



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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THANK YOU – Thanks to the Metz family for the donation of a microwave oven for our faculty room. It is very much appreciated by the lunch crowd!

FINANCES - FIRST QUARTER GRADES & REPORT CARDS – Grades for the first grading period close this week - Friday, October 30. Report cards will be sent home the next week. 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.

POWERSCHOOL TIME! – Are you checking out your child(ren)'s PowerSchool account with the PowerSchool access for parents sent home last month with mail carriers with complete details on both how to log in to PowerSchool and what data you can find there, including student achievement grades, tardy/attendance and lunch spending and balance. Parents need access to the internet and a valid e-mail address, then you will follow the directions to create a PowerSchool account.

Contact Mr. Hohl or the office if you did not receive your access letter or are having trouble logging in.

POWER LUNCH – Please log into Power School to keep an eye on your children's lunch account balance. Students with a negative balance of \$10 or more will receive a cheese sandwich for lunch. Please contact Mr. Hohl if you need more information on accessing your Power Lunch account.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS – Conference appointment slips will be sent home with family mail carriers on Wednesday, November 4th. All students in K4 – 5 will have an appointment. Middle school students and their parents will not have appointments. They should wait in line outside the classroom doors of the teachers they wish to conference with. Conferences are scheduled for:

Wednesday, November 11 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Thursday, November 12 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Thursday, November 12 5:00 – 8:00 PM

ST. SEBASTIAN THEATRE PRESENTS ALADDIN, JR. – The St. Sebastian Theatre will present ALADDIN, JR. on Friday November 6, Saturday November 7 and Sunday November 8 in the church hall. Performances are 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday. There will be a matinee performance on Sunday at 2:00 PM. Take a magic carpet ride to the Whole New World with our very talented performers as they sing and dance their way through the magical tale of 1001 Arabian nights. Adult tickets are \$6.00 and student tickets are \$3.00.

This year is another COME FOR THE FISH, STAY FOR THE PLAY opportunity. Come for our fish fry in the cafeteria on November 6 and then join us for the opening performance of ALADDIN in the church hall at 7:00 PM. It is truly enchanting evening of entertainment for everyone.

NO SCHOOL FOR 8TH GRADE – On Friday, November 6, the 8th graders will have off to take their high school entrance exams.

CHARACTER ED DONATIONS – The Character Ed Committee is in need of cash donations or \$5 gift cards to award students caught “Keeping the Covenant”. Ideas for gift cards include: Target, Yo Mama, Rainbow Books, Cold Spoons, etc. If you can, we would greatly appreciate your support to help recognize positive behaviors among our students. You can drop off any donations at the office. Thank you for your support.

CONE PATROL – Room 207 is on cone patrol duty the week of 11/2.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – Turn your clocks back Saturday night and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS – Each classroom will be arranging their own celebration on Friday, October 30, so check with your child’s room parent or teacher regarding their plans. Also Friday, we will be having a school-wide costume parade around the block at 2:15 – all are welcome! This is a regular school uniform day, so we ask that students DO NOT wear costumes to school. Students will have time to change into costumes in the afternoon. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be through the halls of the school. Following the parade, parents are invited to a social gathering in the cafeteria until dismissal time.

FIZZ AND FELLOWSHIP - Attention Parents: Don't be left out of the Halloween fun on Friday! Join Home & School for "Fizz & Fellowship" before and/or after the costume parade. Refreshments will be available from 2-3 p.m. outside the school doors or in the cafeteria if the parade is held inside. See you there!

COACHES - The YAC is in need of basketball coaches for 5th grade boys and girls this upcoming season. If you are interested please contact Michael Lehmann for details @ 414-745-9987 or email @ mlehmann2@wi.rr.com

LAST WEEK TO FIGHT WORLD HUNGER– We continue to collect QUARTERS until Friday which will be donated to Cross Catholic Outreach. This organization works with Catholic youth to fight world hunger. One quarter buys one healthy, protein-rich meal for a hungry person. Here at Sebs, we are joining Cross Catholic to raise money to buy meals for families in developing countries. All the quarters and other monetary donations collected will be sent to this organization. Students are encouraged to bring in as many quarters as they can through Friday, October 30th. The more quarters students donate, the more meals they have provided for hungry people across the world!!!

