



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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OPEN HOUSE THANK YOU - I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to each and every one of you for all of your efforts on behalf of our Open House this weekend. Sunday was a great success because of the hard work and dedication of each of you; and let's not forget all the folks who baked, grade liaisons who marshalled volunteers, families who recruited, marketing volunteers who worked masses and other outreach avenues, pastors who pitched from the pulpit, folks who assisted with website and other online postings and, so much more. This project was truly a community effort that demonstrated why Seb's is a very special place.

Thank you to everyone who gave time on Sunday to represent the many groups associated with St Sebastian, your presence in the cafeteria helped to demonstrate the breadth and depth of our community.

Thank you to members of Ed Committee, H&S and, school families who gave time Saturday night and Sunday (many of you both night and day) to make sure we were able to put our best foot forward on Sunday morning. These folks worked as tour guides, furniture arrangers, cleaning crews, door men and, ambassadors of good will.

Teachers, office staff and administration worked exceptionally hard to make sure visiting families saw the best that Seb's has to offer.

Our student tour guides represented our school and parish community in fine fashion, they are a testament to the successes of St Sebastian School and Parish.

Like any thank you speech during Oscar season I fear I may have missed someone, so I will just end by saying thanks to the entire community for making Open House a success.

All the best,
Joe Desch, Education Committee Chair

CONFERENCES – Conference appointment slips were sent home with family mail carriers today. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 4 from 4:00 – 8:00. Also, on Thursday, February 5 from 2:00 – 4:00 and from 5:00 – 8:00. If you wish to make an appointment or need to change your appointment, please contact the school office. Remember – school dismisses next Wednesday February 4 at 11:30 and there is no school for students on Thursday & Friday February 5 & 6.

TRAFFIC – Our 54th Street neighbors have asked that we be more considerate when exiting the playground. Please slow down and be aware that others in the neighborhood are trying to exit their driveways as well.

2015 – 2016 REGISTRATION – Individualized registration packets for enrollment in the 2015-2016 school year were sent home this past Monday. Please complete and return your registration papers as soon as possible. Remember, nobody is automatically re-enrolled for both school registration & Choice registration.

SECOND QUARTER GRADES & REPORT CARDS – Report Cards will be sent home Friday January 30. All financial obligations must be current or your child's report card will not be released. Please be sure your payments to the school, the parish and PAL are up to date. Parish Families also must have their 2015 Stewardship Pledge Commitment cards on file in the parish office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – We continue to celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 25 through January 30. See the attached list of Catholic Schools Week activities and our charity drive. Please note the special non-uniform days and field trip on Thursday. No permission slip = no trip! Congratulations to our school Spelling Bee champ – 8th grader Allyson Mills. Allyson will compete in the Milwaukee County district Bee representing Sebs. Runner up is 7th grader Ben Zeidler. Good Luck! 8th Grader Ryan Haessley won the school Geography Bee. Ryan will take a written test to see if he can qualify for the state Geography Bee in Madison. Runner up is Jack O'Neil.

CONE PATROL – Room 207 is on cone patrol duty the week of 2/2.

CALLING ALL SCOUTS - If you have a girl or boy in a scouting program and would like to participate in the Scout Sunday Mass, there is still time to sign up. It's on Feb. 8 at 10 am at St. Sebastian Church. Email SebsScoutSunday@gmail.com to voice your interest. If any duties are still open, a link to a sign up will be sent to you. There are *adult* slots to be filled as well. We also need all leaders to participate, ideally in uniform. *See you in Church!*

MUFFINS AND MINGLING! - The Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts invite you to join them for Muffins and Mingling after the Scout Mass on Sunday, February 8th. Join us at the 10:30 mass and see how vibrant the scouting community is here at St. Sebastian Parish. Scouts will show their gratitude of all your support for their various fundraisers and service projects by providing refreshments in the Gathering Space after mass. There might even be a Girl Scout or 2 (or 10) with their cookie order form poised and ready to take your order!

GALLERY NIGHT – If you are interested in being part of the Gallery Night Committee, please contact Patty Walsh at 258-9124 or walsh_8100@yahoo.com. GALLERY NIGHT is April 18, 2015. Gallery Night showcases the wonderful art which is created by our students and our musical performers. More details to follow soon.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING WORKSHOP - Wednesday, February 4th, 7-9pm, St. Sebs Multipurpose Room. Suzanne Moynihan, SSND, director of THE EDGE (an ecological educational organization) will lead us to explore how our Christian and moral beliefs inform how we relate to the environment, our economy and our social connectedness. You are invited to share ideas and find alternatives to our cultural “way of doing things.” Connect with other parishioners and participants who will serve as motivation and encourage you to continue on the path toward a more sustainable lifestyle. Hot cocoa, cookies and conversation will conclude our time together. A suggested donation of \$5 to support THE EDGE is appreciated.

