

Sebastian River Times



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! They say time flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe we are well into the second semester and the days ahead are very busy months for our teachers and students as everyone prepares for the end of year FSA and EOC tests. Our students will take the FSA Writing exam in early April and then in May students will test in Reading, Math, Science, and Civics. Those dates are closer than we think. We need to prepare now to perform our best for the test!! Please make sure your student is well rested, eats a healthy breakfast and arrives to school on time each day. Every day matters at SRMS!!

Parent Conferences are February 11-15. Our Conference Night is scheduled for February 14th from 3:30-7:30. Teacher conferences can be scheduled online at <https://w3.indianriverschools.org/sites/ptc>. If you need assistance, please call our Guidance Secretary, Mrs. Gamez at 564-5122.

Included in this newsletter is a list of teachers or long-term substitute teachers at Sebastian River Middle School who have been reported as teaching out-of-field (as required in Section 1012.42 F.S.), who may not meet the federal highly qualified requirement for the 2018-19 school year, or who have not met the State ESOL requirements. The purpose of the list is to keep parents informed of our current certification status.

Finally, congratulations to our winter sports teams for an outstanding basketball season and to our students that competed in this year's Regional Science Fair on January 26. Our school was well represented and I'm sure we have some blue-ribbon winners in the bunch. Please take a moment to thank your child's science teacher for their guidance and help throughout the process. We also would like to recognize our outstanding band and choir programs for their holiday concerts and wish them luck as they enter the upcoming Music Performance Assessments.

Go Cowboys!

Mr. Racine
Principal

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am - 3:15 pm)**

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December Newsletter

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**This issue has a lot of pictures,
be sure to look through it to see
if you are featured!!**

NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS REGARDING OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS

January 23, 2019

Included in this memo is a list of teachers or long-term substitute teachers at Sebastian River Middle School who have been reported as teaching out-of-field as required by Section 1012.42 of Florida Statute. Those teaching out-of-field are qualified to teach; however, all or part of their teaching assignment is not covered by their current certification. Individuals teaching out-of-field are required to complete additional coursework or testing until the coverage/endorsement is added to their certificate. Should you have any questions about these requirements, please call the school or Laurie Silvia, Certification Analyst (772-564-3116).

Course	Primary Teacher	Out of Field Reason/Required Certification
M/J LANG ARTS 1	Bullard, Latoya	ESOL
ACCESS M/J CIVICS	Colon-Octaviani, Marcos Antonio	Exceptional Student Education
M/J LANG ARTS 2	Gilmour-Penzone, Julie	Middle Grades English 5-9
M/J FITNESS GRADE 6; M/J IND/DUAL SPT; M/J TEAM SPORTS	Johnson, Mia	Substitute
M/J 2D STUDIO ART 3; M/J VISUAL ART 1, 2, 3	Leclair, Aimee	Substitute
M/J INTENS READ (MC)	York, Erin	ESOL



Spirit Week will be hosted by Student Council and will take place February 4th—8th! Check out the themed days below:

Monday – Cowboy/Cowgirl Day: wear your boots, buckle, cowboy hat, etc.

Tuesday – Tie-Dye Day: wear your favorite tie-dye clothes

Wednesday – Wacky Socks Day: wear wacky socks!

Thursday – Disney Day: dress like your favorite Disney character

Friday – Color Wars Day:
6th grade wear white
7th grade wear orange
8th grade wear blue

AVISO PARA LOS PADRES SOBRE MAESTROS “FUERA DEL AREA”

23 de enero de 2019

Incluido en este aviso se encuentra una lista de maestros o maestros sustitutos a largo plazo en la escuela Sebastian River Middle School quienes han sido reportados como “fuera de área” como se requiere en Sección 1012.42 de Estatuto de Florida. Esto significa que los maestros están calificados para enseñar y tienen su certificado sin embargo les hace falta completar algunos requerimientos que *solo aplican a su asignado trabajo de enseñanza*. Estos individuos que están enseñando “fuera de su área” requieren completar un curso adicional o tomar un examen para cumplir con los requerimientos. Si Ud. tiene preguntas sobre los requerimientos favor de hablar con la escuela o Laurie Silvia, Analista de Certificación (772) 564-3116.

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Student Council News!

Student Council is hosting the next school-wide Pep Rally on February 8th. Be sure to wear your orange and blue gear! Also, Student Council will be hosting Causal for a Cause on February 21st. Bring in a dollar to wear your favorite slides and you will be showing your support for the American Heart Association. What a great cause!