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Middle School Student Council officer candidates will give their campaign speeches on Thursday October 29 at 9:30 in the church. Officer Election Day is Monday, November 2.

COLETTASCOPE - Join in this fun and exciting event. Find a one of a kind gift or something new for your art collection. Bid on the framed art or baskets of non-art items.

ColettaScope is a silent auction and art sale of works created by the students of St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee under the guidance of guest artists. All proceeds benefit St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee- a nonprofit educational program serving children with cognitive disabilities since 1956.

We'd love to see you on:

Saturday November 14, 2015 from 6-9:30 at:

**Mount Mary University in the Alumni Dining Hall
2900 Menomonee Parkway Milwaukee WI.**

Your **admission of \$25 per person** includes appetizers, beer, wine and punch. There is a cash bar and plenty of free parking. To preview the show: www.colettascope.com or for more information (414) 453-1850

8TH GRADE SETON VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SUCCESS – Our 8th grade girls volleyball team qualified for the Seton. The girls played yesterday at Center Court in Waukesha and beat St. Anthony on the Lake. The girls next play on Thursday at 5:30 vs. St. Boniface, and play again at 7:30 if they win.

Congratulations Boys 8th Grade! Volleyball! The St. Sebastian 8th Grade Boys Volleyball team took 2nd place in the Seton Pool Play Tournament on Monday. Our boys next play in the Seton on Thursday at 7:30 vs. St. Lucy. If you would like to see some great volleyball and support St. Sebastian School, wear your red and head out to Center Court starting at 5:30. Great job athletes! Go Raiders!

YOUR ARTICLE IN LIGHTS! - We are looking for articles to post on the home page Triptych of the school website's home page. Please send your article to Carrie Pruhs at carrie.pruhs@marquette.edu for posting. Some ideas: various clubs, scouts, upcoming play, write-up on a teacher, report on a field trip or a recent event, spotlight on a group of volunteers (cafeteria/playground, fish fry regulars, morning drop-off crew, classroom liaisons, etc.), anything and everything! Your article will be edited if needed, so don't worry about it being perfect. Thanks for sending in your articles. It helps to keep the website fresh!

FLOWER AND GRAM RUNNERS NEEDED - For one hour prior to each play performance, we need middle school kids that are not in the play to hand-deliver flowers or Fan-O-Grams to the play performers. If you would be willing to be a runner, you'd earn one hour of service hours for each performance you work. Please contact Mrs. Rebecca Desch at deschjr@aol.com to sign up.

CYM (CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRIES) BASKETBALL - The CYM Basketball League gives high school teens an opportunity to reconnect with old grade school friends and to meet new ones. All parish members, grades 9-12 attending a Catholic high school or St. Sebastian religious ed are eligible to play. Games are against other parish teams on Saturdays and Sundays beginning January 2nd ending with a tournament in late February through March 6th. Player and team forms, rules and schedule information are available at www.cymsports.com. Please download the forms and turn completed forms and \$50 payable to St. Sebastian YAC into the parish house as soon as possible but no later than November 9th. Call Chris Marcoux at (414) 258-1734 with questions.

ST. SEBASTIAN CABARET THEATER INITIAL MEETING – Nov 13, 6-10 p.m. Church Hall. If you've always wanted to be part of a team but don't play a sport, this is the place for you. For years, St. Sebastian parish has hosted our own community theater – the Cabaret! We've gone from a talent show to a full-blown original musical, and we welcome everyone to join our no-cut cast. The next production (always a sell-out) will take place April 22-24, 2016. We need actors, singers, dancers, painters, cooks, bartenders, graphic designers and any other kind of volunteer to help put on the show. We're open to everyone – no need to be a parishioner or even Catholic! Intrigued? Attend our first meeting on Friday, November 13 to learn more about the show and your potential role. Pizza and soda provided – bring a friend and a side dish! RSVP to Lori Karcher i12pmpru@wi.rr.com – or let her know if you have questions or can't make it but you're still interested.

BOOK FAIR – The next installment of “Wimpy Kid” is being released on November 3rd. Stop by the school library to reserve a copy of “Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School” for \$13.95. Copies can be picked up and paid for at the school book fair. The book fair runs from November 9 – 12 and is open during school and conference hours. It's sponsored by Rainbow Books with all proceeds benefitting the school library.

