subscriptions:** For programs used both in classrooms and online to make the curriculum easily accessible to students
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation:** They are working twice as hard this year, we will be showing them that we appreciate them more now than ever.
- **Student Appreciation:** There is no normal for the kids this year. With no big events planned for the fall, we will be showing the students how important they are to us and to each other in smaller, everyday, ways.