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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

It has been a busy but wonderful week around Sebs! School was in session on Monday as together we commemorated the life and life's works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., also working on our "Perseverance Projects" which we tied into the day.

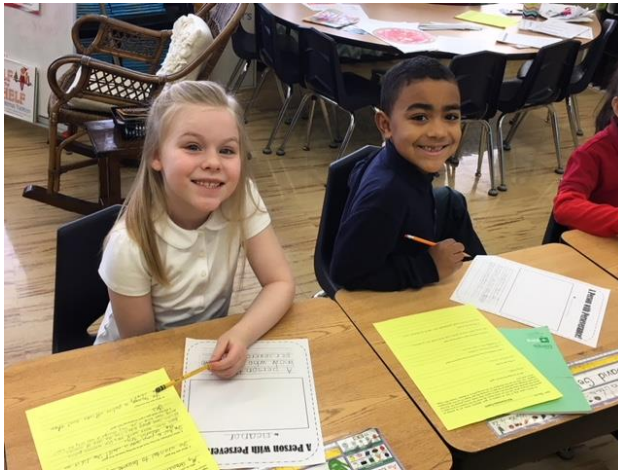
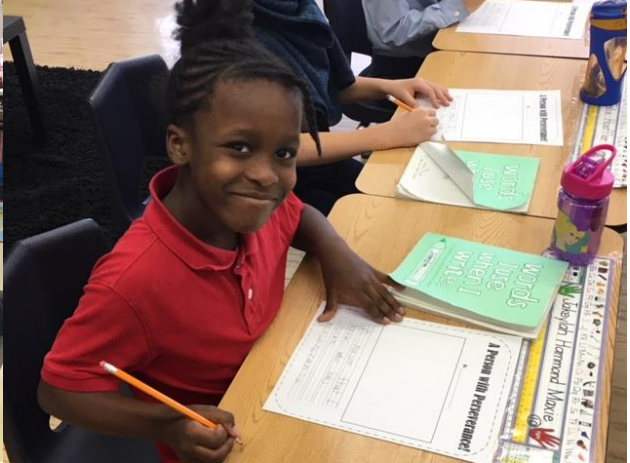
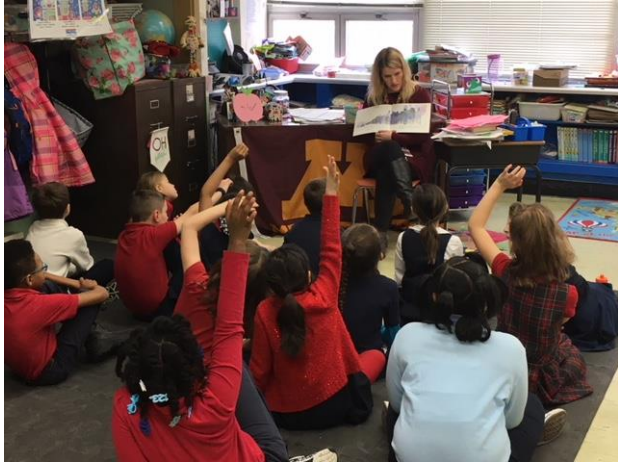
We began the day gathered as a whole school in the gym, praying for justice, peace and unity. We watched a brief interview of a local woman, Ingrid, who was one of three students first integrated into nearby Hawley Road School decades ago, hearing her experiences within that. We talked about the "awesomeness!" of how racially diverse we are at Sebs, what a true gift it is, and an opportunity we must not take for granted.

