



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Greetings, St. Sebastian School Community!

Last week Wednesday the Archdiocese of Milwaukee celebrated their 175th Anniversary. Schools and parishes throughout the diocese rang bells to commemorate this day, all in unity at 10:00am. St. Sebastian Church's bell tower sounded, joining in chorus with our fellow churches and schools. (A special thank you to Mr. Kamenski for orchestrating that!)

There are a number of community happenings, as always to share. Here are some highlights:

* Our 2nd graders celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past weekend and this week. Please keep them in your prayers as we offer thanksgiving for the gift of God's forgiveness and eternal love for us!

* I will be sending out our State Report Card this week, and we are again very proud to have earned such high ratings, having grown another 5% in our Report Card Score! Our most notable accomplishments include making a significant jump in our Math scores as a school - AND – earning a 100% effectiveness rate for closing the achievement gap within our student body. This is truly outstanding! We can collectively take great pride in the work we do together for and with our children, while continue to pursue our goals for the present and future years. Additionally, we again earned the rating of "**Significantly Exceeds Expectations**", where our report card for ALL students rose to an **89.5%** score (up from 84.4% in the previous year) and our report card for students specifically participating in the Choice programs rose to a **91.1%** (up from 86.7% last year). **Way to go, St. Sebastian!**

* Saturday is our Parish and School Auction! We look forward to seeing you if you are planning to come, and we are grateful for all of the ways we can come together as a community in support of St. Sebastian Parish and our ministries.

As we find ourselves in the First Week of Advent, let us call to mind the Advent wreath, symbolizing the endless circle of God's love for us and the light shining from within!

God bless you,
Ms. Grams

BUZZ BOOKS – The 2018 – 2019 Buzz Books have arrived! Each family mail carrier will bring one home this week. Extras are available to purchase for \$2.00. This book contains contact information for St. Sebastian and St. Coletta families, as well as reference and resource guides.

ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS - The forensic season is quickly approaching. There will be an important informational meeting on Monday, December 10 at 7:00p.m. in the church hall. Schedules for the 2019 season will be handed out and our forensic program will be explained thoroughly. Categories will be discussed. We need at least one parent to attend with your student. This is a family oriented activity so we need both parents and students to understand our program. If a student has basketball practice during this time, please have your parent still attend and pick up your registration materials.

COME ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:00p.m and learn about our award winning forensic team. We are sure you will want to become a team member once you hear about our exciting program. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Kirkpatrick (414-774-6963).

ADVENT FUN DAY FOR KIDS – On Sunday, December 16 from Noon-3 p.m., St. Sebastian & St. Catherine high school and middle school Youth Ministry students are providing child care and activities for parish children ages 3 – grade 5 in the St. Sebastian School Cafeteria. It's a great way for parents to enjoy an afternoon out! Suggested donation is \$1 per child, plus personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste or other goods) for homeless people served by Milwaukee Hope House. Go to <http://bit.ly/SebsAdv18> to register. We'll send an email to confirm. During the afternoon, we will have plenty of fun keeping your child occupied and happy while you go out and shop for the holidays. Activities include coloring, Lego, story time, crafts and other games. We will not provide lunch, but snacks will include juices, gluten- and peanut-free snacks, and fruit. Children must be toilet-trained, as we do not have changing facilities. Questions? Email bhaig@haigjackson.com or mlee@saintsebs.org.

SAFEGUARDING SESSIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS – Anyone wanting to work with students, or chaperone on field trips, needs to complete a 3 hour Safeguarding training course and complete a background criminal records check. To sign up for a Safeguarding course:

Go to <https://milwaukee.cmgconnect.org/> and register for a new account. Be sure to choose St. Sebastian (Milw) as your site. Once you have an account you will then need to click:

Required Training Curriculums

1. INITIAL LIVE TRAINING ONLY – Safe Environment Curriculum/Code of Conduct – Milwaukee
You will need to sign up for a LIVE SESSION and complete some online items.

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

Completing the letter "R" in reading:

Grade : K4 - Brayve Kirkendoll

K5 - Jordan Ensley

Completing the letter "E" in reading:

Grade : K4 - Kensley Long

STUDENT PHOTOS – If your child had a picture taken on make-up day, you may pick up their photo in the office. Or let us know if you want us to send it home with your student.

HOME & SCHOOL UPDATES - Thank you to everyone that contributed to the amazing grade level auction baskets especially the grade liaisons for all of your hard work gathering items and putting together beautiful arrangements!

The Kringle are coming! Yay! Katie Kringle needs your help sorting and passing out orders. Please email Katie Suminski at mcdoogle.wi.rr.com if you are able to help on 12/15 from 11am-6pm.

Friday 12/7 fish fry is in need of bussers and servers. 4th and 5th graders are welcome. Please contact Lisa Weger lisamweger@gmail.com if able to help.

Teacher Luncheon will be hosted by the 7th Grade. Please consider how you can help Nakita Grant make December teacher's luncheon amazing!

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READ-N-QUIZ 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

Kylah Kabore

Henry May

Dahlia Shambarger

25+ Points

Joe Schreiner

Owen Troy

75+ Points

Ryan Mahn

100+ Points

Rowan Watkins

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS FOR THE 208 SAINT SEBASTIAN PARISH & SCHOOL AUCTION

Don't miss out on this exciting event where we put the "FUN" in Fundraiser. Registration deadline is Thursday, December 6.

Register for seating and bidding by buying your tickets here:

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

Saturday, December 8

5:30 p.m. Mass (Church)

6:30 p.m. Cocktails & Silent Auction (Gym)

8:30 p.m. Sit-down Dinner & Voice Auction (School Cafeteria)