



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

*"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus" (1a-2b).*

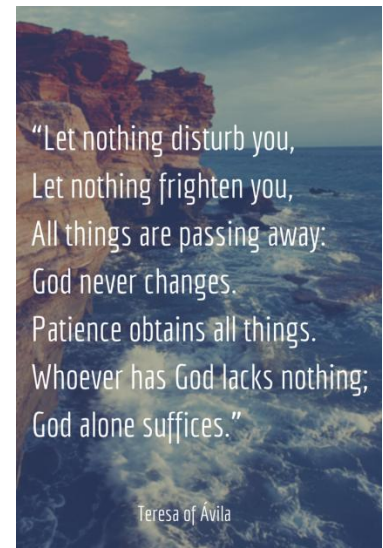
We have had a number of conversations this year with faculty and students alike, on how we both work together and individually to persevere - in our studies, in our faith lives, and in the day to day.

Reflecting on "perseverance" this week, I thought of how easy it is to feel drained by the mere thought of what it often demands from us - digging deeper... working harder... and to not give up. At this time of year it can feel an extra challenge to persevere towards our goals, as the newness of the school year has faded, the light and darkness of the day has shifted, and we feel the movement of the seasons.

Perseverance can also call forth, however, nothing more than an inner peace and patience to endure. Rather than feel anxious managing all we have to do and have yet to accomplish, Scripture reveals that Jesus himself sought balance through prayer and waited on God's timing. As is true in work, daily schedules, and indeed our spiritual lives, sometimes we are simply called to wait and to trust, all while carrying on in our efforts to the best of our abilities. This, too, is surely perseverance.

This week we share with you a prayer from St. Teresa of Avila in hopes that it allows for reflection in your own life of how "perseverance" may perhaps take on another meaning - waiting patiently for God's timing of movement in our lives and trusting our role within that to endure; all while fixing our eyes on Jesus.

God bless you,  
Ms. Heather Grams



**WINTER WEATHER** - Please be sure your children have proper clothing to wear at recess. During inclement weather, St. Sebastian School will be closed if either Milwaukee Public Schools or Wauwatosa Schools close. We will not make a separate announcement for weather related closings. If St. Sebastian School needs to close for any other reason, there will be an announcement in the media.

**BUZZ BOOK UPDATES** – Please note the following changes:

The email for Weger should be [lisamweger@gmail.com](mailto:lisamweger@gmail.com)

The email for Carrigan should be [mocarrigan@aol.com](mailto:mocarrigan@aol.com)

The email for Allen, Cowley & Hammond-Maxie should be [aqweenb@gmail.com](mailto:aqweenb@gmail.com)

The new address for Woodley is 1606 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Zip 53208

The zip code for Kokalis should be 53208

**SCHOOL PICTURES READY** – School pictures have arrived. In an effort to avoid bent pictures coming home in backpacks, you may pick them up in the school office. Any that are not picked up by Monday will be sent home with the student next week.

**SCRIP** – Remember to purchase Scrip cards to use for the groceries and gas you are going to need for Thanksgiving. The parish makes a profit when you use Pick & Save, Meijer, Sendiks, Sentry, Piggly Wiggly and Metcalfe's. Also, fill your gas tank to drive over the river and through the woods with Kwik Trip, BP, Shell, Speedway, Exxon/Mobil, PDQ. You pay face value – there is no additional cost to you and we make a profit! Call the school office for more information.

**51ST ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE UPDATE** - Reservations for the Women's Luncheon on Saturday, December 2 are due by 12 noon, Nov. 22. You can register online or use the reservation form that was included in last week's school bulletin. Copies will also be available in the gathering space.

If you are interested in helping with the Boutique, Check out the volunteer portal on the parish website, or contact **Boutique chairpersons** Sue Olson, [susan-olson@att.net](mailto:susan-olson@att.net), 414-331-3358 or JoAnn Stasiewicz, [joannstaz@ameritech.net](mailto:joannstaz@ameritech.net), 414- 405-5303. There are opportunities for junior high 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!

Please consider donating bakery goods of any kind - cookies, cakes, breads, pies, candies - will all be appreciated. Contact Kerry Barton with questions at [414-531-6783](tel:414-531-6783) or [kerrydews1@aol.com](mailto:kerrydews1@aol.com). Bakery can be dropped off at the Church Hall on **Friday, December 1** anytime between 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

**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](mailto:lgolomski@saintsebs.org) for more information. A teaching license is preferred, but not required.

The pre-requisite is an undergrad degree in any area, a background check, and meeting Safeguarding requirements.

## **PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES –**

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join their high school choir for their Christmas concert, to be held at St. Sebastian Church. The concert date is December 13, 7:00 PM. Dress rehearsal is December 12, 2:30 PM. Email [tajack@piusxi.org](mailto:tajack@piusxi.org) to learn more about rehearsals or to sign up. Flyers are available in the St. Sebastian School office.
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend a Pius Popes basketball night. Coupons are available in the St. Sebastian School office for free admission, soda and popcorn for 1 student and 1 chaperone. There are 2 games in December and 2 games in January.
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to audition for Les Miserable on November 15 & 16 in the evening. Girls should be prepared to perform the song "Castle on a Cloud" – all 27 bars. Boys should be prepared to perform the song "Little People" – all 30 measures. An accompanist will be provided. Other roles are available as well. To schedule an audition or for further information, email [kschwartz@piusxi.org](mailto:kschwartz@piusxi.org). Flyers are available in the St. Sebastian School office.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>**.

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](mailto:mlehmann2@wi.rr.com)

**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](mailto:jsveda@saintsebs.org). Further, if you are interested in helping oversee this project, please let Ms. Grams know at [hgrams@saintsebs.org](mailto: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!

**ATTENTION CHILDREN'S 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](mailto:mkamenski@saintsebs.org).

**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.

**GRANDPARENT INFORMATION FORM** - At Saint Sebastian School, we recognize the important role that grandparents play in our students' lives. From daily school pick-ups, to coming to concerts and sporting events, to the annual Grandparents' Day breakfasts, we appreciate their support of our school. In an effort to keep in touch and keep them updated on school happenings, we would appreciate you taking a moment to fill out the pink form coming home with your mail carrier today. If they are willing, we would like to have their mailing address for invitations to the Grandparent/VIP day and their e-mail address to send announcements about upcoming events they may choose to attend. Please send them back to school by Nov. 17.

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**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!

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

Completing the letter "R" in reading:

K5 - Liam Gomez and Graeme Sanders

Completing the letter "G" in reading and completing the Rosie Reader program - Way to go!!

K5 - Clara Mayek

Keep up the good work and keep on reading!

**SMALL BUSINESS DAY UPDATE** - Due to many of our Sebs small business owners previous commitments, we did not receive the necessary amount of business vendors to hold the Small Business Day Event on November 25th. We do, however, want to support local businesses and business vendors, so let's get aspirational and shoot for next year. To do so, potential business vendors please contact Jennifer Volz at [antjenmilwaukee@gmail.com](mailto:antjenmilwaukee@gmail.com), so we can start planning, reserving spots, and gathering interests as early as possible. Sorry we could not host the event this year, but we are excited about the prospect in the future.

**FISH FRY NEWS!! SAVE THE DATE!!** The 8th grade parents will be working the December 1st 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 -- French Onion, prepared by Mary Madigan!! You don't want to miss it, this soup won't be available in January. 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](mailto:Amy4ever72@hotmail.com)) OR Lisa Weger ([lislamweger@gmail.com](mailto:lislamweger@gmail.com))