



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Greetings, St. Sebastian School community!

What a gift it has been to see all of our returning, familiar faces, as well as eagerly greet our new children and families to St. Sebastian and St. Coletta Day School!

I had the opportunity to stop into every classroom on our first day of classes yesterday, and witness many smiles with excited attitudes as we begin a new year.

Please take a few moments to read through the information and highlights in the Newsletter each week (on the subsequent pages), as all of the communication aides in bridging a strong community and keeping us on the same page in providing our students the best possible educational experience.

If you have not already, I encourage you to pray with your children as we begin our new year. Ask what they are excited about... What they want to ask God's help and guidance for... New challenges they are nervous about or eager to take on... Blessings they already recognize as we've begun. Below is a community prayer for us all that you might consider sharing at the dinner table:

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends, new teachers, and new family friends. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

Thank you for your commitment to St. Sebastian Catholic School and for your initial, evident engagement in this great community. It is going to be a wonderful new year!

God bless you,

Ms. Heather Grams, Principal

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS ARE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY. TODAY ONLY, EVERY STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A PAPER COPY – IN AN EFFORT TO GO PAPERLESS, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ THE NEWSLETTERS ONLINE. AT OUR WEBSITE, <http://www.saintsebastianonline.net> YOU CAN SIGN UP TO HAVE NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER NOTICES E-MAILED TO YOU. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PAPER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER SENT HOME WITH YOUR FAMILY MAIL CARRIER EACH WEDNESDAY.**

DISMISSAL ON WEDNESDAYS – We want to remind you that every Wednesday our school dismisses at 2:00. This is to allow time for our weekly staff meeting/professional development. Students that are not picked up by 2:15 will be sent to PAL. There will a charge for the services of PAL. Please contact PAL at 453-8944 to register.

CARPOOL – There is a family is looking for assistance in getting to and from school when needed. The mother is undergoing treatments that leave her indisposed at times and unable to drive the children. They live in the vicinity of 35th and Wisconsin Ave. If you would be available to help, please contact the school office.

MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURE

- 7:35 AM - Children may be dropped off on the supervised playground.
- 7:45 AM - First bell rings. Middle School students enter the building. Grades K4 - 5 line up. Teachers come to meet their class and the supervisor will send them in, one grade at a time.
- If children are not in their classroom BY 7:55 AM, they are considered late. **At 7:54 AM, A BLUE FLAG** is displayed on the playground. **IF THE BLUE FLAG IS OUT**, a parent **MUST** park and come in to sign their child/children in for safety purposes and student(s) will obtain a tardy slip for class.
- 7:55 AM - Students are to be in their classrooms, and ready for morning announcements, prayer, and pledge of allegiance.
- 8:00 AM - All classes begin.

SAFER AFTERNOON PICK-UP PROCEDURE – Students in grades K4 – 5, who are not walking home, will wait behind the line of safety cones with their teacher until their parent parks, exits their car, and picks up their child. In the past, children would often walk/run to their parent’s car by themselves. This posed a danger to both students and drivers. With the new procedure, the parent will escort the child to the car to ensure everyone’s safety.

MORNING SNACK MILK – Daily milk is available for the snack break in grades K4 – 2. For K4 and K5 students, the cost is \$20 for the year. For grades 1 and 2, the cost is \$40. You also have the option of paying ½ now and ½ in January. Checks are payable to St. Sebastian Hot Lunch.

HOT LUNCH – Please make sure to put money into your child’s lunch account. You can send it with your child in a clearly marked envelope or drop it in the school office. Checks should be made payable to St. Sebastian Hot Lunch. If you have already applied for Free or Reduced Lunch, a letter will be sent home with your children today letting you know if you have been approved or not. No one is automatically re-enrolled into the Free or Reduced Lunch program. A new application must be submitted each year. A lunch menu will be attached to the newsletter at the beginning of each month.

ALSO, BE AWARE THAT OUR SCHOOL DOES NOT SERVE BREAKFAST. Please be sure your children are fed before they come to school.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4 – Labor Day

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL THEATRE TRY-OUTS – All 3rd through 8th grade St. Sebastian School students and parishioners are invited to: Come “Move it, Move it” to the church hall to try out for this year’s production of the wacky and wild “Madagascar – a Musical Adventure, Jr.” Join Marty and Zebra, Alex and Lion, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the Hippo, and of course, the “cute and cuddly” penguins as they escape to Madagascar and meet King Julian and the lemurs. Try-outs will be Wednesday, September 6 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and Friday, September 8 from 3:00 – 5:30 PM. Call the directors, David and Kathy Kirkpatrick (414-774-6963) with any questions. This mad cap show, filled with singing and dancing by all, will leave the audiences with no choice but to “Move it, Move it”

PERFORMANCES ARE NOVEMBER 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH.

MAGAZINE/GIFT SALE – This is one of our biggest school fundraisers. We strongly encourage ALL families to participate. You can renew any current magazines, subscribe to new magazines, and shop the variety of gift items available. The kick-off is September 13th and the sale ends September 27th. Cards will be sent home as a reminder of the names of the people you sold to in the past. If you have any questions throughout the sale, email our parent Colleen Poggenburg at cfitz@mcw.edu. Prizes for students will include a special “out of uniform day” pass, soda/ice cream party, or VIP packs. The prizes apply only to sale dates listed above.