



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

It was a busy weekend with the Catholic Soles Walk for Education and the St. Seb's Auction! There are always a multitude of interesting happenings going on throughout the course of a school day, that I thought I would share snapshots into our day-to-day over the course of the past week:

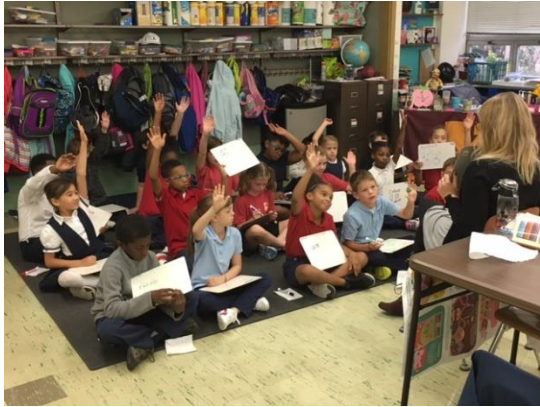
(L) The 4th grade class was well-represented at the Catholic Soles Walk for Education!

(R) Faculty & spouses enjoying a fun evening with the community at the St. Seb's Auction.



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(L) Ms. Kaja's 3rd graders engage in a "Math talk" during their morning meeting.
(R) Ms. Kozina's 2nd graders are setting the tone for the day with their morning meeting.



(L) Middle School students are busy learning the Google Suite programs during electives.
(R) Firefighters visit us (both Seb's dads!) in Kindergarten classes to teach fire safety.
(Thank you, Mr. Frost and Mr. Rebholz!) Ms. Grams and Mrs. Rebholz tried on the gear!



(Below) Students are working hard in play practices, preparing for Madagascar!



Have a great week and God bless you!

Ms. Grams

A REMINDER ON HALLOWEEN COSTUMES - Please be sure any costumes meet dress code requirements and are non-violent in nature. No weapons (even fake or plastic) are to be brought to school, nor will scary masks be permitted during the parade out of consideration of the little ones. Thank you for keeping your costumes fun, good natured, and/or creative!

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES – Friday, October 27 will be a dress down day. A Halloween theme is encouraged. The traditional Halloween parade around the block will begin at 2:00. If it is raining, we will parade in the hallways. During the Halloween parade, Home and School is sponsoring coffee and treats for parents, grandparents, siblings and friends to enjoy.

ATTENTION SCHOOL CHOIR FAMILIES - The following are important reminders for picking-up from choir practice, along with a few "tweaks" to ensure all children are safely dismissed. Choir ends promptly on Tuesdays AT 3:30pm. Students are dismissed 1 of 3 ways:

- 1) A parent may come and physically pick up your student in the church at 3:30pm,
- 2) A choir staff member will walk all PAL students to PAL who are scheduled to go there,
- 3) A choir staff member will walk all remaining students to the school parking lot where an approved adult would pick them up. Any child without a parent present to pick them up will be brought to PAL at that time to ensure they are supervised after choir. PAL does have a small fee for childcare which parents are billed monthly.

* Please note that students will no longer be excused from the church to walk to their ride on their own, assuming parents are waiting and are on time for pick-up. Please contact Mike Kamenski with any questions at mkamenski@saintsebs.org.

ST. SEB'S PHOTO PROJECT - We are looking to design the tops of our hallways of the school with impacting pictures of St. Sebastian School over the years. Though not all pictures can be used, please consider sending photos you are willing to contribute (or loan to be scanned), to either the front office in hard copy ("Attention: Photo Project") or electronically to Jen Sveda at jsveda@saintsebs.org. Further, if you are interested in helping oversee this project, please let Ms. Grams know at hgrams@saintsebs.org or in person. The goal of the project is to provide a sense of walking the hallways of the history and present day through the lens of students, staff, and the community of St. Sebastian School. We are also collecting any memorabilia of St. Sebastian School that you may wish to donate in honor of someone to put up in the hallways and glass cases. Thank you for considering any contributions possible!

SCHOLARSHIP POSSIBILITY - If your student has a Catholic Financial Life policy, he/she is eligible for a scholarship program for elementary through college. Here is a link for more information.

<https://www.catholicfinanciallife.org/Benefits/FinancialMembership/ScholarshipPrograms.htm>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - 11/22/17 will be a busy day around St. Sebastian School! Students and staff are invited to dress UP on this day (or wear uniforms - no dress down) in honor of our Thanksgiving liturgy and holiday. We will begin with our all-school mass at 8:15am, which we invite family members and friends to, as always, each Wednesday. Following mass time, the school will engage in service projects for a portion of the morning, along with other classroom activities. ***Please remember dismissal is at 11:30am on this day!** It is also the last day of the first trimester and grading period. Report cards will go home early the first week of December.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE - Each year we celebrate Thanksgiving as a time to give thanks for the many blessings we have received. It is also a time to share our gifts with others who are not as fortunate. This year the Saint Sebastian Parish community will again participate in the Thanksgiving meal drive at the House of Peace, a Franciscan mission serving the poorest in our community. Our challenge consists of filling boxes with specific nonperishable items to accompany a turkey that is delivered to needy families. The parish goal is filling 35 boxes which are available in the gathering space, with the school committing to filling at least 10 of the boxes. Please bring in all donations no later than Thursday, November 16th so they can be compiled in time for the House of Peace to pick up.

