

Join the St. Sebastian School Middle School Choir for a Catholic Schools  
Week Event

# Marquette vs. Seton Hall

Wednesday, January 28  
6:00  
Bradley Center

Watch Marquette defend the BMO Harris Bradley Center Court.

Hear the world famous St. Sebastian Middle School Choir  
sing the National Anthem before the game!

Special price for game tickets is \$18. Price includes a 400 level game ticket & a special gift. Choir members must order a ticket this year. Fill out and return the form below to take advantage of this special deal. Great for Christmas stocking stuffers!

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Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets at \$18 each \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
(checks to St. Sebastian)

I do NOT want to attend but will sponsor a choir member's ticket (\$18 enclosed)

Due to the school office by Friday, Jan. 16

As we head into the Advent season, we would like families to take some time together and reflect upon what this time really means for us as Christians. The practice of lighting candles on the Advent wreath is a wonderful way to mark the passage of time as we wait for Christ's birth. During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk to your family about how you are doing in attending to your spiritual life as a family. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again.

*Daily prayer:*

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

*Prayers for lighting Advent candles:*

**First Week-** All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.~AMEN.

**Second Week-**God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.~AMEN.

**Third Week-**Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.~AMEN.

**Fourth Week-** Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN



Tom Barrett  
Mayor

Bevan K. Baker, FACHE  
Commissioner of Health

**Health Department** Family and Community Health Services

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To: Staff and Parents of Students at St. Sebastian School  
Address: 1747 N 54th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53208  
Date: December 2, 2014  
Re: Monitor for Symptoms of Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Based on recent investigations conducted by the City of Milwaukee Health Department cases of Pertussis (also known as Whooping Cough) continued to be identified at St. Sebastian School. Because of this continued transmission it is possible that you/your child may have been around someone sick with Pertussis.

Because of this possible contact to someone with Pertussis, it is **very important that you monitor for signs & symptoms of Pertussis**. Pertussis begins like a cold with a mild cough, usually starting 7 to 21 days after exposure. The cough gets progressively worse. The coughing can be severe enough to cause vomiting. Coughing tends to be worse at night, and cough or cold medicines usually do not help. General symptoms can include a runny nose, stuffy nose, or cough that does not get better. If any of these symptoms occur you should call your doctor and the local health department. Take this letter with you if you/your child are seen by a care provider.

Even people that do not know if they have been around anyone with Pertussis should see a doctor if they have a cough for more than a week; or cough followed by vomiting; or burst of coughs followed by loss of breath or "whoop". Included is a Pertussis fact sheet with additional information.

Close contact for an hour or more with a person sick with Pertussis is usually needed before the bacteria can be spread. However not every exposed person will get sick. Pertussis can be treated or prevented with a few days of antibiotic medicine. Pertussis in children & adults can also be prevented through vaccination. The childhood vaccination to prevent Pertussis is "DTaP". The adult vaccination to prevent Pertussis is "Tdap". Please discuss these vaccinations with your health care provider. I have included information sheets for both of these vaccinations.

In order to prevent further spread of this disease, it is very important that anyone with symptoms of Pertussis avoid close contact with others, and especially with young children who are much more likely to get seriously sick from Pertussis. If you have any questions about this, please call the Milwaukee Health Department at 414-286-3624 to speak with a nurse.

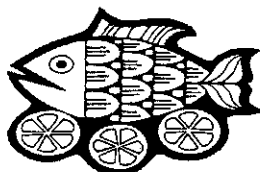
Sincerely,

Nancy Gagliano, RN, BSN  
Public Health Nurse  
City of Milwaukee Health Department  
841 N Broadway, 1st Floor  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
414-286-3624

Attachments

*Think Health. Act Now!*

# FISH FRY



Please join us for our Home and School sponsored *Fish Fry*, on Friday December 5, 2014. **Thank you** to all the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and the regular volunteers who signed up to help. Please review the volunteer list below as a reminder of the shift for which you have volunteered. *Contact Rob Stephenson at 259-5012 with any questions.*

