



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

It feels great to be back to some normalcy with the schedule around here! Catholic Schools Week continued into this week and is celebrated in mass this morning. We are planning to reschedule our all-school bowling day towards the end of February, so stay tuned for further details!

Below are a handful of important and continued community updates:

- 1) Be sure to turn in your **Registration packets** asap so we know where we will be opening new spots for prospective families wishing to come to St. Sebastian. These decisions will start to be made towards the end of this month.
- 2) Families enrolled in either of the **Choice Programs**, please be sure to have all info in no later than Friday, February 22nd! This includes your on-line application and your documentation provided to the Front Office.
- 3) All parents need to please sign up for **Conferences**, held next week Wednesday & Thursday! The links were previously emailed out for you to sign-up.
- 4) Remember to **Save the Date** for our first **Community Engagement Night**, Tuesday, February 19th from 6-8pm! A meal will be shared as we welcome speaker and Cardinal Stritch Assistant Professor, Dr. Aaliyah Baker, who will facilitate a community dialogue rooted in on multicultural education, critical race theory in education, and culturally responsive teaching. We are hopeful to have as many parents and guardians join us as possible!
- 5) **Happy Birthday** (yesterday!) **to our Pastor, Fr. Larry Chapman!** Fr. Larry, we are blessed to have you at St. Sebastian Parish and appreciate your gifts in sharing your vocation, meaningful homilies, and varied ways to reach our students, staff, and families on ways we can grow spiritually. You are an advocate for social justice and are intentionally thoughtful in your engagement with others, always aimed at helping us grow closer to God. God bless you today and always!



Finally, be sure to ask your children and read their class Newsletters (or website page for Middle School) to learn more on what students are exploring during this month of Black History Month, particularly in the areas of civil rights and in highlighting inspirational leaders. I checked in with our teachers in January to learn how they were planning to incorporate Black History Month into their grade level curriculum. Though it did not come as a surprise, I was impressed as I was reminded with countless responses of examples in how civil rights are incorporated all year long throughout their curriculum, yet how teachers are also taking pause to highlight this month in a special way with their students.

Be sure to follow our school's Facebook page to read daily inspirational stories this month, shared by St. Sebastian parent, Judge Derek Mosley, highlighting individuals who have made significant contributions to the world, yet have often been unrecognized or celebrated for these contributions over the years. These are truly fascinating and inspirational to read.

Have a great week and God bless you,

Ms. Grams

**MONTHLY MANNER (FEBRUARY)** - Will continue to be "holding doors for others", but adding for our recipients of doors held to remember to say "Thank you" when someone does this for you! Students have done a nice job growing in this manner, and we appreciate ways you can foster these manners at home as we work to build habits.

**SCHOOL DAYS IN MARCH** – Due to the 4 cold/snow days we experienced in January, St. Sebastian School will need to hold classes on March 22 and March 25. These were originally scheduled as vacation days. Please adjust your calendars.

**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](mailto:yearbook@saintsebs.org)!

Email Ms. Wagner ([mwagner@saintsebs.org](mailto:mwagner@saintsebs.org)) with any questions!

**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**

Saniyah Lewis  
Sarah Zarwell  
Danny Paulos  
Asher Van Beek  
Liam Gomez

**10+ Points**

Sam Rebholz

**25+ Points**

Jonathan Sawyer  
Isaac Watkins

**75+ Points**

Finn Beecham

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

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

Grade : K4 - Ari Brown and Kensley Long

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

Grade : K5 - Kameran Sanders

**YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS** – Watch for yearbook order forms to be sent home next Wednesday.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - is right around the corner, on Saturday, March 16th. Gather your teams! And join us for a night of fellowship, fun, and fundraising. Teams of up to 10 people (16 years of age or older). Teams must register and pay the entry fee of \$10/team member. Registration forms coming soon.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** - Final Box Tops turn in date is March 1st. Clip away and save in plastic bags or on fun collection sheets that can be found at [btfe.com](http://btfe.com).

**K5 PARENTS** - K5 will be hosting dinner for the teachers during conferences. Please reach out to Jennifer McCulloch – [jwoitkowski@gmail.com](mailto:jwoitkowski@gmail.com) for more information and ways to contribute.

**HOME & SCHOOL** - Next H&S committee meeting is Wednesday, February 27th at 5:30 in the teachers' lounge. All are welcome!:)

**TIN CANS ARE NEEDED FOR A PROJECT** - Please donate clean empty tin cans if you have them (from soup, canned fruit, vegetables, etc.). They can be dropped off in the school office. Thank you!

**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>
- 2019-2020 Registration -- <http://bit.ly/SebsReg>
- 2019-2020 Parishioner Program Fees -- <http://bit.ly/SebsFees>
- 2019-2020 Non-Parishioner Fixed-Rate Tuition -- <http://bit.ly/SebsNPTuition>

Donations:

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

**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

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.