



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian Community,

Whew! Here at school, we are completing our state Forward assessments this week, while continuing learning within our "regular" curriculum, all while managing lots of "spirited energy" prior to an anticipated Easter and spring break! I am guessing you may be juggling a thing or two at home as well, and are ready for a break. I came across a reflection by Fr. James Martin, speaking to realities that may be occurring in our lives at this time and how we may best keep things in perspective, knowing Jesus "understands". It reads:

I'm sure most of us have images of Palm Sunday from movies that we've seen. We imagine Jesus riding on a donkey as the people of Jerusalem wave palm branches and cheer, "Hosanna in the highest!" And, as the Gospels describe it, the events of the first Palm Sunday probably weren't too different from that. A few weeks ago I was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and in Jerusalem you can trace the route that Jesus took, from the Mount of Olives, down into the Kidron Valley and then up to Jerusalem, through a city gate that they can still identify.

But, for me, Palm Sunday is less about the scenes than about the spiritual message. That is, less about exteriors than about the interiors. Specifically, about how life can change so suddenly. One day Jesus is entering the holy city to the crowd's cheers, a few days later he is being condemned by the crowds and nailed to a cross. It's a sobering reminder of quickly our lives can change. It can be shocking when, all of a sudden, you have a change in fortune. You lose your job, get diagnosed with an illness, or suffer a death in your family. But Jesus understands what you're going through, because he has gone through this himself. He understands you not only because he's divine and knows all things but because he is human and experienced all things.

During Holy Week, then, perhaps you could reflect on this essential truth: Jesus understands you. (Martin, S.J, Fr. James (2019, April). This Holy Week, Remember That Jesus Understands You. Retrieved from americamagazine.org.)

Together as we enter into Holy Week - the most significant time in our spiritual lives as Christians - let us keep one another in our prayers, believing and trusting that Jesus truly understands each one of us as our intimate friend. As his friend in return, let us accompany Jesus on his journey ahead, walking with him through his sufferings as closely as we can. How incredibly blessed we are as the recipients of our friend Jesus' freely given gifts of LOVE through sacrifice and salvation.

God bless you, your families, and your prayer intentions this Easter!

Ms. Grams

DRESS DOWN - In celebration of grades 3-8 finishing Forward testing and for our final day before Easter break, tomorrow students may wear typical Friday "Seb's spirit wear" with jeans or other pants (no leggings). Way to go, our spectacular students and teachers!!

SAVE THE DATE OF SATURDAY MAY 4TH FOR THE ANNUAL SCRAP METAL DRIVE!

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](tel:4147021023). We will be on the playground from 8:00 – 2:00.

HIGH INTEREST DAY IS BACK!! (RENAMED-DISCOVERY DAY) - Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 24th, 8:00-12:00 and join us for a day full of fun! We are in need of your help!

Do you have a cool talent? Do you cook? Love science? Have a great idea for DISCOVERY DAY? Want to share your fun ideas with some pretty great kids?!?! Time is running out! Please contact Brad Rochford bprochford@gmail.com and share your interests/availability asap.

We also need volunteers to greet presenters, lead groups to different activities and help kids participate in fun activities led by presenters. Please contact bprochford@gmail.com if able to help in any way! Your help is needed to make this day a success for our kids and much appreciated.

UPCOMING H&S EVENTS:

Fish Fry 4/19- K4 Carry out only

Fish Fry 5/3 – 7th grade Sit down/carry out

Teacher Luncheon -week of 4/15/19-(3rd grade & St. Coletta)

Next H&S meeting-5/1 5:30

Scrap Metal Drive-5/4

Grandparents Day - (FRIDAY) 5/17

Spring Adult Social- 5/11

Beats & Eats - 5/31

Field Day - 6/6

HOME & SCHOOL OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2019-20 - Home & School has two open positions for the 2019-20 school year. Please consider volunteering as the **Treasurer** or the **Fish Fry Volunteer**

Coordinator. Please contact Molly Ambrose at mambrose@saintsebs.org for more information about either position.

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

Camila Pizarro

25+ Points

Sarah Zarwell

50+ Points

Axelle Kabore

Isaac Watkins

CELEBRATE 175 YEARS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE - As we continue our year-long celebration, you are invited to a special event. Join us on Saturday, May 4, to commemorate and celebrate the day Bishop John Martin Henni arrived in Milwaukee in 1844. The celebration will start in Pere Marquette Park at 10:00 am, then process to the Cathedral for an 11:00 am Mass. The celebration will continue until 5:00 pm in Cathedral Square, as we join together in a fun-filled family day of music, food, and games. See the Archdiocesan website for more information and details www.archmil.org

SUMMER HELP FOR YOUR CHILD - Mrs. Janice Hauf, a certified primary teacher with over thirty years of experience, is available for tutoring your child this summer. Mrs. Hauf is a full-time substitute teacher at Saint Sebastian School and other District 12 schools. Please call 339-4369 to leave your name and number. All sessions are held at Saint Sebastian School or The Wauwatosa Public Library. Keeping your child sharp and confident is imperative. I am happy to assist in this one-on-one environment!

ST. SEBASTIAN SPRING SOCIAL: "FIELD TRIP!" MAY 11, 2019, 7-10 PM. - **Only 27 spots left** for this year's Spring Social at AXE MKE. Don't miss out on your chance to throw sharp axes at large targets. At 7pm on Saturday, May 11th, all attendees will meet at the school, enjoy merriment, jump on a Yellow Bus, and head to on the adult field trip to AXE MKE. We will have AXE MKE rented for two hours, six death-defying lanes, from 8-10 pm. We encourage all to wear lumberjack gear: plaids, tartans, and steel toes. Note, covered shoes are a requirement for AXE MKE. The tickets will be \$45 per person, which will provide transportation to the bar (but not back), open bar (beer, wine, rail), light snacks, an axe-throwing lesson, and ninety minutes of axe-throwing. We will end our experience at AXE MKE at 10 pm, at which point attendees will find their way home...or elsewhere. Note well, the space at AXE MKE is limited to the first 48 people, so first come, first serve. Attached please find the RSVP, which, along with a check, will reserve your spot. Please contact Molly Ambrose at mambrose@saintsebs.org with any questions.