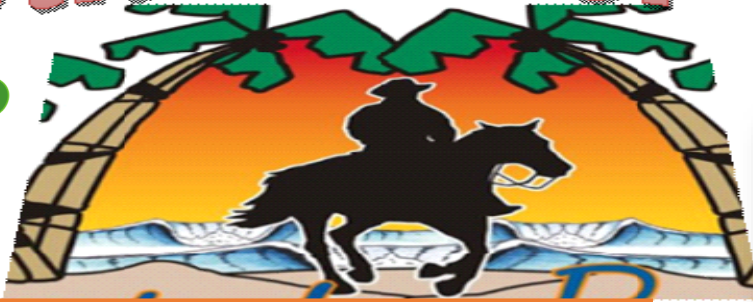


# Sebastian River Times



Dear Parents,

We are well into the second semester and as we prepare for our end of the year activities we are also beginning to plan for next year. Later this month, our Guidance Counselors will be visiting classrooms to help students select courses for next year. Students will be given a course selection sheet and counselors will review the options. Students will then bring the course selection sheet home for you to sign which they will then return to school.

I'm proud to report that our students have been performing very well on their Unit Assessment exams and iReady Diagnostics in Reading and Math. Overall, our students have been top performers in the district in Math, Algebra, Geometry, and Civics. Our Reading scores have shown steady improvement from the beginning of the year. The iReady Diagnostic scores in January, which were compared to the baseline scores in August, demonstrate that every grade level showed improvement with many students reaching their performance goals. Our teachers have been celebrating these accomplishments with their students and setting new goals for the end of the year as we approach FSA and EOC exam dates. The Unit Assessments and iReady scores are used to determine which standards our students have mastered and which ones need to be retaught.

Average Daily Attendance in January was 93.94% which was our lowest average of the year and no grade level reached our goal of 95%. February ADA is currently at 93.94% with 7<sup>th</sup> grade leading the stats at 94.29%. Hopefully, everyone makes attendance a priority and we reach our goal of 95%. Research shows student attendance directly affects their success on grades and performance on standardized tests such as the EOCs in Civics, Algebra, Geometry, and the FSA in Reading, Writing, and Science.

We ask that you assist us in reducing behaviors that we have identified as affecting attendance and that is students signing our early, especially on Fridays. Also, we have been experiencing issues with students contacting parents via cell phone and parents showing up to sign out students who say they are ill or want to go home. Students should never be using their phones during the day to contact parents to leave. The procedure, if a student is ill, is that they go to the nurse and she will contact an adult on the contact list. If students need to contact parents for other reasons during the day they are permitted to use a classroom phone or the main office phone. However, this use should be very limited and based on emergencies only. 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!! And, Spring Break is just around the corner March 18-22.

Every day and every class period matters at SRMS!!

Go Cowboys!

Mr. Racine  
Principal



**Sebastian River Middle School**  
9400 CR 512  
Sebastian, FL 32958

**Main Phone:**

**772-564-5111 (Answered 7:30  
am - 3:15 pm)**

**[www.indianriverschool.org/srms](http://www.indianriverschool.org/srms)**

## ADMINISTRATION

**Todd Racine,**  
Principal

**Jackie Contri,**  
Assistant Principal

**James Thimmer,**  
Assistant Principal

**Guidance,**  
772-564-5122

**Attendance,**  
772-564-5123

**March Newsletter**  
**Volume 2, Issue 6**

Attention 8th Graders! Your final payment of  
\$60 for Gradventure is due April 5th!

# Knowledge is Power

JOIN US FOR WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY

JOIN US FOR 9 DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS....OR JUST  
1.... FREE

SAVE THE DATE! FND PSN and the Indian River Parent Advisory Council for a FREE morning of workshops! Sessions also will be broadcast LIVE on the FND PSN Facebook page. Attend one or all nine!



## HELPING WITH HOMEWORK

Osceola Magnet School  
September 12, 2018 @ 9:00 AM  
[Register Here!](#)

## PARENT TEACHER COLLABORATION

Vero Beach Elementary School  
October 10, 2018 @ 9:00 AM  
[Register Here!](#)

## IT'S A GREAT IDEA

Imagine School of South Vero  
November 14, 2018 @ 9:00 AM  
[Register Here!](#)

“STRIVING FOR COMPLETE INTEGRATION AND EQUALITY  
OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN A SOCIETY WITHOUT  
BARRIERS.”

