



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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THIRD QUARTER GRADES– Grades for the third grading period close Tuesday, March 31. 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.

DRESS CODE UPDATE: We have noticed a “new” trend with many of our female students—the wearing of bandanas in the hair. Our dress code reminds students to differentiate between appropriate clothing and/or accessories for school and for casual or social occasions. Bandanas—of all colors, are NOT acceptable to wear to school as part of a dress code which is “intended to reflect the simplicity of Christian lifestyle.” Students choosing to wear bandanas will be asked to remove them immediately. Items needed by girls to hold hair in place need to be simple and uniform color or black, not an “accessory” with non-uniform colors, bows, frills or other decorations. This addendum to our dress code has been implemented by our administration after discussion with our faculty and Education Committee. Future changes, clarifications, and expectations will be forthcoming for the 2015-2016 school year.

YAC SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT -- TOMORROW --Thursday MARCH 19th 7:00pm

Students in grades 5-8 who participated in St Sebastian volleyball or basketball this year will be recognized at the 2015 YAC Sports Awards Night! Coaches, parents and players are invited to attend this event in the Church Hall (sorry, no siblings).

For those unfamiliar with this event, student athletes will receive a red letter "S" and a pin for each sports they participated in, as well as an honors pin if they made honors this year.

Light refreshments will be served. Students in attendance are eligible to win fun raffle prizes! Talk it up with your friends and show your team spirit by encouraging all of your teammates to attend! The grade with the highest percentage of students in attendance will earn a Spirit Wear Dress Down Day on Friday, March 20th. Please, no jeans or sweat pants at this event.

Also, if you haven't turned in your basketball uniform, please bring it with you!

NEED SERVICE HOURS? -Help clean up and rearrange chairs and tables in the Church Hall after the Sports Awards Night, Thursday, March 19th.

2015 – 2016 REGISTRATION – Individualized registration packets for enrollment in the 2015-2016 school year have been sent home. Please complete and return your registration papers as soon as possible. Remember, nobody is automatically re-enrolled for either school registration or Choice registration. **The March 20 Choice paperwork deadline is coming fast!** A friendly reminder was sent home today to those families not yet enrolled for the 2015-16 school year with a waiving of the late registration fee until March 20.

CONE PATROL – Room 212 is on cone patrol duty the week of 3/23.

SUMMER ACADEMY DATES ARE SET FOR JUNE 29 – JULY 24 – There will be both one four week session (Mandatory for Choice students) and two, two week sessions available. In the next few weeks an announcement flyer and a registration flyer will be made available, with complete details and program announcements. No Summer Academy will be held on Friday July 3.

FISH FRY – Our delicious fish fry is available this Friday as a carry-out only. The hours are 4:30 – 7:30. Friday March 27 is a SIT DOWN Fish Fry and Friday April 3, Good Friday, is a carry-out only.

FORENSIC FRENZY TONIGHT - All fourth and fifth grade students and their parents are invited to attend our FORENSIC FRENZY on Wednesday, March 18 from 7:00-8:30p.m. in the school library. Come and hear our current forensic students present their programs for their parents in preparation for our state competition on March 28. This is your chance to find out what forensics is all about and also to hear the award winning programs from this year's forensic team. Almost all of our team is qualified to go to state competition, so come and spend a very enjoyable evening with our students.

PARENT COFFEE TOMORROW! All parents are invited to Parent Coffee tomorrow at 8 AM in the Multi-purpose room in the Church Gathering Space. Enjoy refreshments and the opportunity to connect with other parents.

ST. SEBASTIAN CHOICE FAMILY MEETING – This Friday March 20 at 3:15 in the Faculty Room. This is a voluntary meeting with no agenda. Bring your questions or concerns to Fr. Larry or Mr. Hohl if you are interested.

HIGH INTEREST DAY - REGISTRATION DUE MARCH 20 - Registration forms for 1st-8th grade students went home last week via mail carriers (one registration form per family). Please return the forms to the office in an envelope marked "H.I.D." by Friday, March 20. Contact committee chair Scott Welak with any questions scott_welak@hotmail.com / [262-853-1573](tel:262-853-1573). Thank you for your support of this fun-filled day!

HIGH INTEREST DAY - WAYS TO BE INVOLVED - It takes many hands to make High Interest Day a success. Please consider how you might lend your support: donation of food or supplies, classroom assistant, videographer, set-up, take-down, luncheon, and many more. The registration packet includes a section for volunteering & donations as well as details on sponsoring a specific class or assembly. Thank you in advance for giving your time & talent to help make High Interest Day fabulous!

K4/K5 HIGH INTEREST DAY (April 24, 8-11:30am)

A few reminders:

1. Sign-up Forms went home two week ago in your K4 or K5 student's backpack. Please complete the Sign-up Form and send it in with the \$5 fee via your K4/K5 student in an envelope marked K4/K5 "High Interest Day" to your K4 or K5 teacher by Friday, April 3.

2. We still need many volunteers. Indicate on the Sign-up Form if you are available to help with either or both of the following:

- *Thursday, April 23, any time between 3 and 8 p.m. - help with set up,*
- *Friday, April 24, 8-11:30 a.m. - be on hand to help during K4/K5 High Interest Day*

3. Pick up on April 24 is at 11:30 in Church Hall. Please mark it in your calendar.

4. Make arrangements with PAL if needed. And provide a bagged lunch if your child is going to PAL, as hot lunch will NOT be provided on this day.

