

For the parents, students, staff, and community of Sebastian River High School

# SHARK & TALES

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Shark Nation,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and is energized for the start of the fourth quarter! We are now kicking into high gear for testing season and it's very important that we have all students present and accounted for to ensure their success! Students will also have an opportunity to attend our End-of-Course Exam (EOC) boot camps for Writing, Reading and Math. You can sign your child up for the EOC boot camps by contacting their School Counselor, English instructor, or Math instructor. The flyer for our EOC boot camps is located on page four of the school newsletter. We are excited to offer this awesome opportunity and look forward to seeing your child there!

School Safety has been a major priority this school year, and it very important for all parents and guardians to know that we will be conducting active shooter drills in the months of March, April and May. We ask that all students follow the safety training procedures led by their teachers so that our drills run safely and effectively. Thank you to our students who are implementing our "See Something, Say Something"

policy by communicating with administration and School Resources officers and using the Fortify FL app. As a large learning community, it is important that we keep our school safe and secure at all times!

It is with great shark pride that I announce that Sebastian River High School is now a member of the Sebastian Chamber of Commerce. We are looking forward to making wonderful connections, raising funds for our school programs, and building additional community partnerships with our local businesses and organizations. SRHS will be highlighted in the 2019-2020 Business Directory and Community Resource Guide!

And lastly, parent school surveys will be made available on our school district website and through your child's FOCUS account on March 25th. We encourage all parents to make time to fill out these surveys to highlight the successes and address any concerns surrounding your child's educational experience this school year. We're looking forward to an awesome fourth nine weeks!

Sincerely,

Dariyall Brown, Principal



## CALENDAR

April	
1	Color Guard Spring Show - Gym
5	Grad Bash at Universal Orlando
6	Elementary Track Meet – Shark Stadium
	25th Anniversary Celebration Gala – 6pm Courtyard and Gym
11-12	Spring Drama Production - 7 pm PAC
13	ACT Test – V-wing
	Car Show 9-12 pm Front Parking Lot
16	CNA Pinning Ceremony - Cafeteria
18	Scholarship Night - 7 pm PAC
19	Early Release for Students: Professional Learning Day for Teachers
	Mock DUI for Seniors in the bus loop
	NJROTC Awards Ceremony – 6 pm PAC
23	Band Spring Concert - 7 pm PAC
24	IB Pinning Ceremony - PAC
May	
4	Junior/Senior Prom at Intergenerational Center in Vero Beach 8-11 pm
	SAT Test – V-wing
6	Choir Awards – 6 pm PAC
9-10	Senior Exams; special schedule
10	ESE Dance Inclusion Show 12:30 PAC
	Band Awards – 7 pm PAC
15	Scholarship Foundation of IRC Award Ceremony at St. Edward's
16	Senior Celebration - 6 pm PAC: TICKET REQUIRED
17	Class of 2019 Graduation - 7 pm Shark Stadium: TICKET REQUIRED
22-24	Early Release; Final Exams

View our school calendar at <https://srhs.indianriverschools.org/events> for times and updates.

## SAFETY REMINDERS FROM YOUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Deputy RT Williams & Deputy Sesack



On May 17th at 7:00 PM, SRHS will experience its largest attended event of the year, Graduation, in Shark Stadium. This event will be at full capacity and we will not have enough parking. Please make every effort to carpool and arrive early, especially if you require a handicap spot. Try not to bring large purses or bags into the event as this will slow down our bag checking procedures to enter the stadium. In addition, we ask that you do not bring noise making devices such as air horns into the event. To help manage the parking, we will only have two entrances open for vehicles to enter the campus at the front of the school, this will be Mako and Hammerhead Way. Both intersections have traffic signals. At the end of the ceremonies, family and friends will be allowed to enter the field; please use the north and south end zone gates when instructed to do so. Please choose safety over convenience. Thank you for helping us protect our most precious resource, our children.

School Tips Hotline      School Tips Email  
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EXCHANGE CLUB STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

These students are all excellent ambassadors of Sebastian River High School, ranking in the top 5% of the Senior Class, participating in community activities, and leading their peers. Special thanks to the Exchange Club of Sebastian for honoring our students and their parents with a luncheon at Captain Hiram's Tiffany Room. We appreciate your continued support of our scholars!



