

# Destin Middle School HOOK, LINE & THINKER

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## From the Desk of the Principal

Marlins,

It is hard to believe that March is already here. It won't be long before the warm weather arrives and Spring Breakers are taking over our Destin beaches.

Our students are gearing up for testing, and our teachers are working hard to ensure they are ready for the spring assessments. We are excited about the progress our students are making in the classrooms and are certain that we will achieve all of our goals during testing.

There is still much to do before the school year ends. However, we want to thank everyone who has contributed to making this year and all of our programs a success.

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Go Marlins!

Grant Meyer  
Principal

## Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

### Notes from the Resource Officer

#### Crime Prevention

The formal definition for Crime Prevention is the anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of action to remove or reduce the crime through public education. What that translates to is doing all we can to help citizens realize they can be additional eyes and ears in our community to help law enforcement and boost public safety. The Sheriff's Office offers individuals numerous free educational programs and services.

A few of the most popular programs and services are Neighborhood Watch, Self Defense Tactics Classes, (CPTED) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, vacation security checks, Take Me Home program, CARE program, and (CASE) Communities Against Senior Exploitation fraud and scam programs.

#### General Safety Programs

- Car Burglary Prevention (Lock, Take, Hide)
- Neighborhood Watch
- (CPTED) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Vacation Security Check
- Prevention Presentations
- Women's Self Defense Class
- Bicycle Safety
- Anti-Bullying Presentation
- Teen Safety Tips
- Teen Sheriff's Office Volunteer Program

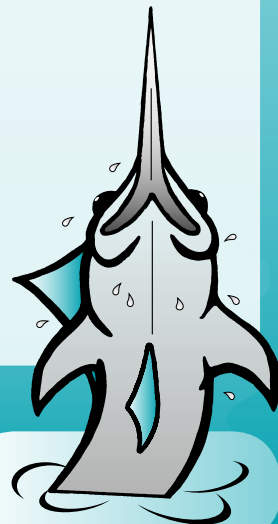
#### Programs for Senior Citizens

- (CARE) Call Reassurance Program
- Take Me Home
- (CASE) Communities Against Senior Exploitation
- CASE Fraud Hotline 850 651-7674
- Monthly Fraud Alerts
- Safety Presentation for Seniors

#### Youth Programs

- SafeAssured Digital ID Kits
- Posse, the volunteer dog
- Kids Self Defense Tactics Class
- Drug Prevention Programs

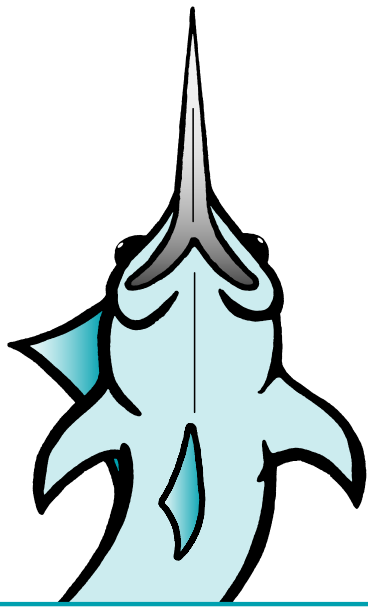
To schedule any of these free programs or services, or to have a Crime Prevention Specialist give a presentation to your organization, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Ashley Bailey or Natasha Hall at (850) 259-0031 or send an e-mail to [abailey@sheriff-okaloosa.org](mailto:abailey@sheriff-okaloosa.org).



