

Sebastian River High School
SHARK TALES

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Shark Families,
As I write this article, it is difficult to believe that first semester will soon be completed, and we are on our way to being immersed into the winter season of events here at Sebastian River High School. At this point, our students are deeply involved in schoolwork over three separate instructional models and participating in a variety of co-curricular activities, and many of our parents continue working countless hours to support our programs. Please know, all your hard work is greatly appreciated by all of us at SRHS.

I also want to thank everyone who attended parent-teacher conferences in October. We had a wonderful turnout and appreciate your interest in your student's education. Our next conference dates are tentatively scheduled for the week of February 9th, 2021. During that week, we will again offer conferences over multiple days to accommodate your schedules. More information about the February parent-teacher conferences will be shared in January.

As we quickly approach Thanksgiving and Winter break, and the semester draws to a close, our teachers and guidance counselors understand that some students may be feeling anxious about their semester grades. This is a good time to talk with your student about the importance of continuous study and review of what they are learning. I encourage you to frequently review your child's attendance and grades through our online FOCUS parent portal. This online tool gives you up-to-date access to assist you in monitoring their progress. If you have not signed up for a parent account, just visit our school website to create an account. As always, we welcome you to communicate with teachers via e-mail or phone to discuss your child's progress any time you have a question, concern or compliment.

The November and December months are very important for our students academically. In the past many course grades were calculated based on a combination of 1st and 2nd quarter class grades and a semester exam all averaged together to get a final semester grade. This year the School District of Indian River County will not be utilizing semester exam to aid in the calculation of students' semester grades. All semester grades will be based on an average of the students' 1st and 2nd quarters class grades. So, it is critically important that all students finish out this quarter strong with their class assignments. Parents please take the time now to reach out to your child's teacher and guidance counselor to address any concerns prior to the end of the semester (December 18th). Tutoring is available

every Tuesday and Thursday for all Instructional Models to attend (Social Distancing is maintained during tutoring for all students and staff members).

Students within our Option 2 Virtual Instructional Model, all courses for the semester must be complete before the start of 2nd semester. Students within this instructional model's grade will be based on the "Actual Grade" within Edgenuity. Parents, it's important to look at your student's Edgenuity class grades now and find their "Actual Grade."

This is different than the "Overall Grade" soon, which only scores them on lessons completed. The "Actual Grade" will be their final grade and is based on their Overall Grade and Course Progress percentage. As an example: A student could have an overall grade of 80% and only have completed 20% of the course work, so their Actual Grade would be an "F" for the semester. Please utilize the holiday breaks as an opportunity to get caught up if needed!

Also, December and January are important months for our seniors as they should begin preparations for graduation!! Cap & Gown, Graduation Announcements, and other senior accessories can now be ordered via the

"Senior Canvas" page or by visiting our school website under the seniors tab. Seniors should also be completing the FASFA and local scholarship applications before the end of January. There are time sensitive dates that are critically important for seniors to complete in order to be eligible for Financial Aid and Scholarships next year. Please visit the Guidance link on the school website for deadlines and links to Scholarships.

Lastly, please know that we acknowledge that this school year has gotten off to a challenging start with many different barriers that have affected our normal operations. However, the staff at SRHS are very pleased with the resilience of our student body. Over the last several months, we have been so appreciative and impressed by their willingness to adapt and overcome adversity in the midst of the challenges of a pandemic. Their actions truly represent what it means when we say "YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT SHARK PRIDE," and although there is not a clearly defined end to the pandemic, I am confident that we will continue to work through whatever lies ahead as SHARK NATION.

Mr. Christopher Cummings, Principal

Christopher Cummings, Principal
Jacqueline Contri, Assistant Principal
Robert Riskin, Assistant Principal
James Thimmer, Assistant Principal
Kevin Van Brimmer, Assistant Principal



TOP 10 SENIORS CLASS OF 2021

*so far



Mia Martinelli



Joseph Twomey



Leyna Vu



Sarah Cosner



Marina Arnold



Melayna Ooley



Andres Ruiz



Hope Taylor



Lilith Alvaro



Ericka Thimmer

TEACHER OF THE YEAR



TERRI AMY

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



CHRISTOPHER JEFFERSON



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Q) What tests do I have to pass to graduate and what counts as a passing score on these tests?

