

Sebastian River Times



Staying the Course for
Success!

Dear Parents,

We appreciate everyone's participation in our recent Open House, athletic competitions, Donuts for Dads and other back to school events. We have many other events coming in November with our annual Veteran's Day Breakfast on November 4 and the IB Family Fun run on November 2 at the Sebastian Municipal Golf Course. Students are encouraged to attend both events with their families.

I'm proud to report that our Average Daily Attendance for August was 96.33% and in the first 30 days of school we have 213 students with perfect attendance!! Thank you all for making sure your child attends school each and every day. We appreciate the extra work parents/guardians do to schedule appointments outside of the school day.

Included in this newsletter is a list of teachers at Sebastian River Middle School who have been reported as teaching out-of-field. This is an annual notification that school districts are required to report to parents. The memo in this edition explains the notification in greater detail.

Mr. Todd Racine, Principal
Sebastian River Middle School



Sebastian River Middle School
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Sebastian, FL 32958

Main Phone:

772-564-5111 (Answered 7:30
A.M. - 3:15 P.M.)

www.indianriverschool.org/srms

ADMINISTRATION

Todd Racine,
Principal

Michele Holmes,
Assistant Principal

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The Attendance Corner



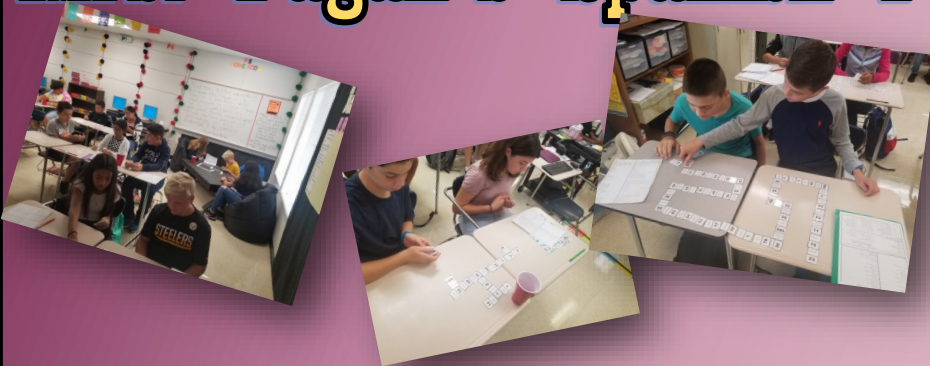
every day counts
ATTEND TODAY -
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

Perfect Attendance!


Attendance Q & A

1. How do I call my student out sick? Call 564-5111 Option #1. All absences must be reported within 2 days (48 hours)
2. What is the latest I can pick my student up for a doctor/dentist appointment?
2:14. Although, we ask you try and make these appointments outside of school hours
3. When I picked my student up early, why did I get a call stating periods were missed?
When a student is checked out early, it's considered an unexcused absence. If a medical note is given to Mrs. Giordano with 48 hours she can adjust attendance to reflect excused absence.
4. Why can't my neighbor pick up my student if she isn't on the contact list in FOCUS?
Students are only released to contacts on their contact list with a valid drivers license.

Mrs. Pagan's Spanish Fun



Recently in Mrs. Pagan's classes, they played a vocab game which helped them learn some Spanish in an exciting and fun way!

Brilliant Boats

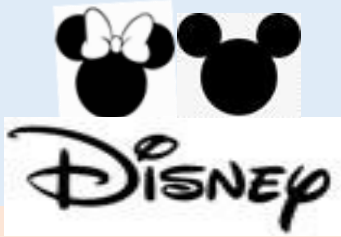
Ms. Schultz's Sailors



Mr. Crespo's Circumnavigators



Recently, all of the science 8th grade students participated on a "Boat Building" IB STEM activity. In particular, the students designed, built, and tested boat models under very specific criteria (e.g., dimensions, budgetary constraints, rolling cargo...etc.). The students really enjoyed the activity while learning about the intricacies of "Nature of Science"; and how to properly "Think like a Scientist".



