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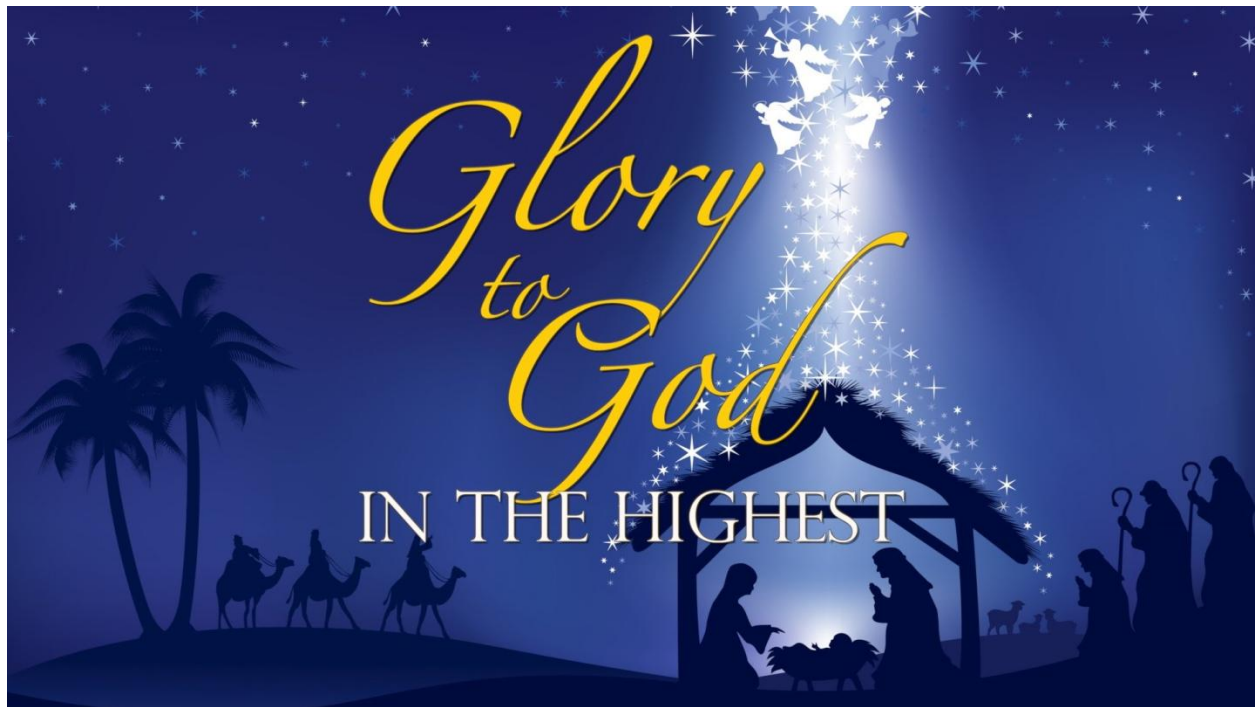
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MLK JR. DAY (MONDAY, 1/15/18) - Due to when conferences needed to fall in the academic year between returning from break, MAP testing, and Catholic Schools Week, please note that we DO have school this year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, observed on Monday 1/15/18! Much of our focus of the day will be learning about the lives of influential leaders, celebrating the life and life works of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and working on a school-wide "Perseverance Project" which you will be hearing more about in the coming weeks. The fruits of these projects across all grade levels will be presented at our Open House & Registration on Sunday, January 28th as we kick-off Catholic Schools Week. At an age-appropriate level and with the help of teachers and parents, students in grades K4-8th will identify someone in their lives who serves, or has served, as a model of perseverance for a greater good. As a staff, we felt that MLK Day is a perfect time to devote to this project and focus of our school theme for the year, given the example Dr. King set for our world. *Please note we do NOT have school on the following Monday (1/22/18) as a winter break following conferences.

