



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Greetings, St. Sebastian School Families!

Please mark your calendars as a "Save the Date" for the following!:

* The end of January opens the first window for applying to the **Milwaukee or Wisconsin Choice Programs**. The first wave of students accepted in February is for our returning students! After that, families are in the same applicant pool as new families applying. Please be mindful of those deadlines so we see your kiddos back here in 2019-2020!

* Sunday, January 27th is our **Open House & Registration for the 2019-2020 school year** for all returning and prospective families. Stop in any time between 9:00am-12:00pm. I will be sharing a brief "state of the school" address at 10:00am in the gym. Refreshments are served, kids are most welcome, there are activities in the classrooms, you can see some of your child's projects, and free dress passes are given to families who come and re-register on the 27th. ****Please invite any neighbors, friends, or coworkers who have school-age children and who may be interested in checking out St. Sebastian School for the 19-20 school year! We look forward to seeing you there!**

* The last week of January is **Catholic Schools Week**. A schedule of days and events will be coming home in the coming week for families to be aware of the activities and special dress days occurring. Permission slips will be coming home for an all school bowling field trip on Friday, February 1st during Catholic Schools Week, as something fun for "Student Appreciation Day!" More to come...

* In late February, we are excited to host a **Parent Engagement Night** at St. Sebastian School, in what we hope will be the first of many events inviting all parents and guardians in for a speaker, topic, and discussion aimed at growing and enriching our already wonderful community, but even more intentionally. February's speaker will be with Dr. Aaliyah Baker, whose background includes work in the areas of cultural competence, celebrating and promoting our diversity, and connecting through our community. We are working to arrange a meal and childcare so all feel welcome and encouraged to come. More to come on this as well, but I did want to start to promote this upcoming opportunity.

Let us keep one another in our prayers and continue to radiate the love of God and goodness of the St. Sebastian community with others we meet today!

God bless you,
Ms. Grams

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. **THERE IS A TRAINING SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22** at Wauwatosa Catholic School, 1500 Wauwatosa Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 53213. 6:15-9:15pm. Interested persons can register online at www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm

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.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

DSHA ORCHESTRA AT 10:30AM MASS – JANUARY 27 - The DSHA orchestra, comprising about 50 musicians, will be playing for the 10:30AM mass on Sunday, January 27th. Several members are alumnae of St. Sebastian, a fitting way to celebrate Catholic Schools Week at mass. They will play before, during and after the mass.

6TH GRADE PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER – Our sixth graders are heading to Camp Edwards in February and we need your help to raise some funds! We are hosting the January pizza lunch on Friday, January 25th. Order forms can be found in the newsletter attachments. Orders are due by the end of the day on Wednesday, January 23rd. Any questions, please contact Megan Murray at meganmurray45@aol.com.

BUZZ BOOK UPDATE – Please note a new address and phone number for Kyliegh Star:

7970 S. Wildwood Drive, Apt. 102
Oak Creek, WI 53154
414-530-1241

FATHER/VIP & DAUGHTER DANCE - Ooh, la, la! Come celebrate "A Night In Paris" with your special little someone at the Sebs Father/VIP & Daughter Dance sponsored by the 3rd/4th and 6th grade Girl Scout Troops. The dance is on February 2nd, in the Cafeteria from 6-9pm. The cost is \$10 a person, with a \$30 family maximum. It is open to all girls at St. Sebastian and St. Coletta schools. Please return the completed flyer (attachment) and RSVP with a check made payable to Troop 8398 in a sealed envelope labeled "Father/VIP & Daughter Dance" to the school office by January 23rd. Any questions, please contact Kristin Rebholz-Hatten at tissy306@yahoo.com or Maria Melendes at mmelendes@gmail.com.

SAY CHEESE! - Parents, teachers, and staff: we need YOUR help filling this year's yearbook with memories! Please submit your photos from field trips/class trips, sports teams, extracurricular activities, and candid classroom shots to yearbook@saintsebs.org!

Email Ms. Wagner (mwagner@saintsebs.org) with any questions!

HELP ST. SEBASTIAN FILL BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS - Capuchin Community Services is seeking help with putting together hygiene bags for those individuals who come to the House of Peace or St. Ben's Meal Program. St. Sebastian's has volunteered to have a hygiene bag drive. The Capuchins provide the bags. School families are asked to donate the items requested. Each grade has been assigned a type of item to bring in. Our goal is to donate 100 filled hygiene bags for Capuchin Community Services.

The items to donate by grade are:

K4--pocket-sized tissues	4th--toothbrushes
K5--lip balm/Chapstick	5th--dental floss
1st--bars of soap	6th--travel size hand sanitizer
2nd--travel size shampoo	7th--travel size hand lotion
3rd--travel size toothpaste	8th--travel size deodorant

Students should bring in the items to their **homeroom teachers** starting on Thursday, Jan. 9th up to Wednesday, Jan. 23rd.

At Open House, a service activity for students and families will be putting together the various items within the hygiene bags. The Capuchins will then pick up our filled bags to deliver to the House of Peace and St. Ben's Meal Program.

YAC SNACKS - Have you tasted the new snacks at the SEBS SNACK SHACK this season? We happy to announce the addition of hotdogs, K cup coffee, Snapple, cotton candy, muffins, other healthier snack and drink choices too! Come on down to the gym to cheer on the boys and girls basketball teams to enjoy these new snacks. Bring the kids and make it a fun family morning/afternoon at Saint Sebs. Go Raiders!

A special thank you to the behind the scenes crew that have been working diligently to update the Snack Shack. We have a new look coming soon! Also, a HUGE thank you to those of you that have signed up to volunteer during your child's sports season. If you have not signed up yet, there are still a few spots left open this weekend. Just a friendly reminder that students are not allowed behind the snack counter at any time. Please following this link:<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F49A4AC28A7FB6-saint>
Questions? Contact Louise Scott; vandrij@live.com

ATTENTION FORENSIC PARENTS – There will a judge's training session on Monday, January 28th, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the faculty room. Anyone judging at a forensic tournament must be trained by the MLFA (forensic association) and also must have gone through the Safeguarding program. We will need 4 judges at almost all of the meets, so please consider getting the training so that you can judge – even if it is only for a couple of meets. We appreciate your help. If you cannot come on Monday, but still want to judge, contact Kathy Kirkpatrick (414-774-6963) for the training. Thank you in advance.

SCRIP Help - SCRIP gift cards are sold after mass on Sundays. We are looking for volunteers to help sell SCRIP after 10:30a mass. You would be working with another person, and the time commitment is about 15- 30 minutes after mass, once a month, twice a month, once a week, whatever works with your schedule!

Please email Judy Walczak at walczakjudy@twc.com, or call Jen Sveda at 453-5830.

READ-N-QUIZ UPDATE - Congratulations to the following student(s) for earning the following points using the Read-N-Quiz reading incentive program for 1st- 5th graders. Keep reading!!!!

5+ Points

Sarah Zarwell

10+ Points

John Davis

Lilly Morby

Isaac Watkins

50+ Points

Evelyn Ambrose

100+ Points

Tahlia Melendes

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR TRIVIA NIGHT - Home & School is sponsoring "Trivia Night" on March 16th from 7-10pm in the Church Hall. More details to come, but for now make sure you get the date on your calendar and start organizing your teams of 8-10 trivia masters.