IB NEWS



11th Annual IB Cowboy 5k

Please join us Saturday, November 2nd for the 11th Annual IB Cowboy Run/Walk 5k. The race will be held at Sebastian Municipal Golf Course and will start at 7:30 A.M. This is the main fundraiser for our school and the proceeds will benefit the students and teachers at SRMS. Following the race, participants will have a chance to win some amazing door prizes! This year's Grand Door Prize = **FIVE lucky participants will each win TWO DISNEY PARK HOPPER PASSES!** Race entry forms will be located in the front office, or your child can ask their Social Studies teacher for a form. We hope to see you there!!

Volunteers Needed for the 5k

If you are interested in volunteering for the race, your help would GREATLY be appreciated. We need help getting local businesses to sponsor the race, setting up, cleaning up, passing out water, etc. Anyone who gets a local business to sponsor the race will receive two free race entries. If you are able to help with this year's 5k, please email or call Brad Wright at Bradley.wright@indianriverschools.org or 564-5127.

8th Grade Community Project

Our 8th grade advanced students have started (or will be starting) to work on their required IB Community Project in their Advanced Language Arts classes. Information about the IB Community Project will be sent home with your child. Please help and support your child throughout the Project.

New Volunteer Website

Please be aware that we have made a change to our Volunteer Log website this year and will no longer be using Track-it-Forward. The new website can be accessed on the SRMS website under the IB & Middle Years Program tab. Please email Brad Wright if you have any questions.

Important Dates

IB Cowboy 5k: Saturday, November 2nd at 7:30: **Parents and students can earn 3 volunteer hours for participating!**

Portfolio Extravaganza - Tuesday, April 21st

8th Grade Wave and Pebble Ceremony - Tuesday, May 19th

Casual for a Cause

Casual for a Cause is a day when students pay a \$1 to help support an amazing organization, October is for the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society is there to help you take steps every day to stay well. Students will be able to wear slides if they donate \$1 on October 10th. What a helpful way to have fun!





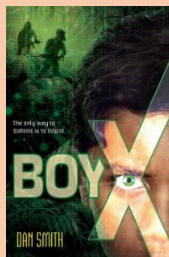
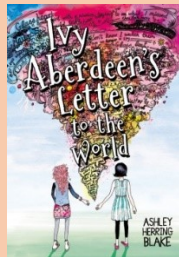
Media Center News



SRMS will be participating in the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Vote again this year. Students need to read three of the fifteen 2019/2020 Sunshine State Reader's Award titles and register with the Media Center to be invited to the Vote. 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_annotated_list_2019-2020.pdf

Recently Added Titles:



Student Check-out Policies

2 books per student

Books are due in 3 weeks

Students may place SRMS books on hold

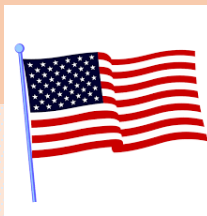
Students are responsible for lost or damaged items

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!



Veterans Breakfast



We cordially invite our veterans to a morning of celebration as we recognize their contribution to our country and to underscore the service given and the sacrifices made by all those who have served, and are currently serving, in the Armed Forces.

When? Monday, November 4th, 7:15-8:00 AM

Where? SRMS Cafeteria.

This event includes the Flag Raising Ceremony, Hot Breakfast and a Walk of Appreciation.

Let your Social Studies teacher know that you'll be there!

Ms. Taflinger's classes created "Fingerprint" and "I Am From" poems which included their culture. The students are studying about different cultures in their literature book.



Laela, Kamryn, and Justin.



Brian, Skyy, Caylee, Yanellie, Kollyn, Mariah, Jayden, Amelia, Liuka.



YEARBOOK NEWS!

Attention Parents & Students:

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$45.00. Visit ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter the ID#12864820 to purchase with a debit or credit card. If you received a \$5.00 discount coupon at Orientation or Open House, please see Ms. Crawford to order your book with the special pricing.

Also, "Student Celebration" Ad pages are GOING FAST and now being reserved. If you would like to purchase one to honor your son/daughter/grandchild, please email Ms. Crawford at yearbooksrms18@gmail.com.

The Yearbook Staff will also soon be selling "Smencils": #2 pencils made out of recycled paper with awesome scents like Root Beer, Cotton Candy, Bubble Gum, Grape Soda, and Watermelon. Each Smencil costs only \$1.00.



