

Principal's Message



Eagle Families,

As we head into the holiday next week, we want you to know we are grateful for you! We appreciate all our families and their support as we round up Family Engagement Month. A special thank you to our PTO volunteers who helped our teachers celebrate the season with yummy treats! Remember, there is no school next week. **Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and we are excited to see our students return on December 2nd!**



Did you know?

We had a busy week of Celebrations!

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winner Maleah Israel who will represent Sebastian at the District Level.

Did you know each month schools show pre-recorded Character chats? This Month's Character Chat was developed and featured our very own Sebastian students. Thanks you and congratulations to Giana Cameron, Fabrizio Germino, Katryna Green-Coleman, Jordin Knaap-Jacoby, Patrel Jones and Malachi Peralta. These students were also recognized with a Citizenship Character award along with Paola Cruz, Opal Czarnuecki-Hornsby, Madison Israel, Maleah Israel, McKenzie Shierling, Brian Thomas.

We would also like to congratulate Lauren Siari, Carlie Roberts, Annabel Anderson and Madison Corbin for their award-winning entries into the Len Mattiace Stop the Bullying Contest. Thanks to our awesome art teachers Mr. Doenges and Mr. Lux for supporting their students in this endeavor!

Toys for Tots!

Our Leaders of tomorrow are helping organize “Toys for Tots”. See the flyer here for further information.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS!

December 2nd

Girls 2:00 – 3:30 (all grades)

Boys 2:00 – 4:45 (7th and 8th grade only)

December 3rd

Girls 2:00 – 3:30 (Callbacks only)

Boys 2:00 – 4:45 (6th grade only)

Teams will be posted Wednesday December 4th after school! If you have questions, see Coach Razey!

GRADVENTURE FOR 8th GRADE!

We are full! We are excited to celebrate our 8th 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:

Spread Holiday Cheer with Gift Baskets for Our Faculty!

The holidays are just around the corner, and we're gearing up to celebrate the incredible faculty who make our school so special. As part of this year's Faculty Holiday Party on December 18th, the PTO is putting together festive gift baskets to share joy and gratitude with our hardworking educators.

We need your help to make this happen! We're looking for donated gift baskets to add a little sparkle to the festivities. To make things easy, we've created a Sign up Genius link with suggestions for the types of baskets we're hoping to gather. Whether it's a cozy winter theme, a gourmet treat collection, or something else fun and creative, every contribution will make a difference! Please check out the sign up link and donate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-53443240-smsholiday>

Let's come together to make this holiday season extra memorable for our faculty. Thank you for helping us show just how much we appreciate all they do! 🎁🌟

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

12/18 - Faculty Holiday Luncheon

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-53443240-smsholiday>

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.

Sebastian Middle School PTO

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