**\*\*\*MANY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED\*\*\***

December 5, 2014		8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fish Fry		<b>Bold =Regular Volunteer</b>
Thursday Prep 6:00-8:30pm (Need 6-8)	Friday Set-Up 1:30-4:30pm (Need 5-7)	Friday Dinner 4:00-7:30pm (Need 36)		Friday Clean-Up 7:30-10:00pm (Need 16-18)
<b>**NEED 4 MORE PARENTS**</b>	<b>**NEED 3 MORE**</b>	<b>**NEED 6 MORE**</b>		<b>**NEED 6 MORE**</b>
Beth Park Janelle Pruhs	Shelly DePalma Lisa Sherer Robin Gorman  AUDREY KEPPLER	Beth Neumann Shelly DePalma Mark Zlewski Tod Macareno Tim Heeley Rob Stephenson Steve Biasi Frank Swanson Mark Krier Mary Madigan Dean Lex Steve Lamers Corina Gencuski Turquoise Welch-Loera Melanie McCauley Miranda McCauley (hostess protégé) Laura Ewig/Dana Biasi  PATTY MILLS JIM LUSTIG MARK KNAPP TRACY KELLY	Sue Olson Ben Koch Jim Zaffiro Ben Koch Brian Berner Lisa Weger Dan Schley Nancy Marseo Jeff Sobczak Greg Kozina John Park Scott Hardy Calvin Greer  TRACY KELLY SHANESE WILLIAMS	Matt Bohlmann John Pruhs Peter Daleiden Joe Desch Wendy Swanson Corina Gencuski Lena Stephenson Dave Pruhs  BERT WRIGHT S. L. KERRY JAMES RASMUSSEN DENIS HAUF

**DESSERTS:** (2 dozen is the quantity for each donation, homemade is appreciated.) The following families have agreed to bring desserts: KNAPP, KEPPLER, HAESSLY, MILLS, BOHLMANN, WEIGEL, SOWINSKI, ROSZINA/IVERSON, STEPHENSON.



# St. Nicholas Celebration & Breakfast

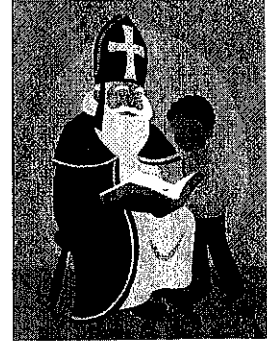
Sunday December 7, 2014

9:00am -12:00pm

St. Sebastian Church Hall

**St. Nicholas-** Enjoy a visit from St. Nicholas. He will share a story or two. You can also have your picture taken with him.

**Family Activities** – Sponsored by the Girl Scouts and Faith Formation. There will be crafts and cookie decorating.



**Kids Only Secret Santa Workshop** – Children can shop with the assistance of the Girl Scouts for their family Christmas gifts. Most items range from 50 cents to \$2.

**Caroling** – Join our youngest Girl Scouts in a Christmas carol or two.

**Boutique Bazaar** – You will find some wonderful and unique Christmas gifts while shopping among these St. Sebastian Sponsored Organizations.

CWSS Craft Circle

St. Sebastian Stitchers

Boy Scouts

Home & School

Class of 2015 Coffee Sale

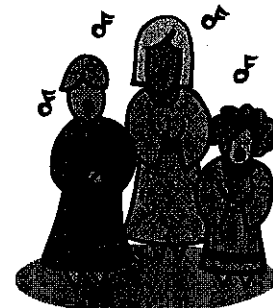
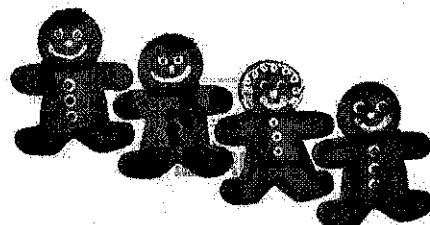
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St. Sebastian Choir

**Breakfast** – French Toast and Sausage will be served from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Adults -\$5.00 and Children -\$3.25

Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the door.



# St. Sebastian School

## 2014-15 Recruitment Incentive Program

### **Did You Earn \$100?**

Did you recruit a new family to St. Sebastian School for this school year!

### **Qualifications for the \$100**

- \* The new family has not attended St. Sebastian School in the past year.
- \* The new family must have enrolled by September 6, 2014.
- \* You must be designated as the recruiter with the form below with signatures from the referring family and the new family.
- \* The new family must complete the first half of the school year.
- \* \$100 can be collected in three ways and will awarded at the Christmas Concert:
  - Cash
  - Scrip
  - Credit toward the 2015-16 school year registration fees.