8TH GRADE BAND NIGHT

On Friday, September 13th, the 8th grade band students played with the Sebastian River High School Band to get a taste of the incredible experience! We are so proud of our SRMS Cowboys and know that they will be incredible in the SRHS band, too! #SharkPride #CowboyPride



What's New?

Here at SRMS Coach Lubin teaches mainly 6th and 7th grade Physical Education. His favorite thing about SRMS is family contribution. He attended Chowan University in Murfreesboro, North Carolina. Coach was born in Miami, Fl. he speaks three languages and enjoys flag football and video games.



DANCE, DANCE REVOLUTION

These wonderful pictures were taken at the annual SRMS Back To School Dance! All of the students had an amazing time, they danced the night away.



DO NUTS WITH DADS

On September 25th, students enjoyed a sunny morning with their fathers, alongside some delicious donuts and snacks! All of the students had fun spending time with their dad or father-figure, and we are grateful for that opportunity to bring our SRMS Cowboys closer.

1. 4:30 p.m. Sebastian River Middle
2. 4:35 p.m. 87th Street & 93rd Avenue – Vero Lake Estates
3. 4:40 p.m. 104th Avenue & 87th Street – Vero Lake Estates
4. 4:50 p.m. N Willow Street & Idaho Avenue – Sunrise Apartments
5. 4:54 p.m. 2 S Orange Street
6. 4:58 p.m. Lime Street & Michigan Avenue
7. 5:02 p.m. Broadway Street & Massachusetts Avenue
8. 5:07 p.m. 130th Avenue & 83rd Street
9. 5:14 p.m. 126th Court & CR 512

After School Activities

After School Activities are in full swing at SRMS!

Please keep in mind that students who ride buses are not dropped off at regular bus stops - our drivers utilize Depot Stops on activity days. Please make arrangements to pick your child up at the depot stop closest to their normal bus stop location. Drivers will not make adjustments to these routes!



1. 4:35 p.m. Blossom Drive & Devon Avenue
2. 4:37 p.m. Dolphin Ave & Blossom Drive
3. 4:41 p.m. Roseland Road & Collier Club Drive
4. 4:44 p.m. Roseland Road & 129th Court
5. 4:51 p.m. Old Dixie Hwy & 129th Place
6. 4:58 p.m. Powerline Road & Turtle Run Dr – By Post Office
7. 5:06 p.m. CR 512 & Ashbury Blvd (Entrance to Ashbury)
8. 5:09 p.m. Fleming Street & Dempsey Avenue
9. 5:13 p.m. Tulip Drive & Barber Street – At Playground
10. 5:20 p.m. Periwinkle Drive & Ocean Cove Street
11. 5:31 p.m. Schumann Drive & Kildare Drive – at Tennis Courts
12. 5:42 p.m. 81st Street & 58th Avenue
13. 5:50 p.m. 49th Street & 30th Avenue – Midway @ Mailboxes
14. 5:52 p.m. 49th Street & 38th Circle, Vero Beach
15. 5:55 p.m. 46th Place & 41st Avenue, Vero Beach



HEALTH ROOM INFORMATION

- Cold and Flu season is just around the corner. Talk to your child's health care provider about getting a Flu Shot. Good nutrition, plenty of sleep, and handwashing all go a long way to keep you and your child healthy. Please keep in mind that if your child is running a fever 100.0 degrees or higher, they need to stay home until fever free for 24 hours. If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, please keep them home until symptom free for 24 hours. Please make sure that your contact information is up to date so that if your child becomes ill or injured at school, we can reach you as soon as possible.
- Attention 6th grade parents: Health Screenings are October 23rd. 6th grade students will have their hearing, vision, height, and weight checked and screened for scoliosis. If you prefer to have your child opt out, contact Mrs. Farina in the health room.
- If your child requires medication during the school day or has a medical condition, 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. A doctor's note is also required for water bottles, excused from PE, crutches, wheelchairs, and shoes without a back strap.
- 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 first week of school, and a second form went home in September. Have your child return the completed Health and Wellness form to the health room.
- For any health concerns contact our school's health assistant, Mrs. Farina, LPN @ 564-5198. You can also visit the District Website www.indianriverschools.org and click on departments then Health Services for more information and health forms.



