



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Ash Wednesday

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*Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with your whole heart,
with fasting, and weeping, and mourning....
For gracious and merciful is he,
slow to anger, rich in kindness,
and relenting in punishment." Joel 2:12-14*

Today our Lenten journey begins.

As followers of Christ and disciples continually in need of conversion,

we allow our foreheads to be marked with ashes

and our hearts filled with the grace to grow and evolve

over these next 40 days.

Whatever our sacrifice may be during this Lenten pilgrimage in faith,

whether we "give up" or "do more",

let our personal challenge bring us closer to you, God,

so we may better love You, our families, and our parish family at St. Sebastian.

Grow in us compassionate hearts, so that we are merciful and gracious to others,

as you, our Lord and Savior, are to us.

Have a Blessed Lent!

HALF-DAY ADDED TO OUR CALENDAR - On **FRIDAY, MARCH 9th**, we will be adding a half-day to our school calendar in order for our faculty to attend an Archdiocesan professional development program. Please mark your calendars and **plan to pick up your child at 11:00am** on that day.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY – Remember, there is no school on Friday, February 16th due to a teacher inservice.

GRADUATION PHOTOS – 8th grade graduation photos and activity photos will be taken tomorrow, February 15th. 8th graders can dress up.

PIZZA FUNDRAISER – The pizza fundraiser that was scheduled for February 9th was cancelled due to the snow day. All of those orders will be credited toward the next pizza fundraiser, which is scheduled for February 23rd. (3rd graders will be on a field trip on February 23rd. Any pizza money that they have sent in will be credited toward the upcoming pizza lunch fundraiser on March 2nd.)

If you have not placed an order, you can still do so. The deadline is February 15th. Extra order forms are available in the school office.

GOOD NEWS – SAFEGUARDING SESSION TO BE HELD HERE – If you have been wanting to take the Safeguarding All God’s Children class, we have a convenient opportunity coming up. It will be offered here at St. Sebastian in the evening on Thursday, March 8th. This one-time session is required by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Any person working with children or chaperoning a field trip must have participated in this awareness session. If you have not yet taken the class and are interested, please sign up at www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding.htm.

DRESS DOWN COUPONS – Students who returned their registration packets received their dress down coupon yesterday. Students can redeem this special dress down coupon on February 20th. All 8th graders are invited to dress down as well. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE NEEDED – We have a student who is in need of a ride to 69th & Villard after school temporarily (about a month). For more information, please contact the school office.

YEARBOOK ORDERS – Order forms for this year’s school yearbook were sent home with each student last week. Extra order forms are available in the school office. The cost is \$13.00. Orders are due March 8th. Checks should be made payable to St. Sebastian School.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY – The Pompeii Men’s Club will be giving out two \$2,500 scholarships to two local 8th graders who are continuing onto a Catholic high school. Students who are part of the Choice program are not eligible. Please contact the school office for an application.

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 dpi.wi.gov/choice 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.

PANS/DISHES – There are a few items on the shelves outside of the cafeteria, waiting to be picked up. If you recently brought something for open house, etc., please check to see if they are yours.

READERS ARE LEADERS UPDATE – Congratulations to the following students for earning the following points! Keep reading!!!!

10+ POINTS

Milond Hill-Kirkendoll
Lukas Spellman

25+POINTS

Dylan Egerson

75+POINTS

Maggie Murray

100+POINTS

Nate Metz

STORY TIME AT ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL -Families with kids ages 2-4 years old are invited to StoryTime With Stacey! Spread the word! Wednesday, February 28th, 8:30-9:00am. Pre-registration required. Please see the attached flyer for details.

BOX TOPS OLYMPICS - Congratulations to the 3rd Grade class for winning gold week 1 of the Box Tops Olympics, with 420 box tops, 4th grade for winning silver, with 263 box tops and 1st grade for winning bronze with 197 box tops. Nice job everyone! Please keep clipping! And remember to check expiration dates. Thank you!

7TH GRADERS WILL BE TRAVELING TO CHICAGO ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 - This annual Fine Arts field trip will include a docent led visit at the Art Institute of Chicago, a walking tour of Millennium Park, and a Broadway performance of *The Sound of Music*. Students and chaperones will gather at the school for attendance at 6:15 a.m. and load the bus at 6:30 a.m. The bus is expected to return at approximately 6:30 p.m.

The cost for this field trip is \$90 (choice students need to pay). Permission slips will be sent home with students this week and are due to their homeroom teacher by March 2, 2018.

Chaperones are needed! If you are interested in chaperoning on this field trip, please contact Mrs. Hartley at hartleyk@saintsebs.org.

PARENT SOCIAL – SEBS OLYMPICS - The Sebs Olympics are almost here - This Saturday, February 17th starting at 8:00pm in the school cafeteria. You won't want to miss the Open Ceremonies at 8:30pm. PyeongChangain't got nothing on these Opening Ceremonies.

Don your best ice dancing outfit, show up as the Ukrainian Luge team, or gather a large group and come as a whole country. No need to dress up, but in the spirit of Olympic competition, medals will be awarded for best outfits. Winter Olympic-themed Minute-to-Win-It like games will be featured, including Balloon ice dancing, Nerf Gun Biathlon, and Ping-Pong Ski Jump. Again, medals will be awarded for the most-skilled Sebs' parents. Are you one of them? Take this opportunity to meet other parents, parishioners, and community members. Bring a neighbor, bring a friend, but make sure you don't miss out on this wonderful evening of merriment.

Tickets to the Olympics are \$25 a person or \$40 for two (bring a friend). You're welcome to pay at the door. Your entrance ticket includes light snacks for Olympians and soft drinks/adult beverages to keep everyone hydrated. Please see the attached flyer.