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August 11 & 12
Register your child for one morning or afternoon session
8:30-11:30 or 12:30-3:30
Call 564-5111

Parent Posse

Attend a one hour parent information session for parents new to SRMS while your child attends the Cowboy Camp.

Orientation Day

August 21
8:30-1:30 Pick up schedules and view school
5:00-7:00 Schedule Pick up Only

August 24 - First Day of School

September Events

9/7 No school—Labor Day
9/15 Open House
9/17 Principal's Challenge Pool Party
9/26 No School—Teacher Workday
9/30 Picture Day with Lifetouch

SRMS Newsletter

This newsletter is produced every other month and is mailed to the homes of SRMS students to inform parents. To see an electronic version of this newsletter with updates, please visit our school website at ...
www.indianriverschool.org/srms/

SRMS T-shirts and Sweatshirts on Sale

- Short Sleeve t-shirt \$10
- Long Sleeve t-shirt \$15
- Sweatshirt \$22

PE Uniforms on Sale

- \$20 for the shirt and shorts
- Buy yours at Orientation Day 8/21



COWBOY EXPRESS

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Dear Parents,

We are an "A" school, AGAIN! Congratulations to the students, faculty, staff, PTSA, SAC, parents and family members who all worked extremely hard to accomplish this goal. Your hard work has certainly been rewarded! As the new principal of Sebastian River Middle School I look forward to getting to know each of you. I have served the School District of Indian River County for 16 years as a teacher, coach, and Assistant Principal. It is a homecoming for me as I began my career teaching at SRMS. As you return to school you will notice that many of the portables have been removed and our school has been reduced to around 1,000 students. This is a welcome transition as we have reduced the overcrowding situation that SRMS has faced for the past few years. As we enter another challenging year at Sebastian River, one of our most important goals is maintaining your support for our school. To do that, we must keep you well informed. One mode of communication is our bi-monthly newsletters which you will receive in the mail. You can also view our school website at srms-indian-river.org for information about academic programs, athletics, clubs, PTSA, SAC and the school calendar which lists all events involving our school.

Our greatest challenge this year will be to keep our "A" grade and reach our goal to ensure that all subgroups achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Behind legislation. Although we have many programs planned to help all of our students achieve academic success it will take a combined effort of the families and school to meet this goal. I am asking you to assume an active role in your child's educational and personal growth. Get involved with the School Advisory Committee, join the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), or offer to volunteer in the school. Attend conferences, programs, and contests. Contact the teacher or guidance office if you have any questions, concerns, or praise. Pair responsible conduct in school and at home with privileges you offer your child. Expect your child to have homework 3-5 nights each week and insure that there is time for homework to be completed. Support your child's efforts in schoolwork, school activities, and friendships in order to strengthen his or her self confidence. Your child needs you for they are experiencing demands and pressures of a nature never before experienced. Please help us through your involvement to provide a safe and orderly learning environment. Parents provide a special advantage to Sebastian River Middle School. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Todd Racine, Principal

Cowboy Camp

Welcome 6th graders! Incoming 6th graders are invited to attend one morning or afternoon session of Cowboy Camp at SRMS from 8:30-11:30 or 12:30-3:30 on August 11 and 12. The camp is taught by SRMS teachers. There is still time to sign up for Cowboy Camp which is August 11 & 12. Students will get to know their way around campus, practice opening a combination locker, work in cooperative groups and meet other sixth graders. Everyone who attends will get a prize! Call 564-5111 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm to register.

School Hours

Sebastian River Middle School's student day is from 8:00-2:45. All transportation arrangements should be made before your child leaves home each day. In the event of an emergency, please allow staff at least 15 minutes to get a message to your child before dismissal. Student supervision is provided thirty minutes before and after the start and end of the day.

Orientation and Open House

Mark your calendar with two important dates. Orientation will be held on August 21st from 8:30-1:30. Students and parents will be able to pick up schedules, visit the campus, purchase P.E. uniforms, sign up for PTSA & PTSA committees, join SAC, meet staff members, and learn more about upcoming fundraisers. We will also have evening hours from 5:00-7:00PM which will be for schedule pick up only.

Open House will be held on Tuesday, September 15 from 6:30-8:30 PM. We will begin in the gym for a brief PTSA General Meeting followed by our School Advisory Council elections. Parents will then follow their child's schedule and attend all seven classes for an introduction to the students course requirements.

Shopping for Dress Code

We have changes for the dress code for the 2009-2010 school year. Below is the SDIRC Dress Code as it is written in the Code of Conduct which your child will bring home the first day of school for your signature. Please read it carefully as it will be enforced and we will work with parents and families to insure that it is followed.

According to **Florida Statute 1003.31**, the school functions in loco parentis and is responsible for the student while attending school. The School Board establishes and defines appropriate appearance and attire for the proper, orderly, and safe functioning of the school environment.

Below are the rules of the dress code.

