



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 special School Choice meeting on **Thursday Feb. 4 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. See the meeting flyer in your registration packet. A second make-up meeting is scheduled for March 3 at 5:30.

SECOND QUARTER GRADES & REPORT CARDS – Sign and return report card envelopes to homeroom teachers.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – We continue to celebrate Catholic Schools Week through February 5. The complete list of Catholic Schools Week activities and our charity drive are on-line. Please notice the special dress days each day and follow those details. Our special Fundraising project is the Milwaukee Guest House. Our service project is the Student Council I Saw the Light bulletin board.

CONFERENCES – Conference appointment slips were sent home with family mail carriers in the report card envelopes. 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. All families must return the conference request slip! Remember – school dismisses next Wednesday February 24 at 11:30 and there is no school for students on Thursday & Friday February 25 & 26.

POPCORN SALE – 6th grade will be selling popcorn for 50 cents after school on Fridays - February 5. Proceeds will go to their Outdoor Education camping trip.

CONE PATROL – Room 207 is on cone patrol duty the week of Feb. 8.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY – All parents are invited to join us next Wednesday, February 10 at our 8:15 all school mass & Ash Distribution as we celebrate the Lenten season.

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

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. If you missed the successful Saint Sebastian session last week, we have another coming soon:

Tuesday, March 1 - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Safe Environment Education – St. Sebastian, Milwaukee

To register for this workshop, go to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding.htm>

GROUP PICTURES TUESDAY – Group pictures for the yearbook will be taken on Tuesday February 9. It is a regular school uniform day! Students can bring shirts and jerseys for the group photo session only – basketball/volleyball jerseys, play shirts, cadet belts, scout items, etc.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS – The 8th grade girls won the title at the St. Mary Menomonee Falls 8th grade A Girls Tournament. They have been invited to the Padre Serra Tournament. Good luck, girls!

FRY KIDS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY 5TH! - Fry Kid Signup Is LIVE for our February Fish Fry. Children wishing to be FRY KIDS this month can begin signing up. Positions open will include: Servers (grades 6-8), Bussers and Setters (grades 4-8), Hallway Monitors (grades 7-8), and Childcare Assistant (grades 6-8). There are 23 open slots available – so sign up early on the portal: <https://steb.datapropeller.com/ParticipantPortal/Index> For those adults wishing to volunteer for the monthly grade level openings, the signup is ready as well.

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.

TAX PREPARATION INFORMATION - St. Sebastian's private school tuition tax credit FEIN is 39-0846407.

PRESENTERS NEEDED FOR HIGH INTEREST DAY ON APRIL 15! - Do you have a hobby or talent you'd like to share or show and interact with St. Sebastian School students? Please , please, please consider being a presenter for High Interest Day on Friday, April 15, 2016. You'd plan your class, set up (Thursday evening) and teach on High Interest Day, plus be reimbursed for materials. Your kids really love having you involved in their school. Please contact: Rebecca Desch: deschjr@me.com or Catherine Bresser: ccbresser@gmail.com. We REALLY need your help!

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FISH FRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! - Fish Fry Clean-Up Crew is looking for a few good men and women to join our team of regular volunteers. We offer great camaraderie during every clean-up shift...wiping, sweeping and mopping can be fun! If you enjoy classic hits and telling stories, please consider helping us out. Fish Fry clean-up starts at 7:30 and usually wraps up by 10:00. Contact Rob Stephenson (roblena@sbcglobal.net) to learn more.

Are you wondering what a regular volunteer is? Fish Fry regular volunteers work most of the fish fry dates. No one is expected to work every fish fry. But, every task runs more smoothly and more quickly when we have a group of people to guide our classroom volunteers.

OPEN HOUSE HOSPITALITY – Co-chairs Jen Dodridge and Kim Nistler would like to extend a huge thank you to all of those who contributed baked goods to the event this past Sunday. We had a great response from many parents and received many delicious treats. Thank you for taking the time to bake or purchase these items and for contributing to another great open house at St. Sebastian's.