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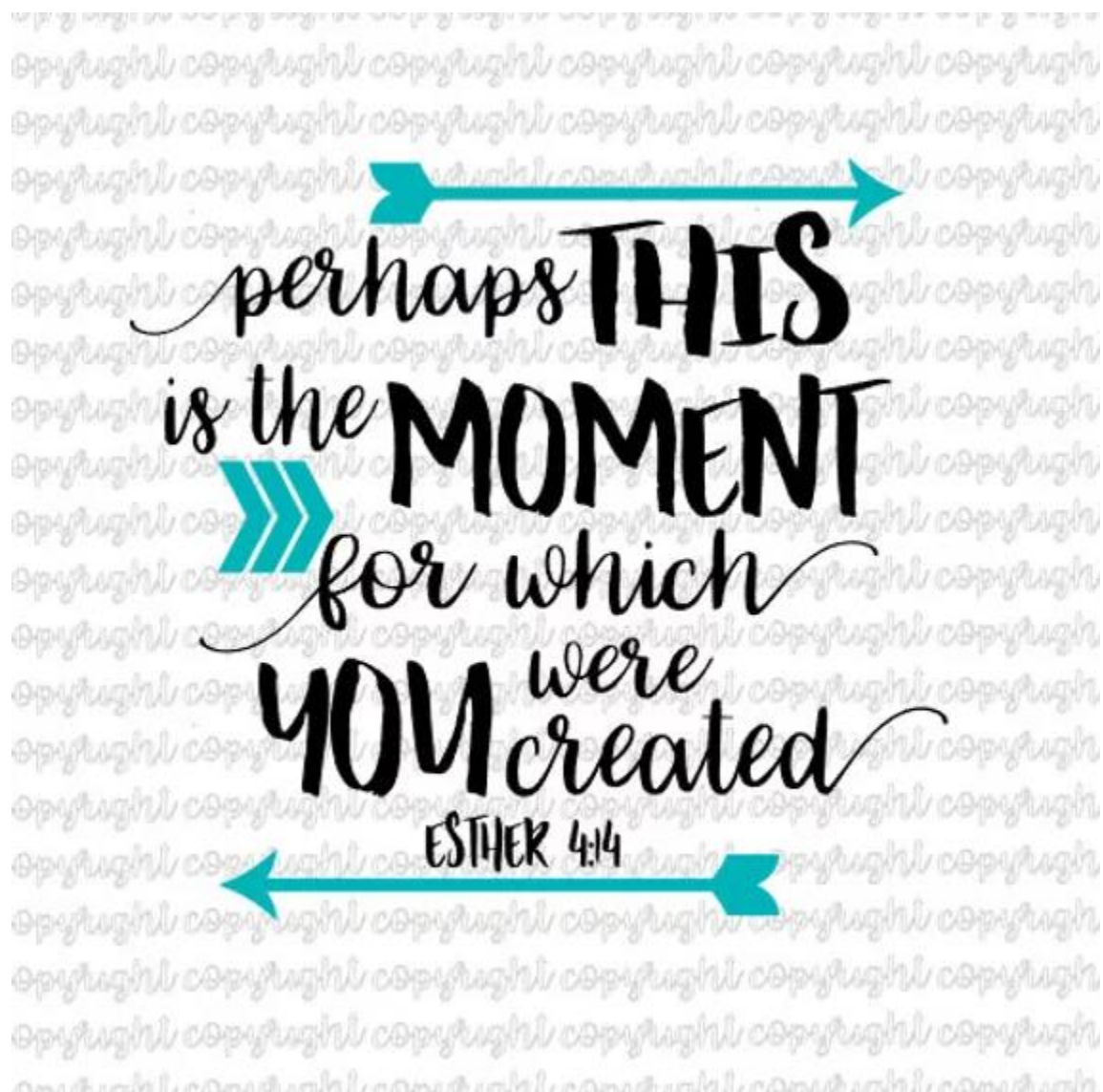
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POLICY HANDBOOK – The newly revised school policy handbook is being distributed to every family this week. If your family mail carrier does not bring it home, please contact the school office.

