

Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

Here is some information for the week ahead:

PARENT NIGHT/ VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Join us **Sept 12th at 6:00pm** for a presentation on social media, middle school life and our school. Great for parents new to our school! The media center book fair will be open, you can join the PTO and learn about Schoology. Teachers will not be present. All teachers will upload a brief presentation to Schoology for you to view from home!

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair will run next week during school hours. Information here: <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/>

TESTING

Make up testing is next week! Tuesday all math make ups. Thursday all ELA make ups. Did you know Student scores are available in HAC and score report copies are available in the [Family Reporting Portal](#) (accessed via the code in HAC),

CLUBS!

Clubs run 2:00 – 3:00pm Tuesdays and / or Thursdays. Check out the slideshow on our website to find a club you want to join! <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clubs/>

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

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 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

Thank you to everyone who helped us stock the Teacher's Lounge. ☺

Please sign up to Volunteer for the Book Fair next week if you are able, we need more people to help:

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

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-pto-store.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

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. ptosebastian@gmail.com

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:

- **9/12 (Tues) 6:00-7:30pm** - 6th Grade Night and Book Fair
 - **9/11-9/15**- Book Fair
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-smsfall>
 - **9/19 (Tues)** - home volleyball game concessions
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-smsvolleyball>

- **9/26 (Tues) 2:00-3:30pm**- Fall into School Fest – Sign up to Volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-fall>
- **9/28 (Thurs) 5:00-8:00pm** Spirit Night at Carmelo's Pizza

Get in touch with us: Email: PTOSebastian@gmail.com

Facebook: Sebastian Middle School PTO

Instagram: @SMSPTO

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