

Principal's Message



Dear Eagle Families,

We are so grateful to our incredible PTO for making Teacher Appreciation Week truly unforgettable! From a delicious lunch to thoughtful treats—and even relaxing facials and massages generously provided by Spa Life—our staff felt deeply appreciated and pampered. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

This week, several of our students had the exciting opportunity to present to the Rotary Club alongside our STEM Coach, Mr. Portelos. They did a fantastic job showcasing their learning, and we are so proud of their poise and professionalism. A big thank you to Rotary for offering our students such a valuable, real-world, and authentic learning experience. As we head into the final stretch of the school year, please remember that testing begins soon. Be sure to check the online calendar for important dates and details.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you know someone who wants to be a Sebastian Eagle that is not zoned for us, there is still an opportunity to apply! Click [this flyer](https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/coe/controlled-openenrollment-applications-24-25/) for details, and the application is here:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/coe/controlled-openenrollment-applications-24-25/>

Applications are open April 28 - May 15th 2025.

EIGHTH GRADE CELEBRATIONS!!



8th Grade Dance – View the Flyer [here!](#)

- Friday May 9th

- 6.30 to 8.30pm
- SMS Gymnasium

Tickets on Sale at lunch May 6 & 7

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

Tickets include:

- Special guest DJ
- Photo Booth
- Refreshments

Students must be current Sebastian 8th graders with no OSS or two days or more of ISS in the fourth quarter. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN DUE TO DISCIPLINE.

TESTING

View up to date information on testing dates at <https://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/> if you have any questions please email Eric.Smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us

CLUBS

Clubs are finished for the year. Thank you to all of our sponsors! We hope you enjoyed our after school activities!

PTO Volunteer Opportunities:

We are looking for board members to join our PTO board next year! Help support students and celebrate teachers! If you are interested, please send an email to ptosebastian@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to all of the parents and volunteers who helped make our Teacher Appreciation week a success. We took the teachers on a special trip around the world. Monday we started in Paris with Coffee and Croissants provided by Cedar Church! Tuesday we took a trip to the Caribbean and enjoyed a Spa day, with special spa treats to take home and an amazing opportunity for the staff to sign up for massages and facials from the very generous Spa Life, who offered their services free of charge during the day both on Tuesday and Thursday. A huge THANK YOU to Spa Life for their generosity! Wednesday we visited Mexico with a Fiesta Lunch from Taco Libre! Thursday we went to Taiwan and enjoyed custom fortune cookies and a Boba tea build your own bar. Friday they will return home with a welcome home gift from the school. We had so much fun and thank everyone who participated!

Wednesday is the last day to buy dance tickets for the 8th grade dance! You can buy online at the link below or we will be selling tickets during lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are also looking for volunteers to help decorate and chaperone.

May 9th - 8th Grade Dance - 6:30pm-8:30pm - in the SMS gym - Food, music and fun! 8th Grade Dance - Tickets will be \$10 and will be sold during lunch next Tuesday and Wednesday and the theme is Under the Sea! You can also buy tickets online at any time

- <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/sebastian-middle-school-pto-store/items>

Please sign up to help set up, chaperone and cleanup by clicking this link

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548ABA72BA2F49-55292200-8thgrade>

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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