



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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

SECOND GRADING PERIOD MID-TERMS GO HOME FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 – Grades 4-8 will bring mid-terms home Friday, December 5.

WEEKLY ALL SCHOOL MASS ON MONDAY DECEMBER 8 – To celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will have our all school mass on Monday December 8 at 8:15. All are invited to join us. There will be no all school mass on Wednesday December 10.

CONGRATULATIONS BAPTISM STUDENTS – Congratulations to students Matthew Wallace, Avery Williams and Rayven Dodd on their baptism at the all school mass on Wednesday!

SPIRIT GEAR HOLIDAY SALE – Sale flyers and order forms were sent home with mail carriers today. St. Sebastian spirit wear makes great holiday gifts. The crewneck sweatshirt being sold can be worn as part of your uniform. Order deadline is December 5th. Items will be ready for pick-up before Christmas break.

CONE PATROL – Room 210 is on cone patrol duty the week of 12/1.

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

KIDS CHOIR SINGING AT PARISH MASS – Mr. Kamenski will lead the Childrens Choir in singing at mass on the Sunday December 7th 8:00 AM mass. Childrens Choir parents should have the students here at 7:45 AM and have them gather at the altar.

2016 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT – See the attached letter from the city of Milwaukee regarding upcoming informational meetings about a major neighborhood construction project that will take place in 2016.

FORENSIC MEETING SCHEDULED – ATTENTION all middle school AND PARENTS. There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in joining our 2015 forensic team Tuesday, December 9 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the church hall. At least one parent, as well as the student, need to attend the meeting. The forensic program will be explained, categories discussed, schedules handed out, and several parents opportunities outlined. The forensic program IS a family oriented program so we need your involvement. If a student cannot attend, please still send a parent representative to collect the materials and get the information. The forensic program is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, so join our award winning team. See you on December 9.

MILEAGE CLUB NEWS - First of all thanks to our Mileage Club volunteers, Catherine Bresser, Kris Becker Haveman, Jen Heidenreich, Eric Mrozinski, Yuki Lawrence, Colleen Poggenberg, Carrie Pruhs, Katie Summerfield, Jen Sveda and Emily Wincentsen, for helping with our Tuesday/Thursday recess activity for St. Coletta and 2nd-4th grades. *Please find a small thank you gift in the school office--just a little something to keep you warm in the months ahead!*

Take note of our new "Marathon Wall of Fame" outside the school office. We already have a handful of students who have accomplished this 26.2 mile goal and hope to add more to their ranks in 2015!

In the wintertime months, Mileage Club runs only on Thursdays. Students will be running the "long" way around the block in front of the church. Each student will get TWO punches on their card for each lap. In December we also will be handing out Christmas Tree tokens (one per customer) for completed cards. Remind your student that walking and running during recess is a great way to stay warm--and it's fun!

DROP OFF LANE PROCEDURE AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS - Keep in mind that distracted driving is not an option at St. Sebs. Please proceed into the lot slowly and refrain from using your cell phone. Other important safety tips for drop-off lane may be found here: <http://bit.ly/146TMoj>

Many thanks go to the parents who keep us safe in the morning: Dana Biasi, Rebecca Desch, Taj Pearsall, Scott Hardy, Janelle Pruhs, Beth Park, Lisa Sherer, Joe Cayen, Rebecca Keiser, and Mark Knapp. *Please find a small thank you gift in the school office--just a little something to keep you warm in the months ahead!*

WE NEED FRY KIDS FOR DECEMBER 5TH - The December fish fry is right around the corner. If you are considering this service activity, please read the descriptions for the different positions for Fry Kids. Remember, you cannot be a server until you go through the Fry Kid server training we call "Shadowing".

If you are signing your child up - please make arrangements if they cannot attend. There is a server waiting list with additional kids ready to step in. Contact [Jeff Sobczak](#) for details.

Hopefully these reminders will prevent some of the issues we encountered October and November. The kids who participated did a great job. As a reminder, please share this message about service with your child:

More than anyone, the adults volunteering at Fish Fry know how hard these kids work at becoming great servers, keeping our guests happy and their bellies full. That is why each month we have an MVS - Most Valuable Server. It is not based on tips, or who was the busiest server. It is about how you choose to exhibit our Christian values during service to the Parish for these 4 hours. The things you should be asking yourselves include: "How have I treated others, including the other fry kids?" "Have I respected the adults?" "Have I devoted this time in good faith and worked my hardest?" This is what makes the most out of your service.

