

Principal's Message



Dear Eagle Families,

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What a wonderful week! We received word that we will be recognized in January as a certified STEM school by Cognia. This is a wonderful accomplishment that reflect the amazing work done by our students, faculty and staff. This has been a true community effort. I want to thank our parents, students, teachers and business partners who all agreed to be interviewed by Cognia as part of this process. The application has been going on for over a year and has included a written narrative, documentation such as lesson plans, flyers and meeting notes, classroom observations and several interviews. None of this would have been possible without the ongoing commitment of our faculty to hands on, authentic, project-based learning that incorporates science, technology, engineering, and math across the board. Congratulations Eagles!!

Reminders:

1. **PANERA SPIRIT NIGHT** is tonight to support the media center! Collect dinner and benefit the media center by showing this flyer! <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/panera-night/>
2. **BOOK FAIR.** This is online through November 29 and is accessible here: <https://athomebookfairs.com/home?bfstring=Pn0r8Tzf>
3. **SEBASTIAN SENTINEL.** Our quarterly publication is available online here: https://issuu.com/academypublishing/docs/sebastianms_?fr=sMGRIyzU3OTA take a look to meet our new teachers, learn about the upcoming High School Showcase for 8th graders, see our basketball schedule, get PTO information and more!
4. **THANKSGIVING.** There is no school Wednesday November 24th – Friday November 27th. Enjoy your break!
5. **GIVING TREE** Due to social distancing this year the Sebastian Giving Tree for the holiday season is going virtual. If you would like to participate in the Sebastian Middle school tradition of anonymously giving gifts to students whose families are in need, we would appreciate your help! We will be providing shoes from Rack Room Shoes, hoodies, backpacks, and other items that staff, parents, and members of the community can donate. If you would like for us to send you a participant's WISH please email: patricia.conrad@stjohns.K12.fl.us

All gifts will need to be dropped off by December 14th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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