

Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

After a week of learning we held assemblies today for students to discover all the rewards available for them to use with Eagle Points! Dean Hayes and Mr. Tagliarini gave students specific examples of how to follow the Character Counts Pillars and our Single School Culture. Students were very excited to learn about our First Annual Fall into School Festival which we will be holding in conjunction with our wonderful PTO. The festival is September 22nd right after school. Ask your student for details! Please see below for updates. Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

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 25th until 3:00pm.** Clubs are held Tuesdays and Thursdays until 3:00pm. See the powerpoint on our website starting Monday to view all the different clubs available!

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.

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/>



PTO CORNER

We hope you've had a wonderful week! The PTO has some exciting plans in the works, and we recently provided our faculty with some rewards for their class PBIS stores!

Spirit Events and Fundraising!

SMS Spirit Week at the JCrew Outlet ends on August 20th- shop and they will donate to our school! See the attached flyer for a coupon!

For the rest of August, SMS will receive \$1 from every \$2.99 Community Bag sold at Winn-Dixie 3551 North Ponce De Leon Boulevard, St. Augustine FL. Easy fundraiser! Another easy fundraiser? Go to smile.amazon.com and select Sebastian Middle School PTO Inc as your charity of choice!

Tuesday, September 13th 5-8:00- Spirit Night at Zaxby's on US1

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:)

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>

Hat Design Contest- We are looking for a new design to go on Spirit Wear hats, and we are inviting our students to be creative and submit their ideas! Designs will be due by Thursday, September 15th and can be submitted digitally to PTOSebastian@gmail.com, or on paper to the front office. Students will vote to choose the winning design at Fall Into School Fest on September 22nd!

Upcoming PTO Dates!

Wednesday, August 24 6:30- 1st PTO Meeting (on Zoom):

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/8329715310?pwd=bXAzUWpScHBlcEgyUkdZU0l1WmJZZz09>

Meeting ID: 832 971 5310 Passcode: f50Q1D

Thursday, September 22nd- Fall Into School Fest at SMS- right after school! Volunteer signups to come!

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

Stay tuned for....

Dodgeball in November! SMS Snowfest in December!

Volunteer Opportunities!

9/12-9/16: First Book Fair! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EA9AD29A0FD0-smsfirst>

Beginning 9/20: Concessions stand during home volleyball games! *Volunteer schedule is set up for girls' team parents to be available to sell concessions during the boys' games, and vice versa! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EA9AD29A0FD0-smsvolleyball1>

THANK YOU to Gordon Dental, who rejoined us as a Business Partner this year! <https://www.gordon-dental.com/>

THANK YOU to Tiffany Marie Carrion, REALTOR®/Great Expectations Realty for becoming our newest Business Partner! <https://gcrealty.us/tiffany-marie-carrion/>

We are here for you!

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Let us know if you need anything!

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Your SMS PTO Board