



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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THANK YOU FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL SHOW – Thank you to all the people who were recently part of the theatre world and helped to make The Little Mermaid, Jr. a huge success. Over 75 parents and adult friends volunteered many, many hours of time to help sew the costumes, construct the set, make the snack bar treats and telegrams, play the music and all of the other various tasks needed to prepare our talented actors for production. Their extra-ordinary efforts are silently recognized in the magical and colorful stage the audience sees when the curtain opens. Their labors of love along with the hard work of our very cooperative cast and crew made The Little Mermaid one of our best productions ever. Thank you also for all the support and patience from the adults backstage during the performances. Your direction assures a smooth running show. Your efforts are not always well recognized, but are essential to our production. Finally, thank you for the generous gift from the parents. It is truly appreciated. The smaller cast worked out very well this year so we will keep that in mind when selecting a show for years to come.

David and Kathy Kirkpatrick

CONE PATROL – Room 207 is on cone patrol duty the week of 11/24.

NO SCHOOL FOR THANKSGIVING – We will dismiss next Wednesday at 11:30 for the Thanksgiving holiday. School resumes Monday December 1.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SAVE-THE-DATE – Monday December 15 is the Christmas Concert in Church.

NO KIDS CHOIR MONDAY – Mr. Kamenski is on vacation Monday November 24.

NEED CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES? - Looking for wrapping paper or Christmas cards? You can go to the same website that we use for the magazine sales and we still get the profits. Students are not awarded any prizes. To do this, go to

www.gaschoolstore.com< href="http://www.gaschoolstore.com"> target=" _blank">http://www.gaschoolstore.com<</a<>;

Go to supporters

School code : 2535623

There is an option to skip the "select a student" step. We won't track this outside of the kick off. Any questions call Colleen Poggenburg 414 607-1976.

NEEDED – The school office is in need of donations of gently used, clean girl’s underwear. (We have boy’s underwear.) Accidents are not unexpected, but we need supplies in order to help out. Thank you.

CONGRATULATION MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL STUDENTS – See the attached list.

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

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

K5 – Willow Lyons

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

K5 – Evelyn Ambrose

Great Job to all!! Keep Reading!!

DONATION FOR DRESS DOWN!—This Friday, we invite students to help stock the neighborhood food pantry at St. Catherine’s parish. St. Sebastian parish has always made a commitment to help stock Reformation Lutheran’s food pantry, but that has since closed. We are now partnering with St. Catherine’s and their food pantry is in great need for all donations of non-perishable food items. Student Council will help collect all donations on Friday morning, November 21. Those students who donate may participate in a non-uniform day. Students are not required to participate and will then have a regular uniform day.

WINTER IS HERE—IN NOVEMBER! It’s hard to believe the calendar tells us it is autumn, but the wind chill tells us it’s winter! Many students were caught off guard with the really cold weather. Please remember to provide your child with warm clothing for recess. All students will go outside for recess as long as the wind chill is above zero. Appropriate clothing would include a winter jacket, hat, gloves or mittens, and boots and snow pants when it is snowing. Many young ladies are still wearing skirts, and often come to school with bare legs. Let’s keep our eyes and ears on the weather and make sure students have the clothing they need to keep warm.

GOOD LUCK TO THE SEBS LEGO ROBOTICS TEAM – Our Lego Robotics team is scheduled for tournament on Sunday, Nov. 23 at Marquette High School. The team will be competing from 8:00 – 4:00. The competition is open to the public and the robot game is in the afternoon. Spectators are welcome to attend. Good luck to our team in their first tournament!

2nd CHANCE - FAMILY AGREEMENTS NEEDED – Please sign & return the agreement sheets for your family. You can sign each one individually or simply sign the cover sheet for all three documents. All three documents, including the cover sheet that needs signed, is on the website. The agreement indicates that you & your family have read and approved (adults & students should sign):

1. School Family Handbook – posted on-line & available for printing
2. Internet and School Network Responsibilities agreement
3. Photo release form

NEEDED IN THE COMPUTER LAB – Thank you to those who donated Clorox wipes at the beginning of the school year. Unfortunately, that supply has run out. The keyboards, mice and tables are cleaned regularly by students who use them in 1st through 8th grade. Mrs. Clermont would appreciate any donations of wipes for the lab.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SECRET SANTA! - On Sunday, December 7th at the St. Nicholas Celebration, kids will have an opportunity to secretly shop for small gifts for their family. We are asking for donations of gifts, such as, but not limited to: holiday items (ornaments, etc.), small games, puzzles, toys, candles, jewelry, sports items, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the Secret Santa box in the school office. Thank You!

