



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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NO SCHOOL FOR THANKSGIVING – We will dismiss next Wednesday at 11:30 for the Thanksgiving holiday. School resumes Monday November 30.

FIRST QUARTER GRADES & REPORT CARDS – The new 1st quarter Report Cards are ready and were passed out during conferences by your child's homeroom teacher. Report Cards not picked up were sent home this week. As of today, we have fixed all attendance/tardy issues. We will not issue a new Report Card, but ask that you **check on-line to see the accuracy of our corrections. Here are the definitions of the attendance/tardy codes:**

We also alerted any family that has not yet logged into PowerSchool at conferences & offered you an additional sign-up instructional sheet. See Mr. Hohl in the office for PowerSchool log-in help. Here is an explanation of attendance codes that are used by PowerSchool:

AXF – Absent Excused – Student is absent for the full day and we have had contact with a parent explaining their absence.

AXH – Absent Excused Half Day – Student is absent for a half day and we have had contact with a parent explaining their absence.

AU – Absent Unexcused – Student is absent and we have not had contact with a parent explaining their absence.

TE – Tardy Excused – Student is tardy and a parent has contacted the office in advance to explain a pre-arranged appointment situation.

TU – Tardy Unexcused – Student is tardy and there has not been a pre-arranged explanation from a parent.

X – Truant – Student is truant from school. arranged appointment situation.

ISS – In School Suspension – Student receives a suspension but it is served in school. This is only assigned by the administrator and the student must receive school work and a small amount of instruction related to work being assigned while in ISS.

OSS – Out of School Suspension – Student has received a school suspension that is served out of school. This can only be assigned by a school administrator.

When a child will be absent, the **parent is expected to contact the office** before 8:30 AM. Parents will be contacted if the absence has not been reported **by an adult**. You may leave a message on the school voice mail.

CONE PATROL – Room 212 is on cone patrol duty the week of 11/23, for the three days of Thanksgiving week.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK - Thank you to the many, many parents and volunteers that helped with the backstage aspects of Aladdin, Jr. Every year we are overwhelmed and very appreciative of the amount of help that we receive with the set building, costumes, make-up, snack bar and flowers, properties, and supervision of students from so many parents and adults. This year was no exception. When there is so much help given in these essential areas, it makes the production so much more successful. We would also like to thank the parents for their generous gifts to us. We truly appreciate your kindness. Next year, St. Sebastian Theatre will celebrate 25 years of musicals. We look forward to celebrating with our current students in our favorite production, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, and hope that many our alumni actors will be able to join us for this special celebration.

David and Kathy Kirkpatrick

WOMEN OF ST SEBASTIAN – 49TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE - Holly Berry Luncheon & Boutique is Saturday, December 5th. Boutique shopping from 9-12noon with lunch served at noon. Luncheon reservation form is attached to the newsletter.

The boutique is in need of bakery donations. Your treats can be dropped off in the Church Hall any time after 5:00 on Thursday, December 3rd and all day on Friday, December 4th. We appreciate anything you would care to donate - cookies, cakes, breads, pies and candies are all welcome.

SPIRIT WEAR - Only **TWO DAYS** left to order your St. Sebastian Spirit items perfect for gift-giving. Click now! <https://stsebastiangear.itemorder.com/sale> to see all the new stuff! All orders due THIS Friday, November 20th. Thank you for supporting Home & School. All proceeds help fund Home & School events. Please note this is the only way to order your gear. There are no paper orders. Questions? email deschjr@me.com

HIGH INTEREST DAY – The committee is beginning to solidify. More committee members are needed, however. We especially need representation from parents in grades 1 – 4. If you can contribute your time and talent to this amazingly fun, educational project (or for more information) please contact chairman Jack Welak at scott_welak@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE – Christmas Concert is Tuesday December 15 in the Church at 6:30.

HOME & SCHOOL FUNDRAISER! - Your Home & School Association is partnering with local farmers to create a small selection of unique gift baskets in time for the holiday season. Order forms are coming home this week. To ensure delivery before Christmas break, orders are due after Thanksgiving break. Families with orders over \$150 will receive a "Caring for Our Common Home" reusable shopping bag, courtesy of the St. Sebastian Sustainability Committee. Any questions can be directed to Lena Stephenson at roblena@sbcglobal.net or 414-259-5012.

RETAKE PROOFS – If you had a photo taken on retake day, the proof is being sent home today. If you wish to order pictures, you can send the order to school, or order online. The deadline is November 23rd.

ONE DAY MANDARIN ORANGE DRIVE SUCCESS! - On behalf of the Hunger Task Force and Cub Scout Pack 231 we would like to thank the St Sebastian Community for their generous support of our Mandarin Orange Drive. With short notice, and on a Monday to boot, the community raised well over 100 lbs of Mandarin Oranges to help the Hunger Task Force build 800 food baskets to be distributed to families in need this Thanksgiving. Our community demonstrated its commitment to our Covenant, living out the values of Kindness, Respect and, Responsibility as we assist those in need this holiday season. Thank you for your support and for demonstrating the meaning of the holiday season.

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

Completing the letter "E" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K4 - Micah Keiser and Samantha Kokalis

Keep up the great work!!

