



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend, finding time to relax and enjoy our final summer days. Week one of the 2017-18 school year is officially in the books and proved a great start for our teachers, students, and the parents with whom I spoke! I wanted to mention a few reminders, keeping in communication on important ways to support your child and our communal efforts this year:

*** All Parent Meeting:** This Thursday, September 7th, is the mandatory All Parent Meeting, which at least one parent or caregiver is required to attend. We will begin promptly at 6:30pm in Church Hall with a large group meeting, followed by visits with your child's teacher(s) in the classrooms and concluding with an optional opportunity to socialize with fellow parents in the cafeteria. To enter the Church Hall, you'll come into the church doors on 54th Street, the doorways halfway between the church and school buildings. We will have a speaker, Seb's parent Judge Derek Mosley, for part of the group session on safely navigating media with children.

*** Attendance & Arrivals:** Please be sure your child/children arrives to school on time each day. Challenging mornings occur every now and then for certain, but to the best of your ability, helping your child arrive on time sets him/her up for a positive start to the day, ready to engage in learning with his or her peers within his or her routine. All children are to be in the classroom by 7:55am. Last year we significantly reduced our tardy challenges by 85% and had a 96% average daily attendance rate, both of which are exceptional. We want to maintain this, as well as continue to grow our efforts even stronger to maximize educational time and a calm start to the day.

*** Schedules & Routines:** If you have not already, now is a great time to sit down as a family and plan out a schedule for the school year, establishing times for bedtime routines, packing snacks and/or lunches, homework, extra-curriculars, family time, and the morning routines so everyone is on the same page. This can help reduce the children's stress levels as well as ours as parents! It takes our team working together in all areas to best support our children and their needs.

Lastly, I wanted to share with you that our secretary Mrs. Pat Fredericks' mother passed away yesterday, September 4th, at the age of 89. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary Schellhammer, who died surrounded by all five of her children and her grandchildren. She joins Mrs. Fredericks' father in heaven and we know will continue to watch over their beautiful family. Thank you for your prayers and keeping Mrs. Fredericks in your heart in a special way.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening!

Have a wonderful week and God bless you,

Ms. Heather Grams

MANDATORY ALL-PARENT MEETING – At least one parent from each family is expected to attend our important all-parent meeting on Thursday, September 7th in the church hall 6:30 -8:30.

EMAIL CHANGES – Our school counselor has a new email address for families to use. Mrs. Jennifer Skinner is at our school on Thursdays and Fridays. You can reach her at jskinner@saintsebs.org.

St. Sebastian School general email has been changed to school@saintsebs.org

Also, there are a couple of changes for St. Coletta Day School:
Their general email is scdsmke@gmail.com
Rachel Lustig is now rlusting.scdsmke@gmail.com

PLAYGROUND CLOSED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY! - No vehicles are allowed on the playground during the school day. The playground gates will be closed at 8:10 a.m. each day and will remain closed until at least 2:00 pm (earlier on Wednesdays for early release). If you need to come to the school building after 8:10 a.m. you will need to park on the street and walk to the building. If you are volunteering at the school you will also need to park on the street. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our kids safe!

"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!

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”

NOTE: PERFORMANCE DATES HAVE CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 10, 11, 12

SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - Join us in the celebration of the 20th 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. Hope to see you there.

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.

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 if you have some time to share.