

Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

Each Friday we will send you s newsletter with important information. You can also view the newsletter on our website at <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/principals-message/>
Remember September 2nd there is no school – Labor day!

Did you know?

Sebastian Middle School is a Title 1 school? You can see information about what that means regarding our amazing faculty here. We are also thrilled to be able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. If you would like information on food programs to help with dinner and after school food needs, please email leanne.fortune@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call the front desk.

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! 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!

Pictures

Picture Day is Thursday September 19th!!

Heat and PE

Heat Index Guide

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. This guide applies to K-12 Physical Education, K-12 School Sponsored Activities, K-5 Recess and Extended Day. High School Athletics and Marching Band must reference the Zachary Martin Act linked below.

- **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.

We are planning for indoor PE next week!

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.

PTO Corner

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with the Faculty Breakfast and Coffee Cart! It was so fun to spoil the teachers on Tuesday morning.

We will also have the signups ready for the working the concessions on game nights at Sebastian Middle School, we will send them out next week.

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities:

9/3 - PTO/SAC First Meeting at Sebastian Middle at 6PM

9/17 - First Home Game for Concessions at 5:15pm - Sign up to come

9/18 - Fall into School Snack Bar for Faculty - Sign up to come

9/24 - Fall Festival - Sign up to come!

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.

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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.

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

Facebook: Sebastian Middle School PTO

Instagram: @SMSPTO

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<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/sebastian-middle-school-pto-store>

