



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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**NO SCHOOL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7** – Labor Day

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR** - An updated September calendar is included with this newsletter. Please note some additions to the calendar, as well as 2 changes. The All-Parent Meeting has been changed from Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. And the Parent Coffee has been moved from Thursday, September 10 to tomorrow, Thursday, September 3.

**MANDATORY ALL PARENT MEETING SEPTEMBER 16** – Mark your calendars now for 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.

**FIRST ALL SCHOOL MASS** – Wednesday, September 9 at 8:15 in Church – all parents are invited and please sit with your children and his/her class.

**MENU** – The menu for the month of September will be included in next week's newsletter. Here is the menu for the upcoming week:

Thursday, 9/3	Deli Sandwich
Friday, 9/4	Hot Dogs
Tuesday, 9/8	Nachos with cheese
Wednesday, 9/9	Pulled Pork Sandwich
Thursday, 9/10	Macaroni & Cheese
Friday, 9/11	Fish Sticks

All lunches are served with fruit, vegetables and milk.

**MORNING SNACK MILK** – Daily milk is available for the snack break in grades K4 – 2. The cost for the year is \$37.50. You can choose to pay by semester is you like. \$18.75 would be due in September and \$18.75 is due in January. Checks are payable to St. Sebastian Hot Lunch.

**CONE PATROL** – Room 210 is on cone patrol duty the week of 9/8.

**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*

**ROSIE READER** –

Congratulations to the following student for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter “D” in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

1st - Ryan Mahn.

Great job Ryan!! Keep up the great work in first grade.

**LEARNING CENTER NEEDS**—Our learning center is staffed by teachers Mrs. Golomski and Mrs. Shambarger, speech pathologist Mrs. Ambrose. Our collective goal is to help each child feel successful in the classroom. Many students have a variety of needs which may make it more difficult to learn. The learning center works in tandem with parents and teachers to create pathways to learning. These pathways are often referred to as accommodations. This year, we added a *Special Needs Form* in the summer packet. This form was designed to allow parents to communicate their child’s learning challenges and provide documentation from either a pediatrician or other diagnostic facilities (ie, MPS, Froedert, Children’s Hospital, private clinician, etc…) Our team will then communicate with the child’s classroom teacher and put a plan in place to best meet the needs of the child, while managing our team’s availability. Please see Mrs. Shambarger with any questions.

**WELCOME BACK PARENT COFFEE** - Please join us tomorrow morning September 3 at 8:00AM for parent coffee! We will be meeting on the playground. All refreshments are provided by Home and School. We look forward to seeing you there.

**K4 & K5 STARTS TOMORROW** – Please be aware that K4 & K5 students start school tomorrow, & many of those parents want to park and walk their children to the door. Grade 1-8 parents should try to use the drop-off lane and free up the morning parking spots for K4 & K5 families. Remember K5 starts full days on Thursday with a 3:00 dismissal. K4 will attend half days on Thursday & Friday with an 11:30 dismissal, then full days starting on Tuesday September 8.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS SAVE THE DATE** –

What: Informational meeting for parents about the Washington, D.C. trip

When: Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Where: Multi-purpose Room

Enter on 54<sup>th</sup> Street at the Gathering Space Doors

**ST. SEBASTIAN THEATRE ANNOUNCES TRY-OUTS** – Rub your lamps! Hop on your carpets and fly into the church hall to try out for this year's school musical – Aladdin, Jr.

Tryouts are Wednesday, September 2 and Thursday, September 3 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the church hall. All 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade St. Sebastian Day School students, as well as St. Sebastian Faith Formation students, are welcome to tryout for the Disney version of the favorite musical, Aladdin.

Join Aladdin, Jasmine, the Genie, Jafar and all their friends in this celebration of singing and dancing. Come to tryouts on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Performances will be November 6, 7 and 8. Please contact the directors, Kathy and David Kirkpatrick with questions (414)774-6963.

**HOME & SCHOOL MEETING ON THURSDAY!** - All are welcome to attend our next Home & School meeting on Thursday, September 3 from 6:30 - 8:00 in the Multi-purpose room. If you have any questions about Home & School, please contact Lena Stephenson at 414-259-5012 or roblena@sbcglobal.net

**CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME? WE COULD SURELY USE YOUR HELP!** - A couple of Home & School board positions are open and in need of a caring volunteer. The time commitment is approximately 2 to 2-1/2 hours per month.

**Vice Chair:** Acts as an aid to the Home & School Chair and facilitates the new family mentoring program. Also, facilitates the nomination and election process for vacancies for the upcoming school year.

**Secretary:** Maintains accurate Home & School meeting minutes and publishes them in the school newsletter. In addition, oversees publication of the yearly Buzz Book.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Home & School Chair Lena Stephenson at roblena@sbcglobal.net or 414-259-5012.

**PARKING LOT** – We are in great need of parking lot volunteers for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers are trained on the job. The shift is 7:40 – 8:10 AM and you will work with a partner. Call Leah Sealey at 414-774-0836 for more information.

**St. Sebastian Auction Registration is OPEN! Join us Saturday, October 24, 2015**

- 4:45 pm – Mass in Mount Mary Chapel with Fr. Larry
- 5:30 pm – Socializing, Auction and Dinner at Mount Mary University

Early Bird Pricing! \$100 per pair of tickets or \$55 per person until Oct 1, when ticket prices increase to \$110 per pair or \$60 per person. Price includes:

- Free parking at Mount Mary
- Complimentary beer & wine
- Theme-Related dinner
- Silent auction
- Brief voice auction featuring auctioneer Jim “Lips” LaBelle

Go to <http://bit.ly/SebAuction2015> to register online, or pick up a form at the Parish Office.

**But first:** FREE Auction Happy Hour, Wednesday, September 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Highland Park Cafe, corner of 60th & Vliet. Enjoy appetizers and drink specials while you learn about this year's event. Newcomers welcome!