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



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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Greetings to all SRHS families,

We welcomed our students back on January 8th and have had a wonderful start to our second semester. On our



third day back, we hosted guest speaker J.C. Phol of Teen Truth, who spoke with our students about bullying and violence prevention in schools. He emphasized the importance of standing up and speaking out so that our students have an active voice on our campus. We see to create a campus culture in which each student has at least one trusted staff member they can reach out to if they are encountering bullying or violence. Additionally, our school district has implemented a "see something, say something" policy, which we've shared with our students. They now have access to the brand new Fortify FL phone app, which allows them to quickly and easily alert school officials and law enforcement of any suspicious activity that could affect our campus. Parents, please talk with your child to ensure that the Fortify FL app is only used in case of an emergency. Our number one priority is to keep our campus safe and productive on a daily basis!

As a data-driven school, we actively monitor how our students are progressing behaviorally and academically. Please congratulate your child for doing their part in reducing office disciplinary referrals by 39%, maintaining our daily attendance rate above 90%, and receiving an 89% school district rating for the cleanliness of our campus! Our students and teachers have committed to making our school a better place by doing the keys things to ensure a positive school environment. We are fostering multiple initiatives to promote a positive climate on our campus, including the Self-Reflection Center, which is a behavior intervention program for all students, Restorative Justice, an after school group counseling program, and the Shark Waves Recognition program, which is a part of our Positive Behavior Intervention Support System. We also continue to offer academic support beyond the classroom setting through after school tutoring and our ALS program. New to our campus this year is our schoolwide recycling program, aimed to keep our campus clean and positively impact the environment. We love seeing our students benefit from these programs on behavioral, academic, and social levels and hope to continue to see increased positive behavior and attitudes.

We would like to give a big congratulations to our band director Mr. Goldstein, for being one of five finalist for the Indian River County Teacher of the Year! Also, a great job to all student-athletes who were involved in our fall and winter sports clubs; they did a remarkable job demonstrating superior sportsmanship and teamwork in leading our teams to victory! We see firsthand how much extracurricular activities can positively impact student success. Parents, please continue to encourage your ...continues on next page



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE <u>continues...</u>

child to get involved in some of our awesome after school clubs, such as Future Business Leaders of America, Yes I CAN, Master Minds, Chess, Drama or Guitar club. We would love to see more participation in these activities! If you have any questions or recommendations to help us improve your child's academic experience at SRHS, please do not hesitate to contact us! We are all "Shark Nation" proud and we thank you for your support!



Sincerely, Dariyall Brown, Principal

JC Pohl, Mr. Brown and Alan Parker

Alan Park

# 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!



October

Toni Ferguson

Robert McCartney









December Ruth Philippe Connor Ford January

Kassandra Alvarez Matthew Perakes

# SAFETY REMINDERS FROM YOUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

### **Deputy RT Williams & Deputy Sesack**

Please be reminded that the bus loop is for school buses only during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. This is especially important from 6:35 AM to 7:10 AM. Parents, please try to limit your visits to our campus. We have many parents that request to visit their child's car in the student parking lot during school hours. When you request to drive your vehicle into the student parking lot during school hours, it has multiple effects on our campus and

perimeter security that we need to minimize as much as possible to protect your children. Please ask yourself before you visit the campus, do I absolutely have to go to the school campus to do this task? Please choose safety over convenience. Thank you for helping us protect our most precious resource, our children.

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### YOUTH VAPING EPIDEMIC

The US Surgeon General issued a health advisory for a Youth Vaping epidemic in November 2018. Why should you be concerned? One out of every four (25%) high school students is vaping. This is the same percentage of youth who were smoking in 1999!



The marketing of electronic cigarettes and Juul are misleading people, especially children and youth to believe vaping is harmless water vapor. It is not water vapor. It is made of chemicals like propylene glycol and benzoic acid that create aerosol. They contain flavors that when heated create the same cancer-causing chemicals that are in cigarettes, and nearly all e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Vaping may be safer than cigarettes for adults, however safer does not equal safe for kids. Youth brains are still developing. Nicotine interferes with control of emotions and the ability to focus and learn. Is your student having trouble paying attention? Nicotine is as potentially addictive as cocaine and more addictive than morphine. Nicotine can also be a gateway drug for future substance abuse. Why are kids using Juul? Juul is cool and kids may say they are juuling, not vaping or smoking. Don't be fooled. Juul looks like a long flash drive and will recharge in a USB port. It's small, discreet and does not give off a foul odor or large cloud. Juul has .5mg of nicotine compared to .3mg in typical cigarettes. They are made for adult smokers, not kids who have never smoked before. Youth who have never used tobacco report feeling dizzy or sick as well as feeling buzzed from Juul. Have a talk with your child about scientific studies versus advertising. Science isn't making money off kids-electronic cigarette companies are.

