



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

One of the books I am reading is called, "Raising Respectful Children in a Disrespectful World," by Jill Rigby Garner. The author founded the nonprofit program "Manners of the Heart" and is known for her work in character education with children and teens.

Below are excerpts from her book, followed by a proposal for a manners initiative in our homes and reinforced at school across the months of the school year. This initiative is not to address a specific concern over a lack of manners in our students, but rather is an area we can partner in helping our students grow stronger. It is also in line with our mission to form children who are well-equipped to *engage, inspire, grow, love, and serve* OTHERS before oneself, which is at the heart of why we must teach and promote the habitual use of manners.

Today is the rare child who says:

"Please."

"May I help you?"

"Yes Sir" and "Yes Ma'am"

"May I get your chair?"

"Excuse me."

"Thank you."

"I'm sorry."

Rigby Warner quotes the syndicated columnist Judith Martin, who reinforces the critical importance of manners by asserting, "*The attitude that the wishes of others do not matter is exactly what manners are intended to counter*" (p.9).

If you want to raise respectful children in a disrespectful world, you must command their respect through a balance of love and discipline, especially in the little things. When it comes to working with kids, the little things are the big things. And the younger the child, the more important the little things. Raising respectful children requires loving your child enough to not give in to the indulgent request of the moment. It means loving your child enough to stop what you're doing to fully listen. When your children respect you, they will more easily respect God, and in the process respect others and themselves (11).

In order to strengthen this "spiritual muscle" in our children, let us therefore promote a "monthly manner" focus in our homes as parents, where we will also reinforce the same manner at school. Perhaps a great place to start are with the "two most important expressions we can teach a child," according to Pope Francis: "*Please*" and "*Thank you.*"

As we begin the month of November, let us "*please*" focus on helping our children use strong manners, starting with these two polite expressions, whether asking for or receiving something. Perhaps we might make a sign on the refrigerator to remind our family of the monthly manner. Gradually, in time, our children will no doubt build strong and consistent habits used in love and service to others.

"*Thank you!*," and God bless you,
Ms. Grams

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS MARY POPPINS, JR. – "Anything Can Happen" when you put 60 grade school actors, singers and dancers together on a stage and it is sure to be a "Jolly Holiday" with Mary when you add the delightful junior version of Walt Disney's Mary Poppins. Performances are Friday, November 16, Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, November 18 at 2:30 PM in the church hall. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Put the word out!! "Step in Time" to the production of MARY POPPINS, JR. It will definitely be a SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPEIALIDOCIOUS experience – not one to miss.

PHOTOS HAVE ARRIVED – If you had your picture taken on Drop-In Day and you ordered pictures, they are in the office. In an effort to avoid bent photos coming home in backpacks, you may pick up the photos anytime Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. (On Friday, the office will be open until 6:00 PM)

8th GRADE CLASS FUNDRAISER - Back by popular demand, the 8th Grade sponsored PIZZA LUNCH is back! Please join us for the first one of the school-year, Friday, November 16, 2018.

Order forms can be found in the newsletter attachments, and also in the school office.

Questions? Contact Christine Conway: cconway31@ymail.com

DON'T MISS OUT! ONLY 2 DAYS LEFT FOR EARLY-BIRD AUCTION TICKETS - Mark your calendars for the 2018 St. Sebastian Parish & School Auction, Saturday, December 8th.

Buy your tickets today and receive an early-bird discount! \$60 for individual tickets and \$120 for couples. It's going to be a great night filled with old-fashioned fun and many surprises.

<https://stsebs.schoolauction.net/auction2018/tickets>

Hurry, this offer expires after November 8, when individual tickets will be \$75 and \$150 for couples. We would love to see a record number of school parents this year at the largest fundraiser for the parish and school.

You can also work the Auction and get in FREE! Sign up to volunteer by emailing triciazielinski@att.net. We look forward to seeing you on December 8th!

