



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian Families,

Congratulations to our Second graders who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last past Sunday, as well as to those who will receive the Sacrament this coming Sunday! It is a great joy to witness the excitement on our little ones' faces when they experience something so transformative in their lives. We will have a May Crowning during our all-school mass next Wednesday, May 10th, at 8:15am if you are able to join us. All Second grade students are welcome to wear their Communion attire or dress-up if they did not receive the Sacrament, as all will have the opportunity to be involved in the mass.

Secondly, as you know, we enthusiastically celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week this week! How blessed and fortunate we are to have such dynamic, loving, and dedicated teachers and staff profoundly serving as partners in education, as well as guides for our children in faith, academics, and community-building! Please do not forget to have your child write a note or draw a picture for his or her teachers. The smallest of gestures fills the heart abundantly and shows gratitude for all our faculty does for us!

We also welcome our grandparents and special guests joining us today at school and for mass! This is always a special day to recognize the people God has placed in our lives to powerfully contribute to forming our hearts, minds, and souls. Thank you for all who were able to join us, and we remember all those unable to be here, but with us in spirit.

Lastly, I wanted to share with you the sad news that St. Sebastian and St. Coletta parent, Mrs. Lillian Rivera, past away this past week. Lillian's children are Alberto (A.J.) in 5th grade at St. Sebs and Alondra in St. Coletta's Day School. Mrs. Skinner (our counselor), the teachers, and myself met with the class to share this news and talk through any questions they had. As a class, we prayed for Mrs. Rivera and all of her loved ones missing her. The family has shared there will be a service to celebrate Lillian's life at St. Sebastian Church this Saturday, May 6th from 11am-3pm. The church service will be from 11:00am-12:00pm, followed by a reception. There is a powerful line in the song "In Christ Alone" by Mercy Me that sings, "*In life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.*" How true this is as we know our God keeps us all in his loving care every moment of our lives. Thank you for keeping the Rivera family in your prayers at home as well.

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

CORRECTION – K4 and K5 students will dismiss at **2:00** on Wednesday, June 7th (not 3:00 as stated in last week's newsletter). We apologize for the confusion.

SUMMER ACADEMY – St. Sebastian Summer Academy news will be sent later this week in a separate email blast.

DRESS DOWN DAY - THIS FRIDAY, MAY 5TH is going to be a school-wide dress down day in celebration of students' and staff's hard work put forth in our Forward testing, now that it is complete! A very special thank you to Mrs. Shambarger for coordinating the testing schedule, Mrs. Kelderman for assisting, and of course to all of the teachers for their diligent preparation of our students within their curriculum!

STUDENT NOTES FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - If your child has not made a note for his or her teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week this week, please encourage and support them doing so before the end **of the week! It means a lot to our hard working faculty! Don't forget the Specials teachers!**

FUN FIELD DAY! - JUNE 8TH - If you can volunteer some time on the planning end or on the day of (or both!) to offer our students a fun last full day of the school year that they will remember, please contact our front office asap! Parent support is critical in order to pull it off!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS – LEARNING ALL SUMMER LONG - Pius XI summer camps give area middle school students the chance to further explore their God-given talents and interests outside the academic school year. Campers may register for one class or stay the whole day by choosing a morning and afternoon class. Register your child soon as space is filling up in many camps! Camps available include Forensics Speaking, Creative Writing, Rube Goldberg (only 5 openings left!), Drawing (6 openings), Animation, Musical Theater and VEX Robotics (middle school and high school students). The athletic offerings including Golf, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball and an evening Run Camp. To view all offerings and download a registration form visit www.piusxi.org/summer-camps.

GREASE- Many thanks to the Sebs community for supporting our students and alumni who rocked the Pius XI High theater this weekend with their take on the classic musical, Grease. Lily Lustig and Laila Scott were joined by the following alumni to a completely sold out run! Rosie Burzynski (ensemble), Maggie Burzynski (Rizzo), Arabella Loera (Cha Cha), Reilly Madigan (Eugene), Allyson Mills(ensemble), and Mahriana Pyant (ensemble). Congrats to all our amazing students!

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

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K5 -Kellen Gifford

Completing the letter "I" in reading:

K4 - Clara Mayek

Keep up the good work!

ST. COLETTA INVITATION – St. Coletta Day School invites you to join them for a “Tap Dance Experience”. St. Coletta students will be performing in the church hall on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00. A reception will follow.

YAC VOLLEYBALL: REMINDER - Parents, if your middle-school children are interested in playing Volleyball next fall, please make sure you register them before the May 30 deadline. Registration forms are available online at <http://bit.ly/SebsYAC> or in the St. Sebastian school office. Be sure to get the Sport Physical sheet, too - it's good for two years, and you'll need to have your child's doctor complete it. Anyone interested in being a coach or assistant coach can contact Diana Kokalis at sdk1998@yahoo.com or 414-265-6513.

FISH FRY ON FRIDAY MAY 5TH! - Please join us for our last fish fry of the 2016-2017 school year! Be sure to tell you friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. Friday will be you last chance to enjoy "your neighborhood fish fry" until October!!

Thank you to our regular volunteers, the 7th grade families and the few additional school families who volunteered to help! We are in need of more volunteers and dessert donations for Friday's fish fry. Please see the attached volunteer roster and if you are able to help, email Lena Stephenson at roblena@sbcglobal.net or call 414-403-7131.

BOX TOPS AND CINCO DE MAYO! - Check out the Box Tops fill-in sheet in the attachments section and get ready for a little competition! The first 5 students to fill up and turn in the Cinco de Mayo sheet with Box Tops (please make sure they haven't expired!) will receive a \$5 gift card to Yo Mama!!! Get your scissors and glue ready.. the turn in date is no later than Monday May 8!

**CONTINUE TO THE NEXT PAGE TO SIGN UP FOR PIZZA
LUNCH**

8TH GRADE SCHOOL LUNCH PIZZA FUNDRAISER! - The 8th grade graduation celebration will soon be here and we'd like your help. 8th grade will have "hot-n-ready" pizza, juice boxes and carrot sticks available for school lunch on **Thursday, May 11th**. **THERE WILL NO TRADITIONAL HOT LUNCH SERVED/AVAILABLE THIS DATE! PLEASE PLAN FOR A COLD LUNCH IF YOU ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT.** Please use pre-purchase form below and return to homeroom teacher, school office so we will know how much to order! (Students may choose to have pizza in addition to their regular school lunch if they so desire.) **Deadline for submission is Tuesday May 9th.**

Questions? Contact Shaneese Williams sswill727@yahoo.com or Theresa Garcia tmgarcia3508@gmail.com

8th Grade Little Caesar's Pizza Lunchtime Fundraiser – Thursday, May 11th

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Number of slices _____ x \$2.50 = _____ (#__pepperoni #__ cheese)

Juice Box and carrot sticks add \$1.00 _____.

Total amount = \$ _____

Check payable to St. Sebastian. Fill out a slip for each child, payment can be combined.

Please return to the office via backpack mail BY May 9th. Attn: Shaneese Williams