

Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

As we enter October, we have lots to celebrate. We had a great time at Fall Fest, named our Teacher and Rookie Teacher of the Year, and will soon be unveiling an updated Faculty Lounge courtesy of T-Mobile and the PTO!

Looking ahead, Red Ribbon Week will be held during the last week of October. This nationally celebrated week helps students learn about healthy relationships and making good choices while having fun with dress-up days and guidance activities. Details will be coming next week!

Did you know?

Ms. Shalynn Sims is the Sebastian Teacher of the Year! Congratulations to her and to Ms. Meghan Friberg, who is our Rookie Teacher of the Year. We are excited to celebrate these amazing teachers and are grateful to the PTO and Caps Restaurant on the Water for the wonderful gift baskets we were able to give them.

EVENTS RESCHEDULED!

1. ANNUAL TITLE 1 MEETING – Oct 23rd 5:30 – 6:00pm. This is a parent and family event. Learn about the Title 1 process and what it means.
2. MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS NIGHT – Oct 23rd. 6:00 – 7:00pm. This is a parent and family event. Learn about Schoology and HAC.

Clubs

Clubs are up and running but it is not too late to join! Get a permission slip from the sponsor of the club you wish to join. Check out our website to see a list of clubs. Clubs run Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:00pm. No clubs Tuesday Sept 24th as FALL FEST will be running!

Fast Food / Drink:

Please note that Sebastian Middle School does not allow fast food, other special lunches, or outside coffees/drinks to be delivered to students and eaten in the cafeteria. All students have access to free lunch in the cafeteria. Please do not send cupcakes or other special items to be shared.

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 teacher to get on campus and be ready to greet our students. Students should not be released from your car until 7:10am. 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!

PTO Corner

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities:

10/4 and 10/5 - Halloweekend - 20% of ticket sales go back to Sebastian PTO - a Spooky "not scary" event for the whole family:

<https://chillstrawberry.ticketspice.com/halloweekend-sebastian-spirit-night>

10/9 - PTO Meeting on Zoom - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leonards.zoom.us/j/82880796895?pwd=atkMEkok1WMeQuHzqTXfl3lSAIKK3V.1>

Meeting ID: 828 8079 6895

Passcode: 389321

Home Game for Concessions

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

Elementary Game Concessions Volunteers

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-51181403-elementary>

12/29 - Jaguars vs. Titans - Join us for the Jacksonville Jaguars / Sebastian Middle School outing when the Jaguars take on the Titans, December 29th and take advantage of special group pricing! We can't wait to see everyone! \$5 from every ticket purchased through this offer will go to support Sebastian Middle School!

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Sebastianmiddleschooljagsouting>

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://my.cheddarup.com/c/sebastian-middle-school-pto-store/items?cart>

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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