- No clothing with inappropriate sayings, themes or advertisement will be allowed. This includes but is not limited to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, firearms, or gang related insignias/clothing.
- The size of shirts, blouses, or pants shall be appropriate to the student's body size and shall not be unduly oversized or undersized.
- All clothing must cover the shoulders and have sleeves.
- Undergarments will not be visible or seen through clothing including sheer, net, or mesh clothing. Modesty is expected. Sleepwear is not permitted.
- Pants must be worn above the hip bone, no undergarments visible, and not present a safety hazard.
- Clothing should cover from the shoulders to the waist at all times. Clothing that exposes the midriff area while standing, sitting, or reaching is not acceptable. Clothing should cover from the neck or just below the neck with no tops with low or revealing necklines.
- All shorts, skorts, and skirts must extend beyond finger length.
- Shoes and sneakers are the preferred footwear. No slippers of any kind will be allowed. Elementary students will be required to wear closed toe and heel shoes or sneakers. Middle school students must have footwear with a back or a strap across the back.
- Sunglasses, hats, hoods, and other headgear are not to be worn indoors. When authorized by the administrator, they may be worn outdoors during P.E. activities, recess, or other areas.
- Jewelry, accessories, or extended fingernails that could be deemed unsafe or injurious to self or others will not be allowed. Dog-type collars, chains, and anything with spikes are not allowed.

Backpacks and Book Bags

Students are allowed to use regular size backpacks and book bags to transport materials needed for school. SRMS encourages students to store their backpacks in their locker which will be provided during the first few days of school. Students that need to use a bag to carry materials during the school day must use a bag that can be stored underneath their desk while in class. Students will have scheduled opportunities to visit their locker throughout the day to exchange materials as needed.

Back to School Supplies

Supply lists are on the website at www.indianriverschools.org/srms under the "students" drop down menu. We also have lists available at the front desk. Several merchants such as Walmart, Target, Staples, and Office Depot may also have supply lists. Teachers may also be adding additional items during the first weeks of school.

Vaccinations Required for 7th Graders

To enter 7th grade in the state of Florida, proof of hepatitis B series and a tetanus booster must be given to our office. After your child receives the vaccinations, your child's health care provider or the Health Department can provide you with proof in the form of a 680 blue card. This card must be brought to the main office. Schedules will not be given to any 7th grade student who does not have proof of vaccinations.

School Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast Prices are \$1.25. Reduced Breakfast price is \$0.30.

Lunch Prices are \$2.25. Reduced Lunch Price is \$0.40.

Meal Application Forms: Meal Application Forms are available at the front office or cafeteria. Only one form needs to be completed for all children in the family. Completed forms are to be returned directly to the cafeteria. The Free/Reduced Price Meal authorization follows USDA guidelines based on the current year's Income Eligibility Guidelines.

Food Allergies: If your child has a food allergy that requires menu adjustment, please contact our Food & Nutrition Manager, Mrs. Humphrey at 564-5117. The Manager has the proper doctor's form that must be completed and returned to the Manager to have on file. There will be an "alert" on your child's account that flags the student so we can review the tray at the point of service to ensure the food choices are safe. We will be happy to accommodate and protect students with allergies.

Visitors

For the safety and welfare of all students and staff all visitors to SRMS must check in with the front office staff before visiting other areas of the school. A visitor's pass will be issued to you by a secretary.

PE Waiver

Florida Statute requires that all middle school students participate in Physical Education. However, this requirement shall be waived for a student in grades kindergarten through grade eight who meets one of the following criteria:

- The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course.
- The student's parent indicates in writing to the school that:
 1. The parent requests that the student enroll in another course from among those courses offered as options by the school district;
 2. The student is participating in physical activities outside the school day which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.

Unless your child meets one of the waiver criteria listed above, he/she will be enrolled in physical education.

Report Cards and FCAT Scores

7th and 8th grade parents please remember to pick up your child's 2009 report card and FCAT scores if you haven't already done so. They can be picked up at the front office from 8:00AM- 3:00PM.

Cowboy Sports

Tryouts for Girl's Volleyball and the Co-ed Soccer team will be held the first week in September. Boys and girls must have a recent physical to be eligible for tryouts. Students will not be allowed to tryout without a physical. Physical forms are available at the front office. Call our Athletic Director, Mr. McCarthy at 564-5197 if you have any questions regarding sports.

School Advisory Council

The Sebastian River Middle School Advisory Committee would like to welcome any parents or community members interested in becoming a member. Meetings are held once a month, and dates and times are determined based on members' availability. This is a great way to help SRMS continue to improve by assisting with the School Improvement Plan as well as address and recommend any concerns throughout the year. As an added bonus, meeting time counts as volunteer hours! If you are interested in being a part of this important committee at SRMS, please call 564-5111.

PTSA

During Orientation Day, August 21st, PTSA officers and members will be at SRMS from 8:30-1:30 and 5:00-7:00 PM to meet interested parents and sign up new members for \$5.00 each. There will be a parent meeting during Open House on September 15th at 6:30PM to vote on the 2009-2010 budget. The group sponsors activities such as campus beautification, after-school tutoring, the No Problem Dances which reward students for good behavior, volunteers to assist the school, Staff Appreciation Week and many other student recognition programs. VOLUNTEERS are needed for copying, folding newsletters, working on fundraisers, assisting teachers, helping in the library, and participating in after-school tutoring. A membership form is attached in this newsletter for your convenience. We look forward to seeing you at Orientation, August 21st.

Executive Board Committee Chairs

President: Connie Ziehm
Vice President: Jerry Gollither
Treasurer: Cynthia Johnson
Secretary: Felicia Gordon

Committee Chairs

Fundraiser: Amy Lehoullier
Volunteer Coordinator: Karen Gabbert
Membership: Tracey Sloane

P.T.S.A. MEMBERSHIP FORM

Drop this form off at the PTSA table during Orientation Day

\$5.00 per person/per member
 Please make checks payable to SRMS-PTSA

Name of Members _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Student Name Grade 1st period teacher

Please check the following relationship you have with our SRMS students.

Parent/Guardian _____ Teacher/Staff/Administration _____

Student _____ Grandparent _____ Community Member _____

