



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian Families,

With the Christmas season officially behind us, how quickly time presses on with all that is upcoming in the new year! In January alone, we are busy preparing for the end of 2nd quarter (1/13) and our Staff Retreat (1/16), as well as celebrating the Feast of St. Sebastian (1/20), Registration & Open House (1/29), and Catholic Schools Week (1/29-2/3). Whew!

Additionally, as your child's primary educator, there are two other events I would like to draw your attention to, hosted by Divine Savior Holy Angels High School. The first, this evening at 6:30pm, is a screening of the documentary, *Screenagers*, followed by a parent led talk-back session. The documentary centers on the world of intense social media our children are immersed in, as well as society at large. You will learn how to "empower kids to best navigate the digital world." I have heard great feedback on this event when it was previously held.

The second event DSHA is hosting is called *Parenting for Purity*. I am thrilled that presenter Jason Evert is coming to the Milwaukee area, having encountered his work with my students in Denver when he was also a parent at my former school. Evert's message is relevant to the many influences that allure young people away from purity, as well as informative in how to best communicate with your children about pursuing a pure life. I cannot say enough of how powerful his presentation is (and entertaining!), assuring you that you will not regret attending. His message is truly an inspiring work of God for youth and adults alike. See the attachment in this newsletter for more information.

Have a wonderful week and God bless you,

Ms. Grams

**WELCOME!** - We have a new student and family to welcome - 3rd grader Elijah Rodriguez began this Monday in Mrs. Saeger's class. Welcome, Elijah and family!

**PACKERS DRESS DOWN DAY** - As to not break our streak, we will again this Friday, January 13th, have a Packers dress down day for the Play-offs. All dress code policies apply. Students may wear Packers gear or colors.

**LIGHT-UP SHOES** - Students are no longer to wear light-up shoes during the school day, as they are unfortunately distracting in the school environment. If it is a financial hardship for your family to replace shoes at this moment, please contact Ms. Grams or the Front Office.

**OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION** - Attention all CURRENT and NEW / PROSPECTIVE families: A reminder that Sunday, January 29th (9:00am – Noon) is our Open House & Registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Bring your children for various activities throughout the school, to show you their work, and to ensure their placement for next school year, prior to new seats being opened!

\* There is a correction, that Ms. Grams will be addressing those present at **10:00am**, not 10:30am, so that families planning to attend 10:30 mass may still make that.

\* New / Prospective families should bring your child's/children's birth certificate and immunization records.

\* ALL families (returning or prospective) must have the following on record. If any of these items are outstanding, your registration will be considered incomplete. It is critical we have this information.

- Contact info is current and accurate
- Birth certificate
- Immunization record
- Medical information / Allergies
- Student support needs are known

Information regarding school fees for all non-Choice families will be included in next week's newsletter.

**LUNCH HOUR VOLUNTEERS** – We are in need of parents to assist with playground and cafeteria supervision. Please contact Mrs. Golomski if you can help.

**ROSIE READER** - Congratulations to the following students for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "E" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K4 - Clara Mayek and Lillian Morby

Completing the letter "A" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K4 - Layla Peterson

K5 - Margot Rexroat

Keep up the good work!

**CURRENT PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
(contact the office at 453-5830 for information)**

Forensic Coaches – see attached flyer  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Volunteers for Camp Edwards  
Playground Supervision  
Lunchroom Supervision

You must have completed SafeGuarding training and consent to a background check to volunteer