JANUARY CONFERENCES - Our next round of conferences (mandatory for all families) will be held Thursday, January 18th after our 11:30am dismissal, and Friday, January 19th. Look for the Sign-Up Genius that will be sent out this week to sign up for your time(s). On the last round, a number of parents missed their conference or came at alternate times. Please be sure to prioritize your time(s) to the best of your ability. We look forward to seeing you then and mutually sharing updates on your children's goals, progress, and areas to continue growing! Please do not schedule vacations overlapping our conference dates since this time is prioritized for this specific reason.

FEAST OF ST. SEBASTIAN DAY - On Saturday, January 20th, we celebrate the Feast day of our patron Saint, Saint Sebastian! Because we are not in school on this day, we will celebrate with students on Thursday, January 18th, with a fun and free pancake breakfast following announcements. If any parents are able and interested in helping serve the children on this day, please let our Front Office know. We will begin making pancakes around 7:15am and wrap up by 9:30am if you can help with a shift or the whole event.

CLARIFICATION – There was a discrepancy about the date of the pancake breakfast. It will be served on Thursday, January 18th, not Wednesday, as part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Sebastian.

DOGS – This is a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the playground.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Begins with Open House on 1/28/18 and runs the entire week through 2/2/18. Stay tuned for our activities of the week in the coming Newsletters!

1/28/18: OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION FOR ALL RETURNING AND PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES! - Mark your calendars for our St. Sebastian School Open House and Registration for the 2018-19 school year, taking place on Sunday, 1/28/18, from 9:00am-12:00pm. All families should be in attendance, dropping in at some point to pick up / drop off registration forms, to see the good works of our school children and teachers throughout the building, and to socialize with other families, building community. Registration priority is given to all families who attend and register on this day. Home & School and our School Committee will be sponsoring this event with tours, information, and treats, and our teachers are preparing fun activities for the children in attendance. Ms. Grams will give a brief address to all present at 10:00am in the gymnasium (finishing well in time for those planning to attend 10:30am mass!), sharing updates on the school year. All students coming in tWe look forward to seeing you there!

CLOTHING ITEMS NEEDED - If any families have extra (or outgrown) mittens or gloves, please consider donating them to the school office. We keep a small supply in the office for students who have forgotten theirs at home. Also, gently used, laundered underwear would be greatly appreciated, as well as socks, tights and leggings. Thank you!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED - Are you interested and available to consider substitute teaching at St. Sebastian School? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Lori Golomski at [414-453-5830](tel:414-453-5830) or lgolomski@saintsebs.org for more information. A teaching license is preferred, but not required.

The pre-requisite to being a substitute teacher at St. Sebastian's is an undergrad degree in any area, a background check, and meeting Safeguarding requirements.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY - ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY - We have contracted Guide Book Publishing (GBP) to publish a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and mailed to each member at no cost to our church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. GBP would prefer to place advertisements for members of our congregation over your business's competitors. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the parish office at [\(414\) 453-1061](tel:414-453-1061) the week of January 2nd. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so.) Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know by January 17th so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Parish Office number is [\(414\) 453-1061](tel:414-453-1061). *Thank you for your help!*

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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.

6th GRADE HEAD'S UP – Mark your calendars! 6th grade students will be going to Camp Edwards from February 7 – 9. More information coming soon.

CALLING ALL 4TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS!! - Campus Activities Board (CAB) wants YOU to audition and share your special talents for the Snow Show! The talent show will take place on Friday, February 2nd during Catholic Schools Week! Auditions will be held after school on Thursday and Friday, January 11-12th from 3:30-5:30pm in the Church Hall; acts must be under five (5) minutes long. A sign-up sheet for auditions will be posted on the second floor outside of the library when we return from break! Email Ms. Wagner (mwagner@saintsebs.org) with any questions!

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!

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.

ROSIE READER - Congratulations to the following students for their progress on the rosie reader program.

Completing the letter "R" in reading:

K5 - Holden Curran

Completing the letter "E" in reading:

K4 - Bain Schuhart

Great job! Keep up the good work everyone!!

FISH FRY – See the attachment in today's newsletter regarding the January 5th fish fry. We are really low on help with dinner and clean up - we need all hands on deck. If you can help, please contact Lisa Weger at lisamweger@gmail.com 414-588-4485 or Amy Struck Amy4ever72@hotmail.com 414-460-0654