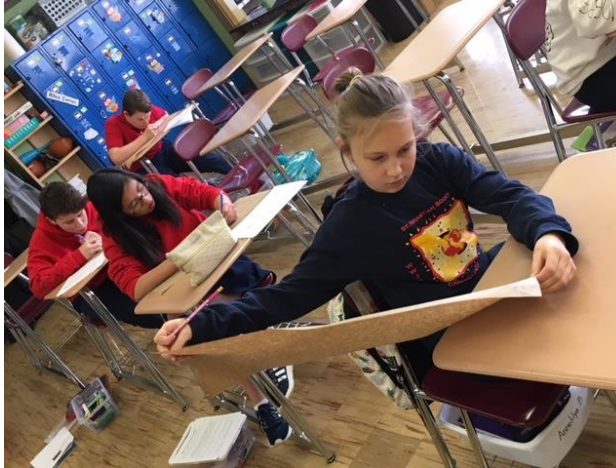
Throughout the school day, all students began work on their "Perseverance Projects," having identified someone who had a goal or overcame a challenge. They thought through how the person worked to do that, identified the lessons learned, and reflected on how faith may have played a role in that. There were some remarkable conversations going on in the classrooms. I sat in on a kindergarten class as the teacher talked about MLK Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech," and one of our little ones raised his hand and innocently asked his teacher, "What's *your* dream?" Be still my heart! It was a meaningful day together.

Thursday is a half day with 11:30am dismissal prior to conferences later in the day. We have a fun pancake breakfast scheduled for all students, eating with their buddy classes to celebrate the feast day of St. Sebastian (which is technically on Saturday). Thursday and Friday are conferences as you know. Please be certain you are signed up on the Sign-Up Genius links we sent out!

Lastly, below are some pictures from Monday where you can see students hard at work, as well as delighting in the snow! God is Good.

God bless you,
Ms. Grams





LOST & FOUND - Please visit the overflowing Lost & Found table outside the office at conferences to claim valuable missing items: winter gear, sweatshirts, lunchboxes and water bottles. Unclaimed items will be donated. As a reminder, you may access the Lost & Found anytime: it is located on the lower level (from the school lobby, take the stairs to the lower level; instead of turning left into the cafeteria, turn right and go through the doors leading to the 55th Street exit).

FISH FRY NEWS!! SAVE THE DATE! - The 3rd grade parents will be working the February 2nd Fish Fry next month! Mark your calendars!! Come and enjoy all your Fish Fry favorites...fried cod, shrimp chowder, homemade desserts ... plus our Specialty Soup of the Month -- Moroccan Sweet Potato Lentil, prepared by Laurie Farrell!! You don't want to miss it!! This soup won't be available in March. Dinner is served from 4:30-7:30 in the school cafeteria. Don't forget to tell everyone you know about Milwaukee's BEST fish fry! Want to help and need more info? Contact Amy Struck (Amy4ever72@hotmail.com) OR Lisa Weger (lisamweger@gmail.com)

PROGRAM FOR TITLE 1 STUDENTS & FAMILIES – Abracadabra! Come and see a real magic show performed in our cafeteria on Thursday, January 18th during Parent/Teacher conferences. “Magic With Reading and Math” will be held from 5:00 – 6:00 PM with light refreshments provided.

ATTENTION ST.SEBASTIAN ALUMNI...our annual alumni VS 8th graders volleyball game is right around the corner. As a celebration of our wonderful school during Catholic Schools Week, there will be two scheduled matches. On February 1st, match one will be from 1:15-2:00 and match 2 from 2:00-2:45. Play for one or both if possible. Alumni of all ages are welcome so please spread the word. An RSVP would also be helpful for our planning purposes. Please send a quick email to mzimmerman@saintsebs.org to let us plan accordingly.

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. New members are also welcome. The choir rehearses approximately every Tuesday in the church from 3:00pm to 3:30pm. 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! Our first rehearsal this semester will be on Tuesday, January 23rd. There is no need to pre-register. Mr. Kamenski 453-1928 / mkamenski@saintsebs.org (for questions)

FILL BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS – Capuchin Community Services is assembling hygiene bags for individuals who visit the House of Peace or St. Ben's Meal Program. St. Sebastian School is going to participate in this drive for items to include in the hygiene bags. Please refer to the Open House Service Project attachment in this newsletter to see what each grade is assigned to bring to add to this project. Our goal is to fill 100 bags. The collection deadline ends on January 24th.

