



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

I hope you had a very happy Thanksgiving and restful weekend with your family and friends!

Our final school day before break was a grace-filled one. We began with a mass of Thanksgiving, then breaking off into buddy grades to complete our hands-on service projects. It is apparent on these days of service, how much the students genuinely seem to enjoy the experience in working together to help others. The items created were then all brought to the gymnasium, where we gathered as a school and Fr. Larry blessed the items, the hands that created them, and those who will receive them. It was a special way to end our first trimester, leading into a holiday dedicated to giving thanks for our many blessings. A special thanks to our Home & School crew of parents, our teachers, and our student Service club for their help in organizing the day. You can check out our school's Facebook page for more pictures of the kids and their projects by searching for "Saint Sebastian School" and seeing our logo cross, if you have "liked" the page and are on Facebook.

In other MAJORLY EXCITING NEWS, our faculty is thrilled to officially share with you that our state scores on the Forward exam (taken each spring by grades 3-8) jumped an overly impressive amount this past year! More detailed information will be coming home in report cards, so please be sure to read of our great progress across all content areas! St. Sebastian School is now above the state averages in all areas assessed - Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies, determined by the percentage of students scoring "proficient" or "advanced" in meeting state standards. This is something we applaud our hard-working and goal-driven students for, our amazingly caring and hard-working teachers, and of course, our committed parents for the ways you support and foster your children's growth. We will surely be celebrating this achievement as a school community in the coming weeks!

Have a wonderful rest of the week, and God bless you.

Ms. Grams

MUSIC UPDATES - We are happy to see Mrs. Hartley again at St. Sebastian! We will all continue to pray for her and her family.

- Music grades will not be included on the report cards that will be sent home on Friday. We will make an announcement when Music grades are finalized and ready.
- The Christmas Concert has been rescheduled for **December 19**.
- Before the Christmas Concert, students have an opportunity to share their talents for singing, dancing, or playing an instrument in the Concert Prelude. Auditions will be held this Thursday and Friday after school. Students should sign up outside the music room.

REPORT CARDS - Report Cards will be sent home this Friday. Parents must review the report cards with their student(s) and then sign and return the envelope.

Middle School Report Cards: Due to the Elective System in place this year:

- Students participate in PE year round and every student should have a PE grade on the report card.
- Students participate in Music for one trimester, Art for one trimester, and Computers for one trimester.
- Students will receive Art or Music grades (Achievement and Effort) or Computers grade (Effort) only in the trimester in which they have those classes.

REGISTRATION 2018-19 – All families interested in registering or re-registering for the next school year should plan to attend our Open House on Sunday, January 28th.

COUNTRY SPRINGS WATERPARK FUNDRAISER - Place your orders **NOW** for Country Springs Waterpark tickets! The cost is \$15.50 per ticket, be sure to look at the blackout dates on the attached flyer. Ticket orders are DUE Friday, December 1st. Please submit all ticket orders and payment by 12/1 in a sealed envelope marked "**ATTN: Home & School - Country Springs Waterpark.**" Tickets will be available for pick up in the office the week of 12/11. Please see the attachments for the informational flyer and order form. Any questions please contact Lindsey Mahn @ [414-881-2967](tel:414-881-2967) or lindseymahn@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT! The 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop is hosting a Christmas Movie Night on Friday, December 8 in the Church Hall.

6-7 p.m. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer & Frosty the Snowman

7-9 p.m. Elf (Will Farrell) PG *See review on www.common sense media.org to decide if this movie is appropriate for your child.

Girl Scouts will be collecting monetary donations to support hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico. Hot chocolate, popcorn and other movie snacks will also be for sale. Kids are invited to wear pajamas and bring pillows and blankets. Parents may drop off students, but must sign them in/out if they do not plan to stay and watch the movies.

HOLLY BERRY BOUTIQUE DECEMBER 2 – 3 - On Saturday from 9 am-noon, shop for unique hand-made items, purchase treasures from the New To You booth, enjoy delicious bakery and have a cup of coffee and chat with friends at The Heights Cafe.