MARY – OUR GUIDE THROUGH ADVENT - Mary, the Mother of Jesus, serves as our guide and model during the Season of Advent. Everyone is invited to a special Intergenerational / Family Workshop focused on Mary in Advent on Monday, December 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This evening will feature a pot-luck desert, lessons about Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Immaculate Conception, Advent rituals for your home, and more.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY

Opening Prayer

Maureen

Approval of Minutes

All

Principal's Report

Hohl

Standardized Testing / Smarter Balance, Choice Audit, Review of conferences, New students since 3rd Friday, Soles for Catholic Schools Walk update / Textbook acquisition update

Committee Reports: Parish Council – Dodridge, Home and School – Drew, Finance – Mullen

Presentation of Budget Process - Intra-Committee Choice Cap Conversation

Old Business Strategic planning update, Student survey posted, Update on development of ideas from Listening Session (possibly), January Open House (Sunday 1/25)

New Business

Closing Prayer:

Maureen

Next Meeting: Thursday, 1/15 at 6:30PM – Multipurpose Room

Elizabeth – Prayer/Refreshments

FUTURE FEMALE SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS – Marquette College of Engineering Outreach invites girls to join them on November 22 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM. This informational meeting will not cost you a penny but it certainly may get your daughters, sisters, and granddaughters excited to learn more about computer engineering and computer science. **To learn more about this program see their website and don't forget to register on line at** <http://www.marquette.edu/engineering/k12-outreach/academies.php>

To learn more about Girls Who Code please visit their website at: <http://girlswhocode.com/clubs/>

JOY TO THE WORLD HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE – DECEMBER 6 – 7 - Ladies there is still time to put a table together for the Holiday Boutique Luncheon on December 6th. Reservations are due on November 24th. Please plan on baking a special holiday treat for the Boutique *Sweet Shoppe Bakery*. Your treats can be dropped off in the Church Hall any time after 5:00 on Thursday, December 5th and all day on Friday, December 6th. We appreciate anything you would care to donate - cookies, cakes, breads, pies and candies are all welcome. Helpers for set-up on Wednesday, December 4th and clean-up on December 8th are needed. Junior high students are encouraged to help out. Please contact Jo Ann Stasiewicz at 406-5303 for details.

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? PREPARING FOR ADVENT - On Sunday, November 23rd we are hosting an evening of reflection and story-telling in preparation for the Season of Advent. Fr Andre Papineau, published author and professional story-teller will begin the evening with Mass at 6:00 pm followed by a presentation and reflection. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and youth to share some time and faith. We'll have a light supper after Mass before the presentation begins. This offering of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation is open to all.

SUSTAINABILITY MEETING – Interested in earth stewardship at St. Sebs parish, proud of the programs currently in place at our school, or think we can do more? Join us Monday night, November 24 at 7:00 PM in the Adult Formation room for our third Sustainability Meeting. We are working closely with Interfaith Earth Network representatives to chart our course for the next six months and get busy. Please add your voice! For more information contact Annalisa Ragatz at 414-778-0260.

VLIET STREET AND NORTH AVENUE 'HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS' – Friday, November 21 from 4:00 – 9:00 and Saturday, November 22 from 10:00 – 4:00. This is an opportunity to support local businesses and enjoy holiday open-houses. Several locations will have family-friendly “make and take” art projects.

To encourage foot traffic to local businesses, this year visitors will be able to collect tool-themed stamps for their “tool belt” at each local business they visit. Every stamp qualifies them for one raffle entry into a gift basket drawing. The gift basket will include items from participating businesses.

Confirmed participants this year include Barcelona - Artful Living (5827 W. Vliet), Meritage (5921 W. Vliet), Nourri (5901 W. Vliet), West End Conservatory (5500 W. Vliet), NEWD Clothing Company (5425 W. Vliet), ReSource (5422 W. Vliet), Urban Sense (5402 W. Vliet), Square One Art Glass 5322 W. Vliet), Hayat Pharmacy (5928 W. Vliet), JDBC Tax Services (5423 W. Vliet, Suite 111), Salvaged Studio (1415 N 54th St.), Art & Soul Gallery (5706-08 W. Vliet), James Steeno Gallery (5700 W. Vliet), Four Corners of the World (5401 W. Vliet), Milkweed Designs Jewelry (5700 W. Vliet St., inside James Steeno Gallery), Bloom Gallery & Creative Ground (5205 W. North Ave.), Fathead Jerky (5513 W. North Ave.), Sharehouse Goods (5507 W. North Ave.) and Samara Garden & Home (5211 W. North Ave.).

Because parking is limited on West Vliet this year due to construction, local businesses Highland Lanes (5830 W. Vliet), Milwaukee Recharging Services (5707 W. Vliet) and Papa Joe’s Pizza (5601 W Vliet) have donated their parking areas for visitors during the event. In addition, the 2014 Holiday Happenings program will include parking maps. Programs are available at all participating businesses on West Vliet and North Avenue.

To learn more about Westside Holiday Happenings, go to www.WestVliet.com/Holiday-Happenings. Follow Holiday Happenings on [Facebook](#).