



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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CONFERENCES – Included with today's newsletter are details regarding parent-teacher conferences scheduled for February 4th and 5th. Appointment preference sheets are due THIS FRIDAY, January 16th. The same conference information was sent home with family mail carriers today as well. **All conferences are by appointment, including middle school students.**

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 19 – Teacher Inservice on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

OPEN HOUSE - Save the date for Sunday, January 25th from 9a.m.-noon for St. Sebastian School's Open House. Former, current, and new families are invited to experience all that St. Sebastian School has to offer! Come and take a tour and share a morning snack in the cafeteria with fellow families. Current school families are invited to visit their next year's classrooms & teachers. See the attached flyer and pass it out to friends, neighbors, co-workers and more!

SECOND QUARTER GRADES & REPORT CARDS – Grades for the second grading period close Friday, January 23. All financial obligations must be current or your child's report card will not be released. Please be sure your payments to the school, the parish and PAL are up to date. Parish Families also must have their 2015 Stewardship Pledge Commitment cards on file in the parish office.

POPCORN SALE – 6th grade will be selling popcorn for 50 cents after school on Fridays - January 16, 23 and 30. Proceeds will go to their Outdoor Education camping trip.

CONE PATROL – Room 211 is on cone patrol duty the week of 1/20.

FORENSIC JUDGES TRAINING SCHEDULED – Attention parents of forensic students – On Monday, January 19th at 7:00 PM there will be a judges training session in the faculty lounge. Any parents who wishes to judge at this year's forensic tournaments must have the hour of judge's training, prior to the start of the season. We need approximately 4 judges per contest, so please join us on Monday, January 19th. Please support our forensic students by judging.

8TH GRADE PHOTOS – 8th grade students will have their graduation pictures taken Friday, January 16th. They may dress up.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION - We begin the immediate preparation for First Communion with a Parent Orientation. Parents should attend an orientation either Sunday, January 18th at 9:00 am or Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm. The Orientation will be held in the Church Hall.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT – All families are invited to join us for Family Game Night in the Church Hall on Sunday January 18 at 7:00. You could also attend the parish 6:00 p.m. mass together as a family if you are interested. This is the first Family Game Night sponsored by the school Education Committee and Faith Formation as part of our Math Improvement plan. We will have games there or bring your favorite from home to share. Also feel free to bring a snack or drink.

ORDER YOUR MARQUETTE TICKETS FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM – Use the ticket order form for Marquette vs. Seton Hall during Catholic Schools Week on January 28 at 6:00. Our Middle School Choir will sing the National Anthem. Tickets cost \$18 each and include a premium prize.

4th ANNUAL SCOUT SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 8th, 10:30 MASS - Calling all girls and boys who are Scouts of any troop, den, pack or patrol and are members of the parish. Scouts will be involved in all facets of the 10:30 mass this day, including serving, cantoring, greeting, lectoring, offertory, etc. If interested, please email Mary at SebsScoutSunday@gmail.com. A 'Sign Up Genius' link will be sent out to all interested families.

HELP WANTED: SCRIP SELLERS FOR AFTER 10:30 MASS - If you can spare 30 minutes once or twice per month to help with this fundraiser/service to parishioners, please call Mary at 530-7470 or email at marymadi225@gmail.com. The job is easy- sit in the gathering space and sell gift cards to parishioners after mass and then tally the sales when done. We only need THREE people to be fully staffed. Your time would make a huge difference to the volunteers covering the empty slots.

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:

K5 – Ryan Mahn

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

K5 – Henry Blanchard, Walden Kennedy, Marshall Jones

K4 – Bea Hatten

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

K5 – Brendan Conklin

Great Job to all!! Keep Reading!!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY – 6:00 in the Multipurpose Room January 15 – note the time change 30 minutes earlier.

PARENT COFFEE NEXT WEDNESDAY – 9:00 a.m. after mass in the Multipurpose Room, January 21. Enjoy a Meet & Greet with Fr. Larry.

GOOD-BYE – The time has come to let everyone know that my last day is Thursday, January 15. I just wanted to let you know how grateful I am that I could be your cafeteria supervisor for the past 2 ½ years. It has been a pleasure to get to know all the wonderful children and staff that took me in as a friend. I hope you know how much happiness you have brought into my life.

I hope the students will not forget the good times we have had in the cafeteria – I will never forget the deep discussions we had and the laughs we shared. You have amazed me by your brilliance. I would not be surprised to hear fantastic things from or about all of you. I hope that no matter where your future takes you, you will continue the learning process and remember the virtues of the Covenant.

I have really loved my time here as a member of the St. Sebastian staff. You are an incredible group of children that have forever changed my life. One last piece of advice, **STAY AWAY FROM THE ZAP TABLE!!**

Ms. Tasha Parker