On Sunday from 9 am-noon, take part in the St. Nicholas Celebration. Enjoy a reasonably priced breakfast, family activities sponsored by Faith Formation and Girl Scouts and a visit from St. Nick! Continue your Christmas shopping with items sold by parish-sponsored organizations.

Don't forget to drop off your bakery items at the Church Hall on Friday, December 1 from 9 am-9 pm.

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.

WINTER WEATHER – Be sure your children are dressed properly for outdoor recess. Wear hats, gloves, boots and snowpants as warranted. If the temperature/wind chill is above 0, the children will be going outside for their 20 - 25 minute recess.

During inclement weather, St. Sebastian School will be closed if either Milwaukee Public Schools or Wauwatosa Public Schools close. St. Sebastian's will not make a separate announcement for weather related closings. If St. Sebastian School needs to close for any other reason, there will be an announcement in the media.

CHESS CLUB INTERIM LEADER AND VOLUNTEER REQUEST - Jeff Klarer will be taking a 1-year hiatus from running the Chess Club and is looking for a volunteer(s) to take over the coordination of the Chess Club meetings for 2017/2018 and possibly the All Catholic School Chess Tournament, which is historically sponsored by the Saint Sebs Chess Club.

Chess Club has typically started in December with weekly meetings after school, continuing through April. Anyone interested in helping to keep the Chess Club active for the 2017/2018 scholastic year is encouraged to contact Jeff Klarer at [\(414\) 339-8887](tel:414-339-8887) or via e-mail at jklarer@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

GENERAL FORENSIC MEETING ANNOUNCED - There will be a very important information meeting for all middle school students AND their parents interested in being part of our award winning forensic team on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00p.m. in the Church Hall. Registration forms, sign-up procedures, practice policies, and the general forensic program will be explained, so it is important that BOTH parents AND students are present. Come and find out about forensics so that you can be a part of this EXCITING extra- curricular activity. Forensics is open to all 6th through 8th grade students. Any questions should be directed to Kathy Kirkpatrick (414-774-6963).

ROSIE READER –

Completing the letter "E" in reading:

K5 - Jason Long

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K5 - Ruby Foster

Great job! Keep up the good work everyone!

READERS ARE LEADERS UPDATE – **Read N Quiz** – Students in grades 1st – 5th are encouraged to read for pleasure and take reading comprehension quizzes using the Read n Quiz reading incentive program. After successfully passing quizzes, students earn points. Congratulations to these students for earning the following points! Keep reading!

5+ POINTS

Harper Fortmann
Leonardo Lococo
Maia Kerry

10+ POINTS

Margot Rexroat

FISH FRY NEWS!! YOUR help is NEEDED!! We are looking for some new volunteers to add to our "regulars" Fish Fry Team!! We are specifically looking for volunteers who would agree to being a **REGULAR** for clean up!! What this means is you would be available MOST fish fry dates to fill this position. Someone we could count on, or to find a replacement. If you have a middle school student who needs service hours, this would be a perfect opportunity to do with them because it counts towards that! They must be accompanied by a parent though. Here is the BEST part ... You get to work with some pretty darn awesome people each month, you get a **FREE** meal, beer, soda and water while you work, you're welcome to take home leftover fish and desserts at the end, AND you get a coupon that can be used towards money off of a future fish fry! Can't beat that! That is how we thank you for being a volunteer and helping us pull off one of Milwaukee's **BEST** fish frys each month! If you're interested and would like more info, please contact **Amy Struck** at [414-460-0654](tel:414-460-0654) - Amy4ever72@hotmail.com OR **Lisa Weger** at [414-588-4485](tel:414-588-4485) - lisamweger@gmail.com

GRANDPARENT INFORMATION FORM - At Saint Sebastian School, we recognize the important role that grandparents play in our students' lives. From daily school pick-ups, to coming to concerts and sporting events, to the annual Grandparents' Day breakfasts, we appreciate their support of our school. If you have not already returned your family's form, please print the attached grandparent form and send it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.