A) For our current 11th and 12th grade students—students who entered 9th grade in 2016/2017 or 2017/2018:

FSA English Language Arts Test (taken in 10th grade):

- Earning an achievement level of 3 or higher on the FSA retake (given fall & spring)
- Earn a score of 19 on the ACT Reading subtest
- Earn an average of 18 between the ACT English & Reading subtests
- Earn a score of 24 on the SAT Reading subtest
- Earn a score of 430 on the SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

Algebra 1 EOC Test (taken at the end of Algebra 1—usually between 7th-10th grade):

- Earn an achievement level of 3 or higher on the ALG 1 EOC retake (given fall, winter & spring)
- Earn a score of 97 on the PERT Math section
- Earn a score of 16 on the ACT Math subtest
- Earn a score of 420 on the SAT Math subtest
- Earn a score of 430 on the PSAT Math section

A) For our current 9th and 10th grade students—students who entered 9th grade in 2018/2019 or 2019/2020:

FSA English Language Arts Test (taken in 10th grade):

- Earning an achievement level of 3 or higher on the FSA (given in the spring of 10th grade)
- Earn an average of 18 between the ACT English & Reading subtests
- Earn a score of 480 on the SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

Algebra 1 EOC Test (taken at the end of Algebra 1—usually between 7th-10th grade):

- Earn an achievement level of 3 or higher on the ALG 1 EOC (given late spring when they have algebra)
- Earn a score of 16 on the ACT Math subtest
- Earn a score of 420 on the SAT Math subtest
- Earn a score of 430 on the PSAT Math section

*Students with disabilities should look at their IEPs or ask their case manager.

**EOC tests count as 30% of the student's course grade and must be taken for grades to be assigned.

SEPTEMBER

Joseph Twomey

- IB Diploma Candidate
- Weighted GPA - 4.667
- Class Rank - 1st
- National Honor Society
- AP Scholar with Honor
- AP World History - 5;
- AP Human Geography - 5;
- AP United States Government and Politics - 4;
- AP Psychology - 4
- IB Calculus - 5;
- IB Anthropology - 5
- Varsity Swimmer - Captain, Finals Qualifier at the FHSAA Swimming State Championship, Area 6 Representative for Florida Swimming
- Water Polo Team Member
- Coach for Float Hope of Indian River County (non-profit)
- Qualified for FBLA Nationals
- Gifford Oral History Project—interviewed African Americans from Gifford for

the Laura Riding Jackson Foundation's Oral History project—Teens Listen. Article published in Vero Beach Magazine "Living Legacies". <http://digital.vbmag.com/publication/?m=55420&i=670920&p=98>

"Joey is brilliant and unique; he has a knowledge base that is beyond his years. Not only is he extremely knowledgeable, but his writing skills are top notch. On a personal note, he is extremely friendly, cooperative and respectful of others. I am very glad to be able to have him in class for two years"

– Mrs. Infanzon, IB History Teacher

Mia Martinelli

- IB Diploma Candidate
- Weighted GPA - 4.667
- Class Rank - 1st
- National Honor Society
- AP Scholar with Honor
- AP Psych - 5; AP Human Geography - 4;
- AP World History - 3
- IB Calculus - 7; IB Anthropology - 6
- Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Level 1 Safety Certified through Embry Riddle Dual Enrollment class.
- Legion of Valor Bronze Cross Achievement Award—one of the top awards presented to high school and college ROTC students. 1 of 22 nationally to receive this award.
- Varsity Swimmer - (9th-11th); Captain 10th and 11th; District and Regional Champion, and State Finalist for the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.
- Water Polo—(9th-11th); Captain 10th and 11th; Florida Athletic Coaches Association water polo player of the year, grade 10
- Girls State Delegate - junior year
- U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Achievement Award, grade 11
- U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar program and U.S. Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission participant
- Member of Excel and Key Clubs

"Cadet Martinelli does a great job of leading cadets and setting the standard for our NJROTC unit; she has a tireless work ethic that will lead to success in any environment I believe she is the first cadet from Sebastian River High School to receive this award (Legion of Valor Bronze Cross Achievement Award)."

