

# Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

This is the last newsletter of 2023! We wish all our families a wonderful break and hope that you all get to relax and enjoy the time together. There will be clubs on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, but please be aware students must be picked up promptly at 3:00pm. There will be no clubs on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>, and school will release at 12:50pm. School for students starts again on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders in STEM just finished taking Industry certifications in Cybersecurity! Congratulations to Mr. Clouse, Mr. Cooper and all our students on their **outstanding 99% first time pass rate!**

Each week Beaver Toyota recognizes and awards a student from the St. Johns County School District as the "Student of the Week" along with the Beaver Toyota Award of Excellence certificate. This award is presented to students who are seen as someone who goes above and beyond as a student and leader of their school. Congratulations to Mabel Misterly! Go Eagles!

## HOLIDAY TREE COMPETITION!

Check out the tree our school entered into the Holiday Tree Competition! Students in Art and STEM made the ornaments. Please vote for our tree here: [www.voteholidaytrees.com](http://www.voteholidaytrees.com) Voting runs December 12- 18. The winning school receives \$1000!

## WINTER DATES TO REMEMBER

December 21<sup>st</sup> Break up for winter holiday. One-hour early release.

January 8<sup>th</sup> Students return to school

## 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/> **Parents must be able to pick their student up promptly at 3:00pm. If you cannot pick up your student at 3:00pm please do not send them to clubs that day. There are no clubs Thursday Dec 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**PTO Corner**

**We need your help with the faculty holiday luncheon on December 20th. Please see the signup sheet:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-46502916-smsholiday>

**We will need to get the gift baskets and gift cards that will be available to spoil the staff that day. We will also need help with the desserts and decorations.**

**Come help us and come help celebrate our amazing staff at Sebastian Middle School. :)**

**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](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.

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**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](mailto: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:**

**12/20 – Faculty Holiday Luncheon (desserts/décor)**

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-46502916-smsholiday>

12/20 – Papa Johns Spirit Night

1/30 - Dodgeball Tournament at Sebastian Middle (more to come soon!) This will be a family event.

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