WELCOME PROJECT PART 2 ANNOUNCED - Dressed in their finest, about 200 parishioners and their friends enjoyed an evening of fun and fundraising at this year's auction. Expenses are being counted along with the donations, and we'll have a complete report soon. At the event, auction co-chair Rob Shelledy introduced the second part of the parish's Welcome Project, an effort to make the physical campus more welcoming. Go to <http://bit.ly/SebsWelcome> and learn more about the amazing changes we'll see to the Washington Blvd. entrance thanks to money raised at the auction. You'll also see a brief video that provides an update on the project's initial phase and indicates a vision for the future. For more information, contact Rob Stephenson – robstephenson@sbcglobal.net

CAN/ALUMINUM DRIVE COMING IN APRIL - April seems like a long time away, but think of all the cans and aluminum you could have saved up by then! If you haven't started yet, you need to start saving, rinsing and crushing all your aluminum cans NOW! Save aluminum foil and baking pans too! We will collect cans/aluminum by grade, and the class with the most pounds will get a PIZZA PARTY! >>> If you don't want bags of aluminum taking up space in your garage, back hall or basement, you can take them to Cimco Recycling on 53rd and State Street at anytime. Be sure to tell them it is for St. Sebastian, and get a receipt. Put your child(ren)s grade(s) on the receipt and turn in to the Home and School mailbox in the office so their grade can get credit.

CONFERENCE BAKE SALE – The 8th grade class will be sponsoring a Bake Sale and selling Walking Tacos during parent- teacher conferences to help support the 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip. Bring your appetite.

MAGAZINE SALE RESULTS - This year the magazine and gift sale generated over \$9000 in 2 weeks. There was participation by every classroom (range 11-75%). Students will be rewarded with an all school non-uniform day and a visit from Matt Wilhelm in an all- school assembly with an anti-bully theme. Please check your records and make sure that the orders were credited accordingly (if you think your child earned a root beer float and is not on the list, or your family should get a VIP package and are not on the list, please email Colleen Poggenburg at cfitz@mcw.edu

We will make sure that everyone knows the date of the root beer float party and that the teachers have a list of the students that can attend. We are very thankful to all that participated. We would like to acknowledge some of our super sellers; Reed Burzynski 48 orders; Maggie Mullen 38 orders; Claire Nistler 20 orders; and Norah Rochford 22 orders. The classroom winners for the most participation were Mrs Runnoe and Mrs. Canapa. Our super sellers will be receiving a remote control minion.

Other things you should know: You can still go to the web site www.gaschoolstore.com <<http://www.gaschoolstore.com>> all year and order items and credit them to St. Seb's we still get the profit (40% of each sale); use code 2535623. Did you forget to get wrapping paper? It can be shipped to your house for Christmas. Check out all their gift items. There is no future credit for students for prizes with the exception of the kick off and sale. During the sale, students get credit per order for a magazine OR a gift order. There are hundreds of options on the web site. For next year, Colleen will be looking to train a replacement. You will probably work together with Colleen for 2 sales (2 years) because the sale runs for such a short period of time, once a year. It can work around different schedules. We know everyone must be so excited to see this post open up.

WINNERS ARE LISTED ON THE ATTACHED PAGES

COUNTRY SPRINGS WATER PARK PASSES - For a limited time between now and November 20th you can order one-day water park passes for \$12.50 each. This is *half off* the regular rates! These passes are a Home and School fundraiser and make wonderful Christmas gifts and a great winter escape. Use the order form below, write your check payable to St. Sebastian Home and School, place both in envelope (Attn: Leah Sealey) and turn into the school office or send via backpack mail. Tickets will ordered and become available for pick up in the school office before Christmas Break. Tickets are valid for an entire year. Block out dates apply. Questions? Contact Leah Sealey at leahsealey@hotmail.com or 414-774-0836.

2015 COUNTRY SPRINGS WATER PARK PASSES

Family Name _____ Mail Carrier Room # _____

or Homeroom Teacher Last Name _____

Number of passes _____ x \$12.50 = _____

Write your check payable to St. Sebastian Home and School

Return via office or backpack mail BEFORE NOV 20th,
Attn: Leah Sealey