February:  
Jeffrey McCue and Madison Mariano



March:  
Cabria Brown and Michael Caro



Congratulations  
Coach Freeman and Boys Basketball on posting the  
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Congratulations to our Class of 2019 Salutatorian, Skylar Carstairs,  
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Aug 25, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1\*

ACT TESTING DATES  
Sept 8, Oct 27, Dec 8\*

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## SRHS DIT STUDENTS EARN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

Ms. Bradshaw's Digital Information Technology (DIT) students are working hard to earn industry certifications. Many students have taken the industry certification exams this year, and are now Microsoft Office Specialists. Currently, 95 of her students are certified in PowerPoint, 102 in Word, and 26 in Excel. More students are expected to become certified during the last nine-weeks. Of those students, 95 have at least 2 certifications, and 25 have three certifications. Students earning 3 certifications will receive a merit diploma when they graduate.

These certifications are globally recognized in education and industry. Microsoft Office skills are ranked #3 in the skills that corporations are looking for, and 1000's of jobs require those skills in the workforce. It also prepares students for demands in college and careers, it gives students a competitive edge and maximizes job productivity and efficiency.

There are several benefits to being certified. It improves academic performance and builds analytical and critical thinking skills. Studies have shown that students earning industry certifications have a higher graduation rate, higher GPAs and increase post-secondary enrollment. The benefits of being certified will last a lifetime. Students will use these skills immediately while in high school, in college and in careers.



## REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

TEST	Date(s)	Given To	Length	Time	Scoring
FSA ELA – Writing	April 2, 3	Grades 9 and 10	1 day *	120 minutes	Passing score in 10th grade required for graduation
FSA ELA – Reading	May 1, 2, 3, 6	Grades 9 and 10	2 days *	90 minutes each session	
US History EOC	May 7	All enrolled in US History or US History Honors	1 day	160 minutes	30% of course grade
Biology EOC	May 8	All enrolled in Biology or Biology Honors	1 day	160 minutes	30% of course grade
Geometry EOC	May 9, 10	All enrolled in Geometry or Geometry Honors	2 days **	90 minutes each session	30% of course grade
Algebra EOC	May 13, 14	All enrolled in Algebra I or Algebra I-B	2 days **	90 minutes each session	30% of course grade Passing score required for graduation

### MAKE UPS

FSA ELA – Writing April 4, 9, 11  
All others May 15-21

\* BOTH FSA Writing (1 day) and FSA Reading (2 days) must be taken for exam scoring.

\*\* Both days must be taken for exam scoring.

All tests are computer-based.

IB and AP EXAMS: MAY 6-24 - Specific days assigned for each subject test.

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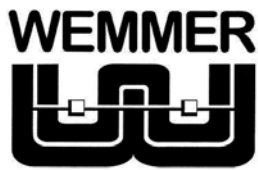
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## TESTING BOOT CAMPS

Don't miss out on these opportunities to refresh and strengthen your skills prior to FSA and EOC testing! These boot camps might be just what you need to do your best!

**SHARK 9th/10th Grade Reading Boot Camp**—Saturday, April 27th 8 am-12 pm. Pizza lunch provided. Transportation available via 4 bus depot stops. Sign-Up Sheets and permission slips will go out through Reading/English Teachers. Contact your Reading Teacher for more info!

**SHARK Algebra Boot Camp**—Saturday, May 4th 8 am-12 pm. Pizza lunch provided. Transportation available via 4 bus depot stops. Sign-Up Sheets and permission slips will go out through Algebra Teachers. Contact your Algebra Teacher for more info!

**SHARK Algebra Boot Camp**—Saturday, May 11th 8 am-12 pm. Pizza lunch provided. Transportation available via 4 bus depot stops. Sign-Up Sheets and permission slips will go out through Algebra Teachers. Contact your Algebra Teacher for more info!

## REMAINING 2018 – 2019 ACT AND SAT TEST DATES

Test DATES	Test TYPE	Regular Registration Deadline	LATE Registration Deadline	Scores posted **Estimated. Writing takes longer.
May 4, 2019	SAT	April 5	April 24	**May 17
June 1, 2019	SAT	May 3	May 22	**July 1
June 8, 2019	ACT	May 3	May 20	**June 19
July 13, 2019	ACT	June 14	June 24	**July 24

Sunday test dates are available due to religious affiliation

**\*\*SAT Essay scores will be released after this date.**

Register online at: ACT -- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

SAT -- [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)

### Important Reminders:

Show up on time with your printed admission ticket and picture ID

Download your picture on your ticket and print by the deadline!

