

Sebastian River Times



**Staying the Course for
Success!**

Dear Cowboy Families,

We are thankful! As we enter November, we are beginning the 2nd Quarter. As we prepare to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. Our overall Average Daily Attendance for the 1st Quarter was 94%, which was the highest average for all middle schools. Sixth grade students led the school with a 95% Average Daily Attendance. We also celebrated with over 160 students that had perfect attendance in the first nine weeks. We will be recognizing our student's academic success for Honor Roll with our annual Fun in the Sun celebration on November 8 during lunch/homeroom. We recognize the many efforts put forth for the best attendance and we encourage:

- *Our students and families to make daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.
- *Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge that children want to be a part of.
- *Our club sponsors and coaches who dedicate their time and talent to our students to provide that opportunity for our students hidden talents to shine.
- *Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

We also remind you that November 25th and 26 are regular school days and attendance is mandatory. Teachers will have meaningful lessons prepared and will be engaging our students in every classroom. Thanksgiving break will be November 27-29. We reopen Monday, December 2. We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is true at every grade level in school.

Sincerely,
Mr. Racine
Principal



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A.M. - 3:15 P.M.)**

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After School Clubs



Students should report to the cafeteria at 2:50 P.M. for a snack, then their sponsor will pick them up from the Cafeteria. The clubs meet from 3:00-4:15 P.M. Below is a list of clubs offered here at SRMS!

Leaders of Tomorrow

ELA Tutoring

Math Tutoring

Civics Tutoring

Knitting Club

Chess Club

Guardians of the Lagoon

Guard 101

Student Council

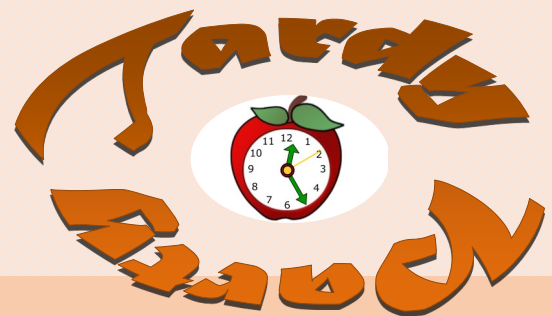
Science Fair Help

Drama Club

Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)

First Priority Clubs

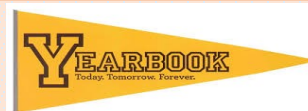
Bus transportation is available! Buses make depot stops only. A list of the Depot Stops is available at srms.indianriverschools.org and published in the last edition of the Sebastian Times.



On October 25th, Mrs. Berchtold's 5th period class celebrated their win for the first nine weeks "tardy party." The class with the least amount of un-excused tardies wins a party of their choice. 5th period agreed upon Publix subs, chips and drinks. Congrats to Mrs. Berchtold's 5th period!



Yearbook!



Attention Students And Staff:

All Yearbook discount coupons received at Open House or Orientation must be redeemed by or before Winter break to get the special \$40.00 price on the yearbook. Also, Student Celebration ad pages are filling up fast. Reserve your 1/2 page or full page to honor your student. Contact Ms. Crawford at 772-564-5143 OR email at: yearbook.srms18@gmail.com for details and an order form.



Media Center News

SRMS will be participating in the Sunshine State Young Readers 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 by March 31st to receive an invitation to the Vote and Celebration which is scheduled for April 7th. 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!

Hat Day!

Attendance Corner

Absences must be reported to the school by the parent or guardian within two days (48 hours) electronically, in writing, or by phone. Failure to report and explain absence(s) shall result in unexcused absence(s).



Students and staff were invited to pay a dollar to wear a hat on October 9th. All hat day donations go towards the PBIS program!