 Facebook

Amarilis Vega de Jesus is the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for the Parent Support Network of the Family Network on Disabilities. As a mother of 4, 3 of which have a learning disability She has worked as a community leader for over a decade. Her community involvement includes national and international efforts to help families. She currently lives in Brevard county and is the mother of 4 children.

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 321-223-9864

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### PARENT AND STUDENT RIGHTS

Gifford Middle School  
December 12, 2018 @ 9:00 AM  
[Register Here!](#)



### ALL ABOUT 504

St. Peters Academy  
January 9, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
[Register Here!](#)



### ALL ABOUT THE IEP

Treasure Coast Elementary  
February 13, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
[Register Here!](#)



### CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Pelican Island Elementary  
March 13, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
[Register Here!](#)



### TRANSITION PLANNING

Sebastian River Middle School  
April 10, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
[Register Here!](#)



### SELF-DETERMINATION AND GRADUATION

Sebastian River High School  
May 8, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
[Register Here!](#)



# Ms. Dirocco's Beak Lab

These pictures are from Ms. Dirocco's 7th grade class doing their beak lab for their unit on evolution. Looks like fun!

-Leann H.

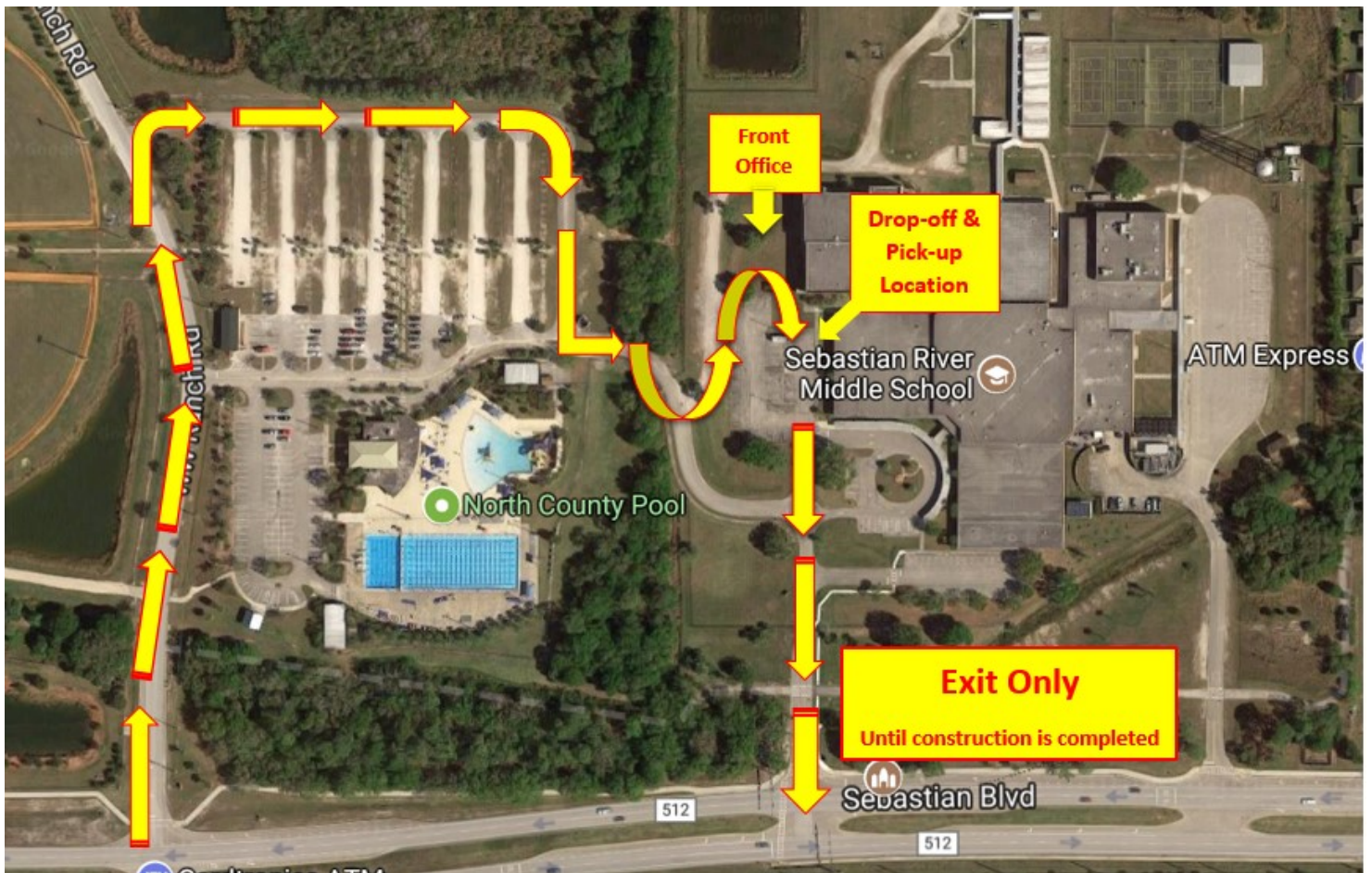


# Friendly Reminders

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

