

## Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

We continue to celebrate Family Engagement Month. Thanks to those parents who attended PTO this week! You can find an SMS monthly calendar of ideas here with ways to celebrate the month. To continue our connections with families we are releasing videos to help you access useful tools such as Schoology, clever and HAC. The first of these videos can be found here: [Sebastian Middle School – Home of the Eagles](#) Thank you so much to Ms. Sims, our Teacher of the Year, for creating this video for us!



### Did you know?

We had a freezing great time at the ice rink this week! Almost 90 students went to see The Icemen and contemplated STEM questions regarding the architecture, material choices, and electronics that go into making a functional ice hockey stadium. Thanks to Mr. Portelos and our chaperones! <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/curriculum/>

### BASKETBALL TRYOUTS!

December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Girls 2:00 – 3:30 (all grades)

Boys 2:00 – 4:45 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Girls 2:00 – 3:30 (Callbacks only)

Boys 2:00 – 4:45 (6<sup>th</sup> grade only)

Teams will be posted Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> after school! If you have questions see Coach Razey!

### GRADVENTURE FOR 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE!

We are full! We are excited to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with this event along with our dance and awards ceremony in the spring.

### Wednesday Schedule

Early Release Wednesdays will be adjusted to full instructional days beginning November 13. We will return to Early Release Wednesdays on February 12, 2025.

## 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.

## 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:

**11/20 - Teacher Appreciation - Come help us celebrate the faculty and show our thanks! We will be doing Charcuterie! -**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-52947834-smsnovember>

**12/11 - Farmhand Kchn - Spirit Day - Times still to come. :)**

**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-ptο-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](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.

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