Report to Testing Center at 7:30am in the V-Wing

For information on free and affordable practice:

ACT: <https://academy.act.org/>

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**Google SAT or ACT practice tests and you will find links.**

### DID YOU KNOW:

- That the ACT and/or SAT tests can satisfy the FSA ELA and the ALG 1 EOC test requirements for graduation?
- That the ACT and/or SAT test scores are part of the requirement for the Bright Futures Scholarship?
- That many colleges, universities and scholarships require ACT and/or SAT scores?
- That students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch are given 2 free testing waivers for the ACT AND SAT tests?
- That studies show that utilizing the **\*\*FREE\*\*** ACT and SAT online test preparation programs will improve your student's scores?



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# 2019 SENIOR CLASS ACTIVITIES

"You Can't Hide That Shark Pride!"

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Senior Scholarship Night--(Invited Seniors Only)	Thu., April 18th	7:00 PM	SRHS Auditorium
Senior Grad Bash	Fri., April 5th	3:30 PM to 4:00 AM	Universal in Orlando
Junior / Senior Prom--Senior ticket price based on attendance requirement	Sat., May 4th	8:00 PM to 11:00 PM	Intergenerational Recreation Center
Senior Exams--All exams will be scheduled for May 9th and 10th during regular class time. Seniors last day is May 10th	Thu., May 9th Fri., May 10th	Scheduled class time	Classroom of exams
Senior Celebration / Graduation Practice	Thu., May 16th	8:00 AM to 10:00AM	Auditorium and Gym
Senior Awards Celebration -- slide show TICKET NEEDED (2 per student)	Thu., May 16th	6:00 PM	Auditorium
Graduation TICKET NEEDED (10 per student)	Fri., May 17th	7:00 PM	Shark Stadium
Report Card and Diploma Pick Up	Fri., June 6th	8:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Cafeteria/Office

**Senior Awards Celebration Note** – This night is for special awards and recognition of our students. Each senior will receive 2 tickets for Senior Celebration. You must have a ticket to enter the auditorium. Tickets will be available during lunchtime from **May 7th through 10th**. Seniors may pick them up from Ms. Wargo, in the Shark Cove. **Guests must have a ticket in order to enter the auditorium for Senior Awards Celebration.**

**Graduation Note** – We will distribute tickets this year and each student will receive 10 tickets. These tickets will be included with the Senior Celebration tickets. Parking is very limited on this night, so please drive with friends and family. **Guests must have a ticket in order to enter the stadium for graduation.**

**Seniors must not have any outstanding obligations and must have met graduation ceremony requirements (GPA, credits, etc.) in order to get tickets.**

A limited number of extra tickets will be available. The form for requesting extra tickets will be available May 1 on our website and social media accounts. Extra tickets will be distributed after Senior Celebration/ Graduation Practice on May 16.

NO TICKETS WILL BE REPLACED IF DAMAGED OR LOST.



PG 5

Shark Tales  
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# PG 6

## "FAIRYTALES DO COME TRUE"

### Regular Prom Ticket Prices:

- Seniors with 0-5 absences in any single period from January 8th—April 11th will receive a FREE prom ticket.
- Seniors with 6-9 absences in any single period from January 8th—April 11th will pay ½ price at \$25.
- Seniors with 10+ absences in any single period from January 8th—April 11th will pay the full \$50\*.
- EXAMPLE: 1st 5 abs, 2nd 5 abs, 3rd 5 abs, 4th 5 abs, **5th 6 abs**, 6th 5abs, 7th 5 abs = \$25 ticket
- Tickets for a date who is not an SRHS student remain \$50 and require a form\*. (see box below for more details)
- Junior tickets remain \$50\*.



