

## Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

It was wonderful to see some of our families at our joint PTO and SAC night this week. Thank you, families, for your great suggestions to adapt our Family and School Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Plan. We will revise these documents and be ready to share them again at our Title 1 Annual Meeting for all families on September 19<sup>th</sup>! See our upcoming events below and have a great weekend.

### Did you know?

**Club Fair is TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2:00-3:00pm!!** Students can come and explore the different club opportunities available to them. Clubs run Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-3:00pm. There is a wide variety of clubs available, and the list is available on the main page of our website [www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us)

### Calendar

1. CLUB FAIR – Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. 2-3pm. We will begin clubs on the 12<sup>th</sup>!
2. VOLLEYBALL HOME GAME – Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. First home game of the season!
3. SCHOOL PICS – Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> all day via science classes
4. ANNUAL TITLE 1 MEETING – Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 6:00pm. This is a parent and family event.
5. MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS NIGHT – Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. 6:00 – 7:00pm. This is a parent and family event.
6. INSERVICE DAY – Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. No school for students
7. FALL FEST - September 24<sup>th</sup> 2:00 -3:30pm. This is a fun event for our students. Parents will pick up at 3.30pm. If you would like to volunteer please connect with the PRO. Links in the PTO Corner below!

### Testing

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

**Monday – FAST ELA for grade 8**

**Tuesday - FAST ELA for grade 7**

**Thursday - FAST ELA for grade 6**

Email [Eric.Smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>!!

## **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](mailto: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:**

9/17 - First Home Game for Concessions -

<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>

9/19 - Picture Day at Sebastian Middle! Volunteer for a free package!

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-51021420-picture>

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:

- <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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**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.

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

Facebook: Sebastian Middle School PTO

Instagram: @SMSPTO

**Sebastian Middle School PTO**

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