Walmart 

IB NEWS




George E. Warren
Corporation

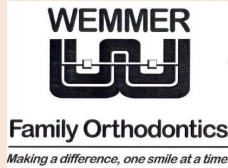


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TREASURE ROOM ARCADE



ROBIN  RAIFF
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Thank you so much to this year's Sponsors of the 11th Annual SRMS IB Cowboy 5K! Your support and commitment to SRMS and our community is greatly appreciated! A special thank you to Bruce McMann and Patty Giordano for your hours of help organizing this event year after year! Thank you to all the families and SRMS staff that signed up to volunteer at the race! Thank you to the following local businesses for your generous donations:

Disney - 10 Park Hopper Passes

Chick-fil-A Vero Beach - 200 nuggets and 20 gift breakfast and 20 lunch/dinner gift cards

Publix - 2 x \$25 gift cards

Pelican Diner and the Hepler Family - Fruit and water

Natalie's Orchid Island Juice Company - an assortment of juices

Gould, Cooksey, and Fennel - bottled water

Mr. Dipietro and Hampton Inn Hotel Palm Bay - certificate for a one night stay

Sebastian Municipal Golf Course - 4 rounds of golf

Orange Theory - gift basket

Native American Heritage Month

The month of November celebrates Native American Heritage Month. In North America alone, there are over 5 million Native Americans, of which around 80% live outside the reservations. The most populous Native American tribe are the Navajo, and their reservation is located across three states, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. A very popular Native American food is wild rice which originated from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and some parts of North Dakota. The picture on the right is an example of a wild rice dish.



Exchange Club Student of the Month

With an award and a luncheon at Captain Hiram's Tiffany Room, the Sebastian Exchange Club recognizes students in our community who exemplify honorable characteristics in their everyday interactions with others.

The program is designed to recognize and encourage youngsters who are honest, hardworking, helpful, and fair. These students cooperate with teachers and parents and are there to help when there is a job to be done.

The student must consistently demonstrate at home, in school and in the community those characteristics which this program aims to encourage and propagate. These characteristics include: citizenship, attitude, academics, service, leadership, and sportsmanship.



October - Tyler Mason (pictured with Mrs. York)



September - Caylee Lott (pictured with Mrs. Spagnuolo)

We are pleased to congratulate these students for their Exchange Club of Sebastian Young Citizenship selections!

Whats New???

Mr. Lee is our Student Support Specialist for all grades. He attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. He attended this college because he wanted to do something different. He joined the school system because of his childhood. He wants to show students and others that there is not an end to your road to success and as long you thrive to reach your goal, you can accomplish it! Mr. Lee came to SRMS because there was a position, and he wanted to be around the best students. Some of his hobbies outside of school are writing songs, singing, and just being creative. Mr. Lee is a cool guy, say hello to him next time you see him!



Let's A "CHOIR" Our Singing Skills!



The choir students performed their Fall Concert and sang beautifully. They harmonized wonderfully in unison. Extraordinary work, choir students!



Veterans Breakfast

We invite our Veterans to a morning celebration where we recognize their contribution to our country and to honor their sacrifices. This includes veterans and those who are currently serving.

Monday November 4th 7:15-8:00 A.M.

7:15-7:20 A.M. Flag Raising Ceremony

7:20-7:55 A.M. Breakfast

7:55-8:00 A.M. Walk of Appreciation

Sebastian River Middle School Cafeteria



SPRIT WEEK

From 10/14/19—10/18/19, our SRMS Cowboys participated in Spirit Week. Everyone enjoyed showing off their Cowboy pride. Here are just some of the amazing outfits worn by our students.

Monday— Camo Day



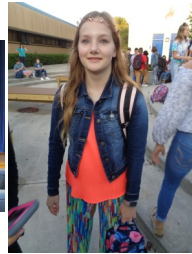
Tuesday— Tropical Day



Wednesday— Preppy vs. Wacky Tacky



Thursday—Flashback vs. Flashforward Day



Friday— Color Wars

6th graders wore white

7th graders wore orange

8th graders wore blue



Pep Rally



The Pep Rally was hosted by Student Council. Ace and Jace were the MC's. As students walked in the drumline was playing. This got school spirit started! The event included taping Mr. Racine, Mr. Lee and Mr. Thimmer to the WALL! Also, students and teachers played musical chairs. There was a volleyball game for teachers versus eighth graders. Thanks to Ms. Dirocco and Ms. White for hosting an awesome event to end Spirit Week!



