

# Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

Happy New year!!! We are back and engaged in learning and testing as we enter a new calendar year.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our amazing Art teacher Ms Heather Hagy will be presenting a workshop at the National Art Education Association in Minneapolis this spring! She will be teaching other teachers all about Shibori and Indigo dye techniques. Congratulations on being selected Ms. Hagy!

## TESTING

We are currently engaged in PM 2 FAST testing. Please view the schedule at <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/>

## 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

**PTO meeting next Wednesday 1/17 on Zoom 6:30pm-7:15pm - Join Zoom Meeting <https://leonards.zoom.us/j/89744084423?pwd=lo9DnKka4rfP5rWfivaRC7w4HGOxb1.1>**

**We will be hosting a Snowball "Dodgeball" Tournament on January 30th from 5:30pm-7:00pm.**

**This will be a student vs. teacher dodgeball tournament with prizes for the winning teams! Students will be able to start signing up during lunches next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

**It will be a \$10 fee for each team of 4. Concessions will be open during the event and families are welcome to attend.**

## Stay tuned for more information.

**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:

**1/16 - Basketball game at SMS Concessions**

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-43212216-basketball>

**1/17 - PTO Meeting 6:30-7:15pm - Join Zoom**

Meeting <https://leonards.zoom.us/j/89744084423?pwd=lo9DnKka4rfP5rWfivaRC7w4HGOXb1.1>

**1/20 – Panera Bread Spirit Night 4pm-8pm**

**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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