

Principal's Message



Dear Eagle Families,

It has been a week of great celebrations! First, many congratulations to our students who participated in the National Junior Thespian Society district competition this past weekend with Ms. Trosclair. Sixteen students competed in fourteen events with three groups earning the top rating of Superior. Special recognition goes to SirIsrael Williams who was awarded Top Honors across multiple counties for his monologue. Natalie Bagnall, Taryn Bishop, Giselle Borbon, Isabella Callabrese, Natalie Carden, Ella Jones, Alana Toomer, Finley Stokke-Harms and SirIsrael Williams will all be competing at the state competition in January and representing our school!

Congratulations also goes to our amazing music students and Ms. Munafo for an outstanding Music concert this past Tuesday. From classic holiday music to modern movie themes, we all had a wonderful time listening to our students show their musical abilities. Remember, you still have the opportunity to see our students play this Saturday at Night of Lights downtown St Augustine at 6:00pm.

We also heard wonderful news that the Rotary has given us a grant for \$2,500 to buy new musical instruments with. Thanks to the generosity of our local Rotary, we are close to being able to keep our music program accessible to all students who want to learn to play.

Congratulations to all those who tried out for the boys' and girls' basketball teams. I know from the coaches that selections were tough this year. We cannot wait to see you all play when the new season starts in January.

Most of all, thank you to all our teachers who give of themselves and their talents tirelessly to make sure our students have authentic experiences in and out of the classroom!!!

Calendar

December 21st – **1 hour early release at 12:50pm**. Break up for Holidays. NO CLUBS.

Testing

Next week we will have final and midterms exams. Exams are required only for specific subjects:

- Spanish 1
- Algebra 1 Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Physical Science Honors
- Biology Honors
- STEM classes with Ms Johns and Ms Bentoski
- PE

Our exams are organized by period and day:

- Monday 13th December: Period 2 and Period 4
- Tuesday 14th December: Period 6 and Period 7
- Wednesday 15th December: Period 5
- Thursday 16th December: Period 1 and Period 3

If you do not have exams during a specific testing period, you will still be engaged in work with your teacher. School will start and end at the normal times, and all students are expected to be at school each day as normal. Makeups will be held on Friday, Dec 17, and on Monday and Tuesday, Dec 20-21. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at linda.hof@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Ms. Hof

Testing Coordinator

PTO Corner

- Thank you for the generous contributions to both our faculty and staff gifts and their holiday dessert bar. We can't wait to shower them with treats and sweets from our kind, generous families. We cannot express our gratitude enough! Eagle Family Strong!
- We just added two new items to our Spirit Collection- buttons and holographic stickers with our school logo. They would make great stocking stuffers, and you get \$1 off if you order them both:) Check them out here (listed under Spirit Wear)! <https://sebastian-middle-school-pto-store.cheddarup.com> To pay by cash or check, email PTOSebastian@gmail.com with your order.
- We are gearing up for a busy second semester- would you like to volunteer? Not all of our activities take place during the school day, and we would love for you to be a part of what we have planned! Please send us a message at PTOSebastian@gmail.com. We'd love to have you!
- Our next Spirit Day will be at Farmhand Kchn, on Monday, December 20th, from 7-3, so stop by for breakfast or lunch! Gift certificate purchases (great for holiday gifts) count, too! All sales that day will benefit SMS!

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Principal, Sebastian Middle School

