

Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

We had a great first week of school! Students are engaged in learning about different content areas and adjusting to being back at school. We are excited for next week!

TESTING

FAST PM 1 for students in all grades for Math and ELA will start on August 28, 2023. Check out our website for information! <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/>

ABSENCES

Please email Trish.conrad@stjohns.k12.fl.us or send in a note for all absences. Please include student name, date of absence, reason, and signature.

PICTURE DAY

September 7th! Stay tuned for more information.

Morning Drop off

The time for student drop-off is between 7:10 – 7:30am. Students are not marked tardy until 7.33am. We have a lot of cars arriving early starting at 6.45am and it is becoming difficult for teachers – who arrive between 6.45 – 7:00am – to get on campus and be ready to greet our students. If you could please help our school by aiming to arrive no earlier than 7:00am on campus it would be much appreciated! We love how eager everyone is to be here at our school in the morning; thank you for helping us get off to a smooth start each day!

Heat and PE

Designed to help protect students from incurring heat-related illnesses or problems, school personnel will reference the Heat Index Guide to modify and/or suspend outdoor activities

- *heat index* is less than 95 degrees – Normal outdoor activities
- *heat index* is 95 to 98 degrees – Outdoor activities should be limited or may be cancelled
- *heat index* is 99 degrees or above - Outdoor activities will be cancelled.

PTO Corner

We hope you had a great first week- we enjoyed meeting so many of you on Wednesday! 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-pto-store.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-pto-store.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

Facebook: Sebastian Middle School PTO

Instagram: @SMSPTO

PTO dates

Tuesday, August 22nd 6:30- 1st PTO Meeting (on Zoom- link below)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leonards.zoom.us/j/6259588879?pwd=V3lvQ1dNTFhtamhQTitnWmVFT2h1dz09>

Meeting ID: 625 958 8879

Passcode: 1928

Thursday, August 29th 5-8PM at Zaxby's, 1107 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd

Tuesday, September 26th- Fall Into School Fest at SMS- right after school!

Thursday, September 28th – SMS Spirit Night at Carmelo's Pizza

Let us know if you need anything! :)

Your SMS PTO Board

K. T. Gabaldon

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