



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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SECOND GRADING PERIOD MID-TERMS GO HOME FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 – Grades 4-8 will bring mid-terms home Friday, December 5.

NON-UNIFORM DAY DOUBLEHEADER – Sports fans non-uniform day doubleheader in December! This Friday, students & staff can choose to wear team colors from two big Saturday games – college basketball with Marquette (blue & gold) vs. Wisconsin (red & white) or the Big Ten football championship with Wisconsin vs. Mr. Hohl's Ohio State Buckeyes. On Monday, we will wear green & gold for the Monday Night Football Packers game.

ORDER YOUR MARQUETTE TICKETS FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM – Use the attached 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!

WEEKLY ALL SCHOOL MASS ON MONDAY DECEMBER 8 – To celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will have our all school mass on Monday December 8 at 8:15. All are invited to join us. There will be no all school mass on Wednesday December 10.

CONE PATROL – Room 211 is on cone patrol duty the week of 12/8.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SAVE-THE-DATE – Monday December 15 is the Christmas Concert in Church. See complete concert details in the next newsletter.

KIDS CHOIR SINGING AT PARISH MASS – Mr. Kamenski will lead the Childrens Choir in singing at mass on the Sunday December 7th 8:00 AM mass. Childrens Choir parents should have the students here at 7:45 AM and have them gather at the altar.

LAST CHANCE FOR REFERRAL REWARD – See attachment for your last chance to turn in your New Family referral.

SPIRIT WEAR - It's that time again! Our once-a-year spirit wear sale is on. Order forms went home last week, but the deadline to get orders in has been extended to Monday December 8th. Hoodies, hats and more are available and make great Christmas gifts. So get your order in and cross someone off your list. Any questions please contact Julie Baudhuin at 414 840 8708 or jbaudhuin24@gmail.com

FORENSIC MEETING SCHEDULED – ATTENTION all middle school AND PARENTS. There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in joining our 2015 forensic team Tuesday, December 9 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the church hall. At least one parent, as well as the student, need to attend the meeting. The forensic program will be explained, categories discussed, schedules handed out, and several parents opportunities outlined. The forensic program IS a family oriented program so we need your involvement. If a student cannot attend, please still send a parent representative to collect the materials and get the information. The forensic program is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, so join our award winning team. See you on December 9.

AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB BEGINS DECEMBER 4TH - On Thursday, December 4th, the After School Chess Club will begin its 2014-15 season. The Club will be held every Thursday from 3:00 until 4:15 pm 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 season and registration forms will be available at the first meeting.

We are doing something different this year for our experienced players. We will form a Chess Team for those that want to compete in more Saturday tournaments around the area. The Team will meet Thursday evenings at from 7-8:15 pm starting December 11th.

More information on the new Club/Team structure will be given at a Parent Information Meeting which will take place after our first club meeting of the year in the Art Room at 4:15 and last about 15-20 minutes. 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 476-9667 (evenings) or jcayen@cayen.net if you have any questions.

MARKET DAY- Pick-up is this Thursday, December 4th, 3p to 5p in the Cafeteria. Thank you for supporting St. Coletta's!

LEGO TEAM UPDATE—Our St. Sebastian Lego Raiders participated in their first tournament on Sunday, November 22 at Marquette University High School. Although our team did not place, their robot was recognized 9th out of 31 competitors. We would like to thank coaches (and parents) Mr. and Mrs. Drew, and Mrs. Tremper (middle school math teacher). A huge thank you to Mr. Nistler who has allowed the team to use his office space for the meetings and strategy sessions. The team would also like to thank the parents who provide snacks for their meetings. Check out the school's Facebook page for a great picture of the team.

FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU—We received a very thoughtful thank you from St. Catherine's Food Pantry. Remember when we had a dress down November 19th? Each student, staff, and parent that brought in a non-perishable food item made a difference. We donated 2 carloads full of groceries for the pantry. Our contributions helped them serve 316 people a healthy meal last Saturday. It's also important to note that 138 of those people were children. Thanks again for helping to make a difference in the lives of others.

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING ON THURSDAY! - All are welcome to join us for our December Home & School meeting. Thursday December 4 at 6:30PM in the multi-purpose room. Any questions about Home & School, please contact Lena Stephenson at 259-5012 or roblena@sbcglobal.net.

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 – Peter Haveman and Jordyn Kerry
Great Job to all!! Keep Reading!!

HOUSEWIVES OF ST. SEBASTIAN – Thursday, December 4, 2014. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Parish and school moms/grandmas/aunts/fun ladies are invited to meet new friends and reconnect with the past for this Auction fundraiser. Head to U-Turn at 69th & North Avenue in Wauwatosa for a scandalous night of shopping, drinking, eating and chatting! Cost is \$35 - make your reservation by contacting Laura Mullen - mullenlaura@att.net or [414-456-9428](tel:414-456-9428).

ADVENT FUN DAY FOR KIDS! - On Sunday, December 14 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 Church Hall. It's a great way for parents to enjoy an afternoon out! Suggested donation is \$1 per child, plus personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste or other goods) for homeless people served by Milwaukee Hope House. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AdventFun> to register, or email mc.anderson1@sbcglobal.net.

RECYCLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS - Ninth and tenth graders in the St. Sebastian parish high school faith formation class are collecting burned-out lights throughout the holiday season at the entrances to the church and school. Look for brightly colored boxes and bring your light strings and extension cords. In January, the students will bring them to a recycling center and donate the funds raised to parish causes.

CABARET VIDEO AVAILABLE - Last spring's "Molly's Midlife Crisis" was the latest in a long line of success St. Sebastian Cabaret Theatre performances. If you'd like to relive the laughs and lovely music written by parishioner Jesus Villa, purchase your copy now! Cost is \$20 per DVD. Please place orders with Dan Schley, dan@schley.me or [414-257-3853](tel:414-257-3853). Checks can be made to St. Sebastian Parish.



The Holiday Boutique is this weekend, December 7th and 8th. Shop for unique craft and gift items from 9am-noon on both days.

Bakery donations for the Boutique *Sweet Shoppe Bakery* can be dropped off in the Church Hall on Thursday, December 5th from 5-7pm and all day on Friday, December 6th. We appreciate anything you would care to donate - cookies, cakes, breads, pies and candies are all welcome. Christmas mugs are also needed for our Heights Café and can be dropped off at the same time.

See the attachment for information about Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 7th. We need a couple of adults to sell tickets for the breakfast from 9-12pm. Call Marilyn McGair (445-1597) to volunteer.