– Commander Landis, SRHS NJROTC

OCTOBER

Nicolas Napoleoni

- IB Diploma Candidate
- Weighted GPA - 4.471
- Class Rank - 14th
- National Honor Society
- Former Exchange Club Student of the Month in 2017 while at Sebastian River Middle School
- Drum Major and Trumpet Section Leader Senior Year
- Selected to All County Band 9th and 10th grades
- Earned passing Scores in IB Mathematics, IB Anthropology, AP Human Geography, AP World History, and AP English Language and Composition
- Has flown solo two times as a pilot—to Okeechobee and to La Belle (near Ft. Myers)
- Owner of small lawn business
- IRC Science Fair 2017
- Awarded \$20,000 scholarship from Embry Riddle
- Awarded Jordan and Patrick Quail Mathematics and Engineering Award

"Nick is an excellent student and lovely person. He works very hard and has set high goals for himself. He has said that he has numerous interests in the aviation field, however, his primary goal at this time is to become a commercial pilot. I enjoy having Nick in class."

– Mrs. Maloney, IB English Teacher

"Nick is quiet, hard-working, determined student. He puts his best effort into assignments and always takes advantage of opportunities to improve. He has a positive attitude and is kind and respectful to others."

– Mrs. Infanzon, IB History Teacher

Aldjine Charles

- IB Diploma Candidate
- Weighted GPA - 4.136
- Class Rank - Top 10%
- National Honor Society
- English as a Second Language student
- Started high school in general education classes with some honors level courses—selected to challenge herself with the IB Diploma Programme
- 3rd Year in the CNA Program
- Participated in a documentary to help spread awareness of diseases throughout the Caribbean
- Representative on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council
- Helped found the Excel Club at SRHS
- Volunteer: Beach cleanups, Liberty Magnet Ellis Island Mock Immigration Simulation, ORCA
- Has been to all 50 states

"Aldjine is incredibly hard working and determined to succeed. She is not afraid to ask questions and is always engaged in class discussions. She is a lovely, kind young woman and wonderful student. I enjoy having Aldjine in class."

– Mrs. Maloney, IB English Teacher





H O M E C O M I N G



Have You Seen These Students?



These are just some of our students that we have reconized on our social media channels in the last few months. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see if we honor your student.



facebook.com/sebastianriverhs



twitter.com/srhs_sharks

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

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Your Safety is our Top Priority!



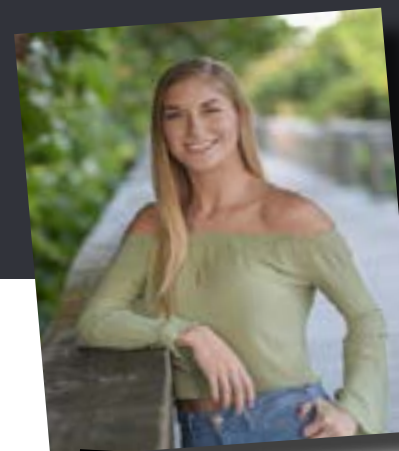
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Mr. Geer - Science
Ms. Seixas - Spanish

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NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS REGARDING OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS

(September 2020)

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 1.012.42 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 Adalia Medina-Graham, Certification Analyst (772-564-3116).

AVISO PARA LOS PADRES SOBRE MAESTROS "FUERA DEL AREA"

(Septiembre 2020)

Incluido en este aviso se encuentra una lista de maestros o maestros sustitutos a largo plazo en la escuela (Sebastian River High) quienes han sido reportados como "fuera de área" como se requiere en Sección 101-2.42 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 enseñando "fuera de su área" requieren completar un curso adicional o tomar un examen para cumplir con las requerimientos. Si Ud. tiene preguntas sobre los requerimientos favor de hablar con la escuela o Adalia Medina-Graham, Analista de Certificación (772) 564-3116.

Teacher

Anderson, George
Bridge, Lisa
Emmons, Amber
Gehrke, Zachariah
Green, William
Hallett, Kally
Howe, James
Kamencik, Frank
Matthews, Keith

Area of Out-of-Field Assignment

Aeospace
Science
English 6-12
English 6-12. ESOL
Science 6-12
ESOL
Social Science 6-12
Math 6-12
Elementary Education

Teacher

Nathaniel, Joe
Paternoster, Nancy
Pavne, Nina
Richards, Regona
Wolf, Marv

Area of Out-of-Field Assignment

Elementary Education
English 6-12, Social Science 6-12
Social Science 6-12
Art K-12
Earth Space Sciences 6-12