

# Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

Congratulations to Dr. Bryant, the wonderful band and orchestra students for their amazing performance at the Music Concert this week!

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

This week Ms. Thorpe, from the Office of the Governor, visited Sebastian to see our Ms. Arnold, Gifted Teacher at work! Ms. Arnold showcased our Gifted students and their STEM work with materials we received via a grant from Ink!. We are of our students and teacher, and grateful to Ink! For their support.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL BLITZ!! CALLING ALL EIGHTH GRADERS!**

Monday there will be an assembly featuring guests from our Zoned High Schools who will be explaining career academy options, and programs of choice available to our students. You can learn more about Career academies at High Schools here:

<https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies/> .

Families can also visit the High School Showcase at the World Golf Village Renaissance Hotel Convention Center on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 7:00pm. Reach out to [Leanne.Fortune@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Leanne.Fortune@stjohns.k12.fl.us) with any questions.

## **BASKETBALL TRYOUTS**

**Parents must be able to pick their student up promptly at 3:00pm.**

Girls:

December 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 and December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00pm

## **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.**

## **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-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.

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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:**

**12/13 – Farmhand Kitchn Spirit Day**

**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.**

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

**Facebook: Sebastian Middle School PTO**

**Instagram: @SMSPTO**

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