



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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FORENSIC GENERAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED – The student and parent information meeting for the 2016 forensic season will be tonight 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. The forensic season is right around the corner.

REMINDER: 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 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 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – The annual school Christmas concert is this Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 in the church. Join us for the concert, “We Wish You A Merry Christmas”. Various grade level combinations will sing during the evening, the middle school choir will sing, and students will perform during the prelude. An all student finale with grades 1-8 will close the performance. Grades K4 & K5 can join the finale from their seats with parents. All students need to be in attendance. Student dress for the concert is holiday or Sunday/Holiday best. No shirts with pictures or writing/slogans, jeans, sports jerseys or t-shirts allowed. School dress code applies – no short skirts, low tops, bare midriffs or sandals, etc. Church doors will open promptly at 5:45. Students will report to the church with their families between 6:10 – 6:25. They should leave all coats and possessions in church with their families. Students will then be called to report to their classrooms from church by Mr. Hohl. Again, do not report directly to classrooms – the school will be locked. Stay in church until called between 6:10 -6:25. When students go to classrooms, they should leave all coats and personal items in church with parents – they will not be able to go back to the classroom after the concert. Parents should monitor student behavior – no running, no roaming around, no food, etc. – this is church and we need to demonstrate appropriate behavior. It is especially important to keep young children away from the altar platform. Also, do not sit in the aisles of church, since classes will be moving in and out of church and the aisles will be used in the finale. After the finale, students will be dismissed to find their families. The only exception to this is K4 & K5 - they will find their families after their performance.

A special Concert Prelude performance will take place from 6:00 – 6:30. Those students should report to the multipurpose room at 5:50. Middle school choir students will sing toward the beginning of the concert but should meet in the classrooms with the rest of the students. The balcony will be open for extra seating and we ask that the audience squeeze together to allow seating for the capacity crowd. Please avoid the front row – that is marked and was purchased at the parish auction. The Christmas concert is a great way to kick off the holiday season. Invite friends and family to enjoy “We Wish You A Merry Christmas”.

SEBS ALUMNI CONCERT ATTENDANCE - We are always excited to see a full audience for our concerts each year. It is especially gratifying to see the alumni come and support their younger siblings. However, if former students attend the concerts, we expect you stay in the church. Many former students feel they want to visit former classmates or teachers. Although that is a nice gesture, it causes some disruption in the school. Teachers are responsible for making sure current students are sitting or visiting quietly in classrooms, and are getting ready to perform. Former students don't always feel they have to follow the same rules that current students have to follow, and that makes it challenging for teachers to maintain discipline. If you plan to attend the Christmas concert, please make sure you stay a member of the audience in the church.

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 cpuhs@sbcglobal.net or call 414-302-9551 for more information.

ANNUAL PARISH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR - All children, grades 2-5, are invited to participate in a special choir to sing during the Christmas Eve (12/24) 4:00 p.m. "family" mass. There will be two special rehearsals: Monday, 12/21 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in church and Wednesday, 12/23 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. also in the church. If you are unable to make a portion of a rehearsal, please simply let Mike Kamenski know. To register your child(ren), please e-mail mkamenski@saintsebs.org and use "xmas chchoir" in the subject line, or if you don't use e-mail, call 414-453-1928.

SPIRIT GEAR & WEAR PICK-UP - This Friday, 12/11, from 2:00-3:15. Please come to cafeteria to pick up your orders. Your child may pick them up, if that is more convenient. All orders not picked up will be distributed through backpack mail on Monday. Please contact Rebecca Desch at deschjr@me.com with questions.

LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? - Consider gaschoolstore.com with our school code 2535623. With a \$60 purchase, they will send the items directly to you with free shipping. School receives 40% of the profit. No prizes are awarded during this time.

ADVENT FUN DAY FOR KIDS! - On Sunday, December 13 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 School Cafeteria. It's a great way for parents to enjoy an afternoon out! Suggested donation is \$1 per child, plus personal care items for Milwaukee Hope House. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015AdventFun> to register. We'll send an email to confirm. During the afternoon, we will have plenty of fun keeping your child occupied and happy while you go out and shop for the holidays. We will not provide lunch, but snacks will include juices, gluten- and peanut-free snacks, and fruit. Questions? Email Cindy Anderson, mc.anderson1@sbcglobal.net.

WANT SOMETHING FUN TO DO DURING THE WINTER MONTHS?????? - DSHA sports schedules are posted so all can attend different sporting events. Go to dsha.info, click on Student Life, scroll down to Athletics, click on Current DSHA Athletic Schedules in the left hand text box, go to View Schedules on the right side of the page, check the box for the sport you are interested in and hit View. The schedule will come up and you can email it by clicking in the upper right hand corner to open a new page that allows you to email the document to whomever you wish.

CONE PATROL – Room 211 is on cone patrol duty the week of 12/14.

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.!

READNQUIZ UPDATE - Congratulations to the following students for moving up to the following point clubs! Students earn points for taking reading comprehension quizzes in the library and in their classroom. Way to go!

Jack Ambrose = 100 point club
Jaden Thomas-French = 100 point club
Joe Murray = 10 point club
Bennett Corr = 5 point club

BUYING GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS? - Please consider buying SCRIP gift cards! The parish purchases gift cards to **over 90 stores** at a discounted rate. School families and parish members buy these cards at the face value. Families can use the profit earned to offset annual school and Faith Formation fees. We have **the same gift cards you would buy in the store** for gas, groceries, restaurants and shopping. If we don't have it on hand, we can order it for you. We take cash and checks. SCRIP is sold after all masses in the Gathering Space, or you can stop in the Parish House during the week. The parish office is open Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 8:00, Fri 9:00 – 5:00, Sat 9:00 – 1:00. You can also fill out an order form, available in the school office. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION AND REVIEW OF CATHOLIC TEACHING

Confirmation is the Sacrament by which we take on the challenge to take up the mission of Christ and to live our faith without fear or regret. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Confirmation helps awaken our spirits and strengthens us for the work of God. Perhaps you “missed” Confirmation as a youth? Perhaps you were confirmed by need a refresher on the core of what the Catholic Church believes and teaches. Maybe you are not yet a member of the Catholic Church and feel drawn to us. Each year we offer two 9-week sessions centered on the Basics of Catholicism which may lead to the celebration of Confirmation. If you would like to be confirmed, if you would like to learn more about our teachings, or if you have questions about the Sacraments please contact Ed Duncklee {414-453-7150 or eduncklee@saintsebs.org}.

