



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK – Friday, December 19th is a full day of school. Christmas break begins at 3:00. School will resume on Monday, January 5th.

GOOD LUCK MRS. REBHOLZ-HATTEN – Our part-time K5 teacher, Mrs. Rebholz-Hatten is on military reserve duty for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. Fortunately, K5 teacher Mrs. Conklin will move to full-time. Thank you & good luck Mrs. R-H!

COUNTRY SPRINGS WATERPARK PASSES – If you ordered passes, they are now available for pick-up in the office. The Home & School Association would like to thank everyone who purchased waterpark passes. This was a very successful fundraiser!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Thanks for attending the annual school Christmas concert “No Greater Gift”. Great job to students & musical director Mrs. Hartley.

CONE PATROL – Room 207 is on cone patrol duty the week of 1/5.

ST. SEBASTIAN/ST. CATHERINE MASS SCHEDULE – HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS –

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| Christmas Eve | Wednesday, December 24 4:00 PM at St. Sebastian– Family mass 4:00 PM at St. Catherine 10:30 PM at St. Sebastian – Traditional Vigil mass |
| Christmas Day | Thursday, December 25 10:00 AM at St. Catherine 10:30 AM at St. Sebastian |
| New Year’s Eve | Wednesday, December 31 5:00 PM at St. Catherine |
| New Year Day | Thursday, January 1 9:00 AM. at St. Sebastian |

KIDS CHOIR SINGING AT PARISH MASS – Thanks to Mr. Kamenski & Mrs. Suminski and the Childrens Choir for singing at mass on the Sunday December 7th 8:00 AM mass. The next mass they will sing at is January 11 at 8:00 a.m.

SCHOOL MARKETING/ RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE - We have great teachers. We have great students. We have great parents. Those, my friends, are the necessary ingredients for a great school. We have it here. Above and beyond, our children also receive moral, religious and emotional instruction on how to live a faith-filled life. While we may know the value of St. Sebastian, do other parents in the neighborhood or Catholic community? We need to let other parents know the gem that is St. Sebastian. How to do this is another question, but a question St. Sebastian is ready to tackle. We are starting a new committee that will dedicate itself to marketing/recruitment for St. Sebastian School. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, have any marketing experience that you could share, or just have ideas that will help get the word out, please come to an initial meeting on Monday, January 12th at 6:30 in the Multipurpose Room. While we have great teachers, great students, and great parents, we want and need more. Let's spread the word about our premier Catholic school in the city of Milwaukee. Please contact Molly Ambrose at ambrosem@archmil.org if you are unable to attend, but would like to be involved with the committee.

Today every mail carrier brought home 5 small flyers to be used to promote our Open House. Please share these with the neighborhood by tucking them in doors, under windshields or including in a Christmas card.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT – All families are invited to join us for Family Game Night in the Church Hall on Sunday December 21 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. Our Lego Robotics team will be there to play and show off the Lego kits. A complete flyer and future Game Night dates will be attached to the next newsletter. See you there on this great way to kick off Christmas break.

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. Choir members must order a ticket. It makes a great Christmas present!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR - Children from grades 2-5 are invited to sing the in special choir for mass on Christmas Eve, Dec.24th at the 4:00pm mass. We will have two rehearsals in the church:

- 1) Monday, 12/22 from 3:30-4:30 and
- 2) 12/23 from 3:30-5:00p.

Please e-mail Mike Kamenski at mkamenski@saintsebs.org to register your child(ren). If you have questions, e-mail Mike Kamenski.

6TH GRADE PARENT MEETING – Outdoor Education Parent Meeting for 6th graders is Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 in the Adult Formation Room.

HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING –Thursday, January 8th at 6:30 in the Multipurpose Room.

ATTENTION FORENSIC STUDENTS – Please hand in a tentative schedule along with your category by Friday, December 19th. There are tournaments that will open January 2nd and we must register for them immediately, so it is imperative that we have your schedules. You may also email your schedule AND category to Mrs. Kirkpatrick before January 2nd at comply8800@aol.com. You will be able to practice after school starting January 19th.

SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED (grades K-6 only) - Please consider encouraging your child to participate in the Six Flags Read to Succeed program over the holiday break. The attachment that is included with today's newsletter explains everything you need to know about the reading incentive program. Feel free to contact Wendy Conklin at conklin1234@sbcglobal.net if you have any additional questions. The deadline to turn in the Reading Log that verifies 6 hours of reading is Wednesday, February 4th. Read, Log, turn in and you've got yourself a free ticket to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois .

STILL LOOKING FOR THAT LAST STOCKING STUFFER? - Rainbow Books located at 5704 W. Vliet has Christmas hours. Stop in and check out your teacher wish list or the children's lists from the book fair.

The hours are:

Wed. 17th 3:30 -8
Thurs. 18th 2-6
Fri. 19th 2-6
Sat. 20th 9-5
Sun. 21st 11-4
Mon. 22nd 12-6
Mon. 23rd 12- 6
Wed. 24th 3:30-8

NOTE FROM CROSSING GUARD– Thank you for 38 years of letting me help get your children and families safely to school. With many fond memories of watching one generation grow into the next generation, and helping them too. No, I have not retired. Just transferred to another corner. I miss all of you dearly,

As always, your friend,
Sandy Baker

SNACK STAND SCHEDULE - Basketball is in full swing and that means hosting basketball games at our gym. As parents of current basketball players, it is our responsibility to staff the snack stand and collect money at the door from spectators. The schedule is complete and attached to this Newsletter. Please look for your child's name on the schedule for your assignment. If you are unable to work your assigned day, please find someone to switch with you. Any changes to the schedule should be sent to Laura Mullen at mullenlaura@att.net. Thanks so much for helping our Athletic Program! Go Raiders!

WE NEED FRY KIDS FOR JANUARY 9TH, 2015! - The January fish fry is a long ways away, but with the holidays and break, we will be working at it again. 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.

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://tinypurl.com/lkqvz7z> . As always, the password is "frykid".

Thanks again, and we look forward to a great kickoff to the 2015 Fish Fry season!
The Fry Kids Staff

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

K5 – Denali Schoonover

Great Job!! Keep Reading!!

ANNUAL MOVIE NIGHT SPONSORED BY THE CUB SCOUTS

When: Friday Jan 9th following Fish fry.

Location : Church Hall

Doors Open: 6:45 (Gathering space door off of 54 th Street)

Showtime: 7:30

Popcorn and treats will be available for sale and the movie is free. Come join the scouts for a fun family night.