**We Need Everyone's Help to Build School Enrollment!**

**Positive Parent Feedback is our BEST Recruiting Tool!**

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### **St. Sebastian School Recruitment Incentive Program**

Please complete and return to the school office by December 9 to qualify for your \$100

New Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address or Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

New Family Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruited by : \_\_\_\_\_

Questions ? Call the school office at 453-5830

# St. Sebastian School Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, 11/20 7:30-9:00 PM Multipurpose Room  
Joe Desch Cell Number: 915 9529

**Attendance:**

x	Melissa Karls Coor	x	Maureen O'Meara Rowen
x	Joe Desch	x	Jill Schmid
x	Elizabeth Drew		
x	Paul Hohl	x	Audrey Keppler- Skwierawski
x	Sha'Nese Burnell Jones	x	Cheryl Warner
x	Kathy Kirkpatrick	x	H & S Rep
x	Kevin Mullen		
x	Brent Nistler		
	Reanna Ottoson		

### AGENDA

**Opening Prayer**

Maureen

**Approval of Minutes**

All

- Approved via email

**Principal's Report See Attached**

Hohl

- Smarter Balance
  - Webinar 11/03
- Choice Audit
- Review of conferences
- New students since 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday
  - Net gain of 3 (possibly more)
- Soles for Catholic Schools Walk update
- Textbook acquisition update

**Intra-Committee Choice Cap:** Conversation Meeting was held with members of PC, Finance, Administration and Faculty. This meeting took place directly before the November Education Committee Meeting

- Expansion of Choice Cap: After 5-4 vote Committee recommend expanding choice cap for a limited number of Choice seats to allow in as many existing Seb's students on the waiting list per DPI rules. This would be for just the second semester of the 2014-15 school year only and would address a financial shortage community wide. This is a short-term solution for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester only, based on a representation that the cap would go back to 50% for the 2015-16 year.

**Committee Reports:**

- Parish Council (Dodridge) mass times remain unchanged for now; discussion about making St. Seb's a "sanctuary parish"
- Home and School (Drew) fundraising is down as magazine sales are down and proceed of fish fry have been affected by higher fish prices. As a result, H&S is having difficulty keeping planned financial contribution to parish
- Finance

Mullen

**Presentation of Budget Process**

**Old Business**

- Strategic planning update
  - Student survey posted
    - Grades 5-8 will participate
    - Will take in computer lab
  - Update on development of ideas from Listening Session (possibly)
  - January Open House (Sunday 1/25)
    - Parish outreach at masses
    - Social media outreach
    - Utilization of other school families to assist
    - Dates for finalization of needs
      - Student participation
        - Tour guides
        - Classroom rep

**New Business**

**Closing Prayer:**

Maureen

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

Elizabeth – Prayer/Refreshments



Home and School Association  
October 2, 2014  
6:30-8:00pm Multipurpose Room  
Meeting Notes

Meeting attendees: Paul Hohl, Maddalena Stephenson, Elizabeth Drew, Lisa Metz, Kim Nistler, Cindy Navarro, Shaneese Williams, Jen Sveda, Diane Saeger, Gloria Rios, Cara Bidwell, Rebecca Keiser, Catherine Bresser, Rebecca Desch, Melissa Rivera, Heather Koppa

Prayer and snack provided by Rebecca Desch.

- 1) Principal's Report (Paul Hohl)
  - a) Strategic Planning session on Sept. 16 went well. Part of discussion consisted of building up K4 program and making parish families more aware of all the school has to offer.
  - b) Catholic High School open houses beginning. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will soon take entrance exams.
  - c) 150 families registered for Catholic Schools Walk on Oct. 25. Total of 10,000 participants! Money raised will go toward K5 reading program and new textbooks.
  
- 2) Treasurer's Report (Jen Sveda)
  - a) Magazine sale went well. Buy-out option was well received by many families, primarily families with younger children.
  - b) Dine out at Wicked Hop on Oct. 1 - 30% of sales will go to H&S.
  
- 3) Chair Report (Lena Stephenson)
  - a) Buzz book in review stage.
  - b) Discussed bringing back the student newspaper (S.S. Reader)
  - c) Gallery Night will occur every other year - this year it will take place on Sat. April 18.
  - d) High Interest Day is planned for April 24. Scott and Emily Welak to chair committee for 1-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Julie Kennedy will chair K4/K5 HID.
  
- 4) Chair Reports
  - a) Time & Talent (Kim Nistler)
    - i) Fall teacher dinner will be in November during conferences on Thursday Nov. 13.
    - ii) Brainstormed ideas for teacher appreciation week.

- b) Loaves & Fishes (Gloria Rios)
  - i) Painless fundraising baggies have been sent home with mail carriers.
  - ii) \$9,300 raised in magazine sale.
  - iii) Country Springs Waterpark discounted passes info soon to be available.
  - iv) Movie night fundraiser discussed (TBD).
  
