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Dear St. Sebastian Community,

Last week we were honored to again welcome Dr. Aaliyah Baker to our school through our first Community Engagement Event. Thank you to those who came out, to Home & School for providing dinner, and to our middle schoolers who provided kid-sitting services! Dr. Baker met with parents and staff on how we continue to grow a more intentional community by means of parent, student, and staff engagement in both the intentional and unintentional educational opportunities we create for our children. Thanks to the contributions of those gathered, we had a thought-provoking dialogue with Dr. Baker and as a group were hopeful for continued ways our blessed community can grow even stronger, together.

Along the lines of engagement, I want to draw our attention to an upcoming event at DSHA on Monday, April 8th at 6:30pm. This is not a shameless plug for my alma-mater, but rather a strong hope that as a community we continue to stay vigilant on our children's social media usage, learning effective means to do that. This "Social Media Wellness" talk is facilitated by nationally recognized author and speaker, Ana Homayoun. The advertisement states that Ms. Homayoun "will offer practical solutions for students, parents, and educators as they navigate the ever-changing issues involving our digital world that impact healthy child and teen development". If you'd like to pre-register or learn more, please visit dsha.info/visit. If you cannot attend, I would ask that you please remain vigilant in keeping tabs on what your children see, hear, and experience online, as more often than not, poor examples learned through social media seem to be the root of the challenges we see students facing when poor choices are made in and out of school.

On the heels of the above mention, and with spring in the air and spring break still a ways away, I ask all parents to please review and reinforce with your children goals and expectations for keeping on top of school work, for kindness in how we treat one another, and in appropriateness of how media is used. Yesterday's morning message to the school children was on the topic of *integrity*, and how integrity is "What we are doing or saying when no one is watching." Our individual and communal challenge is to remain focused on being people of high integrity, striving to grow in the goodness God calls us to, and in being our best selves...even when no one is watching.

Have a great rest of the week, and God bless you,
Ms. Grams

HEADLINE NEWS! "HELLO MILWAUKEE!" A HIT! - Thanks to everyone who attended our parish Cabaret. And thanks to everyone who participated on the stage and behind the scenes! We're already planning for next year's Variety Show, a more free-form opportunity to showcase community talents. We'll have more details in the months ahead, but keep us in mind!
Questions? Contact saintsebastiancabaret@gmail.com

YAC SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT -- Thursday April 4th 7:00pm

Students in grades 5-8 who participated in St Sebastian volleyball or basketball this year will be recognized at the 2018-19 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 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!

8TH GRADE PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER - The next PIZZA LUNCH will be Friday, April 12th. Order forms can be found in the newsletter attachments and copies are also available in the school office. Order forms are due April 10th. Questions? Contact Christine Conway at: cconway31@ymail.com

ST. SEBS LIBRARY REMINDER - You can search for library books from home using the St. Sebastian Library On-Line Catalog (called Destiny) found at: <https://stsebastian.follettdestiny.com>

FISH FRY HELP NEEDED - Fish Fry needs YOUR help this Friday March 29th for our carry out only dinner!! This is our make-up fish fry so no one specific is assigned to it, which means .. We need YOU to help us make this happen! We are in need of 2 awesome volunteers for Set up, 5 awesome volunteers for Dinner and 8 awesome volunteers to make us some delicious Desserts!! We have NO doubt you'll save the day and help us out! Please let Lisa Weger or Amy Struck know what you can do to help!! Thanks so much!!

READ-N-QUIZ UPDATE - Congratulations to the following student(s) for earning the following points using the ReadnQuiz reading incentive program for 1st-5th graders:

5+ Points: Amiyra Cowley and Peyton Pascal

Also, a special shout-out to these classes that have taken over 100 quizzes so far this year...

- Mrs. Kovochich's class has taken 102 quizzes
- Mrs. Schlater's class has taken 324 quizzes
- Ms. Thayer's class has taken over 680 quizzes so far this year!

Way to go! Keep on reading!

ROSIE READERS - Congratulations to the following student for their outstanding progress in the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "A" in reading:

K5 - Bridget Watry

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K4 - Levi Winn and Delilah Hatten

Completing the letter "G" in reading:

K5 - John Hegerty

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