



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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HAPPY ALL SAINTS DAY! Today reminds us of the bigger picture of what we are - or should be - ultimately striving for in this life, above all else - Heaven! As Robert Louis Stevenson said so astutely and was mentioned to those gathered at mass this morning, "*Saints are sinners who kept on going!*" Surely there is hope for us all!

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Church and is celebrated every year on November 1st in the Catholic Church as well as certain Protestant denominations. We celebrate all whom we believe have entered heaven, including those officially recognized and those who are not. Today at our all-school liturgy, joined by parishioners, students were invited to dress as a Saint, all of whom are pictured below. Fr. Larry blessed new "Tiny Saints" keychains, which will be given to the children today as a reminder to strive for a holy life and as representation of holy men and women from around the world. I encourage you to take a few moments to ask your child which Saint they received, read together the accompanying description, and consider how they might try to emulate something this model in faith offers us today. A special thanks to Home & School for providing these to our school children!

Have a wonderful All Saints Day
and God bless you,
Ms. Grams



NO SCHOOL FOR 8TH GRADE – This Friday, November 3rd, 8th graders are registered to take their high school entrance exams. 8th graders are not expected to report to St. Sebastian School that day.

CHANGE IN PLANS FOR MAGAZINE REWARDS DAY – The dress down day and the root beer float party for select students who participated in the magazine sale has been moved. The new date is Monday, November 6th. Please check the attached list to see if your children will be participating in these events.

BUZZ BOOKS – 2017-18 Buzz Books have arrived. One will be sent home with the family mail carrier. Additional books are available for \$2.00.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL DONATION WEEKEND – Fall cleaning? Gather your usable items for the St. Vincent de Paul “Bundle Weekend”. The truck will be on St. Sebastian’s parking lot from 9:00 – 12:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Your charitable donations will be given to the poor or sold at a fraction of their cost with all proceeds benefitting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, helping our neighbors in need. Upholstered furniture must be in good condition. For a pick up of larger items, please call 462-7863. They will accept:

CLOTHING	JEWELRY	POTS AND PANS
DISHES	BIKES	TOYS AND GAMES
FLATWARE	BABY ITEMS	SMALL APPLIANCES
TOWELS	PICTURES	CURTAINS/DRAPES
BLANKETS	HOUSEWARES	SMALL FURNITURE
BOOKS	RECORDS AND TAPES	CDs & VHS MOVIES
SPORTING GOODS		

51ST ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE - Our Boutique week-end will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec 3. Reservations for the Women's Luncheon are due by 12 noon, Nov. 22. You can register online or use the attached reservation form. Copies will also be available in the gathering space. Join us for lunch or to shop for unique Christmas gifts from 9 am to noon.

The St. Nicholas celebration and breakfast will be held in the church hall on Sunday, Dec. 3. You can participate in family advent activities and continue your Christmas shopping while supporting parish sponsored organizations.

Care to join in the fun of preparing for this popular Christmas event? Check out the volunteer portal on the parish website, or contact co-chair JoAnn Stasiewicz at 414-405-5303. Use the volunteer portal or contact **Boutique chairpersons** Sue Olson, susan-olson@att.net, [414-331-3358](tel:414-331-3358) or JoAnn Stasiewicz, joannstaz@ameritech.net, [414-405-5303](tel:414-405-5303)

There are opportunities for middle school students to help with set-up and take down. If a parent volunteer would like to help coordinate a group of students, that would be great!

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

Completing the letter "R" in reading:

K4 - Archie Ambrose

K5 - Drago Martin

Keep up the good work!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED - Are you interested and available to consider substitute teaching at St. Sebastian School? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Lori Golomski at [414-453-5830](tel:414-453-5830) or lgolomski@saintsebs.org for more information.

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.

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.

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

ATTENTION SEB'S SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS - Home and School is soliciting interest in whether Sebs' school and parish families who own small businesses or sell items such a jewelry, cosmetics, beauty products, art, clothing, or anything really, would want to participate in a Small Businesses Shopping market on November 25, 2017 (Small Business Saturday), from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The cost per booth would be \$35.00 each, which would provide the vendor a table and area in the Seb's gymnasium to sell your wares. Please contact Jennifer Volz/Foster [414-881-2892](tel:414-881-2892) or antjenmilwaukee@gmail.com by November 17th to reserve a spot or ask any questions. Please see attached flyer for more information.

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!