ANTI-BULLYING DOOR DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS!

SRMS hosted a door decorating contest for each homeroom. Each class decorated their door to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Month! Below are the winners, congrats Cowboys!!



1st
MS. O'CONNELL

Ms. DiRocco



2nd



3rd
MS. WHITE

Casual For A Cause

Casual for a Cause is a day when people bring a donation of one dollar to help support the Indian River County Veterans Council. The money that is donated to this program will help veterans in need. The money donated to this program will also support our communities and much more. Thank you for your support!



PTSA Yard Sale



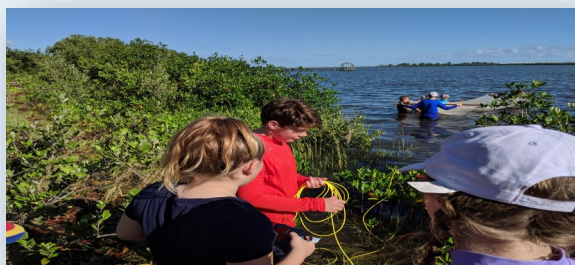
There is going to be a PTSA Yard Sale Fundraiser on November 16, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Sebastian River Middle School, 9400 Fellsmere Rd (512). If you're interested in selling items, PTSA is selling spaces for \$25.00 each, with limited covered spaces to first 25 sellers. For registration forms call Tiffany 609-509-2426, or email PTSASRMS@gmail.com. Cash or checks are accepted. There will be concessions stands with some tasty treats to benefit the PTSA. Be sure to come check out this yard sale, you won't want to miss it!



Lagoon Guardians



On Saturday, October 12th, the Lagoon Guardians ventured down the Toni Robertson Waterfront Trail to explore the Indian River Lagoon. Teams conducted water quality testing, sampled sediments from the lagoon bottom, went seining for biological specimens, and used a remote controlled ROV to take videos.



Let's Get Talking!

Vaping has been declared a National Epidemic by the U.S. Surgeon General. Come learn about the harmful effect of vaping, addiction in youth, ingredients of a vape, and the deadly consequences. Gain knowledge, understanding, and resources on vaping, and what you can do as a parent!

When: Wednesday, December 4th

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Where: Vero Beach Elks Lodge



Join us each month as we discuss important issues facing parents and youth today. On the first Thursday of every month starting November 7th SAFIR will be hosting coffee and conversation.

When: First Thursday of every month

Time: 7:00—8:00 P.M.

Where: Panera Bread, 2001 Indian River Blvd., Vero Beach

For more information please contact the SAFIR at (772)-770-4811



SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration

Join us for a discussion on the teenage brain and substance use consequences of social hosting and social access along with resources for parents.

CHANCE TO WIN A TV! Raffle ticket to everyone that attends! Come join the event hosted by the SAFIR Coalition.

When: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

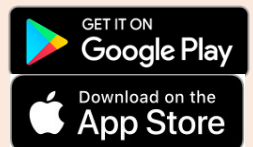
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Where: IRC Intergenerational Recreation Center, 1590 9th St SW, Vero Beach

