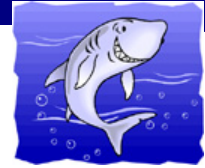


# SEBASTIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

February/March 2008

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



### SRHS Website:

[www.go-sharks.org](http://www.go-sharks.org)

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772-564-4170

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772-564-4182

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772-564-4337

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772-564-4282

### Guidance:

772-564-4350

### Athletics:

772-564-4241

### Senior Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

**Complete the FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. Your parent(s) will need to complete their 2006 taxes before you can fill out this application. You may apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**Apply for Bright Futures Scholarships** and state programs online at [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org). Seniors must apply between December 2007 and June 2008 or forfeit the scholarship. Apply even if you are not sure you meet the requirements for the scholarship. Scholarships can be held (once you apply) for up to three years.

**Local scholarships** are available to download at [www.go-sharks.org](http://www.go-sharks.org), go to guidance, then local scholarships.

**Contact your college or university Financial Aid Department** to find out if there are any forms they need you to fill out in order to receive institutional funds.

## You Can't Hide That Shark Pride!

### The Schedule for FCAT testing this school year is as follows:

(Passing FCAT is required for Graduation!!)

### FCAT Testing Dates for this school year are as follows:

- February 12th—10th grade FCAT Writes
- March 11th—9th/10th grade FCAT Reading  
11th/12th grade Retakes
- March 12th—9th/10th grade FCAT Math  
11th/12th grade Retakes
- March 13th—11th grade FCAT Science
- March 14th—9th/10th grade FCAT NRT Reading/Math

### March 11 & 12, 2008

Juniors & Seniors who have passed the FCAT do not need to come to school until last period.

Students entering high school in 2005-2006 and thereafter who want to select an accelerated graduation option must do so **before the end of 9th grade**. There are specific testing requirements for student eligibility. Also, a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, a score of 3 or better on the 10th grade FCAT Writing, specific course requirements and grades are required to complete the three year program, as well as passing the FCAT Reading and Math tests prior to graduation.

### **YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE**

**All Color!!!**

Go to [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com) for details on price & payment options!



Sebastian River High School Presents

“Jazz Under the Stars”

Billy Bones on the Saxophone

February 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM

In the “Courtyard” at the Bell Tower



Tickets on Sale Now

(Box Office 772-564-4241 or any Starbucks in IRC)

### **Parent Conferences**

February 4th—2:45 pm-3:45 pm

February 5th—2:45 pm-3:45 pm

February 6th—2:45 pm-3:45 pm

February 7th—2:45 pm-7:30 pm

Attendance F Appeals must be requested within two weeks after the report card distribution date. You must contact your child’s specific administrator within this time frame. Unless it is an emergency, your child will be unexcused if you do not call within 24 hours. The Attendance line is 564-4337.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** illness, doctor appointment, pre-approved college visits, religious holidays, funerals.

## Second Semester Daily Schedule for 2007-2008 School Year

January 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	17 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	18 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	19
20	21 MLK Holiday	22 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	23 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	24 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	25 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	26
27	28 Per. 1,2,3,5,6	29 Per. 4,1,2,5,7	30 Per. 1,2,3,4,6	31 Per. 3,4,1,5,7		

February 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Per. 2,3,4,5,6	2
3	4 Per. 1,2,3,5,7	5 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	6 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	7 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	8 No School	9
10	11 Per. 1,2,3,5,7	12 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	13 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	14 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	15 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	16
17	18 Presidents Day	19 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	20 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	21 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	22 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	23
24	25 Per. 1,2,3,5,6	26 Per. 4,1,2,5,7	27 Per. 1,2,3,4,6	28 Per. 3,4,1,5,7	29 Per. 2,3,4,5,6	

March 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Per. 1,2,3,5,7	4 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	5 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	6 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	7 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	8
9	10 Per. 1,2,3,5,6	11 Per. 4,1,2,5,7	12 Per. 1,2,3,4,6	13 Per. 3,4,1,5,7	14 Per. 2,3,4,5,6	15
16	17 Per. 1,2,3,5,7	18 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	19 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	20 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	21 No School	22
23	24 Per. 1,2,3,5,7	25 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	26 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	27 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	28 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	29
30	31 Spring Break					

April 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break	3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5
6	7 Per. 1,2,3,5,6	8 Per. 4,1,2,5,7	9 Per. 1,2,3,4,6	10 Per. 3,4,1,5,7	11 Per. 2,3,4,5,6	12
13	14 Per. 1,2,3,5,7	15 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	16 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	17 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	18 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	19
20	21 Per. 1,2,3,5,6	22 Per. 4,1,2,5,7	23 Per. 1,2,3,4,6	24 Per. 3,4,1,5,7	25 Per. 2,3,4,5,6	26
27	28 Per. 1,2,3,5,7	29 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	30 Per. 1,2,3,4,7			

