



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian School Families,

As we enter into the holiest time of our liturgical year and days as Christians, it is easy to continue to be swept up in all of our schedules' demands, struggling to maintain our focus on the significance of this time.

Last week I was fortunate to experience a touching "God moment" when visiting Mrs. Hentges' K5 classroom as they were reading The Easter Story. No, it wasn't the one about that cute bunny hopping around delivering eggs and treats, but rather THE Easter story of Christ's suffering, death, and Resurrection, as told for the ears, minds, and hearts of little ones.

At the moment Mrs. Hentges read that many people were unkind to Jesus and even wanted him to die, there were a number of audible gasps among the crowd of children. Perhaps some heard this for the first time... perhaps some had heard it before, but were aware in a new way... perhaps some just couldn't believe anyone would want to hurt someone we love so much. Regardless, it was a graced moment I have carried through Lent since then and probably will for a long time.

This year, this week, may we continue the journey through this holy season by "gasping" in amazement of all Christ endured for us freely, dying a criminal's death. No matter our age or how many years we have journeyed through Lent, perhaps we can try to experience it as if for the first time in our minds and hearts.

May you and your family know the great love and mercy enfolding you every moment of your lives into the embrace of our ever-loving God this Easter. Enjoy the break, and we'll see you April 9th when classes, Forward assessments, and the Easter season continues!

God bless you,  
Ms. Grams

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** – Children's Choir will resume on Tuesday, April 10, 3:00 – 3:30, in the church.

**HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE** –

- Holy Thursday (March 29) – 7:00 PM mass at St. Sebastian
- Good Friday (March 30) – 1:00 PM mass at St. Catherine with neighborhood stations of the cross to follow
- Holy Saturday (March 31) – 8:00 PM mass at St. Sebastian
- Easter Sunday (April 1) – 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM mass at St. Sebastian.  
10:00 AM mass at St. Catherine  
No 6:00 PM mass at St. Sebastian

**GEOGRAPHY BEE UPDATE** - Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Henry Desch, who qualified for the next round in the National Geographic Geography Bee which takes place on Friday, April 8 in Madison. Henry is the only student from a parochial school in the city of Milwaukee, and 1 of 4 in the entire city of Milwaukee, to make it to the Wisconsin State Bee. Thank you to our social studies teacher, Mr. Rogaczewski for all your help working with Henry after school. Good Luck Henry!

**HOME & SCHOOL MEETING TONIGHT** - The March H&S meeting is tonight, March 28th, starting at 5:30pm in the teacher's lounge in the school. All parents are invited to attend.

**MILEAGE CLUB** - Mileage club is in need of parent volunteers starting after Spring Break. The program opens up to 1st grade in April and we need parents, especially 1st grade parents, to help encourage the runners and punch their mileage card. Please consider helping out either regularly or as your schedule allows on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 11:45-1:00. Please contact Cat Bresser at [cbbresser@gmail.com](mailto:cbbresser@gmail.com) with your availability. This is a really great program for our children and we need more parents to help out to keep it running (no pun intended).

**GRANDPARENT/SPECIAL GUEST DAY** - St. Sebastian's annual Grandparent/VIP day is on May 2nd. Home and School sent out invitations today to all the grandparents and special guests whose names and addresses were provided. If you have not returned your grandparent form yet, or if a grandparent is not able to attend, and you would like an invitation sent to a "Special Guest" for your child, please send a name and address to the Home and School Chair, Molly Ambrose at [mambrose@saintsebs.org](mailto:mambrose@saintsebs.org).

**SCRAP METAL DRIVE - SAVE THE DATE** - The annual scrap metal drive is April 28. Please contact Corina Gencuski at [c\\_gencuski@yahoo.com](mailto:c_gencuski@yahoo.com) with any questions. Any middle school students planning to volunteer at this event, are asked to contact Corina as well. Stay tuned for more details.

**READERS ARE LEADERS UPDATE** - Congratulations to the following student(s) for earning the following points! Keep reading!!!!

**5+ POINTS**

Aaryn Cummings

**100+ POINTS**

Harper Fortmann  
Caroline Grams  
Roman Zielinski

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

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K5 - Liam Gomez

Great job. Keep on reading!!

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PHOTOS** –The 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation photos have arrived. In an effort to avoid crushed pictures coming home in backpacks, you can pick them up in the school office or you can direct us to send them home with the student.

**EASTER BREAK** – There is no school this Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and no school next week. Classes will resume on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**DATE CHANGE: YAC SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT -Thursday APRIL 26th 7:00pm**  
**(NOT Wednesday April 25th)**

Students in grades 5-8 who participated in St Sebastian volleyball or basketball this year will be recognized at the 2017-18 YAC Sports Awards Night! Coaches, parents and players are invited to attend this event in the Church Hall (sorry, no siblings). For those unfamiliar with this event, student athletes will receive a red letter "S" and a pin for each sports they participated in, as well as an honors pin if they made honors this year. Light refreshments will be served. Please, no jeans or sweat pants at this event.