



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

This week seemed fitting to celebrate and honor the life of Ms. Vel Phillips, given we are in the midst of Black History Month and because it was her birthday on Monday!

Velvlea "Vel" Hortense Rodgers Phillips was a former alderperson and judge in the city of Milwaukee.



She remains well known today for her life's work as a judge, politician, attorney, and Civil Rights activist. Ms. Phillips was the first woman and African American Secretary of State of Wisconsin, serving from 1979-1983.

The following is taken from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, published on April 18, 2018, by journalist Lainey Seyler, with a link to the complete article included here, if you're interested in learning more: [To read the full article, click here!](#)

"Vel Phillips was the first black woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin law school. She was the first woman — and first African-American — elected to the Milwaukee Common Council... She was the first woman judge in Milwaukee County and the first black person elected to statewide office....And she was always a civil rights activist,

believing that civil rights were human rights. She pushed for open housing in Milwaukee...She was a trailblazer who made history again and again."

Our 8th graders created an amazing mural in Art class of Vel Phillips, under the guidance of our fabulous Art teacher, Ms. Brennan. Stop by the lower landing of the red staircase near the cafeteria to see it in person the next time you're in the building!

Have a wonderful week, and God bless you,

Ms. Grams

Rescheduled parent presentation with Dr. Aaliyah Baker - Tuesday, March 19th

As we communicated this past weekend, the parent presentation with Dr. Aaliyah Baker is now rescheduled for **Tuesday, MARCH 19th, from 6-8pm.**

This is the first of our Community Engagement Events, and we are hopeful to bring our school families together in meaningful ways such as this, in order to promote our community's continual growth, as well as dialogue on important community topics. As you know from previous communications, Dr. Baker's presentation is focused on "*What does it take to be a more intentional community, by way of fostering a commitment to cultural competence?*".

Here is the link to RSVP: [RSVP to Dr. Baker's parent presentation on 3/19/19](#) (or you can call email your name, any dietary restrictions, and any children's names + ages you would need childcare for to school@saintsebs.org.)

In order to appropriately plan for our meal and ensure proper childcare is lined up, [please reply by Friday, March 15th](#) if you plan to attend.

* To learn more about our presenter, Dr. Baker, please see her attached bio here: [Bio - Dr. Aaliyah Baker](#)

We are really excited to bring this opportunity to our community, and we look forward to hopefully seeing you there! This event is sponsored by the St. Sebastian School staff and our wonderful Home & School association.

8TH GRADE PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER The next PIZZA LUNCH will be Friday, February 22nd.

Deadline extended: Order Forms are **DUE Thursday, February 21st!**

Order forms can be found in the newsletter attachments and copies are also available in the school office. Questions? Contact Christine Conway at: cconway31@ymail.com

A HUGE Thank You to the K5 families for providing a tasty dinner for our Staff during conferences!

Are you looking for a babysitter, snow shoveler, or (eventually!) lawn care?: Some of our 8th graders are trying to earn money for their trip to Washington D.C. and graduation. If you have any need for babysitters, shoveling, and (eventually) lawn care needs, please let the office know and we can connect you with an eager student!

SCHOOL DAYS ON March 22nd and 25th – Due to the 4 cold/snow days we experienced in January, St. Sebastian School will need to hold classes on March 22 and March 25. These were originally scheduled as vacation days. Please adjust your calendars!

PADRE TOURNAMENT – The 8th grade boys play their first game in the Padre Tournament at 5:30pm on Friday, March 1st. Students and parents alike are invited to fill the bleacher sections to cheer on the guys – show your spirit by wearing red and white (face paint too!) If we win our first game, we will play again on Thursday, March 7th and 7:45 PM. The games will be played at Mount Mary University in the Bloechl Center, 2929 N. 92nd Street.

ST. SEBASTIAN WINTER FARMERS' MARKET AND BRUNCH

Sunday, March 3rd, 9am to 1pm (Brunch ends at noon.) In the church hall.
Our 10th Winter Farmers Market: Embracing Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

This year we highlight three of the seven themes of our **Catholic Social Teachings**; Solidarity, Caring for Creation and the Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers. When we form steadfast relationships with farmers and purchase goods directly from earth-friendly vendors **we form bonds of solidarity, we dignify their work & initiative and we respect creation**. Come to shop, to eat or both! **Bring a friend and celebrate our proud Catholic ethic!**

Volunteer: We feed over 400 guests a farm-to-table brunch so we need your help! Please go to bit.ly/SebsVol to sign up online, or contact Tonia at tonschmear@hotmail.com or 414-467-6985. Thank you!

Get advance meal tickets: Available after all masses 2/17 & 2/24 or call Edie Schwabe at 262-389-0121. Suggested donation for brunch:

In advance: \$8 ages 13 & older; \$5 ages 12 – 5; Free age 4 and under; \$25 max per family.

At the door: \$10 ages 13 & older; \$6 ages 12 – 5; Free age 4 and under; \$30 max per family.

*Brunch includes: Cheesy Potato Egg Strata (veggie or sausage), Maple Cream Oatmeal Squares w/ Dried Cherries, Silver Dollar Pancakes with Wisconsin Maple Syrup & Fruit Preserves, Applesauce, Yogurt, Granola, Apple Cider, Sassy Cow Milk, Valentine Coffee and assorted Teas

Shop the market: No charge to shop the market. 10% of vendor sales go to a WI farm crisis fund. You'll find local meats, eggs, cheese and produce as well as sweet treats like caramels, cookies and breads and handmade soaps, alpaca fiber products and more!

