



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian School community,

With all that is going on in the country as of late with the natural disasters occurring as well as the anniversary of September 11th, I was reflecting this week on the power of solidarity. It is so often through times of hardship and struggle that people come together and prove a united force more powerful than the challenge at hand.

In visiting classrooms this week and observing our school community at St. Sebastian, there were a number of our own powerful reminders of the power and influence our young ones already demonstrate. When I asked first graders what they were learning on Monday, two students in unison said, "We are working on having growth mindsets instead of fixed mindsets! We might not know something right now, but that just means we don't know it *yet!*!" Similarly, one of the 4th grade classes was reading a book on a young girl who never wanted to make a mistake. The follow-up discussion was interesting to hear the students' understanding that it is through mistakes that we often best learn. A final example to highlight is two of our 6th grade students - on their own initiative - pausing their play at recess to help an elderly woman safely cross the parking lot during recess without a ball or child accidentally running into her! They both walked alongside her to ensure her safety, which was quite touching.

What do all of these stories have in common as related to my opening remarks? In my estimation, they speak to the work we share with you as parents in raising compassionate problem-solvers and peacemakers. They speak to the mentality we strive daily to instill in our students about the importance of being open to ways to problem-solve...about growing through mistakes and our shortcomings...about setting our needs aside to care for others. These examples should make us all proud as families, staff, and students, working together to be our best selves, united in solidarity for the common good.

Please continue to pray with your children for all who have been impacted by the devastating loss in parts of our country, and have a wonderful rest of the week!

God bless you,

Ms. Grams

**MANDATORY SEPTEMBER CONFERENCES** - As a reminder, conferences for students will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27th after school in the evening and Thursday, Sept 28th. Every child is expected to have a parent(s) attend. **\*\*The Sign-Up Genius link will come out electronically tomorrow morning to sign up for your preferred time slot(s).**

**DEADLINE FOR PIUS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY** - As was shared in the summer packet, at Drop-In Day, and the All-Parent Meeting, Pius XI High School is partnering with St. Sebastian School to offer an elective music program for students in grades 4th-8th to learn to play an instrument, if interested. This is not a part of the school's curriculum, but a beneficial opportunity of an extra-curricular if you elect to sign-up. You will recall representatives from PPAA were here to meet with parents at Drop-In Day. Yesterday, students visited with PPAA to experience the "petting zoo" and have hands-on experience with the instruments.

**\*\*Registration is due by this Friday, 9/15, as noted in the informational brochures if you hope to participate. You may sign up on either the paper forms that came home or through the online registration ([www.piuspac.org/academy](http://www.piuspac.org/academy)). Once you register, the week of 9/18, PPAA will contact you to schedule lessons and the group ensemble time.**

Payments: Checks should be made out to St. Sebastian School, with "PPAA" written in the memo line. If you would like to break up your payments or arrange a payment plan, please notify Ms. Grams. Additionally, if your child is interested but you simply cannot afford to participate, please let Ms. Grams know and we will do our best to find financial assistance.

To see the 2017-18 Concert Calendar for the PAA Partner School combined rehearsals and Concerts, use this link: [www.piuspac.org/academy](http://www.piuspac.org/academy)

It is our hope that any students who want to participate with this fantastic program have the opportunity to.

**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. You will hear more at the all parent meeting. The kick-off is September 13th and paper orders need to be turned in by September 27th. We will continue to give credit for online orders until Sunday 10/1/17 at midnight. Cards have been 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](mailto: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.

**CUB SCOUTS** - K5 through 4th grade boys, your adventure awaits! Learn all about what Cub Scouts has to offer by attending Pack 231's upcoming pack meeting. The first pack meeting of the year on Tuesday September 19th at 6:15 PM in the St. Sebastian School Cafeteria. If you have any questions feel free to contact Cub Scout committee chair Dave Blanchard at [blanchard.dave@gmail.com](mailto:blanchard.dave@gmail.com) or at [414-839-3371](tel:414-839-3371).

**HOME AND SCHOOL GRADE LEVEL LIAISONS** - The Home and School Association is still in need of a grade level liaison for K4 and 7th grade. If you have a child in K4 or 7th grade, please consider volunteering for this role to help bridge our homes and school. The main responsibilities include communicating upcoming events to your fellow parents and recruiting parents to get involved and be a part of Sebs events.

We are also looking for a social and community building liaison for all grades. Sebs is such a wonderful community and we are hoping to strengthen friendships and simply get to know each other better. The main responsibility of the social liaison is to support social connections within the grades and foster more engagement in the larger Seb's community. Home and School has a goal of getting each grade level together twice a year.

Please reach out to the Home and School Chair, Molly Ambrose, at [mollyj26@hotmail.com](mailto:mollyj26@hotmail.com) if you are interested in being a communications liaison for K4 or 7th grade or as a social and community building liaison for any grade.

**OPEN FOR BUSINESS** - Beginning this Friday after school (and every Friday) is the Seb's Store! It is a store "for the students, by the students!"

This week - Stop by and purchase a \$1.00 frozen treat after school to celebrate the first full week of class! Next week, there will be more items and surprises to come. All proceeds are going toward the 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC.

**SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11** - Join us in the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Coletta's student art auction ColettaScope. The event takes place at Mount Mary University and will be a great night out. The auction includes not only the student art, but non-art basket items, and a wine pull. Meet the artists, enjoy the bidding and take home a one of a kind piece of art. Look for more details or contact St. Coletta on the website, [www.scdsmke.org](http://www.scdsmke.org). Hope to see you there.

**BOOK FAIR** - For those of you who are new to St. Sebastian, we would like to let you know that during conferences the library holds a book fair. The fall book fair is sponsored by a local bookstore, Rainbow Bookseller, located at 5704 Vliet St. and is held in the library.

The hours are Monday, September 25 and Tuesday, September 26 from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm. It is open Wednesday, September 27 from 8:00 am- 2:30 pm and again from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Thursday, September 28 the hours will be 8:00 am until the close of conferences at 8:00 pm.

Your purchasing supports the library and helps put new books on the shelf. If you are interested in volunteering to help in the library during any of the sale times we would be happy to have you join us. Please contact Patty Higgins at [Higgins\\_mum@yahoo.com](mailto:Higgins_mum@yahoo.com) if you have some time to share.

**RUFUS KING INFORMATION** – Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade families are invited to attend an admissions informational meeting at Rufus King High School on either September 13 or September 21. The meeting is from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, followed by a tour. The admissions testing date is October 5<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

### **"MANGIA BENE, VIVI FELICE" AT OUR PASTA DINNER**

"Eat well, Live happy" Enjoy a delicious Italian meal brought to you by the 8th grade class.

- Saturday, September 23, 4:30-7:00pm
- Church Hall
- Open to all - invite your family, friends, and neighbors!
- Purchase advance tickets NOW from your favorite 8th grader or in the school office - \$10 adult, \$7 kids 4-11 yrs, 3 & under FREE

Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, milk, water or coffee. Desserts and additional beverages (soda, beer) will be available to purchase, along with a 50/50 raffle throughout the dinner. All proceeds benefit our Washington, D.C. trip. GRAZIE!

**40 Days for Life** - Please refer to the attachment at the end of the newsletter if you are interested in becoming involved with "40 Days for Life", an interfaith effort that is supported, in part, by Pro Life Wisconsin and the Catholic Church around the world.

**PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL** – Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can register to shadow at [www.piusxi.org/shadow-days](http://www.piusxi.org/shadow-days). The shadow days available are: October 5, 12, 20, 27 and November 9, 10, 16, 22, 30.

Open House will be held Sunday, October 22 – 9:00 AM mass, 10:00 – 2:00 tours and Monday, October 23, 5:00 – 7:00 PM tours.

Registration for the entrance exam can be found at [www.piusxi.org/apply-now](http://www.piusxi.org/apply-now)

Saturday, October 28 – Full ACT entrance exam

Friday, November 3 – Reading and Math ACT entrance exam

Friday, November 3 – Application deadline

8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have applied can participate for merit scholarships on Saturday, November 19.

Registration for Scholarship Day is found on the Pius XI Admissions Application.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela at 414-290[8146 or [amullooly@piusxi.org](mailto:amullooly@piusxi.org)

**BOX TOPS** – Collecting Box Tops for Education is a very easy way for our school community to raise money for the school. We encourage every family to collect these and turn them in to the office periodically throughout the year. Every mail carrier will receive a box tops collection sheet you can use to stick the box tops to – or send them in in a baggie or envelope.

This is a painless fundraiser that requires little effort and raises money for our school. Please look for the box tops logo on items you use everyday. They can be found on everything from garbage bags to cereal boxes, even large bags of chex mix. Clip wherever you see and collect on fun collection sheets or throw in your baggie and send to school any time before our next turn-in date of October 25<sup>th</sup>.



**COMING SOON...ST. SEBASTIAN FISH FRY!** - Our first fish fry of the 2017 - 2018 school year is less than 3 weeks away on October 6th!!! Consider how you can help "your neighborhood fish fry!"

- Make note of your grade's assigned fish fry...you won't want to miss the opportunity to work alongside parish and school families!

- Regular volunteers are always appreciated! (A regular volunteer helps at most fish fries (you choose which ones!), not just the fish fries assigned to their grade.) We especially need regular volunteers for clean up.

\* Thursday prep (sit down dates only) - 6PM - 8:30PM

\* Friday afternoon set up - 1:30PM - 4:30PM

\* Friday dinner - 4:00PM - 7:30PM (childcare provided for our volunteers!)

\* Friday clean up - 7:30PM - 10:00PM

- Home baked dessert donations are a big hit for our customers! We need a minimum of 14 families to donate 2 dozen treats to each sit down fish fry.

- The shrimp chowder has a loyal following, but some customers love trying our specialty soup of the month. We need one family to make and donate 3 - 4 gallons of soup for each sit down fish fry.

Need more information or can't wait to volunteer? Please contact Amy Struck at

[Amy4ever72@hotmail.com](mailto:Amy4ever72@hotmail.com) OR Lisa Weger at [lisamweger@gmail.com](mailto:lisamweger@gmail.com)

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

Completing the letter "N" in reading:

5 - Jonathan Sawyer

Keep up the good work!

