

Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

We had a wonderful time yesterday at the Club fair! Students were able to explore all the different opportunities available to them. Clubs run Tuesday and /or Thursday. Check out our website for full information! Unfortunately, Boys and Girls Club is unable to partner with us this year to provide transportation. Families will need to pick up students from clubs promptly at 3:00pm. A big thank you to our amazing teachers who run the clubs after school!

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! Sign up on our website. Clubs start Tuesday!

VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

Volleyball tryouts are September 6th from 2:00 – 4:00pm for boys and girls. Mr. O’Neil will be the coach, thanks Mr. O’Neil!

TESTING

FAST testing begins the week of September 6th. There is a guide on how to access your student results here. Dates for the first round of testing are below:

September 7th: FAST MATH – Grade 8 (not Algebra 1 Hons or Geometry Hons students)

September 8th: FAST MATH – Grade 7 (not Algebra 1 Hons students)

September 9th: FAST MATH – Grade 6

September 13th: FAST ELA – Grade 8

September 12th: FAST ELA – Grade 7

September 11th: FAST ELA – Grade 6

CALENDAR

September 5th – LABOR DAY. No School

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. Cell phones are not permitted in restrooms.

MEDIA ADVISORY

The Media Center Advisory Committee works in an advisory capacity with the school library media specialist, administration, staff, and community members. The committee will be in place to address reconsideration issues and recommendations for library books. We will meet at least two times a year to review the goals of the Media Center, either formally or informally. If you are interested in joining please

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 reduced Lunch? <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/>



Upcoming PTO Dates!

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

Thursday, September 22nd- Fall Into School Fest at SMS- right after school! Sign up to volunteer!

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

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>

****9/22 Fall Into School**

Fest <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EA9AD29A0FD0-smsfall>

Hat Design Contest

We want our students to create the next design for Spirit Wear hats! 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 for the winning design at Fall Into School Fest on September 22nd!

THANK YOU to Beck Agency, who joined us as a Business

Partner! <https://www.beckagency.org/>

THANK YOU to National Property Inspections, who joined us as a Business

Partner! <http://npiweb.com/spaulding>

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 are here for you!

Email: PTOSebastian@gmail.com

Facebook: Sebastian Middle School PTO

Instagram: @SMSPTO

Let us know if you need anything! :)

Your SMS PTO Board