

## Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

We had a great first three days of school! We have focused on relationships and procedures, so students feel comfortable at school and know the expectations for behavior and academic rigor! We look forward to delving into subject specific content this week as we embark upon our learning journeys. Please see below as we move “FULL STEAM AHEAD”!

### CLUBS

**Will there be clubs this year?** YES! There are lots of different clubs to enjoy from Board Games to National Junior Honor Society to Biodiversity and Robotics! **There is a club fair for students after school on THURSDAY AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup> until 3:00pm.** Clubs are held Tuesdays and Thursdays until 3:00pm.

**What if I cannot pick up my student at 3:00pm?** We have a community Partnership with The Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club will pick up your students and provide FREE after care until 6:00pm. Collect your student at their awesome facility on King Street.

### PARENT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Please help us by pulling up to the car in front of you. This alleviates congestion on the street and speeds up getting students on and off campus. Thank you!

### CELL PHONES AND EARBUDS

**Can I bring my cell phone to school?** Yes, with the school wide expectation that they should be turned off and put away in their backpack until the end of the day. If a member of faculty sees your phone or earbuds out and in use in the hallways, or in the classrooms without teacher permission, then they will be collected. Students can get them back at the end of the day from the Dean’s office. However, if the cell phone rules/expectations are broken multiple times through the school year parents or guardians will be asked to come to the school and collect the phone and/or earbuds at the front office.

### DRESS CODE

**What is the Dress Code?** Please click here to see the district dress code. Please make sure all midriffs are covered and not exposed.

## CAFETERIA

Last year all students had free lunches. Is that the same? No. Students will need to bring or purchase lunches. Free and Reduced Lunch is available to those who qualify

How do I put money in my student's Lunch account? Go here to set up an account:

<https://paypams.com/> visit here <https://www.sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/cafe/> to see menus and more!

How can I find out about Free and reduce Lunch? <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/>

*K. T. Gabaldon*

Principal, Sebastian Middle School



## PTO CORNER

We hope you had a great first week- we enjoyed meeting so many of you on Tuesday! Here's a few things to know about the PTO at Sebastian:

- There are no fees to join- every family is a member of the PTO!
- **Send a birthday shout out to your kiddo on our electronic sign in front of the school! \*Submit all birthday sign orders the Wednesday prior to the requested week** <https://sebastian-middle-school-ptostore.cheddarup.com>
- We raise funds through contributions from our amazing Business Partners (reach out if you'd like to become one or know a business owner that does!), donations for specific events or school needs, hosting events, and selling spirit wear. We also sell concessions at home sports events!
- **Check out our online store! Purchase spirit wear, make a donation, or sign up as a Business Partner!** <https://sebastian-middle-school-ptostore.cheddarup.com>
- We welcome volunteers and ideas! Our team is strong, and everyone does a little bit- that adds up to a lot!
- Reach out if you'd like to join us- you don't have to be a stay at home parent, and we are a NO DRAMA PTO:)

**We are here for you!**

**Email:** [PTOSebastian@gmail.com](mailto:PTOSebastian@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** [Sebastian Middle School PTO](#)

**Instagram:** [@SMSPTO](#)

#### PTO dates

**Sunday, August 14th-Saturday, August 20th- SMS Spirit Week at JCrew Outlet Shop and support our school! Make sure you show your coupon! (See attached)**

**Tuesday, August 16th 2-5- SMS Spirit Day at The Vibe Nutrition! They are right down the street from SMS on Lewis Speedway. Stop by for a snack or drink after school- they're making a blue and red drink for us!**

**Wednesday, August 24 6:30- 1st PTO Meeting (on Zoom- stay tuned for link)**

**Tuesday, September 13th- SMS Spirit Night at Zaxby's from 5-8 (US1 location)**

**Thursday, September 22nd- Fall Into School Fest at SMS- right after school!**

**Wednesday, October 19th 6:30- PTO Meeting (on Zoom)**

**Stay tuned for.... Dodgeball in November! SMS Snowfest in December!**

Let us know if you need anything! :)

Your SMS PTO Board