- Kaylee R.

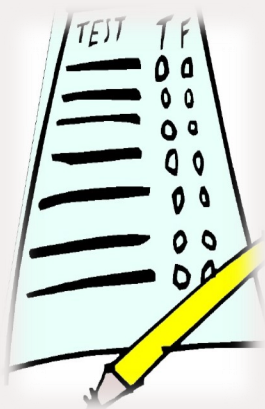


Want Another Way to

Study for Your FSAs?

Students and parents can log on to www.fsassessments.org to access practice tests for the FSA ELA, math, and writing. This is a fantastic way to get some extra preparation for the FSA exams. By increasing your scores, you have more options for elective classes.

Study hard, Cowboys!



Attention 8th Graders!!

Learn about registration, academic progressions, and extra-curricular opportunities!

Meet with SRHS Athletics, NJROTC, counselors, and more!

February 7th

6:30 PM

Sebastian River HS—Performing Arts Center

Save the Date!



Bursting with Pride!



The Take Stock in Children Scholarship

The Take Stock in Children Scholarship, sponsored by the Indian River College Foundation, has announced 10 winners from Indian River County. Incredibly, 6 of the 10 recipients are SRMS students! They will receive a tuition scholarship to Indian River Community College followed by two years at any public college in the state of Florida. Congratulations to Kaylee Rompot, Dalia Ortiz, Sarah Binning, Alyssa Thompson, Fabiola Ovalle, and Katelynn Etienne.

These outstanding students were chosen from a competitive group of 8th grade middle school students in Indian River County. The students met specific eligibility requirements and submitted a comprehensive application.

Way to go Cowboys!

Fun in Math Class

Mrs. Ogilvie's students were photographed working on their transversal project. Keep up the good work!



Science Fair

What an awesome group for the 2018-2019 Science Fair! We had groups from plant science, animal science, robotics, and even some ecosystem science in our local lagoons.!

8th grade— Genevive Presti, Maddie Tatro, briony Weragoda, Hanna Barrows, Lana Kish, Alexis Hill, Callum Pelletier, Ansley Palmer, Daniela Garcia, Arabella Hepler, Jordan shear

6th grade— Dounia Bezzari, Ava Rhea, Andrew Palmer, Thomas Blais, Jocelyn Velazquez, Emily Krajewski, Alexis Carneirs, Brooke Billings, Graacluna Brickus.

These students moved on to the next step in the science fair, great job cowboys!

Lab Fun!

Ms. Schultz's class had fun with their labs! The seventh graders (left) had a blast making their own fossils, while the eighth graders (right) modeled the moon and Earth!



Fall Sports Banquet



Our soccer and volleyball teams had their banquet! Our boys soccer team had an undefeated season, and won district champions! Because of this huge accomplishment, they earned jackets! Our volleyball girls celebrated a very good season as well! Way to go boys and girls!

Karlie P.



MLK Parade

Sebastian River Middle School was honored to partake in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade that took place on Monday January 21st. This was the exciting kick start to our schoolwide Kindness Challenge! Here are a couple snapshots. Thank you to all that joined us!

-Karlie P.



Inaugural SRMS Madrigal Dinners

SRMS and Mr. Kinkle would like to thank everyone for their support in our inaugural SRMS Madrigal Dinner Concerts! We hosted two **sold out** dinners and concerts in the Fellowship Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church in December. The students performed 18 musical selections, all memorized, and the audience reception was truly magical. Food for the event was provided by local family owned restaurants: Marsh Landing, TJ's Pizza, and Woody's BBQ. We thank you for all your support in this first year, and are already looking forward to planning our 2nd annual for next year!! Thank you for your continued support of these students!



Ms. Nina's Last Day

Miss Nina is one of our amazing cafeteria staff who just retired back in December. We will miss her very much and we thank her for all she has done for our school. Enjoy this new chapter!

-Leann H.

S. R. M. S Recycling Program



This is the S.R.M.S. new recycling program that the school has just started and we thought you would like a sneak peak at what we are doing. Here are just a few students that are VERY excited to do the new recycling program at S.R.M.S. We hope that are S.R.M.S parents will also get excited and recycle at home with your kids!





FortifyFL



We are pleased to announce that the FortifyFL app is LIVE. Now, any student, educator, parent or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the FortifyFL app or www.getfortifyfl.com. The app, which is available for download on Apple and Android mobile devices, is critical to ensuring all Florida schools are safe environments where students and educators can experience and share the joy of learning without fear. We hope that you will become familiar with this tool and help us spread the word about it with our students and their families. Please note that the official app's logo will look exactly as it does in the graphic above.

