



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

This week brings great joy and excitement to our community, as well as to all Catholic Schools throughout the world, in our collective celebration of what makes Catholic education so wonderful. Thank you to all who came to our Open House & Registration this past Sunday. We had 25 prospective families join us to tour. A very special thank you to School Committee, Home & School, parish representatives, Seb's faculty & staff, volunteer parents, and our volunteer students whose efforts made the day possible. I also want to recognize the great efforts invested in the day by our Home & School chair, Molly Ambrose. Thank you to everyone for proudly representing and proclaiming what makes our Seb's community such a special place to be!

I hope while you were visiting you had the opportunity to see each grade level's "Perseverance Projects." They truly were creative, thoughtful, and many remarkable to read. These projects as you know, were a culmination of our efforts spent on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, when we focused on the inspirational life of such a dynamic, justice-minded individual, merged into a school-wide project that reflected his personal perseverance as well as our theme this year of perseverance through challenges.

As we are mid-way through Catholic Schools Week, we want to wish our entire community joy and continued perseverance in seeking all that is holy and good, as well as all that ultimately draws us closer to God. Below is a card one of our students created as a thank you for an individual who supports our school. It stopped me in my tracks realizing the beauty of this child's mind and heart, trusting we can all take great pride in knowing the collective mission we share in as we partner in providing a faith-based, community-minded educational focus we can all take pride in. As always, thank you for sharing the gift of your children with us at St. Sebastian Catholic School.

God bless you,
Ms. Heather Grams, Principal



REGISTRATION PACKETS – Registration packets were sent home to each family on January 25th. Any family that returns their completed packet by Friday, February 9th will receive a free dress coupon. Watch for details in next week's newsletter!

FEBRUARY CHOICE TIMELINE! – Do not miss your opportunity to re-verify your child as a “continuing student” of St. Sebastian during the February 1st-20th window! You must re-register them in the online system, found at [www.saintsebs.org](#) as well as provide your necessary documentation to the school so we can verify you! All families enrolling or re-enrolling after the 2/20 deadline are entered into the “random draw” in the months after February. There are many advantages to our participation in the Choice program and we are proud to offer this to our families.

VALENTINE FUN DRESS – In observance of the holy season of Lent, which begins on Wednesday, February 14th, we will celebrate the feast of St. Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 13th. You may dress in some sort of red, pink or white represented on the 13th! All dress code applies and please, no costume type attire.

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.

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 student for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "E" in reading:

K4 - Drago Martin

Completing the letter "A" in reading:

K4 - John Hegerty

K5 - Liam Gomez

Great job! Keep up the good work!!

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).

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

SCHOOL FOUNDATION UPDATE - Check out the poster in the Gathering Space to see the good work of the School Foundation in supporting the mission of our School. Over \$2.2 million has been disbursed in the 30 plus years since the Foundation was established.

THANK YOU TO OUR CUB SCOUTS - Cub Scouts Pack 231, led by Dave Blanchard, did a great job in the Church on Tuesday, January 9th. They removed the old 2017 Music Missals, and installed the new 2018 Music Missals. This is no easy task and we appreciate their volunteering to help the Department of Liturgy and Music at Saint Sebastian. The next time you pick up your Music Missal in Church, think of the generosity and team spirit of Cub Scouts Pack 231!

PIZZA LUNCH #2 – The 8th grade class is hosting another pizza lunch fundraiser on Friday, February 9th. The attached order form is due by Monday, February 5th. We cannot accept late orders.

SAFEGUARDING CLASS FOR SEB'S VOLUNTEERS - If you would like to volunteer in the school in any capacity, a background check and completion of an Archdiocesan Safeguarding God's Family class is necessary. Upcoming sessions are at the following locations. Sign up on the Arch's website to attend and for more information. All parents should attend one at some point so you can be involved as needed throughout your child's years in school!

Link: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm>

February 7 6:30 PM St. Boniface – Germantown

February 12 6:00 PM St. Boniface – Germantown

"GOING FOR GOLD! BOX TOPS OLYMPICS!" - Countries(Class rooms) will compete for a gold medal (pizza party)! Bring in your box tops daily for chances to win. Weekly tallies will be recorded and the country (classroom) to bring in the most boxes tops by 2/23 wins a pizza party. Collection bins will be placed in each classroom and counted on Fridays. Totals will be reported on Monday morning!