

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/>
There is a joint PTO/ SAC meeting on campus Tuesday September 3rd at 6:00pm. Come and find out about opportunities for parents to get involved. Help shape our Parent and Family Engagement Plan! We hope to see you there!

Remember September 2nd there is no school – Labor day!

Did you know?

You can give your child a shout out on our electronic board at the front loop! Wish your child a happy birthday, a happy half birthday or congratulate them on an achievement! Please submit all birthday sign orders by the Wednesday prior to the requested week via this link:

- <https://sebastian-middle-school-ptο-store.cheddarup.com>

Testing

We begin PM1 Testing Tuesday! Please take a look at our calendar and parent letters at <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/>

Tuesday – FAST math for 7/8 graders

Thursday - FAST math for 7/8 small groups

Friday - FAST math for 6 grade

Email Eric.Smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us with any questions.

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.

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

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities:

9/3 - PTO/SAC First Meeting at Sebastian Middle at 6PM - We will see you there!

9/17 - First Home Game for Concessions at 5:15pm

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-50857861-smsvolleyball>

9/18 - Fall into School Snack Bar for Faculty

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-50857815-smsteacher>

9/24 - Fall Festival - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-50857771-fall>

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:

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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>

