



2021-22

Single School Culture

Everyday Expectations

Welcome!

Welcome to Sebastian Middle School, home of the Eagles! We are a STEAM school and offer many opportunities for you to learn and grow. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. We are proud of our unique programs that allow our student body to explore the world and engage their curiosity. We are very clear about our expectations of how we all behave at school so we can be the best students, teachers and people we can be. Below is an introduction to our Single School Culture. If you have questions, good! We will go over expectations and procedures throughout the school year so you will always feel safe at school and know what to do.

Culture of Kindness

S.O.A.R

Show Respect

Own Your Actions

Accept Differences

Realize Your Potential

This supports the District wide program of Character Counts in the following manner:

Show Respect - Respect

Own Your Actions – Responsibility, Trustworthiness

Accept Differences – Kindness, Caring, Fairness

Realize Your Potential – Citizenship

Inquiry and Ethics of Excellence

1. We listen to each other and the teacher
2. We do our best work first time, every time

3. We ask questions when we don't understand something
 4. We share our understanding and experiences to help each other learn
- Through projects that connect to our learning and world, we will experiment, explore and create!
 - During Inquiry Hour, students will choose the type of product they will create.
 - Each semester, students will have the opportunity to display their learning and hard work at Exhibition. During this time, parents, teachers, and community members will be invited to SMS. Students will explain the projects tackled and the process used to learn.

Tardy Policy

Students are expected to be seated at their desk and ready to receive instruction when the bell rings. Students who are not in the classroom when the bell rings shall be marked tardy in eSchoolPlus. Teachers are expected to contact parent/guardian after the second tardy. Three (3) subsequent tardies to the same class will result in a referral that is to be written by the teacher in eSchoolPlus. The Deans office will also contact the parent anytime a referral is processed, and discipline is issued.

The SMS expectation is that teachers are giving instruction from bell to bell.

Tardy 1st offense – Verbal warning to student
2nd offense – Verbal warning to student and parent contact from teacher
3rd offense – Consequence: 2 days lunch detention (repeated offenses may see other consequences)

Hallway Expectations and Procedures

The SMS administration has created these procedures to ensure the safety of all students, staff members, and guests to Sebastian Middle.

1. Students are to remain present in class for the first 5 minutes of class or the last 5 minutes of class.
2. Teachers are to be on duty at their doors to assist with continuous student movement.
3. Students are to walk on the right when in route to any location.
4. Students are to keep moving and avoid congregating in the intersections and hallways.
5. Students should walk quietly, walk forward in a straight line and show respect for others by keeping hands, feet and objects to themselves while walking in the hallways. No horseplay.
6. In order for students to be given a pass during class, students should present their planner to be initialed by the teacher.

Cafeteria Procedures

- This year there are 3 lunches. If you have:
 - 1st Lunch (Grade 8): Students will report to 4th period and teachers will walk with students to the cafeteria and students will be dismissed from cafeteria to 4th period.
 - 2nd Lunch (Grade 7): Teachers will walk with students to lunch with their backpack/belongings and students will be dismissed from the cafeteria to 5th period.
 - 3rd Lunch (Grade 6): Teachers will walk with students to lunch with their backpack/belongings and students will be dismissed from the cafeteria to 6th period.
- Once students get their food, they are to remain seated.
- You may only go through the line once
- Students will be dismissed by table. Students will dispose of their trash before they exit the cafeteria.
- Teachers are expected to be at their door to welcome students from the cafeteria.

Student Behavior

Students are expected to behave in a manner that is conducive for a safe, positive, and receptive learning environment. Students are expected to adhere to the St. Johns County School District Student Code of Conduct.

Dress Code

Clothing, piercings and accessories shall not be worn if they display profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, advertisements, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs or create a safety issue within the learning environment.

Please note:

- No Slides. Shoes must have a back or strap on the heel.
- Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent manner.
- Head coverings, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandannas, hair curlers and/or sunglasses, shall not be worn on campus unless required by a physician or authorized by school administration. Hoods on hoodies may not be worn up in the building.
- Tank tops are not acceptable.
- Pajamas are not acceptable.

- Skirts/shorts must be no shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee. Rips in clothing must also be below 4" above the top of the knee.

Cellphones:

Cellphones must be on silent or turned off and put away.

Headphones/Earbuds:

Headphones/Earbuds should not be worn on campus without explicit teacher permission.

Positive Behavior Reinforcement- PBIS Rewards

Sebastian Middle School is committed to creating a positive school environment by continuing to implement our school wide Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program called PBIS Rewards. PBIS Rewards is a web-based incentive tracking software that allows teachers and staff to award the students for positive behaviors, such as S.O.A.R. The reward is in the form of “eagle points”. Students can earn eagle points and spend them in a variety of ways. Parents and students can track eagle points in real time through the PBIS Rewards parent/student portal.

Student Safety

In emergency situations,

Always....

1. Listen to the School Teacher or School Administrator
2. Try to remain as calm and quiet as possible
3. Stay off cellular phones – silence them
4. Be prepared to be still and quiet for a long period of time
5. Move quickly and quietly to the closes safest location and listen to your teacher
6. Quickly and quietly notify the teacher/administrator of any injury

Bullying/Harassment

Bullying and harassment are Level III violations of the Code of Conduct and are major infractions. Bullying or harassment will not be tolerated, and disciplinary action will be taken. In addition to school consequences, civil citations or criminal charges may be filed by SJCSO.

Early Dismissal

Students are not allowed to be checked out within the last 30 minutes of the school day.

Student Transportation Procedures

1. Bike Riders/Skateboarders

Bike riders/skateboarders are to secure their bikes/skateboards in a bike cage/rack. They are to bring their own personal chain with a lock. The bike cage will be locked during the day. Bikes/Skateboards/longboards will NOT be allowed in the building. Sebastian Middle School is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.

2. Bus Riders

Bus riders will unload the bus at 7:10am. Students who wish to eat breakfast can enter the cafeteria and get in the breakfast line. Students who do not eat breakfast will wait in the courtyard outside of the cafeteria until they are released to go to homeroom at 7:25am.

An announcement will be made for bus riders to exit the building via the closest door to the bus loop.

Students are to ride their assigned bus. The transportation office does not allow courtesy rides. Any requests or concerns should be addressed directly with transportation.

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation/ptwaiver/>

3. Parent Drop-off/Pickup

Students who are car riders are to be dropped off in the front of the building only. Students will then wait in the media courtyard area. Unless students wish to go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast.

Students cannot be picked up or dropped off in the bus loop. Supervision for students will be provided beginning at 7:10am.

End of Day: An announcement will be made for Car Riders, Bike riders, and Walkers to exit the building.