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SCROLL FOR MORE NEWS!**



**ST. SEBASTIAN THEATRE** - Congratulations to the following students who make up our cast list for the fall musical,

MADAGASCAR, JR. which will be performed on November 10, 11, and 12<sup>th</sup>.

PLEASE NOTE: THE FIRST REHEARSAL IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 FROM 3:30 TO 6:00P.M. IN THE CHURCH HALL. THE ENTIRE CAST AND AT LEAST ONE PARENT NEED TO ATTEND THIS REHEARSAL IN ORDER TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

#### MADAGASCAR CAST LIST

Alex	Miguel Villa	Candy Hammernose/lioness	Maddie Marseo
Marty	Mary Peplinski	Zelda/foosa	Janyla Browm
Gloria	Rayven Dodd	Zoe/foosa	Sera Stephenson
Melman	Michael Whitney	Zeke/lioness	Anna Lichucki
King Julien	Naana Dampare	Old Lady/lemur	Cora Peplinski
Maurice	Jaloni Brown	Mason	Cooper Rowen
Skipper	Lily Beecham	Captain/foosa leader	Keegan Madigan
Kowalski	Nora Rochford	Policeman/foosa	Ian Treacy
Private	Ariana Chacion	Policeman/foosa	Thomas Novotny
Rico	Lily Ruggini	Lew/Lemur	Madison Cotton
		Lars/lemur	Maria Metz
		Lynn/lemur	Ruth Ohlendorf
		Lee/lemur	Adeline Smith

The Penguin Flock--Victoria Coleman, Ryann Kremer Goehner, Jordyn Kerry, Elsa Zielinski

The Lioness' Den—Keira Eide, Meghan Hardy, Katie Knapp, Anna Larch, Bethane Thomas, Clare Whitney, Lizzy Zeidler

The Lemurs—Serra Bryner, Oliver Foster, Caroline Grams, Sephora Jewell

The Foosa—Kate Ambrose, Lillian Coleman, Payton Corr, Ava Dodridge, Solomon Gayfield, Jayna Hainault, Charles Lloyd, Brendon Lyons, Cate Mills

Stage crew members will be notified during the second week of October. If there are concerns or questions, please contact Kathy or David Kirkpatrick at 414-774-6963.

**ATTENTION VOLLEYBALL FAMILIES** - The snack stand schedule for this volleyball season is attached to this week's newsletter. Please review it to see your assignments. All families of St. Sebastian athletes are required to participate. If you need to make a switch, you will need to find your own replacement. Please sign next to your name upon completion of your shift. A copy of the schedule will also be posted outside of the snack stand. Thank you for your service! The Snack Stand duties are listed below:

### **YAC Admission Table/Snack Stand Duties**

There should be 3-4 parents scheduled per shift. Please do not leave your area until your replacement arrives. Do not leave the cash boxes unattended. The schedule is set up where you will be with parents from different teams playing during the shift time. When your child is playing, you may want to handle admissions so you can still see the game. The snack stand will be very busy at certain times - half times, before and after games. The parents on your shift can work out who will cover what station and rotate as necessary.

**Admission Table** - One parent should always be at the table just inside the gym door. The gym runner will give you a cash box and pricing information. Return the cash box to the snack stand at the end of the day or if there is a break between the morning and afternoon sessions.

**Snack Stand** - The prices of items are posted in a couple different places. There should be small ice bags in the pizza freezer for injuries. Coffee should be made during the morning shift. You probably won't get any takers after about 11:00. The popcorn machine needs all the switches on to operate. There are measuring cups for the oil, salt and popcorn. Watch carefully so it doesn't burn and dump the kettle when it sounds like it is nearly finished. Soda/Water/Juice and candy needs to be re-stocked constantly. Please load new beverages in the back and keep the colder ones in the front. The beverage supplies are in the back room. Bake pizzas for about 8-10 minutes. You are better to under bake them a little since they may sit in the warmer for awhile. Pizzas are cut into 4 pieces. Try to keep the snack stand as clean as possible. There are brooms and towels to wipe areas down. The referees and scorekeepers will be coming in the snack stand for refreshments. The refs may sit in the back room between games. Late shift workers need to clean the machines and make sure all areas are clean. Be sure the coolers are all stocked before you leave. A gym runner will come to collect the cash boxes. There may also be a break between the morning and afternoon sets. If games run over, there may not be a break at all. **Thanks again for your help!**

### **GYM SUPERVISOR FACTS**

Description: Oversees and is attentive and available to assist in general supervision of the gym during sport activities. First aid kit is yellow and located under the snack stand counter, if you use supplies please leave a note so it will be restocked.

1. In case of a spill towels are located next to and under the snack stand sink.
2. If an ice pack is needed they are located in the first aid kit and ice bags are located in the snack stand freezer.
3. Vomit kits are located under the snack stand counter.
4. Rubber gloves are located in the first aid kit.
5. Poor fan/player/coach behavior is not tolerated and should be addressed immediately.
6. A defibrillator is located in the lobby by the snack stand.