



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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**MANDATORY ALL PARENT MEETING TONIGHT SEPTEMBER 16** – See you tonight at the All Parent Meeting in the Church Hall at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 16. Important PowerSchool details will be released, along with new Report Card areas & standards, staff introductions & H&S/School Committee reports. Agenda is attached.

**TEACHER INSERVICE SPECIAL DISMISSAL TIME FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** - Friday September 25 is the Archdiocesan teacher-training program Sustaining the Mission. Teachers need to be at St. Jude School by noon, so we will dismiss that day only at 11:00 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation with this special half-day dismissal time.

**BUZZ BOOK UPDATE**- The Buzz Book is our school family directory and is currently being updated for the 2015-2016 school year. We are pulling information from the school's new database, PowerSchool. The following info will be automatically included:

- Family Name
- Address, 2 phone numbers, 1 email
- Student name, grade, class, mail carrier

If you would like parts of your contact information OMITTED (address, phone number or email), please email details to [StSebsBuzzBook@gmail.com](mailto:StSebsBuzzBook@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

*\*Please note, this is a slightly different email address from last year's*

**PASTA DINNER TICKET SALES** - 8th graders will be selling Pasta Dinner tickets on the playground at 2:00pm on Wednesday September 16th. Enjoy a delicious Italian meal on Saturday, September 26 - bring your friends & family! Proceeds go to the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. GRAZIE!

**PICTURE DAY IS COMING** – The photographer will be here on Monday, September 21st to take photos of students in grade K4 – 7<sup>th</sup>. (8<sup>th</sup> graders will have their graduation photos taken in January.) All students may dress up for picture day, including the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This year the photographer is back to using a proof plan. No order forms will be sent home until after proofs are available.

**PICTURE DAY VOLUNTEER REQUEST** – The photo company is asking for 3 parent volunteers to assist. You would need to arrive by 7:50 and stay until the last class is finished. Your duties would include escorting children, assist with traffic flow in the photography area, help students look their best and create a fun, relaxing environment. Parent volunteers will receive a complimentary portrait package B valued at \$25 (limit 2 children per household). Please contact the office if you are interested.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - WELCOME BACK! Children in grades 2-5 are welcome to join (re-join!) the children's choir which sings approximately every other Wednesday for the all-school mass. The choir rehearses every Monday in the church from 3:00pm to 3:30pm. Our first rehearsal will be this Monday September 21st. There are NO auditions – all are welcome. We sing fun music and learn about church and God and each other! Come and sing with us! Contact Mr. Kamenski 453-1928 / [mkamenski@saintsebs.org](mailto:mkamenski@saintsebs.org) (for questions)

**CONE PATROL** – Room 211 is on cone patrol duty the week of 9/21.

**MAGAZINE AND GIFT SALE IS HERE** - Packets went home with students today. The sale runs through October 2nd. There is so much new this year! We would like to encourage participation so you have more options than ever.

- If you don't need a magazine you can send one to a solidier.
- You can earn tuition rewards for college for your kids.
- Just for registering and sending one email your name goes into a drawing for a \$5,000 vacation prize.
- You can earn a visit to school by Matt Wilhelm- BMX national champ during catholic schools week.
- You can earn a VIP family fun pack full of passes to local sites.

This year is going to be the best yet. Please review the information sent home and questions can be answered at the all parent meeting or directly to Colleen Poggenburg at [cfitz@mcw.edu](mailto:cfitz@mcw.edu)<<mailto:cfitz@mcw.edu>>. The links for our sale are on the St. Sebs website.

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**WALK FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** - On October 17, 114 schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will walk together at Mount Mary College to raise awareness about the impact of Catholic education. Students and their families, as well as faculty, parish members and alumni are invited to participate. **Registration is FREE through September 21, after which a \$10 per person registration fee will be charged.**

This celebratory event is also a wonderful fundraiser for our school. **All donations and pledges raised by our team go directly to St. Sebastian School.** This fundraiser will help offset the cost of the educational program service fee and to purchase a SMARTboard. If you are required to pay an educational program service fee, whatever amount of money you personally raise will be deducted from your educational program service fee during registration in the Spring. This is similar to the Scrip program. If you raise more than your program fee, or any amounts raised by those who are not required to pay the program fee, the donations will go into a general fund to raise money for a SMARTboard. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 in order to purchase a SMARTboard. We strongly encourage making a donation to support Catholic education, specifically our school. Participation is very important, so any amount is appreciated. Feel free to share this with family members and friends to pledge on your behalf, and don't forget to invite them to walk with you. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Walk information, as well as registration can be found at [catholicschoolswalk.org](http://catholicschoolswalk.org). We look forward to you joining the St. Sebastian Team!

Thank you in advance for your support!

**CALL FOR DIGITAL PICTURES** - Throughout the year, if you have any pictures of our school children, our teachers, or events that might be used on the school's website, please forward them to Megan Murray at [meganmurray45@aol.com](mailto:meganmurray45@aol.com). It is always good to update the site and get pictures of current students posted.

**FIRST COMMUNION** - We begin our formal preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion this week with sessions for children and parents. This preparation is for children grades 2 and higher. Those preparing may attend EITHER Sunday, September 20 at 9 am in Saint Sebastian Parish Hall OR Monday, September 21 at 6:30 pm in Saint Catherine School Cafeteria. Students need to be preregistered - contact Ed Duncklee @[eduncklee@saintsebs.org](mailto:eduncklee@saintsebs.org).

**1ST- 5TH GRADE BOYS: ADVENTURE IS CALLING!** - 1st through 5th grade boys and their parents are invited to learn more about Cub Scouting with Pack 231. The first meeting of the year is Tuesday, September 22 starting at 6:15 PM in the school cafeteria. Can't make it to the meeting? No problem! Contact Dave Blanchard for more information at [blanchard.dave@gmail.com](mailto:blanchard.dave@gmail.com)

**TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK! (DATE CHANGE)** – See the attached Trivia Team Registration form and get your team together for a night of fun. We had 17 teams at our Trivia Night in the spring, and we have a limit of 25 teams, so get your team in early. All proceeds will benefit the St. Sebastian School Library. Ask someone who attended last year how much fun it was & we will see you October 17. Enjoy the Catholic Schools Walk as a family in the morning then get a babysitter for an adult night out later.

**CYM (CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRIES) CO ED VOLLEYBALL** - The CYM Volleyball League gives high school teens an opportunity to reconnect with old grade school friends and to meet new ones. All parish members, grades 9-12 attending a Catholic high school or St. Sebastian religious ed are eligible to play. Games are against other parish teams on Sunday afternoons beginning October 25<sup>th</sup> ending with a tournament the weekend of December 12-13. Player and team forms, rules and schedule information are available at [cymvolleyball.com](http://cymvolleyball.com). Please download the forms and turn completed forms into the parish house as soon as possible but no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Chris Marcoux at (414) 258-1734 with questions.