For more information contact: Leslie Spurlock, Community Health Advocate, QuitDoc Foundation, Lspurlock@quitdoc.com, www.tfp-indianriver.org. Follow us on FaceBook.

Sebastian River High School, as well the entire School District of Indian River County, is a tobacco-free safe and healthy learning environment. All uses of tobacco products are prohibited in all school board-owned properties, facilities, and at any school board-sponsored event, 24 hours a-day/365-days a year, for students, district personnel, and visitors. Students are prohibited from possessing or using tobacco products during schoolsponsored events whether on or off district property, and may be issued a tobacco citation by a School Resource Officer (SRO). Additionally, students possessing or using tobacco products are subject to progressive disciplinary and accountability measures.



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# U. S. PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC SCHOLAR NOMINEE

Congratulations to Aimee Mejia Rone for her nomination as U.S. Presidential Academic Scholar for Indian River County. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President (Executive Order 11155), to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.



# GRAD 2019 BASH

GRAD BASH – APRIL 5, 2019 Grad Bash tickets will be on sale Tuesday, February 19th – Thursday, February 28th to the senior class of 2019 ONLY. Prices this year are \$130 and non-refundable. SEATING IS LIMITED! Cost covers transportation and ticket to Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure. You must not have any outstanding obligations and must be in good discipline standing. Also, students must complete a permission form and have their parent/guardian sign (regardless of age). Forms will be available in the front office with Mrs. Ritchey. You will not be able to purchase a ticket until your permission slip has been turned in to Mr. Wilson.



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# **CALENDAR**

February	1				
1	Local Scholarships available on Naviance				
7	Incoming Freshman Night – 6:30 pm PAC				
9	ACT Test – V-wing				
12-14	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences				
18	Presidents' Day; No School				
22	Black History Showcase PAC; 2 shows: 9 am and 6 pm				
27	Early Release for Students: Professional Learning Day for Teachers				
March					
9	SAT Test – V-wing				
13	Early Release for Students: Professional Learning Day for Teachers				
13	IRSC Dual Enrollment Meeting – 6 pm PAC				
14	End 3rd Quarter				
15	Blood Drive				
18-22	Spring Break – No School				
25	Students and Teachers return from Spring Break				
April					
5	Grad Bash at Universal Orlando				
6	Elementary Track Meet – Shark Stadium				
	25th Anniversary Celebration Gala – 6pm Courtyard and Gym				
10-11	Spring Drama Production - 7 pm PAC				
13	ACT Test – V-wing				
	Car Show 9-12 am Front Parking Lot				
18	Scholarship Night - 7 pm PAC				
19	Early Release for Students: Professional Learning Day for Teachers				
19	NJROTC Awards Ceremony – 6 pm PAC				
23	Band Spring Concert - 7 pm PAC				
May					
4	SAT Test – V-wing				
6	Choir Awards – 6 pm PAC				
9-10	Senior Exams; special schedule				
10	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://calendars.indianriverschools.org/high-schools/srhs for updates.







## NEWS FROM OUR JROTC UNIT

The Friday before Thanksgiving break when everyone was heading home and looking forward to the holiday and some time off, 6 JROTC cadets were taking a computer based exam at our unit. They all take the test together as a team.

Each year the College Options Foundation holds what they call the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl. It starts as a competition between each services JROTC units and culminates in a Championship in Washington D.C. where JROTC units of all branches compete against each other.

This is not just a JROTC exam. As a matter of fact, the questions are based primarily on SAT/ACT material as well as current events and even financial literacy (see breakdown below):

- Level I exam includes 25% JROTC questions, 65% SAT/ACT-type questions, and 10% current events questions.
- Level II exam includes 15% JROTC questions, 75% SAT/ACT-type questions, and 10% current events questions.

One hundred ninety-six Navy JROTC teams competed in Level I. Ten schools from Florida have advanced to Level II and Sebastian River was 1 of those 10. For our size school we are 1 of 4 in the state to advance.

We are competing in a group of 44 schools from around the country and need to be in the top 4 to advance to the National Championship. We are currently scheduled to take the Level II exam the week of February 11th. Regardless of where we ultimately place, I am very proud of our cadets. They continue to represent Shark Nation and our district in fine fashion.

During the test, the questions are timed and the group must decide on an answer. I watched 6 students working together and laughing and having a good time. THAT is what makes this competition worth the time and effort.

Navy JROTC goes to great lengths to offer academic competitions like JLAB and Brain Brawls in order to show the value of education and also the value of competition. Just like other areas of competition, Florida is very competitive and we are proud to be in the mix this year.