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For the PARENTS, Staff, STUDENTS &  
COMMUNITY of DESTIN Middle School

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## Destin Middle School Calendar—\*All dates and times are subject to change

March 14, 2019	End of 3rd Grading Period
March 15-22, 2019	Spring Break
March 25, 2019	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
March 29, 2019	Spring Pictures
April 4, 2019	School Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30 a.m. in Media Center
April 12, 2019	Pep Rally
April 26, 2019	Progress Reports
May 16-19, 2019	8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
May 21, 2019	Spring Band Concert 6 p.m. in Gym
May 22, 2018	5th Grade Field Day
May 28, 2019	8th Grade Marlin Olympics
TBA	5th Grade Awards Program
TBA	6th Grade Awards Program
TBA	7th Grade Awards Program
TBA	8th Grade Aloha Ceremony
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29, 2019	7th Grade Big Kahuna's Field Trip
May 31, 2019	Report Cards go home – Grade 5
May 31, 2019	Grades 6-8, Report Cards will be mailed home
May 31, 2019	End of Second Semester/Last Day for Students
June 6, 2019	Last Day for Teachers

*Look for dates for the end of year award programs in the weekly newsletter as we approach the end of the 4th nine weeks.*

## School Zone for ELL Families

We invite you to check out all the episodes of *School Zone for ELL Families*. These programs provide information for ELL families in and around our school district. Please encourage your ELL students to watch and share the program with their families. The program is available on the School District website. <http://www.okaloosaschools.com/district/ITV-Online>. **The current episode features Resources for ELL Families.**

Lo invitamos a informarse sobre todos los episodios de zona escolar de familias de ELL. Estos programas proporcionan información para ELL familias en y alrededor de nuestro distrito escolar. Por favor anime a sus estudiantes ELL a ver y compartir el programa con sus familias. El programa está disponible en el sitio web del distrito escolar. <http://www.okaloosaschools.com/District/ITV-online>. El episodio actual dispone de recursos para las familias de ELL. [Http://www.okaloosaschools.com/district/ITV-Online](http://www.okaloosaschools.com/district/ITV-Online). **Nuestro episodio actual incluye Recursos para Familias ELL.**

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## Attention Sixth-Grade Parents

### Immunization Requirements for Seventh-Grade Students

For the 2019 – 2020 school year, students entering, repeating or transferring into 7th grade will need to provide documentation for having the **Tdap vaccine** administered. This requirement is in addition to the previous grade appropriate immunization requirements.

- If your child has had the required immunizations for seventh-grade, please take the immunization record to the school now! Only the Florida Department of Health Form 680 will be accepted as proof of the immunization.
- If your child has not had the required immunizations for seventh grade, he/she may not enter school until the State of Florida **Certificate of Immunization** (Form 680) or certificate of religious or medical exemption has been turned in to the school office.

The CDC has posted Tdap/Td Vaccine information on their website. For further information, please go to <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>. If you have any questions, please call Judy Hall at DMS (833-7655) concerning your child's Tdap vaccine.

OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE OFFERING A TDAP SHOT CLINIC AT DESTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE TENTATIVE DATE IS APRIL 24, 2019. THE TIME WILL BE FROM 9:00-10:00 A.M. THIS WILL BE MUCH LIKE THE FLU CLINIC THAT WE OFFERED. LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PERMISSION FORMS TO COME HOME. THIS WILL BE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE REQUIRED VACCINE FOR UPCOMING 7TH GRADE STUDENTS. PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT AT SCHOOL ON TIME. IMMUNIZATIONS WILL NOT BE OFFERED AFTER 10:00 A.M. DATE AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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## Destin Middle School 2019

# SPRING SPORTS



## Plastic Bags Needed

Do you have extra plastic bags? There is a group at Destin Middle School collecting plastic grocery bags. These bags are being used to create waterproof sleeping mats for the homeless. There is a collection box located in the front office, if you have bags to donate. There is an article in the NWF Daily News if you would like more info; <http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20170122/nwf-residents-crochet-plastic-bags-into-sleeping-mats>.

