



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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**OPEN HOUSE** – This Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9a.m.-noon is the 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. Special invitations are being sent to current students in grades K4-5<sup>th</sup> to visit their next year's teachers. See the attached flyer and pass it out to friends, neighbors, co-workers and more! Take advantage of our \$100 recruitment program and bring a guest.

**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.

**2016 – 2017 SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM** – There are big changes to the 2016-17 School Choice Program, including new financial guidelines, new on-line application system and a new definition of the parish Choice Cap. Come to a special School Choice meeting on Thursday Feb. 4 at 5:30 in the Church Hall. The meeting is mandatory for current Choice families and suggested if you are interested in the Choice Program. See the meeting flyer in your registration packet. A second make-up meeting is scheduled for March 3 at 5:30.

**SECOND QUARTER GRADES & REPORT CARDS** – Grades for the second grading period closed last 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. Report Cards are scheduled to go home this Friday, January 29.

**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 are attached. Please notice the special dress days each day and follow those details.

Our special Fundraising project is the Milwaukee Guest House – see the attached flyer. Our service project is the Student Council I Saw the Light bulletin board.

**CONFERENCES** – Conference appointment slips are being sent home with family mail carriers in the report card envelopes. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 24 from 4:00 – 8:00 and Thursday, February 25 from 2:00 – 4:00 and from 5:00 – 8:00. All conferences this session are scheduled, including middle school. All families must return the conference request slip! Remember – school dismisses next Wednesday February 24 at 11:30 and there is no school for students on Thursday & Friday February 25 & 26.

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

**CONE PATROL** –Room 212 is on cone patrol duty the week of Jan. 25.

**PARENT COFFEE WITH FR. LARRY** - All parents and grandparents are invited to join Fr. Larry for a special Parent Coffee in the Multi-purpose room after the All School Mass next Wednesday, February 2 (approximately 9:15 a.m.). If you haven't experienced the wonderful masses that our children take part in each week, this is a great chance to do so. Then, top it off with refreshments provided by Home & School and great conversation. See you next week!

**THE CHURCH HALL DISHES & SILVERWARE ARE SPARKLING CLEAN!** - A special note of thanks goes out to our Boy Scout Troop 31. On 1-17-16 they washed all the dishes and silverware in the Church Hall.? With kind hearts and muscle, these young men got the job done!

We are grateful for their assistance which will support our parish organizations that utilize the Church Hall kitchen for special events.

**CONGRATULATIONS 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS** - The 5th grade boys recently played in the St. Thomas Aquinas tournament. They won two consecutive games in pool-play on Saturday to grab the honor of playing in the Championship game. They battled hard against a good opponent but came up a little short and earned the Second Place Trophy. Congratulations to the 5th Grade Boys.

**SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN** - As part of it 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. If you missed the Saint Sebastian session last night, here are two more in the area:

**Wednesday, January 27** - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Safe Environment Education - Messmer Prep, Milwaukee**

Messmer Prep - Library3027 N Fratney St Milwaukee, WI 53212

**Saturday, January 30** - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Safe Environment Education - Marquette University, Milwaukee**

Marquette University1313 W Wisconsin Ave. Cudahy Hall Room 001 Milwaukee, WI 53233

To register for this workshop, go to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding.htm>

**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](mailto:radocha@sbcglobal.net)

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:scott_welak@hotmail.com)) or Catherine Bresser ([ccbresser@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:deschjr@me.com) or Catherine Bresser: [ccbresser@gmail.com](mailto:ccbresser@gmail.com). We REALLY need your help!

## **MAGAZINE SALE REPORT**

Fiscal:

Total income magazines and gifts \$9515.44

Online profit \$4625.61

Paper sales profit \$4889.83

Prizes: Non uniform day \$0, root beer float party -\$42.88, VIP packets \$0

Matt Wilhelm BMX bike show during Catholic schools week-\$300

-->\$9172.56 after prizes

Participation:

321 total students in the school

80 registered online sales

56 students paper sales

--> 42% students (range by class 10-59%)

Tuition Rewards certificates will be issued to students who had more than \$100 in sales. If a student sold at least \$100 worth of product with the fundraiser, he/she earned a \$1000 in Tuition Reward credit (for select universities) If a student sold \$250 in product, he/she scored a \$2500 certificate. You should be receiving them in the next couple weeks. The parents will need to register online to validate, and potentially use these certificates someday. The website is [www.tuitionrewards.com/gao](http://www.tuitionrewards.com/gao)<http://www.tuitionrewards.com/gao>

You can register in advance of next years sale at <http://www.gaschoolstore.com><http://www.gaschoolstore.com>; Prizes are only awarded during the sale. Questions or if you had any problems during the sale contact Colleen Poggenburg at [cfitz@mcw.edu](mailto:cfitz@mcw.edu).

Also, Colleen will be looking for a replacement in the next 2 years. It will take 2 years to learn the system. Time commitment varies but most of the time can work around your schedule.