Elks Lodge Winners



Our SRMS Cowboys won five out of the six cash prizes for essays about "What Makes You Proud of America" at the Sebastian Elks Club January 15. From left to right, Alexandria Tuerke, Baylee Walker (1st place), Lana Kish, Evelyn Joy (Elks Sponsor), and Zac Cavill. Desiree White was unable to attend. First-place winner Baylee Walker read her essay to the large crowd, focusing on American determination against the odds at Valley Forge. Other winning reasons for American pride included references to patriotic songs and quotations by American presidents. Way to go, Cowboys!

By: Alexis H.

Heritage Months



Black History Month (February)

In the United States, the month of February is observed as Black History Month or National African American History Month, and we use the month to remember the important contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout our nation's history.



Caribbean Heritage Month (January)

January is Caribbean-American Heritage Month! Caribbean Heritage Month commemoration was adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2005 to recognize the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States.





IB NEWS



8th Grade IB Community Project Update:

Students have completed the Research/Investigating and the Planning/Developing an action plan stages of the Community Project. They are now moving on to the Taking Action stage. The Taking Action stage is where the students will carry out and perform their action plan. During their action, please make sure to take pictures of them completing their service for their presentations at Portfolio Extravaganza. Please help, support, and guide your child with the IB Community Project.

IB Parent Canvas Page: The page is located on the SRMS website under the IBO & Middle Years Program. It will have information about the IB Program, volunteer opportunities, information about Portfolio Extravaganza, the 8th grade IB Community Project, and more.

November Top Volunteers:

Students: Colton Judson, Leann Helping
Parent: Nelson Pagan

December Top Volunteers:

Students: Briony Weragoda, Yahir Moreno
Parent: Mr. and Mrs. Woods

Important Dates:

*Portfolio Extravaganza for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be Thursday, April 25th at 5:30.

*8th Grade Wave and Pebble Ceremony will be Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30

-James V.

The Portfolio Extravaganza presentations include:

6th Grade: The Learner Profile and Me - Students will be gathering work samples that show evidence of the IB-MYP Learner Profile attributes (Thinker, Open-Minded, Principled, Balanced, Risk-Taker, Reflective, Inquirer, Communicator, Caring, Knowledgeable). They may use samples from any class have taken this year, and should plan on keeping work samples that show growth and progression in at least 4 Learner Profile attributes.

7th Grade: International Hall of Fame - Students will be taking on the role of a biographer to research a person from history who they believe should be included in the International Hall of Fame.

8th Grade: IB Community Project - The Community Project focuses on the needs of a community through service learning. Students will be identifying and researching a **need/problem** within a community and coming up with an action plan/solution.

Career Fair

The career fair held in December allowed 8th grade students to inquire about different types of jobs and programs they can be a part of in high school. Some of these included the fire department, a personal trainer, the Army, Syngenta, SRHS Culinary Program, IRSC and many, MANY more! Thank you to Mr. Brown, the guidance counselors, the Administrative Team and the staff at SRMS for making this a possibility. It was such a fun opportunity!



DECEMBER EXCHANGE CLUB STUDENT OF MONTH



The Exchange Club Student of the Month for December was Desiree White. "Desiree always has a positive attitude and participates daily in all of her classes. She has a fantastic work ethic and does her best each and every day. What Ms. Taflinger admires most about Desiree is, "her willingness to advocate for herself. When she has difficulty with something, she has the determination to work through it by asking questions and clarifying any misconceptions. That type of perseverance will serve her well in both her academic future and her life beyond school." Desiree is also involved in Student Council, she is the class President! Congratulations, Desiree!

-Amonty J.



JANUARY EXCHANGE CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Exchange Club Student of the Month for January was Amonty Johnson. She was chosen by Mr. Crespo. He said great things about Amonty like how she is a very mature student, and is very cooperative as well as a hard worker. Amonty is also very involved with our school through National Junior Honor Society, band, softball, and the volleyball team. Congratulations, Amonty!



