## Principal's Message



Dear Eagle Families,

We are heading into the second semester in style as next week is Literacy week! We have lots of fun activities such as mystery readers and a door decorating competition to look forward to. We also have dress up days and you can see that information here <a href="https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/">https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/</a>. The media website also has amazing information on maker space and how to check out ebooks from our school. You can also find the full list of SSYRA novels that students can earn brag tags for reading and prizes.

Here are a few more things to know:

- Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup> returns to 12:50 pick up time.
- Friday January 29<sup>th</sup> is a planning day. No School for students
- There will be information coming out soon on after school tutoring! Stay tuned...
- Did you know you can order comfy warm SMS spirit wear? You can! Just fill out this form <a href="https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SMS-Spiritwear-Order-Form-Updated-July-2020.pdf">https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SMS-Spiritwear-Order-Form-Updated-July-2020.pdf</a> and return it to the Front Office..
- The programs of choice application is open now until February 5<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss your opportunity to apply for a high school Academy. Did you know all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were visited by Career Academy Specialists from SAHS and PMS? Ask your student what they thought. More information on the academies is also available on our website at <a href="https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/">https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/</a> You can also email <a href="Leanne.Fortune@stjohns.k12.fl.us">Leanne.Fortune@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a> with any questions
- Project Lit is a literacy movement that highlights diverse, high interest, and culturally relevant books. Through a
  grant from The Players and Character Counts of St. Johns County, Sebastian Media Center was provided with 26
  copies of Project Lit books as well as a class set of *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame
  Mbalia. Our books arrived today!

X. T. Gabaldon

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