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"Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy; Come seek the tender faithfulness of God."

(Marty Haugen. Lyrics to "Return to God," 1991.)

Last Friday, our teachers engaged in the Archdiocesan "Sustaining the Mission" program, which is the on-going faith formation for those of us teaching in a faith based school; specifically the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Our "Level 3" teachers are those who have been in the on-going program for over 7 years and have completed the scope of religious courses and content. Whether we teach Religion directly or not, we all engage in this formation as educators in faith. The challenge for Level 3 participants is to explore and implement ways we can further grow in faith as a community, as well as explore ways God may be calling to feed us spiritually as individuals.

The level 3 group worked on ideas for a school-wide Lenten project focusing on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, which they shared with the teachers, who in turn shared with their students. Below are the list of activities your children are focusing on during Lent, school-wide, beyond what else their teachers may prepare. We feel its important to share between home and school how we are working to make Lent a meaningful time for us all! We love when children share what you may be focusing on at home, leading up to our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection at Easter.

Prayer:

Each classroom was provided with strips of purple paper, upon which each student writes down a prayer for someone. Prayers should remain anonymous. We will be creating chains throughout the building, which our middle school students will help to hang.

Fasting:

We are emphasizing to students that fasting does not necessarily mean giving up food, while challenging ourselves to also reflect on other ways one can fast during Lent. On a piece of paper, students and staff will write about something we are fasting from such as unkind words, electronics, video games, being selfish or arguing. The pieces of paper will come together on a display in the hallway to form a large cross.

Almsgiving:

Each classroom received a "rice bowl" for collecting coins. The donations will go to Catholic Relief Services, which distributes the money both locally and abroad. A local food pantry at St. Martin de Porres is the recipient of some of the funds. Students learn about people helped by the donations on a booklet provided from CRS. If you would like a rice bowl sent home, please let us know.

May this time of Lent be meaningful, purposeful, and life-giving to you, in ways God may be calling you to "return...with all your heart".

God bless you,
Ms. Grams

PARENT PRESENTATION with Dr. Aaliyah Baker - Tuesday, March 19th – 6 – 8 PM

This is the first of our Community Engagement Events, and we are hopeful to bring our school families together in meaningful ways such as this, in order to promote our community's continual growth, as well as dialogue on important community topics. As you know from previous communications, Dr. Baker's presentation is focused on *"What does it take to be a more intentional community, by way of fostering a commitment to cultural competence?"*.

Here is the link to RSVP: [RSVP to Dr. Baker's parent presentation on 3/19/19](#) (or you can call email your name, any dietary restrictions, and any children's names + ages you would need childcare for to school@saintsebs.org.)

In order to appropriately plan for our meal and ensure proper childcare is lined up, [please reply by Friday, March 15th](#) if you plan to attend.

* To learn more about our presenter, Dr. Baker, please see her attached bio here: [Bio - Dr. Aaliyah Baker](#)

We are really excited to bring this opportunity to our community, and we look forward to hopefully seeing you there! This event is sponsored by the St. Sebastian School staff and our wonderful Home & School association.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH – Students are welcome to dress down and wear green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

FORWARD TESTING – We are in the swing of Forward testing. Please be sure the children are well rested and eat healthy to help them to do their best.

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.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING – Parents! Enjoy a Sunday night at St. Sebs. The parish is reaching out to men and women, single or married, ages 21-45(ish) for a fun, free night on St. Patrick's Day. If you'd like, go to 6:00 Mass, then get together with other young adults and enjoy free wine, beer, soda and snacks. It's a great way to toast the day, modeled after Drinking with the Saints by Michael Foley. No kids, please. **Sunday, March 17, 7:00 p.m., Adult Formation Room** (enter on 54th Street). Contact St. Sebs Minister for Youth and Young Adults, Margaret Lee – mlee@saintsebs.org or 262-232-5592.