New Vendor Highlight: Charles Fromage, an up-and-coming tiny bistro at 5811 W Vliet St will have samples from their menu and info on this new neighborhood spot where you can play a game of cribbage, grab a drink after a movie or ballgame and enjoy a menu meant for snacking and sharing. This event is a fundraiser for a WI farm crisis fund, The Food Faith and Farming Network and our own parish!

SAY CHEESE! - Parents, teachers, and staff: we need YOUR help filling this year's yearbook with memories! Please submit your photos from field trips/class trips, sports teams, extracurricular activities, and candid classroom shots to yearbook@saintsebs.org!

Email Ms. Wagner (mwagner@saintsebs.org) with any questions!

CHESS CLUB - Could you please take 1 minute to take this 3 question survey regarding Chess Club? Our plan is to have Chess Club start in March and want to gather information to help us determine a few items regarding the club this year.

Survey Link <https://goo.gl/forms/UK6pf0sGVCwhgaLF3>

If you have questions regarding the Chess Club or would like to help, please contact Maureen O'Meara-Rowen, mrowen79@gmail.com. Thanks!

YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS – Order forms were sent home last week. Extras are available in the school office. Orders are due by March 8th.

SAVE THE DATE of SATURDAY MAY 4th FOR THE ANNUAL SCRAP METAL DRIVE!

Start saving cans and any scrap metal NOW:)

Parents interested in volunteering their time and/or trailer to haul scrap metal can contact Corina Gencuski at 414 702 1023.

FISH FRY NEWS!! SAVE THE DATE!! 1st grade parents will be working the fish fry on March 1st!!!

Mark your calendars!!! Come and enjoy all your Fish Fry favorites...fried or baked cod, french fries, chicken nuggets, shrimp chowder, salad bar, and homemade desserts!!

Try our "Special Soup Of The Month", Sausage & Spinach Garlic made by Laura Jo Davidson!! You don't want to miss it because it won't be available in April!! Dinner is served from 4:30-7:30 in the school cafeteria. Don't forget to tell everyone you know about Milwaukee's BEST fish fry!

Want to help and need more info? We're ALWAYS looking for volunteers! Contact Amy Struck (Amy4ever72@hotmail.com) OR Lisa Weger (lisamweger@gmail.com)

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING – Parents! Enjoy a Sunday night at St. Sebs. The parish is reaching out to men and women, single or married, ages 21-45(ish) for a fun, free night on St. Patrick's Day. If you'd like, go to 6:00 Mass, then get together with other young adults and enjoy free wine, beer, soda and snacks. It's a great way to toast the day, modeled after Drinking with the Saints by Michael Foley. No kids, please, but be sure to bring friends, cousins or roommates! **Sunday, March 17, 7:00 p.m., Adult Formation Room** (enter on 54th Street). Contact St. Sebs Minister for Youth and Young Adults, Margaret Lee – mlee@saintsebs.org or 262-573-7227.

BREAKING NEWS! CABARET TICKETS ON SALE! - If you loved the school play, you'll love the Cabaret! Talented adults and teens from St. Sebastian, St. Catherine and the community are putting together an evening of music, dance and fun! Come and see "Hello Milwaukee!," an original musical about a family-run TV station, complete with news, a puppet show, TV handyman and of course a cooking show, March 29/30, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Sebastian Church Hall. For \$20 tickets, go to <http://bit.ly/SebsHello> and pay online or download a reservation form and return it with a check to the St. Sebastian Parish House. Questions? Want to volunteer at the registration table or bar, or sell 50/50 tickets? You can see the show for free! Contact saintsebastiancabaret@gmail.com.

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

Completing the letter "A" in reading:

Grade : K5 - Trey Howard

Completing the letter "D" in reading

Grade : K4 - Athan Watkins

Completing the letter "I" in reading:

Grade : K5 - Archie Ambrose and Averie Pittman

THANK YOU - As the Boys & Girls Basketball season comes to a close, I wanted to make sure our sports parents are acknowledged for singing up and working the SNACK SHACK/CASHBOX at Sebs! They are truly the Concession MVPs (Most Valuable Parents) and without them there would be no popcorn, hotdogs, cotton candy or fresh fruit for sale during games.

If you've not had a chance to check out the SNACK SHACK this season, come on out to the last basketball games! You can bring the whole family and stay for all the games for only \$5! What a deal.

Thank you everyone! Louise Scott vandrij@live.com

MVPS

Alex Egerson	James Rasmussen	Mark Knapp
Amy Struck	Jennifer Erickson	Matt Nink
Annamaria Wallace	Jenifer Volz	Maureen Rowen
Anne Novotny	Joan Nink	Megan Murray
Ashley Hartman	Kathleen Glancey	Patrick Roney
Brooke Reister	Katie Suminski	Rebecca Desch
Carol Dodd	Kaycee Frost	Shanese Burnell Jones
Carrie Pruhs	Kelly Hainault	Shannon McKenna
Christine S.	Kim Greer	Steven Beechman
Courtney Townsend	Kim Reyes	Sophia Crivello
Gwen Pass	Lauire Farrell	Torin Jewell
Heather Grams	Lisa Metz	Tracy Kelly
	Maria Melendes	Corina Gencuski
	Marita McClintock	

*These are the names according to the Sing-Up Genius created for the Boys & Girls Basketball 18-19 season.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST. SEBS! – Don't forget to register your team for Trivia Night. It will be held on Saturday, March 16th. Registration is due by March 8th.