May 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	2 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	3
4	5 Per. 1,2,3,5,6	6 Per. 4,1,2,5,7	7 Per. 1,2,3,4,6	8 Per. 3,4,1,5,7	9 Per. 2,3,4,5,6	10
11	12 Per. 1,2,3,5,7	13 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	14 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	15 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	16 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	17
18	19 Per. 1,2,3,5,6	20 Per. 4,1,2,5,7	21 Per. 1,2,3,4,6	22 Per. 3,4,1,5,7	23 No School	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27 Per. 4,1,2,5,6	28 Per. 1,2,3,4,7	29 Per. 3,4,1,5,6	30 Per. 2,3,4,5,7	31

Included in this newsletter is a list of teachers or long-term substitute teachers at SRHS School who have been reported as teaching out-of-field (as required in Section 1012.42 F.S.) or who may not meet the federal highly qualified requirement for the 2007-08 school year or who have not met the State ESOL requirements. This means that, while the teacher is either fully certified or completing state certification or federal requirements, all or part of his/her current teaching assignment is not included in that certification. Teachers who are teaching out-of-field or who are not highly qualified are also required to pass the appropriate subject area exam. Out-of-field teachers must complete six semester hours of course work each year until they complete the required certification or until their assignment changes. Should you have any questions about these requirements, please call Denise Roberts, Director of Staff Development (564-3071).

<b><u>Out of Field</u></b>	Antonio Flemming
<b><u>Certificate</u></b>	Aaron Fusselman
Shannon Aeschbacher	James Howe
Terri Amy	Daniel Ioffredo
Joanne Jacob	Joanne Jacob
Elizabeth Kuhnle	Mireya Labranche
Thomas Lange	Thomas Lange
Chelsea Lunny	Heidi Maloney
Heidi Maloney	Thomas Maul
Rebecca McLaughlin	Rebecca McLaughlin
Joe Nathaniel	Anthony Murico
Eric Shelburne	Chad Myers
	Joe Nathaniel
	Tyrone Perry
<b><u>Out of Field</u></b>	Brian Rahal
<b><u>ESOL</u></b>	Eric Shelburne
Jason Armstrong	William Wallace
Lotti Blanchet	Beth Wynn
Christopher Blendheim	
Michael Davis	
Jessica Fernandez	

**Seniors & Parents of Seniors**

This year, **Dollars for Scholars** is partnering with IRCC on

**College Goal Sunday.**

The event is designed to help families who are struggling with the FAFSA to complete this important application.

It is scheduled for

**1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24th  
at the Richardson Center  
on the Mueller Campus.**

Parents and students can get free, one-on-one help from trained volunteers who can answer questions.

**PTSA NEWS**



It's that time of the year to start thinking about new officers for the PTSA board for the next school year.

All positions are open - President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If interested in any of the positions, please contact the main office and leave your name, number and what position you are looking for. One of the current board members will get

# February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Boys Basketball-Home	2
3	4 Parent Conferences —2:45 pm-3:45 pm Softball—Away	5 Parent Conferences —2:45 pm-3:45 pm 	6 Parent Conferences —2:45 pm-3:45 pm 	7 Parent Conferences —2:45 pm-7:30 pm Softball—Away	8 No School	9 ACT Test
10	11 JV Baseball-Away Softball—Home Girls Lacrosse-Away	12 FCAT Writes/10th Gr. PTSA Meeting-6:30pm JV Baseball-Away Softball—Away Boys Lacrosse-Home Tennis—Home	13 MakeUp Test Date FCAT Writing Softball—Away Girls Lacrosse-Away	14 MakeUp Test Date FCAT Writing JV Baseball-Away Tennis—Away	15 Boys Lacrosse-Home Girls Lacrosse-Home	16
17	18 No School Presidents' Day	19 SAC Meeting—3 pm Varsity Baseball-Away JV Baseball-Home Boys Lacrosse-Away Tennis—Away	20 Softball—Home Girls Lacrosse-Away Tennis—Away	21 Varsity Baseball-Away JV Baseball-Home Boys Lacrosse-Away	22 Softball—Away Girls Lacrosse-Away	23 FCAT/SAT/ACT Prep 9-12 @ SRHS JV Baseball-Away Rowing—Canal 54 
24	25 Varsity Baseball-Home Softball—Away Track/Field—Away	26 JV Baseball-Home Softball—Away Track/Field—Away Tennis—Home	27 Varsity Baseball-Away JV Baseball-Home	28 Tennis—Away	29 Varsity Baseball-Home Track/Field—Away Boys Lacrosse-Away Girls Lacrosse-Away	

