



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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OPEN HOUSE - Save the date for Sunday, January 31st from 9a.m.-noon for St. Sebastian School's Open House. Former, current, and new families are invited to experience all that St. Sebastian School has to offer! Come and take a tour and share a morning snack in the cafeteria with fellow families. Current school families are invited to visit their next year's classrooms & teachers. See the attached flyer and pass it out to friends, neighbors, co-workers and more!

2016 – 2017 REGISTRATION – Individualized registration packets for enrollment in the 2016-2017 school year will be available at Open House on Sunday January 31. If you cannot pick it up at the Sunday Open House, your registration packet will be sent home with your family mail carrier on the following Monday. Please complete and return your registration papers as soon as possible. Remember, nobody is automatically re-enrolled for both school registration & Choice registration.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday January 21 at 6:30 in the Adult Formation room.

CONE PATROL –Room 211 is on cone patrol duty the week of Jan. 25.

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR TONIGHT - ORDER YOUR MARQUETTE TICKETS FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM – On January 20 at 7:00 our Middle School Choir will sing the National Anthem. Tickets cost \$19 each and include a premium Dwayne Wade figurine prize.

SECOND QUARTER GRADES & REPORT CARDS – Grades for the second grading period close next week on Friday, January 22. All financial obligations must be current or your child's report card will not be released. Please be sure your payments to the school, the parish and PAL are up to date. Parish Families also must have their 2016 Stewardship Pledge Commitment cards on file in the parish office.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - will resume Monday, January 25th. We invite children from grades 2-5 to sing for our all-school masses. Rehearsals are Mondays in church from 3:00-3:30p. No need to register - all are welcome

POPCORN SALE – 6th grade will be selling popcorn for 50 cents after school on Fridays - January 22 and 29, and February 5. Proceeds will go to their Outdoor Education camping trip.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF FORENSIC STUDENTS – There will be judges training sessions on Monday, January 25 and Tuesday, January 26 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the faculty room. There is a whole new set of rubrics for judging forensic pieces, so all judges must be retrained. Even if you have judged in the past, you need to attend one of the sessions on Monday or Tuesday. New judges may attend either Monday or Tuesday, as the training from Monday will be repeated on Tuesday. A list of trained judges must be turned in to MLFA BEFORE you are allowed to work at a tournament.

See you January 25 or January 26. Any questions? Please call Kathy Kirkpatrick at 414-774-6963.

GET READY FOR MARDI GRAS - The St. Sebastian Home & School Association will be sponsoring a Krispy Kreme Donut Sale after the 8 and 10:30am masses on February 7. You can purchase a dozen donuts for \$10 with proceeds going to all the great activities H&S organizes. If you'd like to guarantee a box will be waiting for you, you can reserve in advance. An order form is included with the newsletter attachments. Please return the order form with a check by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3. Address your envelope to the "Krispy Kreme Sale." Checks should be made out to St. Sebastian Home & School. No cash, please. If you have any questions, contact Trish Dulka at radocha@sbcglobal.net

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN - As part of its effort to protect all children and youth, the parish and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires every person who works in direct contact with children or youth complete a background check and a Safeguarding God's Children workshop. We will be offering a Safeguarding Workshop on Tuesday, January 26th in Saint Sebastian Church Hall beginning at 6:00 pm. To register for this workshop, go to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding.htm>

ADULT CONFIRMATION - Are you a Catholic adult who has never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? Are you a baptized Christian who is well founded in faith and is interested in the Catholic Church? Are you an adult Catholic who would like to review the basic teachings and practices of the Church? We will begin our next 9-week cycle of meetings on the Basics of Catholicism at the end of February. If you are interested in participating or have questions about Confirmation or Becoming Catholic, please contact Ed Duncklee {414-453-7150 or eduncklee@saintsebs.org}.

REDISCOVER JESUS - Don't give up chocolate this Lent! Are you searching for . . .

- a deeper sense of purpose?
- a clearer understanding of God's plan for your life?
- what matters most and what matters least?

Then it's time to rediscover Jesus.

Our parish has made copies of Matthew Kelly's Rediscover Jesus available to everyone. During Lent we will host a series of conversations centered on some of the reflections from the book. You are also encouraged to participate in an informal On-Line Lenten Retreat. Sign up for your daily reflections at: www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/#signup

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 31 through February 5. The complete list of Catholic Schools Week activities and our charity drive will be available next Wednesday.

SPANISH CLASS RETURNS FOR THE 2ND SEMESTER – Monday February 1 starts the 2nd semester Spanish classes in grades 5-8, for the classes that did not have Spanish in the 1st semester.

BE A PART OF THE "BEST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!" - High Interest Day 2016 is scheduled for Friday April 15. To keep this event fun and interesting for our students, we need some new energy on our planning committee. All are invited to learn more about this special day and how you can help make it a great day for our community. Please join us for our planning meeting on Wednesday January 27 at 7:00PM in the Multi-purpose room. Can't make it to the meeting, but want to learn more? Contact co-chairs Scott Welak (scott_welak@hotmail.com) or Catherine Bresser (ccbresser@gmail.com).

PRESENTERS NEEDED FOR HIGH INTEREST DAY ON APRIL 15! - Do you have a hobby or talent you'd like to share or show and interact with St. Sebastian School students? Please, please, please consider being a presenter for High Interest Day on Friday, April 15, 2016. You'd plan your class, set up (Thursday evening) and teach on High Interest Day, plus be reimbursed for materials. Your kids really love having you involved in their school. Please contact: Rebecca Desch: deschjr@me.com or Catherine Bresser: ccbresser@gmail.com. We REALLY need your help!

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FISH FRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! - Fish Fry Clean-Up Crew is looking for a few good men and women to join our team of regular volunteers. We offer great camaraderie during every clean-up shift...wiping, sweeping and mopping can be fun! If you enjoy classic hits and telling stories, please consider helping us out. Fish Fry clean-up starts at 7:30 and usually wraps up by 10:00. Contact Rob Stephenson (roblena@sbcglobal.net) to learn more.

Are you wondering what a regular volunteer is? Fish Fry regular volunteers work most of the fish fry dates. No one is expected to work every fish fry. But, every task runs more smoothly and more quickly when we have a group of people to guide our classroom volunteers.

SAVE THE DATE - SEBS PROM

Come as you were!

Who: Parents, staff, parishioners, neighbors and friends (adults only event)
What: Music, dancing, beer, wine, and general merriment
When: April 9th from 8-11pm
Where: Church basement, classic!
Why: For fun, of course, with all proceeds benefitting school needs

More details to follow, but for any burning questions, please contact Molly Ambrose at mollyj26@hotmail.com.

CABARET TALENT NEEDED - Looking for Local High School or College Singers/Actors - Wanted! A young man age 16-25 to play a major role in the St. Sebastian Cabaret, a musical being performed the weekend of April 15-17. This year's show involves scenes at a college, so we need several young men and women to play college students in classroom and party scenes. No need to be a parish member or even Catholic! We practice on weekends, along with a week of evening rehearsals April 10-14. No pay, but plenty of fun. If anyone has a son, daughter, sister, brother, grandchild, friend, or acquaintance of (roughly) college age who might be interested in being part of this year's Cabaret, please contact Steve sjmueller@wi.rr.com or Lori Karcher i12pmpu@wi.rr.com.

