

# Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to December, the events it will bring, and finishing strong with our academics! There are no midterm exams so students will continue regular academic work and schedules till the end of the year.

We have band performances, a character counts breakfast, middle school blitz with academy information, and of course Winterfest! Please read below for detailed on these events, Gradventure and more!

## **GRADVENTURE**

**Gradventure is coming!!**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> depart 12:30pm. May 13<sup>th</sup> arrive 2:30 am at Sebastian Middle School.**

**This is open to Eighth Graders who meet all four the following requirements:**

- **NO OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER UP TO THE DAY OF THE TRIP**
- **NO MORE THAN 2 REFFERALS FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER, INCLUDING BUS REFFERALS**
- **YOU MUST HAVE PASSED ALL CLASSES FOR SEMESTER 1**
- **YOU MUST BE CURRENTLY PASSING ALL CLASSES, INCLUDING ELECTIVES, UP TO THE DAY OF THE TRIP**

**The cost of the trip is \$252.00. It includes admission to the two parks, buses, meal voucher and all taxes. Please watch this video for information and register here:**

<https://greenlight.grcoll.co/go/sms23orl>.

**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 5:00PM TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT. PLEASE NOTE ALL REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE THROUGH THIS LINK. WE DO NOT ACCEPT PAYMENT AT THE SCHOOL.**

If you have questions about registration, please email [support@greenlightgrouptours.com](mailto:support@greenlightgrouptours.com) or call at 1-800-490-1820 ext 2.

## **CALENDAR**

12/6 Middle School Blitz during the morning  
12/8 Band Concert

- 12/15 Winterfest 2:00- 3:30  
Nights of lights Band Performance  
12/19 Character Breakfast  
12/21 Wednesday One-hour early release at 12:50pm Winter Break begins

### OPEN GYM AND CLUBS

Open to ALL students that are zoned for SMS. Parents/guardians ARE NOT allowed to join. Open gym will run *Tuesday December 6 and Thursday December 8 from 2:00 – 3:00*. Students must have a ride promptly at 3:00 from the parent pick-up location.

### BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts: Open only to REGISTERED students. Please have your player **fill out the sign-up form during lunch** (they will need a parent/guardian contact number and email address). The form can be found in the cafeteria *FRIDAY*. If your child does not attend SMS daily (tech or home school) please reach out to Coach Razy or Athletic Director [kevin.c.hayes@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:kevin.c.hayes@stjohns.k12.fl.us). Tryouts ARE NOT open to parents/guardians, please *arrive by 4PM* to pick up students. Please remember, middle school sports are a competitive endeavor. Not all students make the team. It is the coach's discretion as to how many players will be on the roster.

Boys Dates – Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 (More specific information will be forthcoming)

Girls Dates – Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00

Medical Clearance: All students are expected to have a valid Sports Physical on file to participate in Basketball. A Sports physical is valid for 364 days. Please ensure you have a SPORTS PHYSICAL (not a school health form) submitted to the school prior to participating in Basketball events.



### PTO CORNER

Holiday celebrations are this week!

**On Wednesday, December 14th, we host a holiday dessert bar for faculty and staff, and we are looking for contributions to help make it happen. Can you contribute a dessert item, or funds towards the purchase of items?** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EA9AD29A0FD0-smsholiday>

**We also make sure that each faculty and staff member receives a gift that day! Can you donate a gift card, a gift, or funds to go towards gifts? If you are a local business, we'd love to feature something from you!** <https://sebastian-middle-school-ptostore.cheddarup.com>

**Upcoming PTO Dates:**

**Thursday, December 15th, 2-3:30- We're so excited about "There's Snowplace Like SMS!" Admission is FREE, and concessions will be available for \$1!**

**We still need your help to make it happen!**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EA9AD29A0FD0-volunteer1>**

**Check out our online store! Purchase spirit wear, make a donation, or sign up as a Business Partner! <https://sebastian-middle-school-pto-store.cheddarup.com>**

**We are here for you!**

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

**Facebook: Sebastian Middle School PTO**

**Instagram: @SMSPTO**

**Let us know if you need anything!**

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**Your SMS PTO Board**