The K4/K5 High Interest Day Committee is looking forward to spending a fun morning with your little ones!

SCRAP METAL DRIVE - Mark your calendars! Scrap Metal Drive is Saturday April 25th. Help St. Sebastian's recycle your metal objects. No item is too big or small. All proceeds go to benefit your school.

K4/K5 HIGH INTEREST DAY - FINAL MEETING (March 31, 7 p.m. Church Hall)

All volunteers for K4/K5 High Interest Day are welcome. We will be discussing how the day will go, finalizing details, and assigning duties. Thank you to all of the awesome volunteers who have gotten involved so far in planning this fun day.

GALLERY NIGHT: Save the Date (April 18, 6-9pm), & Art Donation Request - Get a new perspective at this year's Gallery Night. Come and enjoy the following: student art • live music • wine • hors d'oeuvres • silent auction

SAVE THE DATE

St. Sebastian School Gallery Night - "VISION COLLISION"

d: Saturday, April 18

t: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

p: Cafeteria & Art Room

\$: Free

DONATE YOUR WORK

We are looking for talented alumni, parents of current and former students and parishioners from St. Sebastian who will kindly **donate any artwork that you have created** for a Silent Auction to support this free event. *Please submit your artwork by Sunday, April 5.*

If you have questions, want to volunteer or wish to donate art for the silent auction, please contact Patty or Maggie. Patty Walsh: walsh_8100@yahoo.com, [414.258.9124](tel:414.258.9124) or Maggie

Hardy: scotthardy001@gmail.com, [414.708.7173](tel:414.708.7173).

Check out our flyer in the newsletter attachments to see some cool optical illusions.

GALLERY NIGHT - Gallery Night is April 18th, 6-9:00...We are looking for children who would like to share their artistic talent at Gallery Night right here at St. Sebastian's.

Come prepared to play a polished piece or two of music and share your musical talents with the St. Seb's community during Art night.

Musicians Gallery Night Sign up will be in the basement across from the music room.

Be prepared to Print neatly.... on the sign up form and write your name, the instrument you are playing, and the songs you will be performing.

CHESS TEAM UPDATE - Over 170 students from across the state participated in the 10th Annual Wisconsin Grade Level Championships Saturday held on March 14th at the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc. St. Sebastian was represented by four students (John Cayen, Ericanna Mabbett, Vin Stephenson and Sera Stephenson) and alum Tyler Mabbett. Players all competed against students in their own grade. Special congratulations to John and Ericanna who earned the first place team trophy for the 7th grade division!

FREE ROBOTICS EVENT - If you enjoyed watching the Sebs FIRST Lego League this year, then you'll love this free event on the weekend with 4-foot-tall robots! On Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21, dozens of high schools in the area (including Marquette/DSHA, Pius, Rufus King and Thomas More) will compete at the FIRST robotics regional, held at the U.S. Cellular Arena. You'll see:

- Hundreds of high school students from the Midwest who are passionate about science, technology, engineering and math.
- Thrilling three-minute competitions featuring rotating groups of three teams that cooperate to score more points against three other teams.
- High-powered rock music, dancing and team cheers throughout the day.
- Colorful "pit" area where teams work on robots, teach visitors about robotics, and learn from professionals.

Go to www.wisconsinregional.com/ for more information.

MARKETING MEETING – The next marketing meeting is Thursday, March 26th at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room in the Gathering space of the church. The purpose of these meetings is to develop ways 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 previous meetings, 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.

AUCTION 2015 - Save the date and help us get rockin' for Auction 2015! Saturday, October 24, 2015, Mt. Mary University. Our theme, "Rock the Clock!" is a festive invitation to share time (and treasure) supporting our parish mission. Last year we made \$65,000 thanks to everyone's help! Now we're looking for a few more creative and fun people to work on this creative and fun event. Know anything about graphic design? How about making a few calls from home to get donations of cool stuff? We need lots of talent – and some hard workers. If you have one hour a year or one hour a week, we'd love to get you involved as we get started! Contact Terese Shelledy – shelledy@execpc.com.

PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SHOWCASE - Wednesday, March 22, 6:00 PM. Come learn about Pius XI Catholic High School through a student-led building tour and parent and student panel. Teachers, staff and coaches will be available to answer questions.

PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL ROCKIN' DANCE PARTY - Friday, March 27, 7:00 – 9:00, 5, 6 and 7th graders. Pius XI Catholic High School Field House, supervised activities including a DJ, games, prizes, and ice cream. (Permissions slip is attached online or get one from St. Sebastian school office)

PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL SHADOW OPPORTUNITY - Pius XI Catholic High School offers shadow opportunities for 7th grade students in March and April. (Registration form is attached online or get one from St. Sebastian school office)

DSHA 7TH GRADE VISIT DAYS – Current 7th grade female students may shadow with a current freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in the spring for a whole or half day at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School. Check-in time is 7:30 AM and pick-up is at 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided. Interested families should call 414-466-3707 to reserve a spot. Upcoming visitation dates are on Thursdays – March 26 and April 16. Any questions? Contact DSHA liasons Lisa Misky 462-3331 or Chris Marcoux 258-1734.