MAGAZINE/GIFT & KRINGLE SALE - Home & School's annual fundraiser kicked-off on Monday. There are two parts to the fundraiser: a magazine/gift sale and a Kringle sale. The **magazine/gift sale** is only online this year. An information sheet was sent home on Monday with instructions for online ordering. Create an account at gaschoolstore.com and enter our school ID code **2535623**. The magazine company awards Coops (key chains) for orders placed by 11:00pm on **Tuesday, Nov. 13th** (1 order=1 Coop, 3 orders=2 Coops, 5 orders=4 Coops, 8 orders=all 12 Coops). The Coops will be passed out on Wednesday at the end of the day. All orders placed by **Nov. 19th** are eligible for the School Rewards explained below. Families with 15+ orders (by Nov. 19) will receive VIP passes to Sky Zone & Springs Water Park. Any questions, please contact Stacey Rebholz at srebholz@saintsebs.org or Molly Ambrose at mambrose@saintsebs.org.

The **Kringle sale** order forms were sent home yesterday or today. All Kringles are \$10. This is a pre-pay sale, so be sure to collect payment for orders when placed. The paper order forms are due by **Nov. 28th** with full payment. Please note, checks are to be made out to **St. Sebastian Home & School** (not St. Sebastian School as noted on the information sheet in the packet). Pick-up for Kringle orders is **Dec. 15th** from 3-6pm in the Church Hall. For questions, please contact Katie Suminski at mcdoogle@wi.rr.com.

A **Buy Out option** is available for \$50 per student. Please send a check to the office made out to **St. Sebastian Home & School** in an envelope labeled "Fundraiser Buy Out."

School Rewards: Sell 5 items (5 magazine items, 5 Kringles or combination of both fundraisers (ex. 1 magazine, 1 gift item, & 3 Kringles)) and receive a dress down pass. Sell 10 items (magazine/gift, Kringle or combination) and join the root beer float party. All Buy Out participants are included in both the dress down pass and root beer float party.

WELCOME TO THE 2018-2019 BASKETBALL SNACK STAND! - This season, we will be using Sign Up Genius to create the snack stand schedule! Parents, it will be **YOUR** responsibility to sign up for a time to work using a Sign Up Genius link in the newsletter **NEXT WEEK**. Parents that miss signing up themselves will be filled in for **ANY** open spots. Thank you for helping the snack stand run smoothly by ensuring you show up for your scheduled time! We are looking for any healthy snack stand snack requests/ideas and hopefully a few more ideas that will keep our stand updated. Please email Louise Scott vandrij@live.com with ideas or questions. Go Raiders!

SPECIAL ROCK CONCERT- MUSIC OF GENESIS (PHIL COLLINS) - St. Sebastian Director of Music, Mike Kamenski, is music director for local guitarist Daryl Stuermer who was (and is) the guitarist for GENESIS and Phil Collins. Mike will be conducting the Manitowoc Symphony on Saturday, November 17th, 7:30pm in Manitowoc, WI. The show features Daryl Stuermer and his band (and singer) as they present some of the greatest hits of GENESIS, all to the accompaniment of the Manitowoc Symphony. Tickets are available at www.manitowocsymphony.org

FUN FACT – Did you know that, currently, there are 6 sets of twins attending St. Sebastian School?!

ONLINE PAYMENTS - We know how busy everyone gets, so we want to make it as fast and easy for everyone to submit payments – and donations! – to St. Sebastian School and Parish. Here are a few online payment options, including weekly or other recurring payments, or a one-time expenditure. You'll receive a receipt via email for your records. If you have any problems or comments, just contact Joann Perleberg – jperleberg@saintsebs.org.

Payments:

- School Program/Non-Parishioner Tuition – <http://bit.ly/SebsPaySchool>
- Hot Lunch – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayHot>
- PAL Day Care – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayPAL>

Donations:

- Parish Tithing – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayParish>
- Parish Debt Elimination – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayDebt>
- School Foundation – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayFound>

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

Completing the letter "R" in reading:

Grade : K4 - Miles Sliwinski, Lily Fitzpatrick and Ethan Frost

K5 - Jerry Scott, Jr., Trey Howard

Completing the letter "E" in reading:

Grade : K4 - Ari Brown and Mason Groth

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

Grade : K5 - Archie Ambrose

Good job and keep reading!

READERS ARE LEADERS UPDATE -Congratulations to the following student(s) for earning the following points using the ReadnQuiz reading incentive program for 1st-5th graders. Keep reading!!!!

5+ POINTS

Joseph Schreiner

10+ POINTS

Owen Troy

50+ POINTS

Brady Potier-Brown