

# Principal's Message



Dear Eagle Families,

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge February is Black History Month. Throughout the school students are engaging in the works of poets and artists such as Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks and Kehinde Wiley, learning about Black History and the origin of Black History month. As we enter Valentines Day Weekend, it feels appropriate to share a quote from Zora Neale Hurston, one of my Favorite Authors: "Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place". Did you Know Zora Neale Hurston lived here in St Augustine in 1942? In fact, this quote is accompanied by a mural of the author on the house she lived at on West King Street. An anthropologist and author, Zora Neale Hurston was a woman of many talents – something we try to encourage here at Sebastian. Follow different passions and interests and see where they lead! I want to thank the community for all the love shown to our teachers, staff, and students here at Sebastian now, and throughout the year.

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY** – President's day

**PTO NEEDS YOU!!!** The PTO is currently looking for board members! What do Board members do? They help organize events, meet to discuss how to help the school, and get involved in Teacher Appreciation. The time commitment is only around 4 hours per month. We need YOU to help continue to support our school. Contact us at [PTOSebastian@gmail.com](mailto:PTOSebastian@gmail.com).

**BASKETBALL – HOME GAME** Thursday against Fruit Cove. To see a full schedule and buy tickets visit <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/basketball/%20>

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB** The Boys and Girls Club offers free after school care and activities for middle school students until 6.15pm.. A bus pick up students at Sebastian to take them there. [More information here.](#)

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