



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:00 ON FRIDAY – NOTE - Special 11:00 dismissal this Friday for our teacher inservice. We are at St. Jude for the Sustaining the Mission teacher program at noon and teachers need to eat lunch and get to Tosa. **11:00 Dismissal!**

HOT LUNCH UPDATE – At the beginning of the year, parents were given a username and password for Power Lunch so you can track your child's lunch account balance. This is same username and password that you use for Power School. At this time, a large number of students have a negative balance. Please be conscientious about checking this and supplementing your account as needed.

Our lunch program needs to stay on budget. Therefore:

- If a student has an account that is over \$10 in the negative, they will be served a cheese sandwich for lunch.
- If a student has an account that is over \$20 in the negative, our lunch program has been directed by the Department of Public Instruction to stop serving lunch to that student.

If you have questions regarding your username or password, please contact Mr. Hohl.

If you have any other questions regarding the lunch program, please contact Naomi Cayce at ncayce@saintsebs.org.

TRAINEE WANTED - Carrie Pruhs, parent of 7th and 5th grade girls, maintains much of the school's website on behalf of the school office and is looking for one or two people to take over when her kids graduate. It takes a while to really get comfortable with the techniques and get to know the contacts; getting someone started now would help preserve consistency. If you are interested in learning what goes on behind the scenes with the posts on the website and like working with computers, this volunteer position is for you. The program, WordPress, is easy to use and is web-based, so you could work from home. As little as 30 minutes per month would be needed to keep the site maintained once you are familiar with the program. Contact Carrie at cpruhs@sbcglobal.net or call 414-302-9551 for more information.

CONE PATROL –Room 210 is on cone patrol duty the week of March 14.

PADRE SERRA MARCH MADNESS - 8th grade girls are headed to the Padre Basketball tournament on Friday March 11th at 5:30 at Mt. Mary University on 92nd and Burleigh. Thinking positively, their next game would be on Sunday, March 13th at 2:15. We are so proud of the girls and the fantastic season they have had so far - two first place tournaments and one runner-up. Come and support and cheer on our awesome 8th grade girls.

To get ready for the tournament, we will have a pep assembly on Friday morning at 10:25 in the gym. Friday will also be a Sebs Spirit Wear non-uniform day. Students are invited to wear red, white or black and show school spirit. Dress code still applies.

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 Open House, your registration packet was sent home with your family mail carrier. Please complete and return your registration papers as soon as possible. Remember, nobody is automatically re-enrolled for both school registration & Choice registration. Good News – the \$50 late registration fee for returning families has been extended to **MARCH 18!**

2016 – 2017 SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM – St. Sebastian School Choice Program registration for both the Milwaukee (MPCP) & Wisconsin (WPCP) opened TUESDAY MARCH 1! 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. Go to the DPI website for your Choice application at:

<https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

Choice Enrollment for St. Sebastian School started March 1! All Choice Registration **MUST** be completed and all forms turned in by March 20!

We have scheduled Choice application help sessions in our school computer lab for those who need assistance or computer access. Just show up in the scheduled times for help:

Tuesday	March 15	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	March 16	2:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 17	6:00-6:30 p.m.

ST. SEBASTIAN EMERGENCY PLAN – We have been working over the first part of the school year to improve our school Emergency Plan. Teachers and staff have reviewed it, and we are now ready to implement the changes and practice the safety drills with students. Major initiatives include Emergency Plan bags for each classroom, improved communication, and new safety scenarios to drill. New drill scenarios that we have included and will practice are: Drop, Cover & Hold, Evacuation Procedure, Lockdown Procedure, Reverse Evacuation, and Shelter-In-Place.

Over the next few weeks, we will practice some of the safety drills at school. After Easter, we will schedule and announce an evacuation drill over to Mount Olive. We invite you to discuss school safety at home with your child(ren) and help support this important school exercise. Parents interested in seeing the new Emergency Plan can e-mail Mr. Hohl at hohl@archmil.org.

