



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian School Families,

Congratulations! If you are reading this online, it means you have followed the necessary steps and to be receiving the weekly Newsletter electronically. We thank you for keeping up with school information as best as you are able.

Speaking of communication, a reminder that tomorrow evening is our annual Parent Orientation & All Parent Meeting, for all school parents. Similar to a "Back to School Night" or "Curriculum Night," tomorrow is an opportunity to hear from your children's teachers about grade-specific information, learn a bit about them as educators, and ask any burning beginning of the year questions you still may have. The All Parent Meeting is in the Church Hall (head towards the church and follow the signs if you are unfamiliar), which serves as a brief update on school-wide information for the new year. (Note to K4/K5 parents: You already had your Parent Orientation meetings on Drop-In Day, and would only come to the All Parent Meeting portion of tomorrow evening. If you are a new family to St. Sebastian School, you can also either come tomorrow evening to the "New Parent Meeting with the Principal" at 6:00pm if you are able, or we will arrange another date and time with you separately in the coming weeks).

The "Classroom Orientation Sessions" below are listed as (3) options for parents of students in grades 1st-5th, and there are (2) options of Middle School sessions for parents of students in grades 6th-8th. If you only have one child, for example, we would recommend coming to a session immediately before or after the All Parent Meeting in order to spend your time most efficiently. All classroom sessions will start on time. Please do your best to arrive promptly.

**Here again is the schedule for tomorrow evening:**

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

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

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

7:10-7:25pm: **Classroom Orientation Session - option #3** - (your 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.

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Lastly, please remember to read your copy of the Parent-Student Handbook containing St. Sebastian School policies, and return the acknowledgement form that both you and your children must sign. Those returning forms on or prior to this Friday will earn a dress down day to be held on this Friday, September 7th.

It's been a great first week and a half thus far! We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

God bless you,

Ms. Heather Grams  
Principal

**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.

**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](mailto:arebholz@saintsebs.org) or 414-453-7150 x122.

**POLICY HANDBOOK** – Newly revised handbooks were sent home with family mail carriers last week. Parents and students must sign and return the top page acknowledging that they have familiarized themselves with it. Families who return this signed sheet will receive a “ticket” earning a FREE DRESS PASS to use this Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. If you do not return the form by Friday, you will not earn a free dress day, but are still expected to return the form.

**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](mailto:blanchard.dave@gmail.com) or (414)839-3371.

**NEW SERVER TRAINING** - Training for new servers who would like to serve mass on Sundays and Wednesdays (school masses) will be held for Catholic boys and girls grades 5-8 on the following dates: Tuesday, September 11 3:00pm – 4:30pm in the church and Saturday, September 15, 10:30am – 12:00pm in the church. If you are interested but cannot make these dates, please contact me to schedule another time. We need **many** children, so please consider this rewarding ministry! Contact Mr. Kamenski to register for **one** of these two dates (or to set up another time). [mkamesnki@saintsebs.org](mailto:mkamesnki@saintsebs.org) or 414-453-1928.

**SCHOOL CANTOR AUDITIONS** - Once again we will hold auditions for cantors for the all-school mass. Children in grades 5-8 may audition. Simple auditions will be held during recess on Tuesday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 12. The teachers will have the schedule of audition times and grade levels. Last year's cantors also need to re-audition. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Kamenski at 414-453-1928.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - WELCOME BACK! Children in grades 2-5 are welcome to join (re-join!) the children's choir which sings approximately every other Wednesday for the all-school mass. The choir will rehearse almost every Tuesday in the church from 3:00pm to 3:30pm. Our first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 18. There are NO auditions – all are welcome. We sing fun music and learn about church and God and each other! Come and sing with us! Mr. Kamenski 453-1928 or [mkamenski@saintsebs.org](mailto:mkamenski@saintsebs.org) (for questions, no need to register)

**ROSIE READER** - Congratulations to the following students for their progress in the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "N" in reading -  
K5 - Maame Dampare

Completing the letter "G" in reading:

Grade 1 - Grace Mahn - way to go Grace!! You completed the Rosie Reader Program.

Keep up the great reading!!!!