### Track Schedule 2019

DATE	HOME	VISITOR	PLACE	Time
March 13 (Wed.)	Destin	Meigs, Lewis	Destin MS	4:30 pm
March 27 (Wed.)	ECMS	Pryor, Destin	ECMS	4:30 pm
April 3 (Wed.)	Meigs	Destin, L. Jackson	Choctaw HS	4:30 pm
April 10 (Wed.)	Destin	Freeport, ECMS	Destin MS	4:30 pm
April 17 (Wed.)	S. River	Davidson, Destin	S. River MS	4:30 pm
April 24 (Wed.)	FINALS-ALL	FINALS-ALL	Choctaw HS	1:00 pm

### Swimming Schedule 2019

DATE	HOME	VISITOR	WARM-UPS	MEET START	PLACE
March 9 (Sat.)	Freestyle Meet	Experienced Swimmers	11:00 am	11:30 am	Bernie
March 9 (Sat.)	Freestyle Meet	Novice Swimmers	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Bernie
March 30 (Sat.)	Destin	Ruckel, Emerald Coast	2:00 pm	3:00 pm	Destin
April 6 (Sat.)	St. Mary	Destin, Pryor	11:00 am	12:00 pm	Bernie
April 13 (Sat.)	Destin	L. Jackson, Pryor, Bruner	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Destin
April 20 (Sat.)	Destin	Meigs	1:00 pm	1:40 pm	Destin
April 27 (Sat.)	Make-ups	Make-ups	11:00 am	12:00 pm	Bernie
May 4 (Sat.)	County Championship	2A Teams	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Destin
	All-County Relay Meet	All-County Relay Meet			Destin
	County Championship	1A Teams	3:30 pm	4:15 pm	Destin



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# SPORT Schedules *continued*

## Golf Schedule 2019

DATE	Home	AWAY	PLACE	TIME
March 12 (Tues.)	Ruckel	Destin-Boys Destin- Girls	Bluewater Bay Rocky Bayou	4:00 pm 4:00 pm
March 13 (Wed.)	Destin-Girls	Walton	Indian Bayou	4:00 pm
March 26 (Tues.)	Destin-Girls	ECMS	Indian Bayou	4:00 pm
March 27 (Wed.)	Destin-GIRLS Destin-BOYS	Shoal River Shoal River	Indian Bayou Regatta Bay	4:00 pm 4:00 pm
March 28 (Thurs.)	Destin-GIRLS Destin-BOYS	Davidson Davidson	Indian Bayou Regatta Bay	4:00 pm 4:00 pm
April 2 (Tues.)	Destin-Girls Destin-Boys	Bruner Bruner	Indian Bayou Regatta Bay	4:00 pm 4:00 pm
April 9 (Tues.)	Destin- GIRLS Destin-BOYS	Ruckel Ruckel	Indian Bayou Regatta Bay	4:00 pm 4:00 pm
April 11 (Thurs.)	Destin-Boys	ECMS	Regatta Bay	4:00 pm
April 15 (Mon.)	Conference Tournament		TBD	

## Baseball/Softball Schedule 2019

DATE	Opponent	PLACE	Boys	Girls
Feb. 20 (Wed.)	Meigs MS	Destin MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
Feb. 25 (Mon.)	Lewis MS	Destin MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
Feb. 27 (Wed.)	Freeport MS	Freeport MS	5:00 pm	5:00 pm
March 4 (Mon.)	Ruckel MS	Destin MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
March 6 (Wed.)	Pryor MS	Destin MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
March 11 (Mon.)	Ruckel MS	Ruckel MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
March 13 (Wed.)	Pryor MS	Pryor MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
March 27 (Wed.)	Lewis MS	Lewis MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
April 1 Mon.)	Baker MS	Destin MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
April 3 (Wed.)	Freeport MS	Destin MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
April 8 (Mon.)	Meigs MS	Meigs MS	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
April 15 (Mon.)	Baker MS	Baker MS	5:00 pm	5:00 pm
April 19 (Fri.)	Bruner MS	Destin MS	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
April 22 (Mon.)	Semi-Finals	Semi-Finals	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
April 23 (Tues.)	Championship	Championship	4:00 pm	4:00 pm

