

# Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

It was wonderful to see people online at the PTO meeting this week! Here is some information for the week ahead.2

## TESTING

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

## CLUB FAIR!

Club fair is August 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00pm. Students can learn all about clubs and find their fun! Clubs run 2:00 – 3:00pm Tuesdays and / or Thursdays.

## MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Media Advisory Committee works in an advisory capacity with the school library media specialist, administration, staff, parents, and community members. The committee will be in place for recommendations for library books. Our goal is to meet at least two times a year to review the goals of the Media Center, either in person or virtually. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Barnard at [rowena.barnard@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:rowena.barnard@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## 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! **Remember students must stay in the car until 7:10 when supervision becomes available.** 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!

## ABSENCES

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

## FOOD!

Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students at our school are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2023-2024 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application. Please click this link to view the menu each day: <https://schools.mealviewer.com/district/StJohnsFL>

¡Buenas noticias para usted y sus estudiantes! Todos los estudiantes matriculados en nuestra escuela son elegibles para recibir un desayuno y almuerzo saludable en la escuela sin costo alguno para su hogar todos los días del año escolar 2023-2024. No se requiere ninguna otra acción por su parte. Su(s) hijo(s) podrán participar en estos programas de comidas sin tener que pagar una tarifa ni presentar una solicitud. Haga clic en este enlace para ver el menú todos los días:  
<https://schools.mealviewer.com/district/StJohnsFL>

### 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

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**Stock the Teacher's Lounge! – Please help us stock the lounge. We will need these items in the front office by **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**.**

**We appreciate any help you can give.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-stock1>

**Membership:** We are thrilled to emphasize that there are absolutely no fees to be involved in the PTO. Every family is automatically a member, and we welcome your active participation in shaping our school community.

**Birthday Shout Outs:** Celebrate your child's special day by sending a birthday shout out to be displayed on our electronic sign in front of the school! Please submit all birthday sign orders by the Wednesday prior to the requested week via this link:

- <https://sebastian-middle-school-ptostore.cheddarup.com>

**Funding Initiatives:** We raise funds through a variety of avenues, including contributions from our fantastic Business Partners. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Business Partner, please reach out to us. Additionally, we collect donations for specific events or school needs, host engaging events, sell spirit wear, and manage concessions at home sports events. [ptosebastian@gmail.com](mailto:ptosebastian@gmail.com)

**Online Store:** Explore our online store where you can purchase spirited spirit wear, make donations, or even sign up as a Business Partner.

- <https://sebastian-middle-school-pto-store.cheddarup.com>

**Volunteer Opportunities and Ideas:** We warmly welcome volunteers and innovative ideas. Our team thrives on collective effort, where everyone's contribution adds up to create something truly impactful.

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**Inclusivity:** Our PTO is open to everyone, and we encourage you to join us regardless of your work schedule. We pride ourselves on being a "NO DRAMA" PTO, fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

### **Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities:**

- **8/29 (Tues) 5:00-8:00pm-** Spirit Night at Zaxby's US1
- **9/12 (Tues) 6:00-7:30pm -** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Night and Book Fair
  - **9/11-9/15-** Book Fair (Sign up Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-smsfall> )
- **Beginning mid-September-** home volleyball game concessions (Sign up opportunities coming soon)
  - **9/26 (Tues) 2:00-3:30pm-** Fall into School Fest
- **9/28 (Thurs) 5:00-8:00pm** Spirit Night at Carmelo's Pizza

**Get in touch with us: Email: [PTOSebastian@gmail.com](mailto:PTOSebastian@gmail.com)**

**Facebook: Sebastian Middle School PTO**

**Instagram: @SMSPTO**

*X. C. Gabaldon*

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