

Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

We have had a great week! We wrapped up the majority of testing, begun basketball season, and had a visit from the Florida Teacher of the Year. See more information below! This weekend our robotics team will be competing at FCTC – Good luck to our Eagles Team!!

Next week, we will hold a rising 6th grade night for our future Eagles. Share with your neighbors that Tuesday 5:30 – 7:00pm is a great opportunity for them to see the school, meet teachers and grab a hot dog!

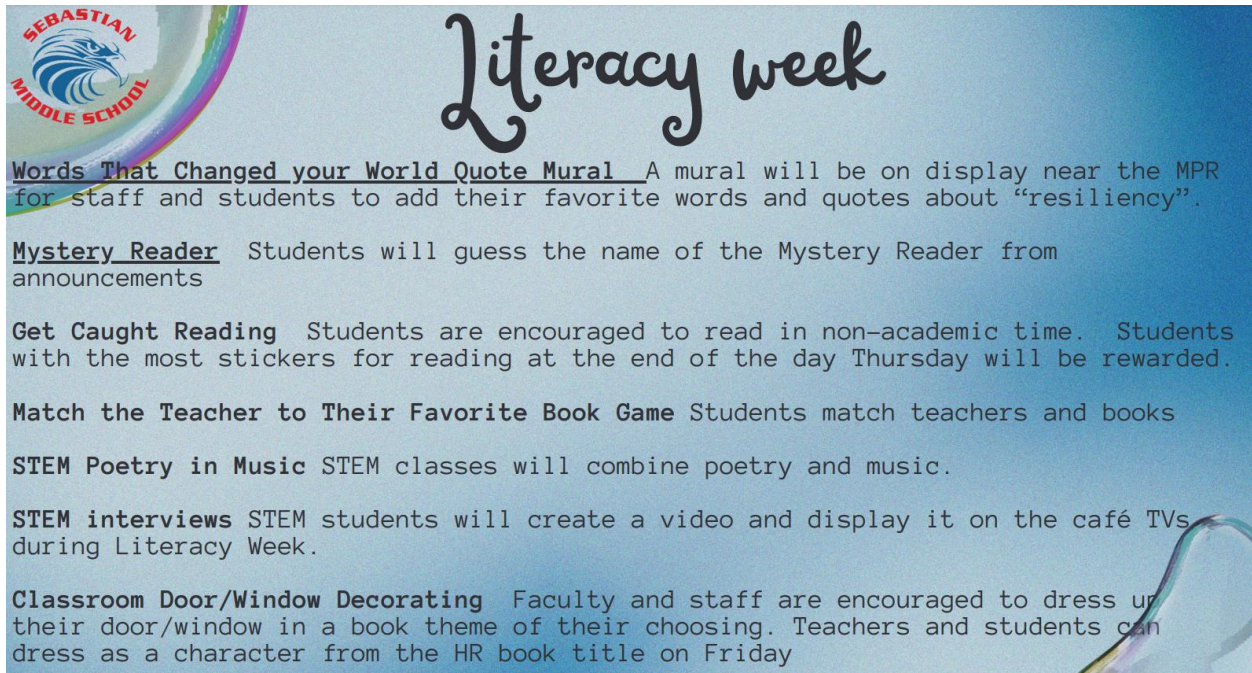
Please read all about our fun family DODGEBALL NIGHT in the PTO corner

DID YOU KNOW?

We had a wonderful visit with the Florida Teacher of the Year, Ms. Adrianna Van Swearingen, this week! Ms Van Swearingen met with our teacher of the year, Ms. Barnard and enjoyed a tour of our school and STEM program!



LITERACY WEEK

The banner features the Sebastian Middle School logo on the left, which includes a blue and white circular emblem with a bird-like figure and the text "SEBASTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL". The background is a light blue gradient with a rainbow arc on the right. The title "Literacy week" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below the title, several activities are listed in a typewriter-style font.

Words That Changed your World Quote Mural A mural will be on display near the MPR for staff and students to add their favorite words and quotes about "resiliency".

Mystery Reader Students will guess the name of the Mystery Reader from announcements

Get Caught Reading Students are encouraged to read in non-academic time. Students with the most stickers for reading at the end of the day Thursday will be rewarded.

Match the Teacher to Their Favorite Book Game Students match teachers and books

STEM Poetry in Music STEM classes will combine poetry and music.

STEM interviews STEM students will create a video and display it on the café TVs during Literacy Week.

Classroom Door/Window Decorating Faculty and staff are encouraged to dress up their door/window in a book theme of their choosing. Teachers and students can dress as a character from the HR book title on Friday

Basketball

The Basketball Scheule and links to purchase tickets are located at: <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/basketball-2/>

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 21st.**

PTO Corner

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 sign up during lunches next week on Tuesday 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. There will be a \$1 entry fee for spectators.

Stay tuned for more information and volunteer sign up.

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-ptu-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.

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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

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:

1/23 - Rising 6th Grade Night - We need volunteers

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-47267276-rising>

1/20 – Panera Bread (235 Village Commons Drive) Spirit Night 4pm-8pm

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

2/1 - Basketball game at SMS Concessions

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

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