St. Sebastian's Mission Statement calls us to “carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, through prayerful openness to the transforming presence of God, [with a] generous response to God's many blessings and respect for all God's creation.” This is an invitation to explore how we are living this mission. Before coming to the workshop please take note of and be prepared to share the things you are already doing to live in a more earth-friendly way: at home . . . at work . . . at your school or church . . . and in your neighborhood. Contact Leah Sealey at 774-0836 or leahsealey@hotmail.com to confirm your attendance.

MARKET DAY - It's not too late! For on-line orders of \$90, use promo code FEBBONUS for free Cheese Ravioli! ALL orders receive a promo code for \$20 to use at Shutterfly.com! Order at www.marketday.com by 11p on Saturday January 31, for pick up Thursday February 5th, 3p to 5p in the Cafeteria. Remember, all new customers get \$5 off with promo code NEWFIVE. Thank you for supporting St. Coletta's!

K4/K5 High Interest Day - DARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE - Join a team of parents to plan a fun-filled morning of mini-courses that will encourage our K4 and K5 students to explore new areas to peak their interests. High Interest Day for K4/K5 students is April 24. *Come to our kick-off High Interest Day planning meeting:*

d: Saturday, January 31

t: 10:00 A.M.

p: Valentine Coffee Roasters (5918 W. Vliet St.)

It takes many volunteers to make this day great. All those interested are welcome. Send questions to Julie Kennedy: juliekennedy94@gmail.com | 414-704-3391

LAST POPCORN SALE – 6th grade will be selling popcorn for 50 cents after school on January 30. Proceeds will go to their Outdoor Education camping trip.

CAN DRIVE - It's coming April 13-17th! If you haven't started yet, you need to start saving, rinsing and crushing all your aluminum cans! Save aluminum foil and baking pans too! We will collect cans/aluminum by grade, and the class with the most pounds will get a pizza party! >>> If you don't want bags of aluminum taking up space in your garage, you can take them to Cimco Recycling on State Street at anytime. Be sure to tell them it is for St. Sebastian's, and *get a receipt*. Put your child's grade(s) on the receipt and turn in to the Home and School mailbox in the office. (Third and Sixth grade each have 14 pounds already!)

CALENDARS AVAILABLE – The awesome St. Sebastian School Foundation calendars were mailed to the homes of each Sebs parishioner. The extras have arrived and are available to non-parish school families, grandparents & relatives, or those who missed them. Stop by or send a note requesting a calendar to the school office.

WE NEED FRY KIDS FOR FEBRUARY 13! - When signing up, please read the descriptions for the positions for Fry Kids. Your child should not sign up as a server until he or she has gone through the Fry Kid server training we call "Shadowing".

If you sign 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.

Please share this message about service with your child: 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 3+ 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://tinyurl.com/ojamhy9> - and per tradition, the password is "frykid". Thanks again, and we look forward to a busy start to our 2015 Lenten Fish Fry season!

The Fry Kids Staff

MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING—The newly-formed marketing committee will hold its second meeting on Monday, February 6 at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room in the Gathering space of the church. The purpose of this committee is to spread the word about St. Sebastian Parish School to the community at large. We are seeking any input, help or direction you might be able to offer to accomplish this goal. If you missed the first meeting, do not worry. We would love to have you join us at this upcoming meeting to share your ideas, expertise, and enthusiasm for our great school! Please contact Molly Ambrose at ambrose@archmiol.org if you have any questions.

GUEST HOUSE SERVICE—Last week, we welcomed Amy Rowell to mass and she shared with us the very important mission of the Guest House. Our newsletter from 1/21 shared their needs and donation options for each grade level. Please remember to send hats, scarves, and gloves for grades K4-2, t-shirts and socks for grades 3-5, and hygiene products such as deodorant, chap stick, and body wash for grades 6-8. You should also see our donation wishing well. It's a fun way to give extra change for a worthy cause.

CONGRATULATIONS! - To the 8th grade boys basketball team for winning the consolation round of the St. Robert's tournament this past weekend. They played hard and smart to win a few tough games. The players on the team are: Gabe Bohlmann, Hunter Brame, Anthony Evans, Adam Kelly, Robby Knapp, Tanner Parpovich, Marcus Tarkington, Noah Winegarten, Ethan Wright, and Tony Yang. Way to go team!

FUTURE CITIES UPDATE— Congratulations to the 7th grade Future Cities team for winning an award for the "Best Use of Recreational Space" this past weekend at the Future Cities Competition at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. All of the students on this team worked very hard this is a well-earned achievement! The team is made up of Maggie Mullen, Ashleigh Biasi, Soraya Keiser, and Patrick Whitney. Awesome job!!!

GET READY FOR MARDI GRAS - The St. Sebastian Home & School Association will be sponsoring a Krispy Kreme Donut Sale after the 8 and 10:30 masses on **February 15**. You can purchase a dozen donuts for \$10 with proceeds going to all the great activities H&S organizes for students and teachers. If you'd like to guarantee a box will be waiting for you, you can reserve in advance. Please fill out the attached order form and return it with a check to the school office by **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**. Address your envelope to the "Krispy Kreme Sale." Checks should be made out to St. Sebastian Home & School. No cash, please. If you have any questions, contact Trish Dulka at radocha@sbcglobal.net.