

SEBASTIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

February/March 2009

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



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**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

Apply for Bright Futures Scholarships and state programs online at 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, 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 10th—10th grade FCAT Writes
- March 10th—9th/10th grade FCAT Reading
11th/12th grade Retakes
- March 11th—9th/10th grade FCAT Math
11th/12th grade Retakes
- March 12th—11th grade FCAT Science

March 10 & 11, 2009

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 SELLING FAST

ORDER NOW— BEFORE WE RUN OUT!!!

Bring check or cash to Room C-208

Current Price: \$80

Price increases to \$85 on 03/24/09

Name stamping is no longer available.



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



Sebastian River High School Presents

“Jazz Under the Stars”

Billy Bones on the Saxophone

February 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM

In the “Courtyard” at the Bell Tower

Tickets on Sale Now

(Box Office 772-564-4241)

Parent Conferences

February 2nd—2:45 pm-3:45 pm

February 3rd—2:45 pm-3:45 pm

February 4th—2:45 pm-3:45 pm

February 5th—2:45 pm-7:30 pm

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SENIOR CLASS SCHEDULE

Please post this schedule on your refrigerator and get ready for the activities for the Class of '09!



<i>EVENT</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Senior Grad Bash	Friday May 1 st	5:00 PM - 2:00 AM	Universal in Orlando
Senior Scholarship Night	Thursday May 7 th	7:00 PM	SRHS Auditorium
Junior / Senior Prom	Saturday May 9 th	8:00 PM to midnight	Center for the Arts Vero Beach
Senior Fun Day	Friday May 15 th	8:45 AM - 1:00 PM	Leisure Square Vero Beach (Transportation is provided from SRHS)
Senior Sports Banquet	Saturday May 16 th	6:00 PM	<i>Point West</i> Vero Beach
Dollars For Scholars	Thursday May 21 st	7:00 PM	SRHS Auditorium
Senior Exams-Seniors are exempt if they have a B average in the course (school board rule) <i>If exempt from all exams, last day is May 20th</i>	Thursday/ Friday May 21 - 22	Scheduled class time	Classroom of exams
Senior Celebration /Graduation Practice	Wednesday May 27 th	9:00-11:00 AM	Auditorium and Stadium
Senior Awards Celebration - slide show TICKET NEEDED (2)	Wednesday May 27 th	7:00 PM	Auditorium
Graduation - TICKET NEEDED IF CEREMONY IS MOVED TO GYM (3) to each graduate	Friday May 29 th	7:00 PM	Shark Stadium
Report Card and Diploma Pick Up	TBA	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cafeteria

Included in this newsletter/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 in Section 1012.42 F.S.), who may not meet the federal highly qualified requirement for the 2008-09 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 Takeisha Harris, Director of Staff Development (564-3209) or Phyllis McIntyre, Certification Specialist (564-3116).

Out of Field

<u>Course</u>	<u>Out of Field</u>
Terri Amy	<u>ESOL</u>
Audestine Hudson	Jason Armstrong
Joanne Jacob	James Brown
Heidi Maloney	William Hanna
William Miller	Michele Holmes
Al Mitchell	James Howe
Chris Rahal	Audestine Hudson
Brenda Truesdale	Whitney Jones
	Brian Kerekes
	Tom Lange
	Heidi Maloney
	Anthony Murico
	Chad Myers
	James O'Neal
	Tyrone Perry
	Chris Rahal
	Clarence Proctor
	Beth Wynn

Seniors & Parents of Seniors

Dollars for Scholars

**Application Deadline:
March 4th**

If you have any questions,
see Mr. Stutzke.

You must apply online at:
[www. dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.dollarsforscholars.org)

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 back to you. As always, all are welcome at our current PTSA meetings which are the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30.

Thank you, Debbie Bova PTSA President.

PTSA NEWS



FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Parent Conferences (2:45-3:45 pm)	3 Parent Conferences (2:45-3:45 pm) Boys Basketball (H)	4 Parent Conferences (2:45-3:45 pm) Boys Basketball (H)	5 Parent Conferences (2:45-7:30 pm)	6 NO SCHOOL Boys Basketball (A)	7
8	9 Girls Softball (H)	10 Girls Softball (A) FCAT Writing (10th Gr.)	11 Girls Lacrosse (H) Boys Baseball (A)	12 Boys Lacrosse (A)	13 Boys Baseball (A)	14 FCAT/ACT/SAT Prep
15	16 NO SCHOOL Boys Baseball (H)	17 Boys Lacrosse (A)	18 Girls Softball (H)	19 Boys Baseball (A) Girls Lacrosse (A)	20 Girls Softball (A) Boys Baseball (H)	21 Girls Softball (A)
22	23 Boys Baseball: V(H)/JV(A)	24 Girls Softball (H) Boys Tennis (A) Boys Lacrosse (H) Girls Lacrosse (H)	25 Girls Softball (A)	26 Girls Softball (H) Boys Lacrosse (H)	27 Boys Baseball: V(A)/JV(H) Girls Lacrosse (A) Cheering Competition (A)	28 Boys Baseball (A)

MARCH 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Boys Baseball: JV(H)	3 Girls Lacrosse (A) Boys Lacrosse (H)	4 Boys Baseball: V(H)/JV(A)	5 Tennis (H) Girls Softball (A) Girls Lacrosse (H)	6 Girls Softball (H) Boys Baseball: JV(H)	7 Girls Lacrosse (A) Boys Baseball: V(A)
8	9 Boys Baseball (H)	10 FCAT Testing Girls Softball (H)	11 FCAT Testing Boys Lacrosse (A)	12 FCAT Testing Girls Softball (A)	13 Girls Lacrosse (A)	14 Track & Field (H) Boys Baseball (A)
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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 2, 3, 4 — Parent Conferences 2:45-3:45 pm
- February 5 — Parent Conferences 2:45-7:30 pm
- February 6 — No School
- February 10 — FCAT Writing for 10th Grade
- February 14 — FCAT/ACT/SAT Prep (9-12)
- February 16 — No School (Presidents' Day)
- February 17 — SAC Meeting
- February 28 — FCAT/ACT/SAT Prep (9-12)
- March 10, 11, 12 — FCAT Testing
- March 16 — SAC Meeting

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.