Come check out
SRMS Color Guard 101
with

Mr. Ayala SRHS Color Guard Coach
&
Mrs. Giordano

Learn how to twirl a flag
throw a saber in the air
and so much more

Every Thursday
in the Cafeteria from

3:00-4:15 (**Bus Transportation Provided**)

Open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders

Flags

Triouts

CONGRATS!

Congratulations are in order for Payton DiPietro. He earned a **perfect** Civics EOC score! That is not an easy task. We are all so proud of you!

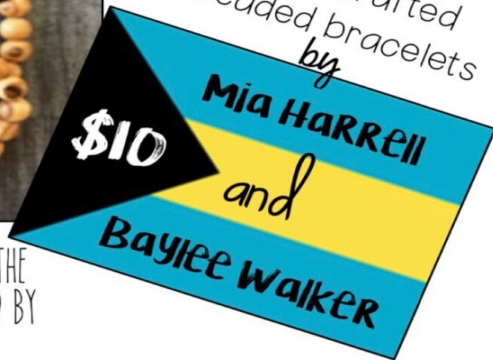




personal project to benefit Grand Cay, Bahamas



hand-crafted
beaded bracelets
by



STYLED TO REPRESENT THE
FLAG OF THOSE AFFECTED BY
HURRICANE DORIAN

IB Project

Baylee Walker and Mia Harrell are making bracelets with the colors of the Bahamian flag for their IB Community Project. All proceeds will be used to buy supplies for the island of Grand Cay. If you are interested in buying a bracelet, see Baylee or Mia before or after school.



Principal's Challenge Trip

On September 20th, 101 Cowboys attended a trip to Strike Zone in Sebastian as a reward for completing the 2019 Principal's Challenge! Over the summer, they had to read at least two books and complete at least 100 word problems in order to qualify. We're so proud of the hard work these students did during summer vacation and hope they enjoyed themselves!



Hat Day!

On September 18, students and staff were invited to pay \$1 to wear a hat. The money raised went to the PBIS program that supports all students here at our school. What a fun day!!



Shining Star!

At the School Board business meeting of 9/10/2019 one of the students at SRMS, Jay Green, read a Proclamation designating the month of September 2019 as Attendance Awareness Month. Mr. Racine and Mrs. Giordano went to show their support. Jay was selected based on his record of Perfect Attendance at SRMS. We are proud of Jay and all the SRMS students who improved their attendance last year —we showed a 2% increase overall in 2018-19 compared to 2017-18 due in part to the efforts of our SWAG program (Students With Attendance Goals) led by Mrs. Giordano. We appreciate all of her hard work and efforts to keep students coming to school every day! We are striving to raise our attendance even higher this year, and we know we can do it. Let's do this Cowboys! Way to go, Jay!



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS!

We would like to announce our 2019-2020

Student Council Officers:

President: Kasmira Shurns

Vice President: Jace Domster

Treasure: Sasha Hepler

Secretary: Janet Ferrer

Student Council News

BAHAMAS DONATIONS!

Currently, student council is collecting donations for Grand Cay, Bahamas school, Grand Cay All Ages K-12. Some of the items we were looking to collect are;

- Pencils/Pens
- Crayons/Markers/Colored Pencils
- Staples/Staplers
- Dry erase markers/erasers
- Notebooks
- Reading Books (All levels)
- Motivational stickers
- Papers (construction/ lined/ printer)
- Tape
- Permanent Markers
- Cleaning supplies (Pinesol/ Lysol spray/wipes/bleach)
- Teacher resources (work books/learning aides/etc.)

Monetary donations will go towards the purchase of computers to help replace the ones damaged due to flooding and damage.



SOCKTOBER FEST!

For the entire month of October, Student Council will be collecting SOCKS for Socktober Fest. Please help us by donating pairs of socks to a local family shelter. This shelter receives many clothing donations throughout the year, but one item they always seem to fall short of are SOCKS! Let's help families feel warm and comfy with new socks!



Student Council is also in the process of planning this years Fall Spirit week and Pep Rally.

Save These Dates!

Spirit week: Oct. 14-18

Fall Pep Rally: Oct 18th

NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS REGARDING OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS

September 30, 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).

