



Dear Eagle Families,

I am sure you received the message form the superintendent this week that all employees and visitors to campus must wear masks. Thank you for masking up when coming into the building to collect your student. If you missed the superintendent's message, it can be viewed here:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/news/message-from-the-superintendent-august-24/>

More news below!

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Open house will be virtual this year! Visit our website for messages from the Administrative team and the media center and view a guide to Schoology! Visit each teacher's Schoology page for information on what to expect and how to connect. Open House will be available online after school on Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **QUARANTINE AND SCHOOLWORK**

If your student is home and is well enough to work remember to log on to Schoology each day to access classroom assignments.

#### **SAFETY**

1. Student drop off and pick up is only in the front loop. Please do not go to the back of the school. Bus traffic makes it dangerous to release students from cars here.
2. Please keep students in cars until 7.10 am. There is no supervision available until this time

#### **COIVD PROTOCOLS**

1. Whilst masks are optional for students the superintendent has stated "I **highly recommend** the use of face masks as the school year begins. This is an important consideration in our ... school environments in which the parents of students 12 years old and younger do not have the option for their children to be vaccinated".
2. District wide protocols can be found on the district website at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>
3. Please use the health screener for students daily for guidance as to if your student should come to school:

Student Health Screening Entry Form Please assess your child daily for the following symptoms and answer the contact questions.

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Uncontrolled cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Muscle aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Is your child currently awaiting COVID-19 test results? • Does your child live in the same household with someone positive for COVID19? If yes, please keep your child home and notify the school nurse when test results are received. Further instructions will be discussed at that time.
- Has your child had close contact with someone who in the past 14 days tested positive for COVID-19? If yes, your child must quarantine for 7 days from the last date of contact with the positive individual. The quarantine period may be shortened if a negative COVID test result is obtained on day 5 or later from exposure to the positive case.

#### PTO NEWS

1. Our first PTO meeting will be held twice- in person and online! The same info will be shared at both meetings.
  - Thursday, September 9th, 2:15 at SMS
  - Thursday, September 9th, 6:00 virtually- link to come
2. We are kicking off our Fall Fundraiser, and, it's the easiest one out there! No wrapping paper or candy bars involved:) It's an old fashioned check writing campaign, and we can't wait to see what your support will do this year!
3. Here is the link to our online store, where you can do everything from purchase Spirit Wear, sign up as a Business Partner, and contribute to our Fall Fundraiser. Share this link with friends and family: <https://sebastian-middle-school-ptostore.cheddarup.com>

#### CALENDAR

Upcoming: Labor Day is September 6<sup>th</sup> – student & teacher holiday

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