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.



**Students:** Please make sure that you are bringing your own personal earbuds or headphones to school each day to use in class. We have numerous assignments and activities that require the laptops and having your own headphones or earbuds helps out a lot. Thank you!!



**Spring Break Reminder!** There is no school on March 18th through March 22nd. We will see everyone back at school on March 25th!

**have a good  
Spring Break!**

# Spirit Week!!

COWBOY DAY



WACKY SOCK DAY



TIE-DYE DAY

DISNEY DAY

# Pep Rally





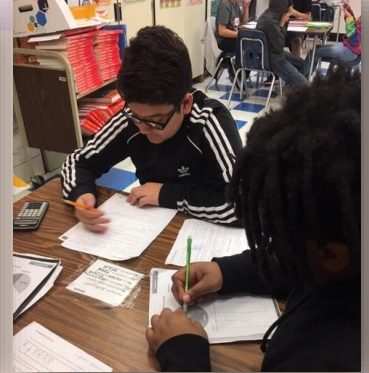
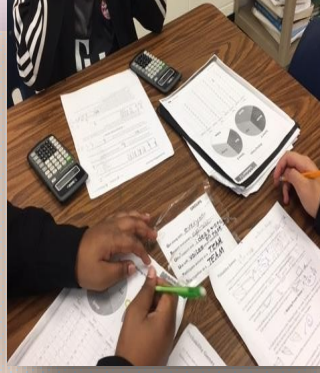
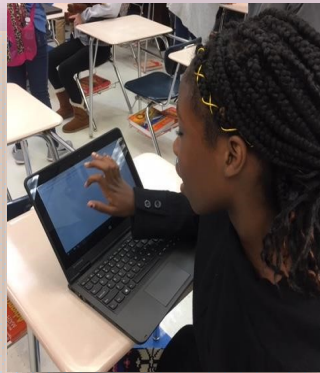
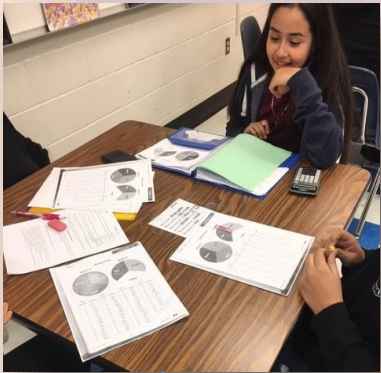
# Band News!



Good job guys! Jazz Band got a “straight” Superior at their MPA. They practiced a lot and they did amazing. Make sure to congratulate them if you see any Jazz Band players! For those that want to know more about the meaning of a “Straight” Superior: There are 3 judges at all MPAs that give scores on each of 3 songs within 3 categories to produce an overall rating. The overall ratings from each judge are use to create our complete score. Just like normal grading, their scores fall into A-F categories. So for three judges, the scores of A – B – A would be an overall “split” A (Superior). Or the scores A – A – A would be a “straight” A (Superior).

# Math Class Fun!

This is Mrs. Brandes’s class learning about mathematical probability by conducting probability experiments and comparing their observed frequencies with expected frequency.



