



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian School Families,

How quickly time passes to already be in our final days of the school year. What a wonderful year it has been! I pray it has been a fruitful year for you and your family, embracing the many ways we have each been called to grow, give our best efforts, persevere through challenges, and celebrate our many individual and collective joys. It has been a true gift in my first year as principal to have met each of your precious children and been given the gift to continue working together with you and our staff in forming scholars for the world and saints for God's kingdom!

There will be a Principal's Report coming from me in the coming weeks, soon after school is out, so please be looking for. It will have information on end of year reporting of progress we have made, summer activities to prevent the "summer slump" and work with your children on continuing their learning, and information on the coming year. It will come to you as a typical Newsletter news blast, via email. Thank you for taking the time to read it when it arrives so you are current on communications pertinent to our community and your child's education.

As we conclude our 2017-18 school year, I encourage you to read the following prayer with your family as you begin the beautiful summer season and have closure from the school year:

*God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout the school year.
We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.
As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have
done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.*

We ask you to bless all of our community in your love and give them peace.

We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

Happy summer and may God bless you always,
Ms. Grams

GOODBYE MRS. MROZINSKI – Our middle school science teacher, Mrs. Mrozinski, has decided to be a stay-at-home mom next year. We appreciate her 5 years of service, wish her well, and hope to see her again in the future.

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!

The Parish will show their appreciation on Sunday, June 11, at the 10:30 am Mass. Be sure to thank Mrs. Lofy for her dedication and years of service to the staff and students of St. Sebastian!

CONGRATULATIONS - We are proud of our 8th grade graduates for the following achievements:

- Emily Sveda – Earned the renewable **Centennial Scholarship** from Divine Savior Holy Angels High School. She was the highest testing incoming student of the entire freshman class of applicants.
- Sierra Cannon – Earned the **Kelsey C. Hunt Leadership and Spirit** Scholarship by taking on leadership roles as well as having a contagious energy and spirit.
- **The Journal Sentinel/Milwaukee Brewers Student Achiever Awards** are given to students for Highest Academic Achievement and Best Academic Effort.: Congratulations to Emily Sveda and Rosie Villa for earning the honor of Highest Academic Achievement and to Sierra Cannon, Alexandria Kokalis, Lydia Pruhs, and Lily Sobczak for earning Best Academic Effort.
- **The Saint Sebastian School Core Value Awards:**
 - Engage ~ The Arlin Menke Award** recognizes one who demonstrates outstanding Christian Leadership. Congratulations to Rosalia Villa!
 - Inspire ~ The St. Sebastian Inspire Award** recognizes intrinsic curiosity for one's learning in faith and academics. Congratulations to Emily Sveda!
 - Grow ~ St. Sebastian Home & School Award** recognizes and celebrates growth, perseverance in learning, and strides in academic progress. Congratulations to our 2017 recipient of this award, Toua Yang!
 - Love ~ The St. Sebastian Charity Award** recognizes one who exhibits Christian love and kindness by habitually willing the good of others before oneself. Congratulations to our 2017 dual recipients of this award, Makayla Hughes and Jackson Lustig!
 - Serve ~ The Teacher Scholarship** recognizes one who stands out as having served as a model student and true joy in the learning environment. Congratulations to Alexandria Kokalis!

Announced at last weekend's Graduation, the **St. Sebastian Charity Award** above will be given this year forward in honor of **Mrs. Pat Fredericks**, our beloved school secretary. Mrs. Fredericks has been the face, voice, and smile of St. Sebastian School for 30 years, this year. We are pleased to give this award to students in her honor who exhibit the qualities listed above. Thank you, Mrs. Fredericks for your work, dedication, and love given to St. Seb's families, students, and staff for so many years! We love you and God bless you!

PROUD ALUMNI NEWS – St. Sebastian alum, Megan Novotny, was awarded the freshman 2017-2018 Woman of Character Scholarship honoring enthusiastic learning, bold exploring, courageous achieving and community building from Divine Savior Holy Angels High School.

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. She is happy to assist in this one-on-one environment!

SUMMER HOURS – The school office will be open during the summer on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00 – Noon. We will be here at other times as well, so feel free to leave a message and we can make arrangements if you need to come in.