--LCDR Jim Landis, USN (Ret.) Senior Naval Science Instructor, Navy JROTC Program

# PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

- Tuesday, February 12th 3:00 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 13th 3:00 4:30 pm
- Thursday, February 14th 3:00 7:30 pm

Book online at www.go-sharks.org





# SDIRC/EMBRY-RIDDLE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

Come join us at Shark Company Navy JROTC and earn concurrent Embry-Riddle University college credit for FREE!

- Current courses offered are: Introduction to Aeronautical Science (1st Semester) and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (2nd Semester) which offers a sUAS Safety industry certification opportunity.
- Currently offered to juniors and seniors, and no previous JROTC experience is required to take these courses but students must be a JROTC cadet to take the classes.
- Students are enrolled in ERAU and transcripts are transferrable to any college or university.
- Flight simulator and UAS flying opportunities are part of the classes.
- Learn about aviation and the <u>rapidly</u> <u>expanding</u> UAS career field.
- New courses will be added soon.

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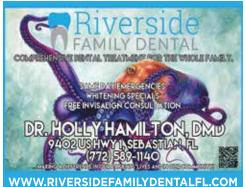


### **Craft Club of Sebastian**



Club Show Dates @ Riverview Park in Sebastian, Florida 10a.m. - 3p.m. ○ November 11 ∻ © December 8 & 9 ° ○ January 12 (Rain Date January 13) □ ○ February 9 & 10 □ www.sebastiancraftclub.com









### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to Jeanette Lopez and Caleb Arcentales who received an award at a School Board meeting for Excellent Attendance!



Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Ashby Goldstein (Band Director), and Employee of the Year, Leslie Fuller (Bookkeeper)! Both were recognized at the SDIRC Stars of the Year Gala on January 14, 2019. Mr. Goldstein was a finalist for the School District of Indian River County Teacher of the Year!

# TESTING DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FEDRUARI					
6	PERT (seniors only)				
19	ACT preadministration (11th and 12th)				
20	ACT (11th and 12th)				
25 & 26	FSA Writing RETAKES				
26	PERT (11th and 12th that have not passed Alg EOC)				
27	FSA Writing RETAKES Makeup				
28 (to 3/5) FSA ELA RETAKES					
MARCH					
6 to 11	FSA Algebra RETAKES				
12 to 15	FSA RETAKES Makeup (specific days assigned for each subject test)				
APRIL					
2&3	FSA Writing				
4, 9 to 11	FSA Writing Makeup				
MAY					
1 to 6	FSA ELA				
7	US History EOC				
8	Biology EOC				
9 to 10	Geometry EOC				
13 to 14	Algebra EOC				
15 to 21	Testing Makeup (specific days assigned for each subject test)				
6 to 24	IB and AP exams (specific days assigned for each subject test)				
NOTES:					
FSA Writing	1 day exam				
FSA Reading	2 day exam				
	BOTH FSA Writing (1 day) and FSA Reading (2 days) must be taken for				
	exam scoring				
Algebra EOC	2 day exam - both days must be taken for exam scoring				
Geometry EOC	2 day exam - both days must be taken for exam scoring				
US History EOC	1 day exam				
Biology EOC	1 day exam				



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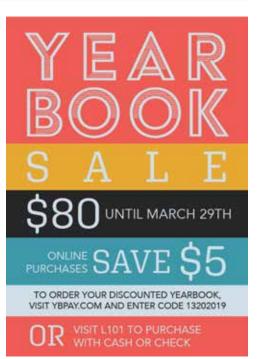


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# NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS REGARDING OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS AVISO PARA LOS PADRES SOBRE MAESTROS "FUERA DEL AREA"

#### January 17, 2019

Included in this memo is a list of teachers or long-term substitute teachers at Sebastian River High 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).

#### 17 de enero de 2019

Incluido en este aviso se encuentra una lista de maestros o maestros substitutos a largo plazo en la escuela Sebastian River High 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 enseñado "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.

Course	Primary Teacher	In Field	Out of Field Reason/Required Certification
AMER GOVT, ECON FIN LIT, WORLD HIST	Gehrke, Zachariah	Ν	Substitute
MATH COLL READINESS	Lewis, Margie	Ν	Missing Subject certification / Mathematics 6-12
ENG 2 AND 3 THROUGH ESOL	Omans, Jane	Ν	Missing Subject certification / ESOL
INTENS READ	Platt, Jeanne	Ν	Missing Subject certification / Reading and ESOL
AEROBICS 1 & 2; FIT ISSUES FOR ADOL; FIT LIFST		Ν	Substitute
DESIGN; INDIV/DUAL SPORTS 1 & 2; PERS FIT; TEAM			
SPRTS 1 & 2			
DIGITAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Vaughn, Susanne	N	Missing Subject certification / Business Education 6-12
CHEM 1 CR, ENV SCI	Wallace, William	Ν	Missing Subject certification / Chemistry 6-12; Biology 6-12