Teacher:	Course	Area of Out-of-Field Assignment:
Bullard, Latoya	M/J INTENS READ (MC); M/J LANG ARTS 1	ESOL
Kurrus, Melissa	M/J INTENS READ (MC)	ESOL
York, Erin	M/J INTENS READ (MC)	ESOL

AVISO PARA LOS PADRES SOBRE MAESTROS "FUERA DEL AREA"

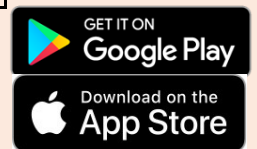
30 de septiembre de 2019

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.

<u>Maestro (a):</u>	<u>Fuera de Área en:</u>
Bullard, Latoya	ESOL; M/J INTENS READ (MC); M/J LANG ARTS 1
Kurrus, Melissa	ESOL; M/J INTENS READ (MC)
York, Erin	ESOL; M/J INTENS READ (MC)



Important! - Fortify



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. You may also contact authorities by using their tip line. **IRCSO TIP Line : 772-978-6000** or email SchoolTips@ircsheriff.org



Cross Country Roster/Meets



The runners on the Cross Country Team are:

Sasha Helper
Caleb Patterson
Karley Field
Louis St. Petery
Samiya Adams
Reese Deperi
Josseline Galvan
Emily Place
Ashley Lara
Aubrey Field
Kaden Wheeler
Preston Stokes
Nathan Alexander
Noah McMann
Payton Dipietro
Zacary Cavill
Joselyn Hernandez

Date	Where	What Time
September 24 th	at Imagine	4:30 P.M.
October 1 st	at Master's	4:00 P.M.
October 8 th	at St. Ed's	4:30 P.M.
October 12 th	SRHS Invitational	9:30 A.M.

Girls basketball tryouts are October 28th and 29th. Boys basketball tryouts are October 30th and 31st from 3 to 5. All athletes must have an EL2 (physical), EL3 (consent form), and a Hold Harmless form in order to tryout.



The New Squad

SRMS 2019-2020 CHEER SQUAD

Congratulations on the following students for making the Cheer Squad!

8th Grade: Zyin Bell, Mariah Cervelli, Jaelyn Eastridge, Rachel Gamble, Ruth Galentine, Lexa Jean Baptiste, Emily Kupchek, Denise Martinez, Alisha Moore, Kayley Murano, Hailey Sanchez, Shaneria Shelly, Kashmiria Shurns, Kadence Spooner, and Janelle Zamarripa

7th Grade: Bre'NIyah Barnes, Graciana Brickles, Nevaeh Davis, Ela Fredell, Jacqueline Garcia, Jada Miller, Yanelli Mendez, Giselle Peralta, Amber Smith, and Ana Winans

6th Grade: Mary Benken, Aubrey Ford, Makayla Madon, and Daliana Moran

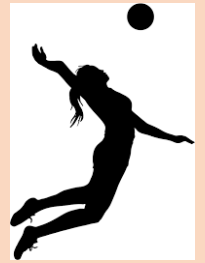
SRMS Cowboys' Soccer Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
10/01	Tuesday	Renaissance Charter	SRMS	4:30P.M.
10/03	Thursday	Oslo Middle	Oslo Middle	4:30P.M.
10/07	Monday	Yearling	Yearling	4:30P.M.
10/14	Monday	Gifford Middle	SRMS	4:30P.M.
10/16	Wednesday	Storm Grove	Storm Grove	4:30P.M.
10/17	Thursday	Yearling Middle	SRMS	4:30P.M.
10/21, 10/22, &10/24 District Tourney Games Location & Time=TBA				



SRMS Cowgirls' Volleyball Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
10/01	Tuesday	Renaissance Charter	SRMS	4:30P.M.
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10/21, 10/22, &10/24 District Tourney Games Location & Time=TBA				



Heritage Month

For heritage month in October, Sebastian River Middle School is celebrating Polish American Heritage Month! This includes German and European cultures. Polish American Heritage Month is an annual designation observed in October. Across the globe, there are about 9.5 million Polish Americans. They represent about 3% of the American population. The Polish have always held onto a fierce passion for their culture, their independence, and their new country. They have always held onto a fierce passion for their culture, their independence, and their new country. Be sure to be on the lookout for some fun activities around campus to get to know this culture better.



Pierogis—a traditional food in Poland. It can be filled with meats, vegetables or even fruit. YUM!