**\*EARLY BIRD ticket sales for Junior AND Senior tickets will be April 17th—19th with \$10 off ALL regular \$50 tickets!**

### King/Queen (SENIOR) and Prince/Princess (JUNIOR) Nominations and voting:

- Nominations: Wednesday and Thursday March 13th/14th during lunch in front of main cafeteria
- Final Voting: Tuesday and Wednesday April 3rd/4th during lunch in front of main cafeteria
- King, Queen, Prince and Princess winners announced at Prom

### Facts:

- ✓ Free prom tickets are a senior privilege, not a right, and WE WANT TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION!
- ✓ Students who are coming to school as expected will continue to be rewarded.
- ✓ Student absences are high.
- ✓ School absences for field trips, testing, meetings, certification testing, college visits, medical, etc. will not count against you.
- ✓ ALL other missed days/periods whether excused or unexcused will count as an absence.
- ✓ Absences count for each period; missing even one class excessively negatively impacts your attendance.
- ✓ It is your responsibility to monitor your own attendance. If you notice an error, speak with your teacher about having it corrected via Mrs. Moskowitz BEFORE tickets go on sale.
- ✓ Senior obligations must be cleared to purchase your prom ticket. (ie: lost books, unpaid supply fees, owed sporting equipment, etc...)
- ✓ EARLY BIRD SPECIAL ticket sales April 17th—19th for \$10 off ALL full price tickets of \$50
- ✓ Regular ticket sales April 29th—May 3rd during lunch in the Shark Cove
- ✓ Tickets sold at the door will be **\$75 each**. Non-SRHS students without a prior submitted form may NOT purchase a ticket at the door.



- ✓ The forms to bring a guest from outside of SRHS are in the main office with Mrs. Ritchey or the Athletic Office with Mrs. Betz. **They are DUE NO LATER THAN Wednesday, May 1st to Mr. Wilson** and require a copy of the person's photo ID and signatures from their home school. Do not wait until the last minute!!



Appetizers, Photo Booth, Courtyard Under the Stars, Dancing

...an enchanting evening to remember!

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

8pm-11pm

Intergenerational Recreation Center in Vero Beach  
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ANYONE interested in making this year's prom "Fairy Tales Do Come True" a magical experience, should contact Kerilyn Redish at [kerilyn.redish@indianriverschools.org](mailto:kerilyn.redish@indianriverschools.org) to find out about how to get involved!

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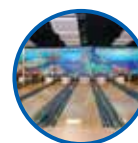
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## SHARK FRENZY!

\*\*\*\*\* for Freshmen & New Students \*\*\*\*\*

→ For Students BY Students ←

The first 250 students to sign-up will receive a FREE Shark t-shirt at Shark Frenzy!  
 \*Must sign-up via the link below by July 19th AND attend Shark Frenzy from 1-3 on Aug 7th to receive shirt.\*

**Sign-Up HERE** → <https://goo.gl/forms/nbGyALiJWmNFWWDE2>

### Shark Frenzy Timeline

12:30-1pm **STUDENT Drop Off and Check-In** – in the Performing Arts Center (PAC)  
 1-3pm **WELCOME STUDENTS** in the PAC. We will break out into groups to tour campus, learn about what SRHS has to offer, gain insight into the how-tos of our school, learn about clubs/sports available, participate in some hands of games/contests and WALK YOUR SCHEDULE w/bells!



**We look forward to seeing you there! Help us spread the word!**

**General Orientation for Students & Parents will follow from 3-6:30pm.**

### General Orientation:

During general orientation from 3-6:30 students/parents may purchase PE uniforms, find out about school lunches, get info about transportation, learn about extra-curricular activities, join the PTSA, talk with counselors, walk your schedule, meet many school staff.

PARENT & NEW STUDENT welcome meeting from 4-4:30 pm in the Performing Arts Center.



**You can't hide that SHARK pride!**



Do you enjoy having the option of working alone or with skilled peers? Do you enjoy working with your hands to build new and exciting metal objects? Are you interested in finding a career that can pay between \$12-\$34 an hour?

**Yes!!!!!! Yes!!!!!! Yes!!!!!!**

then you will want to attend

**Treasure Coast Technical College  
 First Annual Welding Open House**

When: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Time: 5:30- 7 p.m.

