

Principal's Message



Dear Eagle Families,

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our Spelling Bee!! The students all competed within their English Language Arts classes, and the top students in each joined the school wide Spelling Bee. Samuel Pulsfus placed 3rd, Felix Gardner was our Runner-up, and Jack Coghlan was our winner! Jack will go on to represent our school at the District Competition. Congratulations also goes to our Character Counts representatives! Eighth grader Molly Farrow who was selected as our school's Character Counts student for her kindness, caring and respect. Mr. Lendward Griffin with The Boys and Girls Club was named our Community Partner for his outstanding work and help. Mr. Griffin provides transportation and wrap around care for free to any student. This allows equitable access for all our students to after school programs.

There will not be a Friday communique next week due to the Thanksgiving Break, so I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. I want to express my gratitude towards our wonderful community. Our school thrives because of the generosity of spirit, talent, and commitment from our parents, students, teachers, staff and business partners!

Help Support Band

If you have any saxophones, trumpets, clarinets, flutes, or French horns that you no longer need we would love to accept them as donations! Please help us keep music accessible to all our interested students.

The Winter Concert will be December 7th at 6:00pm at Sebastian! Students will also be performing at the Nights of Lights downtown at 6:00pm on December 11th.

Do you love to sing?

Students can be a part of the first ever SJCCA Sings Winter workshop! Open to all students at Sebastian this event takes place on Saturday December 11th at St Augustine High School. Students can also participate in the Nights of Lights concert. [Find more information please see the attached flyer](#)

Calendar

November 24-26 Thanksgiving Break. No School

PTO Corner

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all of you! We have been very fortunate to be able to support our faculty, staff, and students in so many ways because of YOU! We are so grateful for all of your support.

- Purchase holiday cards, or personalized cards for any occasion, using Minted! www.minted.com. Use our promotional code, FUNDRAISESEBASTIANMSPTO , to receive 20% off your order, and Minted will donate 15% back to us! Share this with your family and friends, too!
- Go to smile.amazon.com and select "Sebastian Middle School PTO" as your charity of choice (You can do this in the app as well). Amazon gives back to us with every eligible purchase!
- The next PTO Meeting will be Tuesday, November 30th at 6pm on Zoom. Link to come!

It's not too late to get your tickets for the Jacksonville Classic, featuring eight college teams from all over the country at UNF Arena this weekend! They will donate \$10 to SMS for every ticket sold for Session 2 (Sunday, 11/21 at 5:30) The session includes two games, FSU vs. Loyola Marymount, followed by Missouri vs. SMU. Use code "SMS" when you buy your Session 2 tickets. It's a great event for the whole family- check it out! <https://www.jacksonvilleclassic.com/>

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