~ New Faces ~

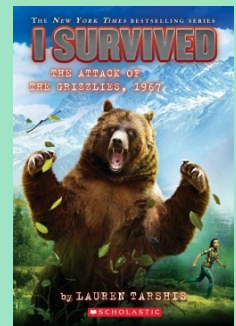
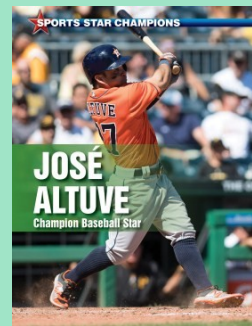
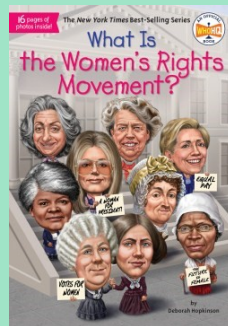
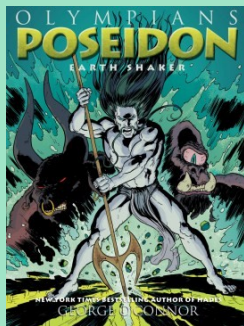
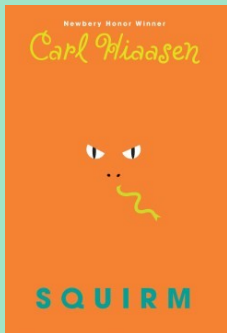
Mrs. Jefferson is one of the new teachers that came into our school to teach this year. She teaches 6th grade science and reading. She was born in Titusville, Florida. She went to the college known as Florida Agricultural of Mechanical University. Her favorite color is blue. When she was only in 3rd grade, at 9 years old, she first thought of becoming a teacher! How cool is that?!

Media Center News



The Media Center would like to thank all the students and staff that participated in the SRMS Literacy Week activities January 28th – February 1st.

A few of the new titles at SRMS Media Center include:



SRMS will be participating in the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Vote again this year. Students need to read three of the fifteen 2018/2019 Sunshine State Reader's Award titles and register in the Media Center on or before April 1st to be invited to the Vote and Celebration that will take place April 11th. Check out this year's selection of Grades 6-8 titles for Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program at the following link:



https://www.floridamediaed.org/uploads/6/1/4/2/61420659/6-8_2018-19_ssyra_annotated_list_1_.pdf

The SRMS Media Center is open for students in the morning from 7:30 – 7:50 a.m. Students may read, check-out books, use computers for school related activities, study and complete assignments. **As always, keep reading!**

- ADRIAN N.



Attendance News



When signing a student out early all parents will be asked by our secretary the reason. It's part of her job to input into Focus the reason for leaving early. Students will be marked absent for periods missed. We ask students to please bring in doctors notes the next day to allow Mrs. Giordano to modify attendance. Also, school district policy asks parents refrain from signing students out 30 minutes prior to dismissal. Thank you!



Clinic News



Happy New Year!

It's cold and flu season. Handwashing is your first and best defense against germs, as well as good nutrition and plenty of sleep!! See below:

- If your child requires medication during the school day, please contact Mrs. Farina for proper forms and procedures. Students are not allowed to carry medication on them while at school unless they have a signed Authorization to Carry form used for inhalers, diabetic supplies, epi-pens, or other emergency medications. All other medications must be stored in the health room, and a signed permission slip and doctor's prescription is needed. This includes cough drops, Tylenol, ibuprofen, vitamins, etc.
- If your child has a medical condition, please contact the school health assistant. An individualized care plan may be needed.
- Every student needs to have a Health and Wellness form on file in the health room. Health and Wellness forms went home with the students the third week of school. Have your child return the completed Health and Wellness form to the health room.
- A doctor's note is required for students to carry a water bottle and all medications. This includes inhalers, cough drops, PE excuses, use of wheelchair or crutches, or to wear shoes without a back strap for foot injuries. If your child requires accommodations due to a health/medical issue, please provide a doctor's note so that we can better help your child.
- 6th grade health screenings were performed on Oct. 25th. Referral letters were mailed in December. Please follow up with your medical provider if you received a letter and return the form to the school's nurse.

For any health concerns contact our school's health assistant, Mrs. Farina, LPN @ 564-5198. You can also visit the District Website and click on Departments then Health Services.

3RD ANNUAL COLOR RUN/WALK

Color Run/Walk 5K on February 23rd, on the SRMS campus. The race starts at 9AM, with race registration starting at 7:45AM. The registration and sponsorship portal for this event is officially open!!! This is our last major fundraiser of the year, and has become a favorite community event. Proceeds go to help our students and their educational travel opportunities including the Madrigals' Spring Competition and University Trip. All registrations and sponsorships can be placed through this website. Individual, team, group, corporate and community registrations and sponsors are welcome. This Color Run is our final large fundraiser of the year. Below is the event website: https://secure.getactivefundraising.com/event/2019---Sebastian-River-Middle-School---Sebastian-FLfbclid=IwAR3v1dL3RgcZ8PHI85u29dIsnmVEMR3bcN30KiAHBb2xwb_t54FAITcOhc#.XD0GL0Jh4dQ.facebook



Attention Parents and Students!