SAY CHEESE! - Parents, teachers, and staff: the Yearbook Committee is looking for photos to use in this year's yearbook! Please submit your photos from field trips/class trips, sports teams, extracurricular activities, and candid classroom shots to yearbook@saintsebs.org! Email Ms. Wagner (mwagner@saintsebs.org) with any questions!

PIZZA LUNCH – See the attached order form for the pizza lunch fundraiser on February 2, sponsored by the 8th grade class. Proceeds will go toward their trip to Washington, D.C. The lunch must be pre-ordered. Orders due January 26.

HONOR ROLL – Please see the attached middle school honor roll for the first trimester. Congratulations to these hard-working students.

NEW SERVER TRAINING - Children who are catholic in grades 5-8 and who would like to learn to serve mass are invited to attend a training session to be held in the church Saturday, February 3 from 9:30-11:00am. Please e-mail Michael Kamenski at mkamenski@saintsebs.org to indicate your preference. If these times do not work, please indicate that as well so an additional session may be scheduled. You may also call [414- 453-1928](tel:414-453-1928).

FATHER/VIP & DAUGHTER DANCE - Love is in the air! Come celebrate Valentine's Day with your special little someone at the Sebs Father/VIP & Daughter Dance sponsored by the 2nd & 3rd grade Girl Scout Troop. The dance is on February 10th, in the Church Hall from 6-9pm. The cost is \$10 a person, with a \$30 family maximum. It is open to all girls at St. Sebastian School and St. Coletta. Please return the completed flyer (attachment) and RSVP with a check made payable to Troop 1075 in a sealed envelope labeled "Father/VIP & Daughter Dance" to the school office by February 1. Any questions, please contact Molly Ambrose at mambrose@saintsebs.org or Kristin Rebholz-Hatten at tissy306@yahoo.com.

FISH FRY OPEN HOUSE – Be sure to stop in the cafeteria anytime between 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 18. Fish Fry regular volunteers will be on hand to show you around and explain how our fish fry works and the wide variety of volunteer positions. Enjoy a treat while you're there!

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING - The next Home & School meeting is on Wednesday, January 24th starting at 5:30pm in the teacher's lounge in the school. All are welcome to attend. Also, H&S has openings for a couple positions. Please consider joining the fun and volunteering as the secretary or the fundraising coordinator. We promise, it's a really fun group of parents.

PARENT SOCIAL – SEBS OLYMPICS - Save the date: February 17th! While the "top" athletes in the world gather in Pyeongchang, Korea, that will not be the only venue for champions. Sebs Olympians will also be gathering in the school cafeteria to compete in the first Sebs Olympics. The Spring Social this year pays homage to the World's Finest Games. The purpose of the Spring Social is simply to gather parents, parishioners, and community together to get to know each other better.

The Sebs International Olympic Committee (SIOC) has organized a night full of Minute-To-Win-It like games, or just fellowship if you prefer. Choose a country you would like to represent and come dressed with (inter)national pride. Tickets to the Olympics are \$25 a person or \$40 for two (bring a friend). Your entrance ticket includes light snacks for Olympians and soft drinks/adult beverages to keep everyone hydrated. Please see the attached flyer.

Upcoming Events:

H&S Meeting - January 24 starting at 5:30pm

Open House & Registration Fair – January 28 from 9am-12pm

Alumni vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Games – February 1 from 1:15-2pm and 2:00-2:45pm

Student Talent Show – February 2

Fish Fry (3rd Grade) – February 2 from 4:30-7:30pm

Father/VIP & Daughter Dance – February 10 from 6-9pm

Fish Fry - Carry Out (K5) - February 16 from 4:30-7:30pm

Parent Social "Sebs Olympics" – February 17 from 8-11pm

Fish Fry - Carry Out (K4) - February 23 from 4:30-7:30pm