Below is a list of items needed by grade level:

K4 - boxes of pudding or jell-o
K5 - boxes of cornbread mix
1st - boxes of macaroni & cheese
2nd - (32oz) cans of sweet potatoes or yams
3rd - bag of stuffing
4th - box of mashed potatoes
5th - cans of cranberry sauce
6th - can of gravy (no glass jars, please)
7th - cans of green beans
8th - cans of corn
St. Coletta - boxes of cake mix & cans of frosting
Staff - any of the above items

*We can also add in any extra Halloween candy you may wish to donate!

SAFEGUARDING CLASS FOR SEB'S VOLUNTEERS - If you would like to volunteer in the school in any capacity, a background check and completion of an Archdiocesan Safeguarding God's Family class is necessary. Upcoming sessions are at the following locations. Sign up on the Arch's website to attend and for more information. All parents should attend one at some point so you can be involved as needed throughout your child's years in school!

Link: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm>

10/25 @ 6:30 pm @ St. Dominic

11/6 @ 6 pm @ St. Monica

11/7 @ 6:30pm @ Lumen Christi

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

Completing the letter "R" in reading:

K4 - Maame Dampare, Jason Long, Seamus Martin, Sophie McCulloch, Sam Rebholz and Bain Schuhart

Completing the letter "E" in reading:

K4 – Ava Alston

K5 – Owen Troy

Completing the letter "A" in reading:

K5 - Ruby Foster

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K5 – Lillian Morby

Keep up the good work!

ST SEBASTIAN SCHOOL THEATRE INVITES YOU - To "Move It, Move It" to the Church Hall to see this years' production of the wild and wacky "Madagascar--A Musical Adventure, Jr". Join Marty the Zebra, Alex the Lion, Gloria the Hippo, Melman the Giraffe, and of course the "cute and cuddly" penguins as they escape to Madagascar and meet Queen Julien and the lemurs.

The performance dates are Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 at 7:00PM and Sunday, November 12 at 2:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door--Adults \$6.00 and students-\$3.00. This mad cap show, filled with singing and dancing by all will leave the audience with no choice but to "Move It, Move It." Join us for an unforgettable evening.

FISH FRY NEWS!! SAVE THE DATE!! - The 2nd grade parents along with many of our awesome St. Sebastian teachers will be working the November 3rd Fish Fry next month! Mark your calendars!! Come and enjoy all your Fish Fry favorites...fried cod, shrimp chowder, homemade desserts...plus our Specialty Soup of the Month -- Broccoli Cheese, prepared by Americo & Holly Rutenbeck!! You don't want to miss it, this soup won't be available in December. Dinner is served from 4:30-7:30 in the school cafeteria. Don't forget to tell everyone you know about Milwaukee's BEST fish fry!

Want to help and need more info? Contact Amy Struck (Amy4ever72@hotmail.com) OR Lisa Weger (lisamweger@gmail.com)

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION - If you are a St. Sebastian parish member or day student in grades 5-8 and you would like to play basketball this year's registration **deadline was October 6th**.

Registration forms received after the deadline will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. All teams have a 10-player limit after the deadline. Forms are available in the school office or on line.

If you have not signed up and still wish to play please contact Michael Lehmann at 414-745-9987 or email mlehmann2@wi.rr.com

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 31 FUNDRAISER – St. Sebastian Boy Scouts are taking orders for Christmas wreaths. Boy Scouts will be reaching out to the St. Sebastian Community to fulfill their holiday decorating needs. Please support our Boy Scouts as they raise funds for equipment and camp.

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING – All are welcome to attend tonight’s Home & School Committee meeting in the faculty room. It begins at 6:30.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF COLETTASCOPE -

Join us at this one-of-a-kind student-art auction fund raiser. It's a fantastic time to get to meet the artists and learn about the St. Coletta Day School program. With your admission you could be the high bidder on the beautiful art, or non-art baskets. Get a great deal when you stop at the restaurant tree or wine pull. The voice auction, has great items both art and non-art. You can take a sneak peek at the art by visiting the website, www.colettascope.com. Please come and enjoy the evening Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Mount Mary University from 6:00-9:30. There is plenty of free parking and a surprise or two. For more information call St. Coletta Day School at 414-453-1850.