# WINTER FORMAL

The Winter Formal was hosted by National Junior Honor Society and all proceeds were given to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The students had a blast during this night while enjoying the pizza, dancing, games, and photo booth!

- Alexis Hill



# February Exchange Club Student of the Month

The Exchange Club Student of the Month for February was Leann Helping. She was nominated by Ms. Tate. Ms. Tate chose Leann because she is courteous, helpful, and honest. Leann's teachers hold her to the highest regard for her academic attribute and her ability to work and motivate others. Leann plays the euphonium in Wind Ensemble and the bass guitar in Jazz Band. Leann's also an active member of her church's youth group and still continues to make the A/B honor roll. Congratulations, Leann!



# Color Run



The Color Run was a great success on February 23rd. The participants had a blast! What a fun tradition to have here at SRMS!



**Attention Students:** Have you already reserved your yearbook?

You're invited!

Date: Wednesday, May 15th

Time: 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Place: SRMS Cafeteria

Receive your yearbook, hang out with friends and sign yearbooks. Yearbooks are \$50.00 and they are going fast!

See Ms. Crawford in room #511 to reserve your copy now!

**BUY YOUR**  
*Yearbook*

*You're Invited!*

# Kindness Challenge



Throughout the kindness challenge, each day was a different theme.

**Monday-** M.L.K. Parade

**Tuesday-** Homeroom Concert by Artist Alonzia "Top Notch" Phillips

**Wednesday-** Anti-Bullying "Blue Pinky" Pledge

**Thursday-** "Dress for Success" Day

**Friday-** Kindness is My Superpower



## IB News & Updates

### Volunteer Opportunities:

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our parents and students that have been logging volunteer hours!!!! So far this year there have been over 3,000 hours logged!!! AMAZING JOB! If you are looking for some hours, many of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are asking for donations for their IB Community Projects. If you donate some items, please log volunteer hours for you and your child. Some of the items include:

- Deodorant, toothbrushes/toothpaste, socks, floss, soap bars for the homeless
- Pet food, towels, toys, blankets, treats for HALO and the Humane Society
- Used/new shoes

### Important Dates:

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

\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wave and Pebble Ceremony will be Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30



### January Top Volunteers:

Students: Ellah Faulkner, Edgar Raya

Parent: Tammy Green

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade IB Community Project Update:

Students are now working on the Taking Action stage of the IB Community Project. 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 on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please help, support, and guide your child with the IB Community Project.

### The Portfolio Extravaganza presentations include:

**6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**8<sup>th</sup> 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.





# Clinic News



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

**Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents:** It's not too early to think about 7<sup>th</sup> grade requirements. In order to start 7<sup>th</sup> grade, your child needs to have their T-dap Immunization. Letters will be going home March/April to remind you to get your child vaccinated.

- 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, as 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.

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.'

## Black History Month

Black History Month featured interviews of African-American faculty & staff. Thanks to the hard work of Lana Kish and Brice-ly Ramos for using their amazing skills to create such wonderful things for our school. The last week of February, we also had an African Attire dress up day. How fun!



# IRISH HISTORY MONTH

March is Irish Heritage Month, dedicated to honoring and acknowledging the contributions of Irish immigrants. Additionally, St. Patrick's Day took place on the 17th.



## *Fun Fact:*

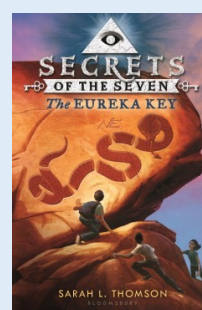
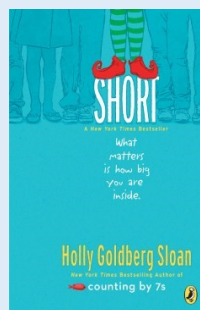
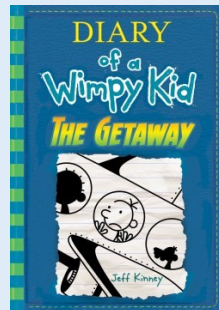
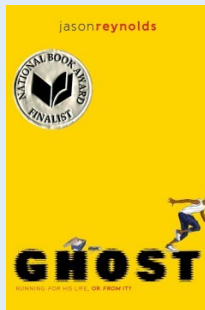
The national symbol of Ireland is not the popular and iconic shamrock, but rather, the Celtic harp.



