



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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I Dream a World

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its path adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind-
Of such I dream, my world!

- Langston Hughes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Our beloved pastor, Fr Larry Chapman, celebrated his birthday this past Monday! Fr. Larry is a true gift to our community and we consider ourselves blessed and fortunate to have him shepherding our flock at Seb's!

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.

TARDIES ARE ACCUMULATING - Please work with your families to prioritize leaving a few minutes early on snowy days. Tardies are building and impacting instructional time for a number of our students and teachers.

CAMP EDWARDS - Please keep in your prayers our 6th grade class who is away at our annual Camp Edwards trip for the remainder of the week!

BLESSING BAGS - For those who are homeless: Our school community collected and compiled 103 Blessing Bags for our brothers and sisters in the Milwaukee area who are homeless. The bags contained travel toiletry items and the project was organized by our Service Club and Ms. Rick. Thank you for your contributions and all who assembled over Open House!

CONGRATULATIONS - To our school **Geography Bee champion**, (8th grader) **Henry Desch**, and our school **Spelling Bee champion**, (8th grader) **Naana Dampare**!

PHOTOS – Activity photos and 8th grader graduation photos will be taken on Thursday, February 15th.

CORRECTION – FISH FRY DATE – The fish fry “carry-out only” dates on the February calendar should be February 16 and February 23. There is no fish fry available on February 9.

(CARRY OUT ONLY) FISH FRY DATES! Mark your calendars!! You still get to enjoy Milwaukee's BEST fish fry for dinner, but in carry out form.

February 16th - K5 parents will be there to make sure you get all your fish fry carry out needs!

February 23rd - K4 parents will be there to make sure you get all your fish fry carry out needs!

FISH FRY NEWS!! SAVE THE DATE!! The 1st grade parents will be working the March 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 -- Vegetarian Minestrone, prepared by Christine Conway!! You don't want to miss it!! This soup won't be available in April. 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)

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.

FARMERS MARKET - Please join us Sunday, March 4th from 9:00-1:00 for our 9th annual Winter Farmer's Market and Meal. We will also have guest speaker, Roger Williams, administrator for the Harvest of Hope Fund that helps Wisconsin farmers in need, present "Lessons Learned on Food, Faith and Farming" on February 18 from 9:00-10:15 in the Multipurpose Room during Adult Formation. All are encouraged to attend.

Advanced ticket sales will be after all masses on February 18th and 25th. Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to join in this extraordinary event!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS - Middle school students are invited to volunteer for the Winter Farmers Market and Meal held in the church hall on March 4th from 9:00-1:00 p.m. to earn service hours. Service opportunities include: setting up the church hall on Saturday, March 3rd, cleaning up the church hall from 1:00pm-3:00pm on Sunday, March 4th, and bussing tables or serving beverages during the event. The St. Sebastian stewardship portal is the preferred method to register. Please use this link to sign up anytime: bit.ly/SebsVol We will also have volunteer sign up after all masses on February 11 and February 18, or you can contact Tonia Schmeier at tonschmeier@hotmail.com / (262)754-2766.

EARN A DRESS DOWN COUPON - Any family that returns their completed registration packet by Friday, February 9th will receive a free dress coupon! The coupons will be distributed on Monday, February 12th. They can be used on Tuesday, February 20th.

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.

CATHOLIC MEMORIAL PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS SHADOW DAY – All 7th & 8th graders are invited on Friday, February 16th. See what a day is like as a student at CMH and participate in exciting activities focused on the arts. Sign up at www.catholicmemorial.net

YEARBOOK ORDERS – Order forms for this year's school yearbook will be sent home this week. There is also an order form attached to this newsletter. The cost is \$13.00. Orders are due March 8th. Checks should be made payable to St. Sebastian School.

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.stsebastian.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.

*If you have not re-enrolled in the Choice program or provided your residency documentation by February 20th

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.

ROSIE READER - Congratulations to the following student for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "R" in reading:

K4 - Maria Spellman

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K5 - Owen Troy

Completing the letter "I" in reading:

K5 - Graeme Sanders

Great job! Keep up the good work!!

TRIVIA NIGHT ON MARCH 17TH - Save the date for a St. Patrick's Day night of trivia. Start gathering a team of 8-10 people for an evening of quizzing, laughs, and cleverly coined team names. More details to follow.