Please remind your child to keep these basic fundamentals in mind when serving. We talk about these things each month with the kids before they serve, as we go over the "How to be a Fry Kid" - just ask them where the hot sauce is!

As always, we still need 13-18 servers, 8 setters/bussers, and 2-5 more kids for hallway elevator monitoring and child care for every sit down Fish Fry. The link to signup can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/ok5c7j3> As always, the password is "frykid".

Thanks again, and we look forward to a great December Fish Fry - The Fry Kids Staff

ROSIE READER - Congratulations to the following students for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:
Completing the letter "N" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K5 – Brady Potier Brown and Anita Hatten

Great Job to all!! Keep Reading!!



Be sure to kick off the holiday season by attending and participating in the Boutique on December 7th and 8th. Shop for unique craft and gift items from 9am-noon on both days.

We are still looking for a few more Hello Dolly Waiters to serve lunch. Gentlemen please call Julie Rozek-Brady (453-9417 or cell# 491-9417) to volunteer.

Please plan on baking a special holiday treat for the Boutique *Sweet Shoppe Bakery*. Your treats can be dropped off in the Church Hall on Thursday, December 5th from 5-7pm and all day on Friday, December 6th. We appreciate anything you would care to donate - cookies, cakes, breads, pies and candies are all welcome. Christmas mugs are also needed for our Heights Café and can be dropped off at the same time.

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<>;

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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.

AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB BEGINS DECEMBER 4TH - On Thursday, December 4th, the After School Chess Club will begin its 2014-15 season. The Club will be held every Thursday from 3:00 until 4:15 pm through the end of April. Students in grades 1-8 are welcome even if you don't know how to play chess. Students should bring a simple snack to eat in the cafeteria after school. Dues will be \$5 for the season and registration forms will be available at the first meeting.

We are doing something different this year for our experienced players. We will form a Chess Team for those that want to compete in more Saturday tournaments around the area. The Team will meet Thursday evenings at from 7-8:15 pm starting December 11th.

More information on the new Club/Team structure will be given at a Parent Information Meeting which will take place after our first club meeting of the year in the Art Room at 4:15 and last about 15-20 minutes. Please join us to learn about our plans for the year including the need for parent volunteers, upcoming off-site tournaments and more.

Please contact Joe Cayen at 476-9667 (evenings) or jcayen@cayen.net if you have any questions.

ADVENT WAITING – MARY OF THE AMERICAS - The Blessed Virgin Mary is central to our Advent waiting. We wait with her in the days of her pregnancy, we journey with her to Bethlehem, and we prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus. On **Monday, December 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Church Hall** we are hosting an Advent Family Faith Program – and intergeneration evening of lessons, music, and activities focused on two images of Mary special to the Americas: the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States, and Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. This is a DESSERT pot-luck event – come have fun!

ADVENT FUN DAY FOR KIDS! - Advent Fun Day for Kids! - On Sunday, December 14 from 1-5 p.m., St. Sebastian high school and middle school Youth Ministry students are providing child care and activities for parish children ages 3 – grade 5 in the Church Hall. It's a great way for parents to enjoy an afternoon out! Suggested donation is \$1 per child, plus personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste or other goods) for homeless people served by Milwaukee Hope House. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AdventFun> to register, or email mc.anderson1@sbcglobal.net.

RECYCLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS - Ninth and tenth graders in the St. Sebastian parish high school faith formation class are collecting burned-out lights throughout the holiday season at the entrances to the church and school. Look for brightly colored boxes and bring your light strings and extension cords. In January, the students will bring them to a recycling center and donate the funds raised to parish causes.

CABARET VIDEO AVAILABLE - Last spring's "Molly's Midlife Crisis" was the latest in a long line of success St. Sebastian Cabaret Theatre performances. If you'd like to relive the laughs and lovely music written by parishioner Jesus Villa, purchase your copy now! Cost is \$20 per DVD. Please place orders with Dan Schley, dan@schley.me or 414-257-3853. Checks can be made to St. Sebastian Parish.