



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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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 Open House, your registration packet was sent home with your family mail carrier. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

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

**GEOGRAPHY BEE** – The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are to be congratulated on their geography knowledge! First place winner was Annabel Biasi, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, Haylan Blanchard. Annabel has moving onto the regional competition. Good job!

**SPELLING BEE** - Our school champion is Nana Dampare. Nana will be participating in the regional competition on Tuesday. We are proud of you, Nana!

**CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS** – Conference appointment slips were sent home today with the family mail carrier. If you need to change your appointment, please contact the school office. 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.

**YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS** – A yearbook order form is being sent home today with each student. These orders are due by Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**GRADUATION PHOTOS** – Graduation photos were distributed to 8<sup>th</sup> graders today.

**HONOR ROLL** – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter middle school honor roll is attached to today's newsletter. Congratulations to those who earned their honor roll achievement.

**CONE PATROL** – Room 211 is on cone patrol duty the week of Feb. 22.

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY** - Middle school students are invited to volunteer for the Winter Farmers Market and Brunch held in the church hall on March 6th from 9:00am-12:30 p.m. to earn service hours. Service opportunities include: setting up the church hall on Saturday, March 5th, cleaning up the church hall from 12:30pm-2:30pm on Sunday, March 6th, and bussing tables or serving beverages during the event. If you are interested, please contact Tonia Schmeier at [tonschmeier@hotmail.com](mailto:tonschmeier@hotmail.com) or visit the volunteer sign up table after all masses on February 21st, or by using the Stewardship Portal calendar. <https://stseb.datapropeller.com/ParticipantPortal/Index>

**CONGRATULATIONS** - The 8th grade girls took another tournament championship at St. Matthias this weekend! Out of the three tournaments they played this year, they won two and took 2nd place in the third. There is a nice new trophy for the case!

**CAN/Aluminum DRIVE April 4th- 8th** - If you haven't started yet, you need to start saving, rinsing and crushing all your aluminum cans NOW! Save aluminum foil and baking pans too! Collect cans at home, at work, at grandma and grandpa's house, the neighbors..... We will collect cans/aluminum by grade at morning drop-off all week. The grade with the most pounds will get a PIZZA PARTY!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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>

**THOMAS MORE MATH MEET** – Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Ben Zeidler for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place as an individual and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Lydia Pruhs for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place as an individual at the Thomas More Math Meet on Friday, February 12. Also, congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team of Ben Zeidler, Leo Pruhs, John Cayen, Sarah Swanson and Tim Kirkpatrick for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place as a team. Great job to everyone who went! You all made Mrs. Tremper proud! And a special thank you to the parents who helped out.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:deschjr@me.com). Thank you for supporting Home & School. All proceeds help fund Home & School sponsored events.

**THE BFG** – Divine Savior Holy Angels High School presents The BFG. St. Sebastian alum Susan Falk is performing. The play runs from March 10 -13 with a special family fun night package on Friday, March 11 – 2 adults, 2 children, 1 large pizza and 4 drinks for \$45. See the attached order form for further details.

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

**UNITED HEALTH MATCHING GIVING CAMPAIGN** – UnitedHealth Group and UnitedHealth Care are now matching employee gifts to charity and St. Sebastian is listed. All employees are invited to give during their Giving Campaign and list St. Sebastian School as the recipient. Please alert the school office if your place of business currently has a “Giving” campaign going on and to make sure to list St. Sebastian School for donations.