- c) Faith & Academics (Elizabeth Drew)
  - i) Education Committee: working on setting up a marketing subcommittee to promote outreach to PAL and parish families to become school families.
  - ii) Lego Robotics Club is new this year. A team of 10 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will compete in a lego robotics tournament at MUHS on Nov. 22.
  - iii) Family game night is in planning stages, and will incorporate more lego fun!
  - iv) Leah Sealey will be starting up Lunch Bunch as an alternative to playground activities.
  
- d) Fun & Fellowship (Cindy Navarro)
  - i) Welcome to new chair Cindy! Thank you for joining the team!
  - ii) Fizz & Fellowship to follow Halloween parade on Oct. 31.
  - iii) Still working out dates for future parent coffees, would like to have Fr. Larry as a special guest.
  - iv) Discussed Grandparents Day date – possibly in spring to coincide with book fair.
  
- e) Fish Fry (Lena Stephenson for Rob Stephenson)
  - i) An ad was placed in the Catholic Herald.
  - ii) Expect another banner year!
  
- f) Communications (Lisa Metz)
  - i) First newsletter went out and looked dynamite.
  - ii) Could incorporate a section of “ads” – babysitting, items for sale, etc.
  
- 5) Upcoming Dates:
  - a) Conferences are Nov. 12-13; No school Nov. 14
  - b) St. Sebs choir to sing the National Anthem at the Marquette boys’ basketball game Jan. 28 at 6pm.
  - c) The next Home & School meeting is Nov. 6 at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room.
  - d) Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry
  - e) School Play is Nov. 7-9<sup>th</sup> – “The Little Mermaid”

Home and School Association  
November 6, 2014  
6:30-8:00pm Multipurpose Room  
Meeting Notes

Meeting attendees: Paul Hohl, Maddalena Stephenson, Mary Hoffmeier, Kim Nistler, Cindy Navarro, Shaneese Williams, Jen Sveda, Diane Saeger, Gloria Rios, Rebecca Keiser, Anne Novotny, Rebecca Desch, Heather Koppa, Colleen Poggenburg

Prayer and snack provided by Cindy Navarro.

- 1) Principal's Report (Paul Hohl)
  - a) Character Education kick-off went great! Featured minor league baseball player and Sebs. alum, Tyler Jones.
  - b) Teacher Character Ed. Committee will begin KTC (Keep The Covenant) program. Students displaying covenant virtues will receive tickets, to turn in for small prizes.
  - c) Christmas concert is on December 15.
  - d) St. Sebastian choir will sing the National Anthem at the Marquette basketball game on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
  
- 2) Treasurer's Report (Jen Sveda)
  - a) Dine out at Wicked Hop in October went well. 30% of sales went to H&S, \$200.00.
  
- 3) Chair Reports
  - a) Time & Talent (Kim Nistler)
    - i) Fall teacher dinner will be during conferences on Thursday Nov. 13. Many generous donations already coming in.
    - ii) Book fair will be held during conference week, Nov. 10-13<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii) New "little library" in school meditation garden.
    - iv) Currently reworking the volunteer form for next registration packets.
  
  - b) Loaves & Fishes (Gloria Rios)
    - i) Updated magazine sale total is \$10,790. People can still purchase items at the website using the schools code for the school to continue to raise money. Website is [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com), school code is 2535623.
    - ii) Spirit wear available for purchase and will be at the Women's Holiday Boutique.
    - iii) \$4000 raised through the Catholic Schools Walk!!
  
  - c) Faith & Academics (Elizabeth Drew)
    - i) No report

d) Fun & Fellowship (Cindy Navarro)

- i) Parent coffee dates set for Wed. January 21<sup>st</sup>, after mass with Father Larry. Thursday March 19 and May 21<sup>st</sup>.

e) Fish Fry (Lena Stephenson for Rob Stephenson)

- i) 1<sup>st</sup> Fish fry a success.
- ii) Expect a good crowd with next one coinciding with school play.

f) Communications (Lisa Metz)

- i) No Report
- ii) Newsletters looking great!

4) Upcoming Dates:

- a) Conferences are Nov. 12-13; No school Nov. 14.
- b) St. Sebs choir to sing the National Anthem at the Marquette boys' basketball game Jan. 28 at 6pm.
- c) The next Home & School meeting is Thursday December 4 at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room.
- d) Next Fish Fry December 5<sup>th</sup>.