Scheduling request forms for the 2019-2020 school year will be completed throughout the month of March. Mrs. Taglione and Mrs. Sultaire will be speaking to our 6th/7th graders students about next year's courses and elective choices. Parents/guardians, please be on the lookout for your kids white scheduling request form. If you have any questions, please call student services at 564-5211. Thank you!



MUSIC NEWS!!



SRMS is pleased to announce that 21 of our talented students have been selected for the Indian River All County Middle School Band! This is a great honor for these students and offers them the opportunity to rehearse and perform with the most talented middle school musicians in our county with a guest conductor. Thank you for your continued support of our student musicians! The students in All County are: Genevieve Presti, Anna Woods, Mariah Golphin, Genesis Cendejas, Leslie Perez, Ansley Palmer, Claire Betz, Alexis Hill, Lilliana Knott, Briony Weragoda, Priscilla Delapaz, Nathan Bollermann, Nathan Napoleoni, Gavin Ford, Nevaeh Price, Jacob Zolecki, Karlie Patzlaff, Charlie Brust, Leann Helping, Chris Cumming, Hanna Barrows. Way to go, Cowboys!

STEAM!

Ms. DiRocco and a group of our cowgirls attended the Dream on Steam was an event hosted by the 2018 Miss Hibiscus pageant winner. This event took place at Indian River State College and was a look into science technology, engineering, art, and math.



SRMS COWBOYS 2019 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

ALL HOME GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT NORTH COUNTY FIELDS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
02/19	Tuesday	Storm Grove	SRMS	4:30pm
02/21	Thursday	Imagine Charter	Imagine Charter	4:30pm
02/26	Tuesday	RCSSL	RCSSL	5:00pm
02/28	Thursday	Gifford	SRMS	4:30pm
03/05	Tuesday	Oslo Middle	Oslo Middle	5:00pm
03/07	Thursday	Storm Grove	Storm Grove	4:30pm
03/12	Tuesday	Imagine Charter	SRMS	4:30pm
03/14	Thursday	RCSSL	SRMS	5:00pm
03/26	Tuesday	Gifford	Gifford	5:00pm
03/28	Thursday	Oslo Middle	SRMS	5:00pm
04/06	Saturday	District Tourney	TBA	TBA

Congrats, Cowgirls!



Introducing the 2018-2019 Sebastian River Middle School Girls Softball Team!! Be sure to check out their game schedule in this newsletter! They are going to rock it this year!

Maileigh Kincaid (8)
 Tess Mumm (8)
 Jada Phillips (8)
 Claire Betz (8)
 Amonty Johnson (8)
 Christina Van Cleave (8)
 Jasmin Huber (7)
 Natalie Saylor (7)
 Zoey Vincent (6)
 Whitney Villars (6)
 Kelena Picaro (6)
 Ashley Adamiet (6)
 Kelena Picaro (6)

Equipment Manager: Kaylee Domanico (8)
 Coach Farmer & Coach Williams



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–New Construction Student Drop-off & Pick-up Instructions –

Beginning, Mon. Feb 4

Parents, please adhere to the following directions when **dropping off and picking up your child during the construction to our front office**. This will avoid confusion and back-ups in traffic. For safety reasons, students should NOT be dropped off or picked up anywhere other than the location designated below. **No students will walk to the pool.**

This map outlines the pattern all vehicles are expected to follow. Vehicles enter through the **BACK** entrance to the county pool, proceed through the gate, then make an immediate left, drop off/pick-up, and exit at the traffic light in front. **The front of the school will be an EXIT ONLY.** Thank you for your cooperation and we apologize for any inconvenience.



Year Book News

Act fast! Beginning February 1st, the base price of the yearbook will be increasing to \$50. This year's yearbook has over 160 pages of beautiful color and holds special memories for a lifetime. See Ms. Crawford in room #511 to reserve your copy now. Also, "Student Celebration" Ad pages are almost gone. You can celebrate your student in any grade with a loving message and pictures either on a half-page or a full-page ad. Contact Ms. Crawford at 772-564-5143 or email at yearbooksrms18@gmail.com soon to reserve your special tribute to your son/daughter/grandchildren.