



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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2016 – 2017 REGISTRATION – Individualized registration packets for enrollment in the 2016-2017 school year are available. If you did not pick it up at the Sunday Open House, your registration packet was sent home with your family mail carrier on Monday. Please complete and return your registration papers as soon as possible. Remember, nobody is automatically re-enrolled for both school registration & Choice registration.

2016 – 2017 SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM – There are big changes to the 2016-17 School Choice Program, including new financial guidelines, new on-line application system and a new definition of the parish Choice Cap. Come to a 2nd special School Choice meeting on **Thursday March 3 at 5:30** in the Church Hall. The meeting is mandatory for current Choice families and suggested if you are interested in the Choice Program that did not make the 1st Choice Meeting. See the meeting flyer in your registration packet.

Choice Enrollment for St. Sebastian School will start March 1! All Choice Registration MUST be completed and all forms turned in by March 20! Look for future newsletters for some open computer lab times for help sessions.

CONFERENCES – Parent Teacher Conferences are being scheduled today. Conference confirmation slips will be sent home next Wednesday. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 24 from 4:00 – 8:00 and Thursday, February 25 from 2:00 – 4:00 and from 5:00 – 8:00. All conferences this session are by appointment, including middle school. Remember – school dismisses Wednesday February 24 at 11:30 and there is no school for students on Thursday & Friday February 25 & 26.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – All staff is at a teacher inservice with District 12 schools.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday February 18 at 6:30.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT BEGINS TODAY – Check in with your child(ren) for details of our 8:15 all school mass & Ash Distribution as we kick-off the Lenten season.

CONE PATROL – Room 210 is on cone patrol duty the week of Feb. 15.

SPIRIT WEAR - The St. Sebastian Parish School Spirit Gear store is OPEN: go to <https://stsebastiangear.itemorder.com>. Show your school support and pride. Get your Raiders and St. Sebastian Parish School wear and gear in time for Easter baskets. It's better than candy! Orders must be placed by Tuesday, March 1st. and will be ready for pickup on Friday, March 18th (school lobby) from 2:00-3:15 or sent home through backpack mail. Questions? Email Rebecca Desch at deschjr@me.com. Thank you for supporting Home & School. All proceeds help fund Home & School sponsored events.

FISH FRY – Join us on Friday for our Carry Out only February Fish Fry!

LOST & FOUND?- A student walking from 54th and Vine to school found a handheld game. It was a Gameboy Color with a game cartridge. Please call (414) 530-7470 to describe and claim.

SCRIP END-OF-YEAR INFORMATION - Thank you to our loyal SCRIP customers. This year's profits were just under \$20,000. Profits from the SCRIP program offset parish expenses. School and Faith Formation families can use their direct profits to offset their fees. We extend a special thank you to our 60 Parish families that, through their purchases, have contributed \$6,000 directly to the parish. These 60 families can pick up their SCRIP report in the parish office or after mass at the SCRIP table because the profit earned can be claimed as a donation for tax purposes. These reports will be available until March 6. Contact Julie Daleiden at daleidens@aol.com with questions. A very special thank you to our volunteers who sell after masses on Sunday! You are a big part in making this program work.

NEW STUDENTS – If you are enrolling a new student entering K4, K5 or 1st grade next fall, see the Open House invitation attached to this newsletter. This event is not for students that are already attending St. Sebastian. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

GOOD LUCK 6TH GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION – 6th graders will be traveling to Camp Edwards in East Troy, WI for their annual Outdoor Education experience on Wednesday February 10 through Friday February 12.

BUCKS TICKETS DEADLINE – Remember to order your tickets by February 17 to the St. Sebastian Night Bucks game scheduled for Saturday, February 27th at 7:30 PM.

SOWING SEEDS OF LOVE - Mark your calendar and save the dates for this year's Vacation Bible School. Our VBS will be at Saint Sebastian Parish mornings (**8:30 to Noon**) on **Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17**. This year we will follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as he feeds the hungry and cares for those in need. Registration begins on-line the end of February, but be sure to save the date. Late year we **filled up quickly and had to close registration!**

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN - As part of its effort to protect all children and youth, the parish and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires every person who works in direct contact with children or youth complete a background check and a Safeguarding God's Children workshop. We will be offering a Safeguarding Workshop on **Tuesday, March 1st in Saint Sebastian Church Hall beginning at 6:00 pm**. To register for this workshop, go to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding.htm>

ROSIE READER - Congratulations to the following students for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "A" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K4- Micah Keiser

Completing the letter "G" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K5- Beatriz Hatten

Beatriz has completed the Rosie Reader program!! This means that she has read for 7,000 minutes, or 116 hours. Wow! Incredible job!

CATHOLIC DIGEST MAGAZINE – A complimentary issue of Catholic Digest magazine is being sent home today with family mail carriers to help celebrate Lent.