# March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SAT Test JV Baseball-Away Track/Field—Away Girls Lacrosse-Home
2	3 JV Baseball-Away Girls Lacrosse-Home	4 Softball—Home Boys Lacrosse-Away Girls Lacrosse-Away	5 Varsity Baseball-Away JV Baseball-Home Girls Lacrosse-Home Tennis—Away	6 JV Baseball-Away Boys Lacrosse-Home Tennis—Home	7 Varsity Baseball-Home Softball—Home 	8 JV Baseball-Away Rowing—Away Track/Field—Home Billy Wilson Relays
9	10 	11 FCAT Test-Reading PTSA Meeting-6:30pm Softball—Home Track/Field—Away	12 FCAT Test-Math Varsity Baseball-Home JV Baseball-Away Softball—Away	13 FCAT Test-Science 11th gr. Only JV Baseball-Home Tennis—Home	14 NRT Test 9th/10th gr. Only Varsity Baseball-Home Softball—Away Girls Lacrosse-Home	15 Varsity Baseball-Home JV Baseball-Home Softball—Away Rowing—Away Track/Field—Away
16	17 FCAT Make Up Tests SAC Meeting-3PM Girls Lacrosse-Home	18 FCAT Make Up Tests JV Baseball-Home Track/Field—Away Boys Lacrosse-Away Girls Lacrosse-Away	19 FCAT Make Up Tests Varsity Baseball-Away Track/Field—Home Tennis—Away	20 FCAT Make Up Tests JV Baseball-Home Boys Lacrosse-Home	21 No School Varsity Baseball-Home	22 Track/Field—Away
23	24 JV Baseball-Away Softball—Home	25 JV Baseball-Home Softball—Home Boys Lacrosse-Home	26 Varsity Baseball-Home Girls Lacrosse-Away	27 JV Baseball-Home Softball—Home	28 Varsity Baseball-Away	29 Rowing—Canal 54 Track/Field—Home Boys Lacrosse-Home
30	31 Spring Break					

*Tips for Parents from the National Council of Teachers of English*  
**Helping Your Teenager to Write Better**

1. As with any skill, writing gets better the more we do it. Let your teenager see you write often and encourage her to write often, too. At-home writing might include e-mails, instant messaging, thank-you notes, scrapbook descriptions, diaries, and what's-for-dinner notes.
2. We write differently for each audience. Encourage your teenager to expand his range and abilities by writing for many different audiences. He could try a letter to the editor or to a legislator, a silly story for his younger sister, or a "list of ten" to cheer up a sick friend.
3. Language play and writing can be fun. Have fun with language yourself and share that sense of play with your teenager. Point out new words and phrases you come across in the newspaper or on the radio; share favorite song lyrics; get creative in naming a new pet or writing humorous gift tags or cards.
4. Support your budding writer. If your teenager chooses to share her writing with you, point out specifically what you like best about the piece. Rejoice in effort, delight in ideas, and resist the temptation to be critical. Maybe you'll want to ask your teen to read the piece aloud. Feel free to ask questions about parts that aren't clear, but leave the answering of those questions to your teen. And make it clear that you are always interested in reading any writings that she wants to share with you.
5. While it's true we learn to write by writing, we also learn to write by reading. Offer your teenager a wide variety of opportunities to read, both educational and entertaining, and pass on your own favorite authors, novels, and magazines to show him you're a reader, too. Talk about those things you've both read.
6. The funny thing about writing is that it actually helps the writer think. Encourage your teenager to use writing to think more deeply about things in her life—questions, problems, difficult assignments, hobbies, and topics she wants to learn more about.
7. We all have trouble getting started once in a while. If this happens to your teenager, suggest he try brainstorming, jotting lists of ideas, or talking through his thoughts with you or a friend. Sometimes just spending 15 minutes writing anything and everything (including "I don't know what to write.") loosens up the very ideas needed for the piece.
8. Good writers know how to make any topic their own. They do that in the way they organize their ideas, in the examples they choose, and in the angle, as well as by drawing from their own experiences. Encourage your teen to find ways to make the assigned topic his own.
9. Writing is a process of developing and drafting ideas, then revising, and, finally, editing for correct grammar and spelling. Help your teenager see the value of clarifying her ideas, drafting, and revising before she attends to the mechanics.
10. Provide a special writing folder or notebook for your teen and encourage him to save writings in it. Nothing can replace the good feeling of reading something we wrote months ago and rediscovering how good it is.

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### **Important Dates**

February 4, 5, 6—Parent Conference 2:45-3:45 pm

February 7—2:45-7:30 pm

February 8—No School

February 12—FCAT Writing for 10th Grade

February 18—No School (Presidents' Day)

February 23—FCAT/ACT/SAT Prep (9-12)

March 11, 12, 13, 14—FCAT Testing

March 17—SAC Meeting

March 21—No School

March 31-April 4—Spring Break

Due to the increasing number of students attending SRHS, we are forced to discontinue taking flower deliveries on Valentines Day. Please have your flowers and gifts sent to your home.

