



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Today begins LENT, the holiest season in our liturgical calendar, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the Paschal Mystery, when we commemorate Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, all for the salvation of humankind.

The concept of fasting throughout Lent is a well known religious practice for Catholics and many Christian denominations alike. Through fasting, we can perhaps better learn, experience, and appreciate what it means to make a sacrifice, as we try to understand the magnitude of the greatest sacrifice Jesus Christ made for each of us. This can be a challenging concept to teach young children.

A helpful faith-based resource found on www.missio.org (a Catholic website for use throughout the year) provides the following suggestions for children in how they might consider partaking in a form of fasting of their own at home over these next 40 days:

- Fast from fast food.
- Fast from TV one day a week
- Fast from electronic games one day a week
- Fast from using the computer and spend that time with your family
- Fast from buying anything that is unnecessary during Lent
- Fast from bad habits that need to be changed/given up

Let us pray for one another, that the season of Lent may be a time of productive challenge, thoughtful reflection in ways to grow spiritually, and mindfulness of continued pathways to grow and evolve into who - and how - our God uniquely and powerfully calls each one of us.

Let us strive to make it the best LENT yet!

God bless you,
Ms. Grams

SCHOOL DAYS IN MARCH –

- **THURSDAY, March 7th** – NO SCHOOL FOR K4 and K5 ONLY.
- **FRIDAY, March 8th** – NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS K4-8th grade due to Teacher Inservice.
- **March 22 and 25 are now School Days:** 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!

8TH GRADE PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER - The next PIZZA LUNCH will be Friday, March 15th. Since this date is during Lent, ONLY cheese pizza will be offered. Order forms can be found in the newsletter attachments and copies are also available in the school office. Questions? Contact Christine Conway at: cconway31@ymail.com

YEARBOOK ORDERS – Orders are due March 11th. Get yours in TODAY! Order forms are available in the office. The cost is only \$13.00.

CABARET TICKETS ON SALE! - Gather your table of 10 now to see the talented adults and teens from St. Sebastian, St. Catherine and the community are putting together an evening of music, dance and fun! March 29/30, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Sebastian Church Hall. For individual \$20 tickets or to purchase a table of 10, 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? Want to volunteer at the registration table or bar, or sell 50/50 tickets? You can see the show for free! Contact saintsebastiancabaret@gmail.com.

CLASSICAL GUITAR RECITAL AT ST. SEBASTIAN - Internationally renowned guitarist, Ayman Jarjour, will be performing a one-hour recital at St. Sebastian (in the church) following the 6pm mass on Sunday, March 10. Repertoire will include a variety of styles of music. A free-will offering will be taken and all proceeds will benefit “Hanan Refugee Relief Group”, an international group which supports Syrian refugees. A reception will follow the concert. Don’t miss this unique opportunity!

CONGRATULATIONS to St. Sebastian alumnus Caden McCormick, a member of the team from Pius XI Catholic High School who were First Place Regional Winners in the STEM Forward Rube Goldberg Machine Contest on Friday, March 1, 2019. Caden and his Pius XI teammates will travel to Lawrenceburg, IN for the National Competition on April 7th.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION – Tuesday, March 26, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Church Hall. Every adult who wishes to go on a field trip or otherwise volunteer with our students, needs to take this class. This session is not appropriate for those under the age of 18, and no childcare is available. Download the instruction sheet. You must register online. Questions? Contact Ed Duncklee 414-453-1061 or eduncklee@saintsebs.org. See attached flyer for more info.

ANNUAL SCRAP METAL DRIVE – May 4, Playground. Start saving cans and any scrap metal **NOW!** Parents interested in volunteering their time and/or trailer to haul scrap metal can contact Corina Gencuski at 414 702 1023.

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK’S DAY! – SATURDAY March 9th

Mass at 8:30a, St. Patrick’s Church 723 Washington Street.

Parade-Downtown at Noon. Post Parade Party at Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin, 1-7:00p, \$8 per person, children 12 and under are free.

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!!!!

10+ Points

Saniyah Lewis
Drago Martin
Asher Van Beek

25+ Points

Leo Rutenbeck

50+ Points

Joe Schreiner

SHEEPSHEAD FUNDRAISER – St. Sebastian’s Boy Scout Troop 31 is holding a Sheepshead tournament fundraiser. Play begins Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 6:00pm at the St. Sebastian School Cafeteria(5400 W. Washington Blvd). Registration fee includes chili, snacks and beverages. Fee is \$25 with advance RSVP/Registration on or prior to 3/17/2019, or \$35 after 3/17 walk-in. Send RSVP/Registration to peter.daleiden@sbcglobal.net. Bring your family and friends for spirited play to support our Boy Scouts of America local Troop as they prepare for summer camp and their equipment needs.

CHESS CLUB! - Is your child interested in CHESS CLUB? There is a fee of \$40 - \$50 to join, which covers the cost of skilled teachers. For more information, contact Maureen O’Meara-Rowen at mrowen79@gmail.com.

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.

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>

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

>TRIVIA NIGHT is fast approaching! Registration forms can be found in the on-line attachments and in the office.

>CARRY OUT ONLY FISH FRIES throughout the month of MARCH. Please consider helping out! Second grade is hosting Fish Fry 4/5/19. Please contact Lisa (lisaweger@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering.

>MARCH TEACHER LUNCHEON will be hosted by Rebecca Kaiser and the 2nd Grade.

>Friendly reminder PARENT ENGAGEMENT NIGHT with Dr. Aaliyah Baker is 3/19 in the Church Hall.

>HUGE Thank you to all who collected BOX TOPS!!

>The next HOME & SCHOOL MEETING is 3/27 at 5:30 in the teachers' lounge. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC MEMORIAL Junior Crusaders GIRLS BASKETBALL Registration Open

Open to all 4-8th graders. League starts June 10th and ends July 22nd.

Sign up for 6 weeks of league play and 6 practices for only \$185!

Register Today at www.catholicmemorial.net and click on Youth Programs!

CATHOLIC MEMORIAL Junior Crusaders FOOTBALL Registration Now Open!

Students in grades 4-8 are invited to be a part of the WINNING TRADITION at CMH!

Full contact tackle football with emphasis on player skills development and education.

Early bird registration goes until March 31st.

Register Today! Visit www.catholicmemorial.net and click on Youth Programs!

FOOTBALL COMBINE: March 17, 2019 1:00PM to 4:00PM

Current 3rd-7th graders are welcome to attend a FREE Junior Crusader Football Combine at Catholic Memorial.

Participate in football drills, meet new players, work with current CMH Varsity players, sign up for the 2019 season. Parents are encouraged to stay to attend a football safety presentation and overview of the Jr. Crusader Football Program.

Register Today! Go to www.catholicmemorial.net and click on Youth Programs

CATHOLIC MEMORIAL 2019 Summer Camps: Available for students entering grades 1-12.

Summer camps are a great way for kids to get active, build their skill sets and meet new friends!

There are opportunities for every interest from athletics, drama, arts, science and much more!

Register Today at www.catholicmemorial.net and click on **Summer Camps!**