## **MEDIA CENTER NEWS**



### Top 5 Books at the SRMS Media Center



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 1<sup>st</sup> to be invited to the Vote and Celebration that will take place April 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](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!



# Girls Lacrosse Calendar



## Roster

Kenna Barley     Kaley Hellyer  
 Ryleigh Bush     Kailani Llanot  
 Priscilla DelaPaz     Alexia Magona  
 Ava Deperi     Kayley Murano  
 Reese Deperi     Mia Muth  
 Chylo Eidem     Ansley Palmer  
 Jaila Gil     Malenie Raineri  
 Mia Harrell     Kara Simons  
 Kaley Hellyer     Alexis Solomon  
 Kailani Llanot     Baylee Walker  
 Alexia Magona     Briony Weraqoda  
 Kayley Murano

**\*ALL HOME GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT BARBER STREET FIELDS\***

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>OPPONENT</u>     | <u>LOCATION</u>  | <u>TIME</u> |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 02/26       | Tuesday    | RCSSL               | SRMS             | 5:00pm      |
| 02/28       | Tuesday    | Storm Grove         | SRMS             | 4:30pm      |
| 03/01       | Friday     | Holy Trinity        | SRMS             | 4:30pm      |
| 03/04       | Monday     | Gifford Middle      | SRMS             | 5:00pm      |
| 03/05       | Tuesday    | St. Edward's        | St. Edward's     | 4:30pm      |
| 03/07       | Thursday   | Oslo Middle         | Oslo Middle      | 5:00pm      |
| 03/12       | Tuesday    | Gifford Middle      | Gifford Middle   | 5:00pm      |
| 03/14       | Thursday   | RCSSL               | SRMS             | 5:00pm      |
| 03/26       | Tuesday    | Storm Grove         | Storm Grove      | 4:30pm      |
| 03/27       | Wednesday  | St. Edward's        | SRMS             | 4:30pm      |
| 04/02       | Tuesday    | Oslo Middle         | SRMS             | 5:00pm      |
| 04/05       | Friday     | Master's Academy    | Master's Academy | 5:00pm      |
| 04/09       | Tuesday    | Master's Academy    | SRMS             | 5:00pm      |
| 04/13       | Saturday   | District Tournament | Hobart Park      | TBA         |

# Boys Lacrosse Calendar

## Roster

Jacob Akey     MarkAnthony Macia-  
 Nathan Little     Rojas  
 Ayden Bourdette     David Gonzalez  
 Hunter Clark     Gavin McIsaac  
 Michael Braman     Gabriel Knott  
 Chris Cummings     Tucker Miller  
 Tyrone Davis     Logan Pelletier  
 Gavin Ford     Abiel Rios  
 Mathew Essig     Preston Stokes  
 Jacob Little     Abiel Rios  
 Austin Gianna     Holden Storks  
 Avery Locquiao     Kaden Wheeler  
 Jay Green



## SRMS COWBOYS 2019: BOYS LACROSSE SCHEDULE

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| 02/19       | Tuesday     | St. Edward's        | SRMS            | 4:30pm      |
| 02/21       | Thursday    | Oslo Middle         | Oslo Middle     | 4:30pm      |
| 02/26       | Tuesday     | RCSSL               | SRMS            | 5:00pm      |
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| 03/26       | Tuesday     | Gifford Middle      | SRMS            | 4:30pm      |
| 03/28       | Thursday    | Stuart Middle       | Guy Davis Park  | 6:30pm      |
| 04/08-04/11 | Mon.-Thurs. | District Tournament | TBA             | TBA         |



# Girls Softball



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-Camila M.

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## Baseball Roster & Schedule

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| Thomas Villars   | Dylan Martin    |
| Nathan Alexander | Bryce Engle     |
| Nick Messina     | Ben Zolecki     |
| Andrew Rosado    | Isaac Geller    |
| Calvin Junek     | Keagan Bloom    |
| Blake Hannan     | Peyton Prescott |
| Ethan Hinkley    |                 |
| Ethan Lewis      |                 |
| Chris Venazio    |                 |

