



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian families,

Baseball legend Yogi Berra once said, *"If you don't know where you're going, you'll end up somewhere else."* Over this past year, we have been working to refine our parish and school missions at St. Sebastian, as well as set a vision. To do this well, it is essential to consider an organization's history, obtain a feel for the present-day culture, and re-examine how we best prepare our students for the future. Working throughout the year primarily with our team of educators (ranging in years of experience at St. Sebastian School), along with various stakeholder groups - including students, parents, School Committee, Home and School, and the Parish - we have narrowed our mission, set forth a vision, and determined our core values that we hold one another to.

A **vision** declares what an organization is striving towards, continually working on. A **mission** declares who we are, who we serve, and why we exist. **Core values** are essential when prioritizing the environment we foster, establishing the end goals of our children's faith formation and academic pursuits, and articulates the very community environment we hold one another to across all members. Lastly, you will note below that we have created a new **logo**, given there were a number of versions in circulation, so that we might solidify a consistent one that bridges parish and school, the past, present and future, and our mission. The logo incorporates the parish's emblem, placing it on the cross, and adding color in such a way to reflect our rich diversity here at Sebs, reflected in our school colors.

To that end, please take a few moments and read over this information on the following page. Each member's role and commitment within the community is vital in order for the overall health, well-being, and effectiveness in how our "family" interacts with one another, in how we together prepare our children for their futures, and in how we treat one another as adults partnering in our students' formation; all rooted in Christian love for one another. St. Sebastian School values and sets forth high expectations for our students, fostered in a nurturing environment in order to be our best selves, as God calls us.

The state of the union is strong at St. Sebastian Catholic School!

God bless you,

Ms. Grams & the St. Sebastian School Faculty & Staff

St. Sebastian School Vision Statement:

St. Sebastian Catholic School is a richly diverse parish school and faith community, comprised of students, families, and faculty working to foster an inclusive, responsive, and exemplary spiritual foundation and educational environment for all learners seeking to grow as empowered, faith-filled, and joyful agents of change in the world.

St. Sebastian School Mission Statement:

Rooted in the Catholic faith, the St. Sebastian School community actively **engages** with students in cultivating a solid faith formation, the pursuit of academic excellence, and meaningful opportunities in community-building. We are committed to **inspiring** students to **grow** and persevere as critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and peacemakers. Together we nurture and empower our richly diverse student body to discover and utilize their unique God-given gifts to **love** and **serve** others.

Core Values of the St. Sebastian School Community:

Engage * Inspire * Grow * Love * Serve



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Catholic School

A parish school serving the community since 1913

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. LOFY – We send our best wishes to Mrs. Lofy, who has decided to retire at the end of this school year. Mrs. Lofy has taught 5th grade at St. Sebastian School for 28 years. Perhaps you remember participating in the State Fair, Junior Achievement Biz Town, or visiting the Civil War camp re-enactment when you were in the 5th grade. In addition, you may have appreciated how well you were prepared to enter middle school after 5th grade. Be sure to thank Mrs. Lofy for her dedication and years of service to the staff and students of St. Sebastian!

PROUD ALUMNI NEWS – St. Sebastian School is pleased to announce that both the valedictorian and the salutatorian of Pius XI High School this year are Seb's alumni. Congratulations to Maggie Burzynski (valedictorian) and Emma Mrotek (salutatorian). In addition, the Foreign Affairs Awards went to alums Avion Solis-McKinney for Spanish, and Emma Mrotek for French.

YAC VOLLEYBALL: LAST CALL - Please make sure that we have your child(ren)'s registration by the May 30 deadline. Registration forms and Sport Physical sheets are available online at <http://bit.ly/SebsYAC> or in the St. Sebastian school office. Anyone interested in being a coach or assistant coach can contact Diana Kokalis at sdk1998@yahoo.com or 414-265-6513.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. SEBASTIAN'S STUDENTS FOR A FABULOUS SPRING CONCERT! - The Spring Concert can be viewed by going to the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxlqtxacrGXtzxJYUnY12HKLXaqThXdo>

SIX FLAGS TICKETS – The Six Flags tickets have arrived for those who participated in their Read To Succeed program. These tickets cannot be replaced if lost. You can pick them up in the school office or call to direct us to send them home with your child.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BOOK DRIVE – We have completed the final chapter and have reached an exciting conclusion in our book drive to benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. More than 32 boxes of books were collected, which amounted to over 1,600 books for kids of all ages and interests. The book case was stuffed many times! Thank you to St. Sebastian and St. Coletta students and families for your generosity.

SUMMER HELP FOR YOUR CHILD - Mrs. Janice Hauf, a certified primary teacher with thirty years of experience, is available for tutoring your child this summer. Mrs. Hauf is a full-time substitute teacher at Saint Sebastian School and other District 12 schools. Please call 339-4369 to leave your name and number. All sessions are held at Saint Sebastian School or The Wauwatosa Public Library. Keeping your child sharp and confident is imperative. I am happy to assist in this one-on-one environment!

BOXTOPS! - Now is the time to clean out those drawers and bring all boxtops to the school office. Please check expiration dates. We will plan to mail all our boxtops before the end of the school year!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - CELEBRATING GOD THE CREATOR - You are invited to participate in a week of exciting bible adventure, games and activity, and challenging experiments that celebrate God, our Creator. This Vacation Bible School is held at Saint Sebastian Parish (54th and Washington Blvd) 8:30 am to Noon on **Monday, June 12th to Friday, June 16th**. This VBS is for children who will enter K5 to Grade 5 next September. The cost of the entire week is only \$30! For more information and to register use the Saint Sebastian website <http://saintsebastianonline.net/>