CABARET TICKETS ON SALE! - In this world of Fake News, the 2019 St. Sebastian Cabaret is the Real Thing! "Hello Milwaukee!" is an original musical that tells the behind-the-scenes drama of a fictional Milwaukee TV stations. From stuffy management and perky anchors to grizzly cameramen and earnest interns, you'll get to know the comic and sometimes emotional backstories of the team who brings the news. March 29/30, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Sebastian Church Hall. For \$20 tickets, go to <http://bit.ly/SebsHello> and pay online or download a reservation form and return it with a check to the St. Sebastian Parish House. Questions? Contact saintsebastiancabaret@gmail.com.

CHESS CLUB! – Does your child enjoy playing chess? Or do they want to learn how? We would like to arrange a CHESS CLUB, but need to know how many students would be interested. There is a fee of \$40 - \$50 to join, which covers the cost of skilled teachers. Please turn in the attached form by this Friday, March 15th. Lessons would begin on Wednesday, March 20th and will be held from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Maureen O’Meara-Rowen at mrowen79@gmail.com.

BUZZ BOOK UPDATE – Please note that the Gomez family has a new address:
2315 N. Grant Blvd., Milwaukee 53210

YAC SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT -Thursday April 4th 7:00pm

Students in grades 5-8 who participated in St Sebastian volleyball or basketball this year will be recognized at the 2018-19 YAC Sports Awards Night! Coaches, parents and players are invited to attend this event in the Church Hall (sorry, no siblings). For those unfamiliar with this event, student athletes will receive a pin for each sports they participated in, as well as an honors pin if they made honors this year.

Light refreshments will be served. Students in attendance are eligible to win fun raffle prizes! Talk it up with your friends and show your team spirit by encouraging all of your teammates to attend! Individual invitations will not be sent, so please mark your calendars, now!

TRIVIA NIGHT THIS SATURDAY - Join us for a night of fellowship, fun, and fundraising this Saturday (3/16) at our annual Sebs Trivia Night. It's not too late to register your team, so assemble a team of 8-10 people to join in the fun. Please turn in your registration form (attachment) and money (\$10 per team member, checks made out to St. Sebastian Home & School) to the school office tomorrow (3/14). Doors open at 6:00pm, rule review at 6:45pm, and questions start promptly at 7:00pm. All proceeds go towards H&S’s library fund.

Paul Hohl has once again agreed to serve as emcee and moderator for the event. Bring your own snacks and beverages, though a keg of Riverwest Stein has been donated for everyone’s pleasure. Also, you might want to bring a little extra cash, as there will be opportunities to buy mulligans for wrong answers, not that your team will get any wrong answers. Prizes will be given for highest-scoring trivia team, and best team spirit, such as creative team name, coordinated outfits, or table decorations! This has traditionally been a very fun event, and the more teams, the better the fun and competition.

CONCORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT - St. Sebastian will host a special symphonic concert on Saturday, March 23rd at 7pm in the church. The Concord Chamber Orchestra will present a classical concert including music of Prokofiev and Brahms. Special features include the violin concerto No. 3 by Saint-Saens and the famous piano piece “Rhapsody in Blue” by Gershwin. Tickets are available online at <http://www.concordorchestra.org/> Adults \$20, Seniors \$15 and Students \$12.

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

Completing the letter "A" in reading:

K4 - Lily Fitzpatrick

K5 - Maria Spellman

Great job everyone!!

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

Macie Grining

25+ Points

John Davis

Lilly Morby

50+ Points

Jonathan Sawyer

500+ POINTS

CONGRATULATIONS 2nd grader MARGOT REXROAT!

Over the past 2.5 years, Margot has read and passed quizzes on 240 books!!! That equals 1,365,862 words read! WAY TO GO MARGOT! Please stop in the library to pick up your prizes!

TOSA BASKETBALL LEAGUE – “Congrats to the Boys and Girls Tosa Basketball League (TBL) teams in both 3rd and 4th grade. This week is the final week and one of the Sebs 4th Grade Boys teams is playing the semi’s. The game is this Saturday March 16 @ 9:30. If they win, the championship will be immediately following at 11:00. Both games will be at the Fisher Building - 12011 West North Avenue, Wauwatosa. Come out and cheer on the boys!”