5TH GRADE MEDIA CELEBRITIES – The 5th grade recently completed a Junior Achievement Program, culminating with a field trip to JA Town, where each student participated in a business. Check out the video and look for your favorite 5th grader (and maybe a teacher and parent) at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ep_yicTwGA

A DSHA GIRLS NIGHT IN FOR MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS - Bloom For Girls

Workshop: Love Your Beauty

Friday, March 18, 2016 | 5:30 – 8 p.m. at DSHA

for girls in grades 4 – 7 and their mothers

Presenter: Molly Bell, Founder/Director, Bloom for Girls, LLC

Is beauty only skin deep? Become a media savvy pro when it comes to how women are portrayed in advertising and pop culture. Let's try to redefine what beauty means to us in regard to ourselves and the women we love and admire in our lives. Through presentations, journaling, group discussion and fun activities, mom and daughter can expand the narrow definitions of beauty and body health.

This is a free event and dinner is provided. Space is limited. Please RSVP by Thursday, March 10 by calling (414) 466-3707 or emailing admissions@dsha.k12.wi.us.

YAC SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT -Tuesday MARCH 22nd 7:00pm - Students in grades 5-8 who participated in St Sebastian volleyball or basketball this year will be recognized at the 2016 YAC Sports Awards Night! Coaches, parents and players are invited to attend this event in the Church Hall (sorry, no siblings). 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!

Please, no jeans or sweat pants at this event.

Also, if you haven't turned in your basketball uniform, bring it with you please. Individual invitations will not be sent, so please mark your calendars, now!

GAS STATION SCRIP – Did you know that St. Sebastian Scrip sells gift cards for the following gas stations: BP Gas, Exxon/Mobil, Kwik Trip, Shell and Speedway? Please consider purchasing them, to help St. Sebastian's earn a profit of 1% - 4%. They are generally available on a cash and carry basis at the parish office. Or arrange to have them delivered to school for you. You have to buy gas anyway, so why not earn a little money for St. Sebastian's when you fill up?

SAVE THE DATE - SEBS PROM - Come as you were!

Who: Parents, staff, parishioners, neighbors and friends (adults only event)

What: Music, dancing, beer, wine, period garb, and general merriment

When: April 9th from 8-11pm

Where: School Cafeteria, classic!

Why: For fun, of course, with all proceeds benefitting school needs.

A flyer is being sent home with mail carriers and posted on the website with details about the event. Tickets sales begin next week: \$25 per person/\$40 for two people. Start looking in your closet for period garb to "come as you were" from your prom, or start assembling an equally ridiculous outfit from a different generation's prom. The world is your oyster. Please contact Molly Ambrose at mollyj26@hotmail.com for any details.

CAN/Aluminum DRIVE April 4th- 8th - If you haven't started yet, you need to start saving, rinsing and crushing all your aluminum cans NOW! Save aluminum foil and baking pans too! Collect cans at home, at work, at grandma and grandpa's house, the neighbors..... We will collect cans/aluminum by grade at morning drop-off all week. The grade with the most pounds will get a PIZZA PARTY!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The scrap metal drive is coming Saturday April 9th to the St. Sebastian parking lot. Start your spring cleaning and get rid of your unused items. All proceeds benefit St. Sebastian's Home and School.

FORENSIC FRENZY COMING - All fourth and fifth grade students and their parents are invited to attend our FORENSIC FRENZY on Monday March 21 from 6:30-8:30PM in the school cafeteria. Come and hear our current forensic students present their programs for their parents in preparation for our state competition on April 9. This is your chance to find out what forensics is all about and also hear the award winning programs from this year's forensic team. Many of our team is qualified to go to state competition, so come and spend a very enjoyable evening with our students.

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE - Join in the celebration of mass 8:30 AM at St. Patrick's church this Saturday (723 W. Washington). Then plan to attend the parade downtown which starts at noon at 6th & Wisconsin Avenue, going east. For a small fee you are invited to join in the post parade party Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (2122 W. Wisconsin Avenue) from 1 – 6 PM, featuring 5 Irish bands and 7 schools of Irish dancers.