



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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OPEN HOUSE – St. Sebastian School will hold a mini-open house on the evening of Thursday, May 19th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

“TOATALLY 80’s” SPRING CONCERT THIS TUESDAY - The annual school spring concert is this Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 in the church. Join us for the concert, “Totally 80’s”. Each grade level will sing during the evening, the middle school choir will sing, and students will perform during the prelude. An all student finale with grades 1-8 will close the performance. Grades K4 & K5 can join the finale from their seats with parents. All students need to be in attendance. Student dress for the concert is 80’s fashions or Spring/Sunday/Holiday best. No shirts with pictures or writing/slogans, jeans, sports jerseys or t-shirts allowed. School dress code applies – no short skirts, low tops, bare midriffs or sandals, etc. Church doors will open promptly at 5:45. Students will report to the church with their families between 6:10 – 6:25. They should leave all coats and possessions in church with their families. Students will then be called to report to their classrooms from church by Mr. Hohl. Again, do not report directly to classrooms – the school will be locked. Stay in church until called between 6:10 -6:25. When students go to classrooms, they should leave all coats and personal items in church with parents – they will not be able to go back to the classroom after the concert. Parents should monitor student behavior – no running, no roaming around, no food, etc. – this is church and we need to demonstrate appropriate behavior. It is especially important to keep young children away from the altar platform. Also, do not sit in the aisles of church, since classes will be moving in and out of church and the aisles will be used in the finale. After the finale, students will be dismissed to find their families. The only exception to this is K4 & K5 - they will find their families after their performance.

A special Concert Prelude performance will take place from 6:00 – 6:30. Those students should report to the multipurpose room at 5:50. The balcony will be open for extra seating and we ask that the audience squeeze together to allow seating for the capacity crowd. Please avoid the front row – that is marked and was purchased at the parish auction. The spring concert is a great way to wrap up the school year. Invite friends and family to flashback and enjoy “Totally 80’s”.

HONORS RECEPTION ON WEDNESDAY MAY 18 – Students in middle school who have achieved the Honor Roll this school year will be celebrated with the Honors Reception after the All School Mass on Wednesday May 24. Invitations went home this week and RSVP’s are due **Friday**.

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.

For our last drills, we will practice an evacuation and reverse evacuation safety drills at school this week. The evacuation drill is Thursday and we will evacuate over to Mount Olive School gym on Washington Blvd. Our reverse evacuation is Friday during recess, where we will bring students back to their rooms to avoid a danger outside. 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 hohlp@archmil.org.

REFLECTION GARDEN NEWS - Many thanks to Maggie Mullen, Jacky Granciano, Kieran Zalewski, Ryan Walsh, Elena Wilson, Jack Scott, Steven Rios, Emily Sveda, Fiona Anderson, and Joe Lichucki. who volunteered in the Reflection Garden on Saturday. These students finished chipping in the footpath, weeded, watered and mulched the Medicine Wheel flowers the K4 class planted during the week. The solar fountain is in place once again. We are still looking for parents/guardians who are interested in supervising up to 8 students for quiet activities in the garden over lunch recess. This could be **any** day of the week that works for you. Please contact Leah Sealey (leahsealey@hotmail.com or 414-793-2847).

ICE CREAM SALE – The 8th graders will be selling ice cream at the end of the day each Friday in May on the playground. The cost is \$1.00 and the profits will be used to support their class gift to the school.

GOOD-BYE – There will be a parish farewell to Mr. Hohl on Sunday, May 22nd at 10:30 AM mass, followed by a reception. There will be a presentation and blessing after communion by Fr. Larry.

Also, on Wednesday, May 25th, the school community will be celebrating a milestone for the school foundation committee and recognizing the wonderful years Mr. Hohl has given to St. Sebastian. Please join us for 8:15 AM mass on this day to say good-bye to our “good shepherd”. We are hoping to fill the pews with as many past students as possible.

FAREWELL GIFT – In lieu of gifts, Mr. Hohl has asked for contributions toward purchasing a new PA system for the school. That sounds great...Get it **Sounds** great? We are taking up a collection from past and present school families. This collection will be presented to Mr. Hohl at our last school mass on June 10th. Please send your contributions to the school office and make checks payable to St. Sebastian School.

SIX FLAGS TICKETS – Be sure to check your child’s backpack if you are expecting an admission ticket for Six Flags Great America, earned through their Read to Succeed program. Tickets were sent home today.

SCRIP FOR EVERYDAY – Did you know that you can use Scrip for your everyday “maintenance” needs, such as oil changes, haircuts, hardware needs, office supplies.....stop in the office for an order form!

BUZZ BOOK UPDATE -As many of you know, one of the great services Home & School provides to our school families is the Buzz Book. The Buzz Book not only provides approved contact information for all school families, it is also includes dates and information about fundraising efforts and other school related activities.

We apologize that we have not been able to publish a Buzz Book this school year. A new approach to compile the data proved to be more time consuming than anticipated and drastically delayed the process. We know many families rely on the Buzz Book to communicate with the families of their children's classmates. We regret that this information has not been available before now.

Today, each student received a printed list of contact information (name, address, phone, email address) for all the families in their grade. Please check your students backpacks for these lists. We hope you will find them useful. We commit to providing the published 2016-2017 Buzz Book by the end of September.

2016-2017 BUZZ BOOK - Help us get a jump start on next year's Buzz Book! Returning families are encouraged to complete the Buzz Book form (sent home today with mail carriers and included with today's newsletter attachments) and return it to the school office by June 10.

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

Completing the letter "D" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K4 - Micah Keiser

Keep up the good work!

ACCELERATED READER – Congratulations to this week's Accelerated Readers:

Teddy Keppler 50 points

Ryan Mahn 25 points

Marshall Jones 25 points

Also, the winner of Reading Bingo:

St. Coletta's Madison Morris

Room 202 Anna Lichucki and Josephine Pruhs