Where: TCTC Café, 4680 28th Ct, Vero Beach, FL 32967

772-564-4970



## SRHS ON-CAMPUS CREDIT RECOVERY



(ALS/FLVS)



**Current SENIORS** – Improve your GPA or finish classes to earn your diploma by August 2019. It's NOT too late!

**Current 9th, 10th & 11th** – Recover failed core classes and get back on track to graduate with your class!



Monday – Friday from  
 May 30th – Aug 2nd (closed July 4th & 5th)  
 from 8 am – 12 pm in Room N-205

**\*\*A GPA of 2.0 or higher is required for graduation and extra-curricular activities like sports, clubs & field trips.**

### NOW is the time to fix it!

Transportation is not provided, however the GO LINE is available. Check out [www.golineirt.com](http://www.golineirt.com)

For more information, contact Mr. Valencia at 772-564-4291.



Students in Mrs. Bridge's class studied the mining of minerals. They used chocolate chip cookies to simulate mining. They had to do the least amount of damage to the habitat/land, & calculate a Profit/Loss Statement after purchasing tools for mining. Every crumb outside the cookie outline on the graph paper counted as damaged land.

## Free Driver's Ed Classes!

See website below or call for more details and sign up criteria

**ATREASURECOASTDRIVINGSCHOOL.com**

You will receive an insurance DISCOUNT certificate with completion of THIS course!



Classes taught by High School teachers! Eliminate ALL the stress when learning how to drive!

**Now has a course at SRHS & VBHS with actual DRIVING of cars on the road!**

**and it is FREE!**

You must have a permit or license...new classes every 9 weeks...

Enrollment is free & limited each 9 weeks.

Call our office at 220-0510 for more info visit website [www.AtreasureCOASTdrivingSCHOOL.com](http://www.AtreasureCOASTdrivingSCHOOL.com) (click on Drivers Ed at My School.)

**\$\$ INSURANCE CERTIFICATES ISSUED UPON COMPLETION \$\$**

Saturday  
 May 18, 2019  
 8am-11am

**\*\*FREE\*\*  
 SPORTS  
 PHYSICALS**

Sebastian River  
 Medical Center  
 (Diagnostic Center)





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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

Every student in Florida should have Computer Science. Currently, I am an instructor of Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles in Sebastian River High School which was offered for the first time. I must admit that I am extremely impressed with the engagement and involvement of all our precious students in this class.

I am writing this article as a living example and witness and from lifetime experience as an Engineer who has utilized Computer Science in the field of Digital Communication Research which ultimately lead to developing High Speed Internet technology. This also helped me to be granted a few United States Patents in this field, only because of Computer Science/Programming.

I have a Dream, to call to empower all Florida students from kindergarten through high school to learn computer science (CS) which help them living the American Dream. Our schools must give all students this amazing opportunity to understand how this technology works, to learn how to be an inventor/creator, designer, programmer/coders, which will lead to simulation of real-life application then implementation with many useful products. We do not need just consumers. Instead, what is increasingly proven that it is a basic skill but it is only available to the lucky few, leaving most students behind, particularly students of color and girls. How is this acceptable? If we as a nation wanted to keep America, the leading edge in technology and in our globe.

We invented the personal computer, the Internet, e-commerce, social networking, and the smartphone. This is our chance to position the next generation to participate in the new American Dream. Not only does computer

science provide every student foundational knowledge, it also leads to the highest-paying, fastest-growing jobs in the U.S. economy. Access to computer science in school is an economic imperative for our nation to remain competitive. And with the growing threat of cyber warfare, this is even a critical matter of national security.

We urge you to promote/amplify and accelerate the local efforts in classrooms, to help unlock opportunity in our county and Florida State to give an answer to many great movements like #CSForALL and AP Advocate who believe that every student, in every school, should have a chance to learn computer science. A huge applaud to Advanced Placement Programs which are managed by College Board who endorsed many organizations that have developed a rigor curriculum to teaches students how to use computational thinking, solve problems, analyze innovations in computing, and deeply understand the global impact of the Internet which meet each level from K-12 students. In High school, the AP Computer Science Principles is designed to be the equivalent to a first-semester introductory college computing course.

Our economy is rapidly shifting, and educators, policy makers, communities, families, and business leaders are kindly asked to recognize that Computer Science CS is a "new basic" skill necessary for economic opportunity and social mobility, which help create more successful stories with our beloved Children and help them to live to the fullest their American Dream.

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