REMINDER: The PARENT ORIENTATION & ALL PARENT MEETING - is **next Thursday, September 6th**. Each year, per state law, we must hold (2) mandatory All-Parent Meetings. We hold them on this Orientation Night and then on a Sunday in late January on Registration day. We aim to keep the meetings short and efficient, while also informative, sharing updates as well as goals pertaining to the school year. The "Parent Orientation" aspect of the evening is when parents visit your child's / children's classrooms for brief orientation sessions to learn about their year ahead, get to know your child's teacher better, and share ways we can support one another in best educating your child. We have also added in a few options for parents to attend as well this year (beyond the classroom Orientations and All Parent Meeting) if they are of interest to you. Please see the Agenda below for more information of when to arrive:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH:

6:00-6:25pm: **New** Parents Meeting with the Principal (part of the Enrollment process). (in the cafeteria).

6:30-6:45pm: **Classroom Orientation Session - option #1** - (child's classroom)

6:50-7:05pm: **Classroom Orientation Session - option #2** - (child's classroom)

7:10-7:25pm: **Classroom Orientation Session - option #3** - (child's classroom)

6:50-7:25pm: **Middle School Orientation - grades 6th-8th - option #1** - (cafeteria)

7:35-7:55pm: * **ALL PARENT MEETING** (in the Church Hall. Follow signs!)

8:05-8:35pm: **Middle School Orientation - grades 6th-8th - option #2** - (cafeteria)

8:05-8:35pm: (optional): Learn about the "**Zones of Regulation**" system with Mount Mary Occupational Therapy staff (in the Multipurpose Room). The Zones are a school-wide program we use to help students identify their various emotions and learn strategies to self-regulate. Parents will learn about the various Zones (Blue, Green, Yellow, and Red), as well as some of the strategies students may use to return to the optimal zone for learning. These strategies can be just as useful at home as at school!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS ARE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY. TODAY ONLY, EVERY FAMILY MAIL CARRIER WILL RECEIVE A PAPER COPY – IN AN EFFORT TO GO PAPERLESS, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ THE NEWSLETTERS ONLINE. AT OUR WEBSITE, <http://www.saintsebastianonline.net> YOU CAN SIGN UP TO HAVE NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER NOTICES E-MAILED TO YOU. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PAPER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER SENT HOME WITH YOUR FAMILY MAIL CARRIER EACH WEDNESDAY.**

ST SEBASTIAN SCHOOL THEATRE ANNOUNCES TRY-OUTS - Get your singing voices oiled, your dancing feet on, and a "Spoon Full of Sugar" in hand and head to the Church Hall on Tuesday, September 4 OR Wednesday, September 5 to try out for this year's musical MARY POPPINS, JR. Try-outs are from 5:30-7:30p.m each night, but you only need to audition one night. The show is popping with many lively songs and fun dancing as well as a great number of speaking parts for OLDER students. We encourage 4th through 8th graders, especially boys, to try out. Chorus parts for 3rd graders will be limited this year. If you have questions, please call the directors, Kathy and David Kirkpatrick (414-774-6963). Come try-out—where, as they sing in the show, "Anything Can Happen". Performances are November 16, 17 & 18.

SPIRIT WEAR – Every Friday, students may wear any spirit wear top with uniform bottoms. This includes any top that promotes St. Sebastian – volleyball, forensics, the school play, past spirit wear. (Essentially, it just needs to have “St. Sebastian” on it somewhere!)

This Friday, there will be a table set up from 3:00 – 3:30 with spirit wear for sale. Payment will be accepted in cash or check. Visit our website to find the link to promolux to view the variety of choices. You may also order uniform shirts there as well. You can order from this website at anytime throughout the year. Orders received by the 20th of the month will be delivered by the 1st of the following month.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST ORIENTATION - Sunday, September 9. 9:00 a.m. OR Wednesday, September 19 at 6:15 p.m., St. Sebastian Church Hall. Parish and school families are invited to attend an orientation session to learn about how to prepare your second grader (or older) for these important Catholic sacraments, also known as First Confession and First Communion. Please note that Sacramental Preparation is different from school and parish faith formation/religious education programs. Sign up your child now to participate in the sacramental preparation program. Download registration materials at <http://bit.ly/Sebs2018-19Sacra> or pick them up in the Gathering Space at St. Sebastian or the back of Saint Catherine Church. Have questions? Ask Amy Rebholz, arebholz@saintsebs.org or 414-453-7150 x122.

