



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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I said to the Keeper who stood at the Gate of the Year,  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."  
And the Keeper replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Happy New Year, St. Sebastian School Families!

We trust the holiday break was good to you. There are a number of important upcoming events pertaining to re-registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Please be sure to mark your calendars for our annual **Open House & Registration on Sunday, January 27th, from 9am-12pm**. You may stop in at any time to return your Registration packet (that will be coming home prior to that). You may also tour your child's classroom to see special projects and accomplishments they have been working on. Priority is given to families who apply on this day.

Other notable updates:

\* The "**2017-2018 Milwaukee County Schools Overall Rankings**" were published, and **Saint Sebastian School** was in the #12 spot out of over 400 schools! (Two of the schools ranked above us are high schools, and thus, not a comparable age demographic).

\* The Application period for the **Choice Programs** opens in late January! Please be certain you are prepared to register (if applicable), as the first wave of acceptances in January-February is granted to our returning students. After that, all families are, by law, considered in the same applicant pool as new applicants and may not be guaranteed a seat! For more information, see <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications>

\* **Tonight** is a St. Sebastian School dine-out at a local **Portillos** restaurant to support 8th graders' fundraising efforts for their Washington D.C. trip. Please consider supporting them! You will find more information in today's newsletter.

\* Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **January 30th at 8:15am** to consider joining us for our **all-school mass** during **Catholic Schools Week** if you are able!

Please, as always take a few moments to read through the remainder of the news and updates throughout today's newsletter.

Have a wonderful week and God bless you,

Ms. Grams

**THE “MANNER OF THE MONTH” – HOLDING DOORS FOR OTHERS.** When someone is following behind you or you see someone with their arms full, please be courteous and hold the door open for them. It only takes a few seconds to be polite.

**ATTENTION 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**– The photographer will be at school on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> to take graduation photos. 8<sup>th</sup> graders may dress up.

**ACTIVITY PHOTOS** – On Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, the photographer will take photos of different activity groups, such as choir, sports, scouts, etc.

**BUZZ BOOK UPDATE** – The Howard family has a new address – 9319 W. Ryan Ct., Milwaukee – 53224.

**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](http://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.

**RECYCLING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** – We are still accepting strings of burned out Christmas lights to recycle. You can bring them to the school office through January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**USE SCRIP TO KEEP YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION** – Now that you have vowed to eat healthier in 2019, be sure to use Scrip to purchase your delicious fruits and veggies. Scrip is available from Meijer, Metcalfe’s, Sendiks, Pick N Save, Piggly Wiggly, Sentry and Whole Foods. You can do this!

**MAKE 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](mailto: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>

**HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING** - The next H&S Committee meeting is tonight (1/9) starting at 5:30pm in the teacher's lounge. All are welcome to attend.

**MAGAZINE & KRINGLE SCHOOL PRIZES** - Thank you to everyone who sold Magazines, gifts and Kringles this year to help support H&S. We raised just over \$9,000. As a reward for the students who sold 5 items, the dress down day will be this Friday, January 11th. For those who sold 10 items, the root beer float party will also be on Friday, January 11th at 2:15 in the cafeteria. We will pass out the VIP passes to those who sold 15 or more magazines or gifts at the root beer float party. Attached are the names of all the students who earned each reward. Please contact H&S chair, Molly Ambrose, at [mambrose@saintsebs.org](mailto:mambrose@saintsebs.org) with any questions.

**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 Church Hall 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](mailto:tissy306@yahoo.com) or Maria Melendes at [mmelendes@gmail.com](mailto:mmelendes@gmail.com).

**BOX TOPS UPDATE** - Thanks to everyone for sending in Box Tops all year. We just received a check for \$1,107.20. H&S uses the profit from the Box Top fundraiser to support our students and staff through partial sponsorship of the Urban Ecology Center field-trips, teacher appreciation events and gifts, and other school activities. Please continue to support this easy fundraiser by clipping those Box Tops and sending them into the office. Home & School thanks you!

**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 25<sup>th</sup>. Order forms can be found in the newsletter attachments. Orders are due by the end of the day on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any questions, please contact Megan Murray at [meganmurray45@aol.com](mailto:meganmurray45@aol.com).

**READ-N-QUIZ UPDATE** - Congratulations to the following student(s) for earning the following points using the ReadnQuiz reading incentive program for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Keep reading!!!!

**5+ Points**

Drago Martin  
David Gely

**10+ Points**

Victoria Coleman  
Elijah Frost  
Kylah Kabore  
Henry May

**25+ Points**

Jadee Anderson  
Grace Mahn

**50+ Points**

Solomon Gayfield

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

**Completing the letter "E" in reading:**

Grade : K5 - Bridget Watry

**Completing the letter "A" in reading:**

Grade : K4 - Delilah Hatten

**Completing the letter "D" in reading:**

Grade : K5 - Averie Pittman

**Keep up the great work girls!!**

**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 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.