



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian Families,

While we are over halfway through our Lenten season, Easter can still feel a long ways away. So too do we find ourselves in the long stretch of our academic year before spring break, given how late Easter falls. As a faculty, we often talk about how we best foster a sense of grit and perseverance in our students, which ultimately begins with ourselves as the adults guiding them, both staff and parents. Whether related to the spiritual, professional, or personal dimension of our lives, perseverance is necessary to grow and continue working towards our goals...and a good nap never hurts either!

Our students are beginning the state Forward testing on the heels of practicing the various content areas as a school these past couple of weeks in both the classroom and computer classes. Please refer to the testing schedule included in this Newsletter as an attachment if you are curious when your child is testing in which content area specifically (pay particular attention to the left-most column). As always, we ask that you prioritize your child's sleep, attendance, a substantial breakfast, non-sugary snacks, and of course, plenty of encouragement! We keep the tone surrounding testing positive and encouraging at school, knowing our kids are rockstars!

Finally, we unite our community prayers for Mrs. Clementi, our middle school Language Arts teacher, whose father went home to our Lord this past weekend. We continue to support Mrs. Clementi during this difficult time, knowing though her father is at peace and enjoying the heavenly reward of a life well lived, his family and friends behind mourn his physical absence. As priests often say during funeral services for our missing loved one, "*Life has changed, but not ended.*" There can be great peace in this spiritually grounded reality. Let us all continue to support one another in this earthly journey, towards new life with God for eternity.

God bless you,
Ms. Grams

SCRAP METAL DRIVE - Please mark your calendars! The annual scrap metal drive will be Saturday April 8th. This is the perfect time to do a little spring cleaning! Bring items to the St. Sebastian playground on Saturday April 8th from 8:00 - Noon. We can also pick up any large items that you have. Please contact Scott Hardy at 414-607-2141 to make arrangements. All proceeds benefit St. Sebastian Home and School.

Aluminum cans may also be dropped off at the Scrap Metal Drive. (There will not be a can collection by the students this year.)

SPRING SCRIP – Remember to use Scrip for purchasing those new Easter outfits for your kids - and yourself! Scrip is available for Boston Store, J C Penney, Kohls, Payless Shoes, T J Maxx and Target. (You can also order Great Clips and Supercuts to shape up your hairdo for the holiday.)

And the Easter Bunny can also use Scrip when he is on the hunt for candy...please let him know that we have Meijer, Pick N Save, Piggly Wiggly, Sendiks, Sentry, Walgreens, CVS, Target and Walmart.

Plan ahead and earn a little profit for St. Sebastian!

CULVERS FUNDRAISER – Visit the Miller Parkway Culvers tomorrow between 4:00 – 9:00 PM to help fund the SuperStars Camp. This is a summer arts program utilized by our St. Coletta students. Use the attached coupon and Culvers will donate 10% of your sale to this worthy cause.

FISH FRY – Carry out fish fry is available this Friday, March 31st from 4:30 – 7:30 with scout volunteers.

FIRST GRADE MILEAGE CLUB – First graders can begin participating in Mileage Club at lunch recess on April 4th. Please return your permission slip.

COFFEE DRINKERS! Reminder: The 8th graders are still selling Colectivo and Valentine coffee! Cost is the same as if you bought it in the store. Money raised from coffee sales from now until the end of May will go toward graduation costs. Contact your favorite 8th grader, or call the school office for more details. Thank you!

YAC SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT --NEXT WEEK Wednesday APRIL 5th 7:00pm

Students in grades 5-8 who participated in St Sebastian volleyball or basketball this year will be recognized at the 2016-17 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. Please, no jeans or sweat pants at this event.

* 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 St. Sebastian SPIRIT WEAR Dress Down Day on THURSDAY, April 6th.

* 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, Wednesday, April 5th.

ROSIE READER Congratulations to the following students for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "A" in reading:

K4 - Henry May

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K4 - Cora Hatten

K5 - Harper Fortmann

Keep up the good work!

SPRING CONCERT MAY 9 – Save the date! Also, please note – there will be NO Prelude Concert performances at the beginning of the spring concert. Instead, our student's individual skills will be highlighted in an upcoming talent show. More details to come.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF GIRLS AGES 7-15 - Tosa Fastpitch (TFP) provides the opportunity for girls between the ages of 7-15 from the Wauwatosa, Milwaukee or surrounding areas to play fastpitch softball in an organized recreational venue. Whether your daughter is brand new to softball or is looking to continue working on her skills, TFP is the perfect environment for her. Please see the attached flyer to join!

CHOOSING A HIGH SCHOOL - Divine Savior Holy Angels High School is hosting a parents-only session to hear their admissions experts discuss some factors to consider when comparing high schools and how to weigh those factors in choosing the best learning environment for your child. This is offered on Thursday, April 17 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM or Friday, April 28 from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Reserve your spot by registering at dsha.info/RSVP.