## Tennis Schedule 2019

DATE	HOME	VISITOR	PLACE	TIME
Feb. 25 (Mon.)	Destin	RBCS	Bluewater Bay	4:00 pm
March 4 (Mon.)	Destin	Bruner	Bluewater Bay	4:00 pm
RIVAL DAY				
March 7 (Thur.)	Destin	Shoal River	Bluewater Bay	4:00 pm
March 11 (Mon.)	Pryor	Destin	Choctaw HS	4:00 pm
March 14 (Thurs.)	Bruner	Destin	FWB Tennis Center	4:00 pm
March 28 (Thurs.)	Davidson	Destin	Crestview HS	4:00 pm
April 1 (Mon.)	Destin	Ruckel	Bluewater Bay	4:00 pm
April 4 (Thurs.)	Liza Jackson	Destin	FWB Tennis Center	4:00 pm
April 8 (Mon.)	Destin	St. Mary	Bluewater Bay	4:00 pm
April 11 (Thurs.)	Destin	ECMS	Bluewater Bay	4:00 pm
April 15 (Fri.)	Meigs	Destin	Shalimar Pointe	4:00 pm
April 22 (Mon.)	RBCS	Destin	Bluewater Bay	4:00 pm
April 24-25 Wed Thursday	Destin	District Tourney	Bluewater Bay	All day 24th 10:30 am 25th
Friday	Rain Day			As needed 26th



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- **Electronic Devices** – Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them.** If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment** – All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.”
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing** – The last portion of the testing rules read to the students states: “Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test items or passages after the test. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/ families.
- **Working Independently** – Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus** – If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day.
- **Testing Accommodations** – If your student has an Individual Educations Plan (IEP), a Section 504 plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL), testing accommodations will be provided for your student.

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APRIL				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
	WRITING			
	AM			
	Grades 5-7			
	PM			
	Grade 8			
MAY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
		READ S1 AM	READ S2 AM	
		Grades 5-7	Grades 5, 6, 8	
		PM	PM	
		Grade 8	Grade 7	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	7	8	9	10
MATH S1	MATH S1, S2	MATH S2	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
AM	AM	AM	AM	AM
Grades 5, 7	Grades 5, 7 (S2)	Grades 6, 8	Grade 5 (S1)	Grade 5 (S2)
	Grade 6 (S1)		Grade 8(S1, S2)	CIVICS
	PM			AM
	Grade 8 (S1)			Grade 7 (S1)
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13	14	15	16	17
AM	AM			
ALG/GEO	ALG/GEO			
Grades 7,8	Grades 7,8			

AM Testing = 9 AM PM Testing = 12:35 (Eat first lunch 12:04)

### Ensure a Strong Finish to the 2018-2019 School Year

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's education. **The following are steps you can take to support your student during this critical time:**

- 1. Reinforce positive and successful school habits.** Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
- 2. Access and review your student's progress, attendance, and test schedules** on *Parent Portal*.
- 3. Help your student create a plan** to improve current weaknesses and prepare for final exams.
- 4. Be aware of tutoring and study assistance** classes available at the school and encourage your student to participate.
- 5. Help your student to stay focused.** 'Coasting' is a natural tendency, however, the year is not over yet.

**Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a successful school year.** Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it - someday.



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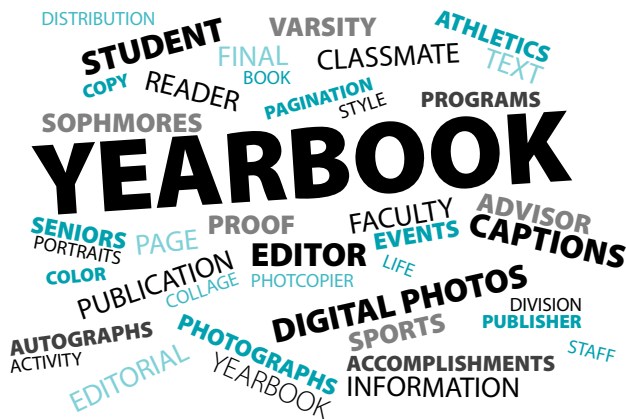


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