RSVP: SAFIR@sacirc.org or 772.770.4811



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 Success

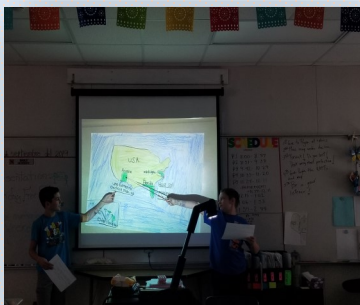
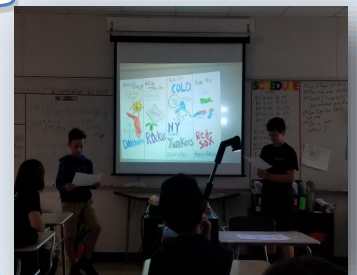
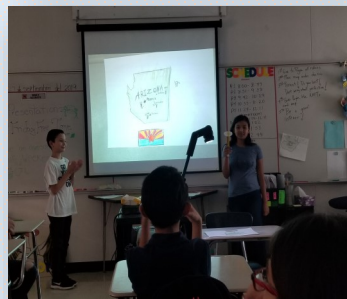
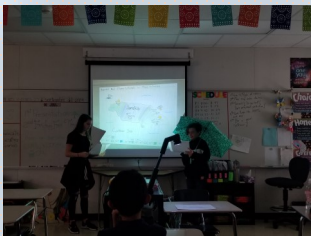
SRMS Boys' and Girls' Cross Country finished their first season at the SRHS Shark Invitational race on Saturday. The boys placed 3rd overall, led by captain Noah McMann who placed 2nd out of 41 runners and hit a personal record time of 12:01. The girls team placed 2nd overall, led by captain Sasha Helper at 4th, Joselyn Hernandez at 5th and captain Reese Deperi at 6th. Out of all the new programs throughout the district, SRMS was the most successful, with 3 second place finishes and 1 first place finish for the girls, and 3 second place finishes and 1 third place finish for the boys.



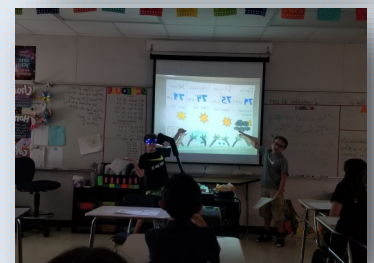
These are photos from the SRHS Invitational. Top left, Reese Deperi (7th Grade, 6th Place). Top right, Preston Stokes (7th grade). Bottom, Noah McMann (8th grade, 2nd place).

Above are the top placers from the SRHS Invitational—from left to right Sasha Helper (Captain, 6th Grade, 4th Place), Reese Deperi (Captain, 7th Grade, 6th Place), Joselyn Hernandez (8th Grade, 5th Place), Noah McMann (Captain, 8th Grade, 2nd Place).

Fun in Mrs. Pagan's Class!



Students created a weather forecast and map using the Spanish vocabulary from the unit "Para Empezar". Students were very creative in presenting as a Spanish weather reporter to their class.





An End to a Great Season!

Congratulations to the volleyball team for placing 2nd overall for the season. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication. Way to go, Cowgirls! We are proud of you!

And..... the Sebastian River Cowboy soccer team defeated Storm Grove 3-2, to become DISTRICT CHAMPIONS for the second year in a row! Gio Carneiro scored the first goal, and Ramces Chirino's scored with only minutes left in regulation play, which sent the game into overtime. Outstanding goal keeping from Omar Zamirippa sealed the victory for the Cowboys.



Looking Ahead!

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
11/19	Tuesday	Sebastian Charter	SRMS	4:30/5:45 P.M.
11/21	Thursday	LCCA	SRMS	4:30/5:45 P.M.
12/03	Tuesday	Gifford Middle	Gifford	4:30/5:45 P.M.
12/05	Thursday	Storm Grove	Storm Grove	4:30/5:45 P.M.
12/09	Monday	Oslo Middle	SRMS	4:30/5:45 P.M.
12/10	Tuesday	Yearling Middle	Yearling	4:30/5:45 P.M.
12/12	Thursday	Imagine	SRMS	4:30/5:45 P.M.
12/16	Monday	Renaissance Char- ter	SRMS	4:30/5:45 P.M.



Come on out to show your support for our Basketball Teams We have amazing talent participating this year. Bring your family and friends, you wont want to miss these home games!