CHESS CLUB – There is a need for a parent volunteer (or 2) to run our Chess Club. We have former coaches who are more than willing to assist with the transition to a new coach. Please contact the office or Mrs. Conklin for additional information.

PLAYGROUND HELP NEEDED –Please consider being a playground volunteer. Our playground is in use from 11:00 – 1:00. If you can assist our supervisor, Mrs. Higgins, every now and then, it would be greatly appreciated. Come once a week, once a month, or whatever you can do. If you cannot commit to 2 hours, you might consider helping out during the time period when your child(ren) have recess. Please contact the office or Mrs. Golomski so we can add you to our playground volunteer schedule.

K5 THROUGH 5th GRADERS: SCOUT ME IN! - Cub Scouts promises you the great outdoors, the importance of community service, STEM activities, and all while having fun! As a Cub Scout, you can learn how to camp and hike without leaving a trace and how to take care of the land. There are plenty of skills for you to master, and you can teach others what you have learned. K5 through 5th graders and their parents/guardians are invited to learn more about Cub Scouting with Pack 231. All are welcome. Please join us on Tuesday September 11th from 6:00 - 7:00 in the school cafeteria. Can't make it to the meeting? No problem! Contact Pack Committee Chair Dave Blanchard for more information at blanchard.dave@gmail.com or (414)839-3371.

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING - The first Home & School Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, September 26th starting at 5:30pm in the Teacher's Lounge. All parents are automatically H&S members and are welcome to attend all meetings. If you are interested in getting involved with H&S this year, please come to the first meeting and see if there are any events or activities that interest you. Also, we are still asking for Grade Level Liaisons for this year. Thank you to Kristin Rebholz-Hatten (K4), Nakita Grant (7th), Kathy Glancey (8th), and Anne Novotny (St. Coletta) for already volunteering to send out important communications to St. Coletta, K4, 7th, & 8th grade this year. Please let Molly Ambrose, H&S Chair, know at mambrose@saintsebs.org if you are able to be a Grade Level Liaison for any of the other grades.

HIGH INTEREST DAY UPDATE - High Interest Day is back! You may have noticed on the H&S calendar that it is scheduled for September 28, 2018, but to allow for more time to plan, it has now been rescheduled to May 24, 2019. For those unfamiliar, High-Interest Day is an exciting day for the children, that showcases many activities, hobbies, sports, and events to broaden the expanse of our children's activities in the world. We look forward to having the time to fully plan and coordinate an event for the children that will enrich their lives. If anyone has interest in helping coordinate, or has an activity that the children may enjoy, please contact this year's HID coordinator, Brad Rochford (dad of Norah Rochford in 5th grade), at bprochfod@gmail.com.

ST. SEBASTIAN PLAID UNIFORM ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS - We are now into our second year of the St. Sebastian plaid uniform. Although the plaid skirts and jumpers are not mandatory for another year, if you are interested in purchasing the skirt, jumper or a tie from Lands End please read the directions below. Lands End offers **50%** off of one full-price item every so often and they happen to be offering one **TODAY**. Don't miss out on this discount!

Step 1: Click on the website (<http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900030032>)
Step 2: Enter your child(ren)'s information including name, gender, and grade.
Step 3: Set up your personal shopping account to save your family information.
Step 4: Select the child you are shopping for and click "shop for this school."
Step 5: Scroll down the page until you see the plaid jumper, skirt or tie and any other uniform items on the page.

If you experience any difficulty with the link above, you can also follow these steps:

Step 1: Go to the Lands' End website directly (www.landsend.com)
Step 2: Click on the "School" link at the top of the home page.
Step 3: Click on "Find My School."
Step 4: Enter our school number 900030032 or enter St. Sebastian School, Milwaukee and Wisconsin.
Step 5: Proceed the same from step 2 above