



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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AN ADVENT INVITATION – Advent is HERE and the mass planning team is beginning our 1st Advent school mass with the question “Are you ready for the Coming of Jesus Christ?” For many of us, Advent is the time for cleaning and decorating the house, buying gifts for loved ones, and preparing for Christmas. However, Advent is more importantly a time for a different kind of “interior” design. Our hearts and lives can often get cluttered with material things, leaving “no room in the inn”. We put up walls of division, partitions of status, or closed doors of judgement that shut God and others out of our hearts. Through prayer, good works and forgiveness, we open Advent spaces for God to enter and dwell among us.

We invite you to join us at our school Advent mass celebrations these next few weeks, if you are able. We encourage you to have a discussion with your child(ren) about ways we can all prepare ourselves so that we can all be ready for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

SAVE THE DATE – Christmas Concert is Tuesday December 15 in the Church at 6:30. Complete concert details will be posted in the next newsletter

WEEKLY ALL SCHOOL MASS ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 – To celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will have our all school mass on Tuesday December 8 at 8:15. All are invited to join us. There will be no all school mass on Wednesday December 9.

FORENSIC GENERAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED – The student and parent information meeting for the 2016 forensic season will be on Wednesday, December 9 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the church hall. Forensics is a public speaking program for the middle school grades – 6 through 8. Any St. Sebastian School student, or parish member that is currently attending faith formation classes, is welcome to be on our team.

Forensics is a family activity, so at least one parent and students needs to attend the meeting. If the student has basketball practice on that night, at least one parent should come to receive the information. Even if you have been on the team before, you need to come because new schedules will be handed out and new rules and rubrics will be explained for the upcoming season. **COME AND JOIN US ON DECEMBER 9.** The forensic season is right around the corner.

CONE PATROL – Room 210 is on cone patrol duty the week of 12/7.

ORDER YOUR MARQUETTE TICKETS FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM – Use the ticket order form for Marquette vs. DePaul on January 20 at 7:00. Our Middle School Choir will sing the National Anthem. Tickets cost \$25 each and include a premium Dwayne Wade figurine prize. Tickets make a great family event or Christmas present.!

WATER PARK PASSES – The passes have arrived. They are in the school office. Because they have \$\$ value, parents should pick them up. If you choose to have your child bring them home, please call the office at 453-5830. We will not release passes to students without a directive from a parent.

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING – Please drop off burned-out holiday lights or extension cords in the colorful boxes at church and school entrances. High school faith formation students will bring them in for recycling and donate the money to a designated charity.

TRAINEE WANTED - Carrie Pruhs, parent of 7th and 5th grade girls, maintains much of the school's website on behalf of the school office and is looking for one or two people to take over when her kids graduate. It took a few years to really get comfortable with the techniques and get to know the contacts; getting someone started now would help preserve consistency. If you are interested in learning what goes on behind the scenes with the posts on the website and like working with computers, this volunteer position is for you. The program, WordPress, is easy to use and is web-based, so you could work from home. Contact Carrie at cpruhs@sbcglobal.net or call 414-302-9551 for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB BEGINS DECEMBER 10TH - On Thursday, December 10th, the After School Chess Club will begin its 10th year at Sebs. The Club will be held every Thursday from 3:00 until 4:15 through the end of April. Students in grades 1-8 are welcome even if they 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 year and registration forms will be available at the first meeting.

More information about the Club will be given at a **Parent Information Meeting** which will take place on December 10 in the Art Room from 4:15 - 4:30 pm. 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 899-5936 or joe.cayen@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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