



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

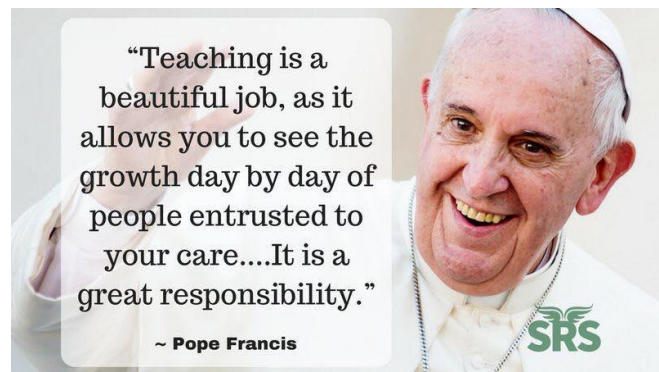
It is often the case on a field trip that a parent who is chaperoning turns to someone on staff as says, "Every parent should have to chaperone a field trip so they see how challenging this job can be!" Of course, our students are angels 99.9% of the time 😊, but the comment (in my opinion) speaks more to the efforts, spirit, creativity, positivity, and energy that is required of the role if one is to be effective in fostering the growth of many children at once on a daily basis.

Though the nation celebrated "Teacher Appreciation Week" last week, our dedicated Home & School found it best to celebrate our staff this week. A special thanks to Home & School for the special touches throughout the week and to our K4 class for providing the treat of a staff lunch today!

Please encourage your child to write a note of appreciation to his or her teachers and/or staff this week to express their gratitude for all they do, both overtly and behind the scenes on a daily basis (including weekends and many a summer days in preparation for the year ahead!). We are truly blessed by the staff we have in how they care for our children, our families, and one another.

Thank you, families, for being our children's first teachers in faith and life, as well as for entrusting your most precious treasure to our staff's care at St. Sebastian Catholic School.

God bless you, your children, and our staff always,
Ms. Grams



NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - The St. Sebastian School Advisory Committee (SAC) is actively seeking four members for the term which begins in August. The SAC is focused on supporting and advancing the mission of the parish school. The SAC is particularly in need of individuals with expertise in Technology (IT), Safety, Human Resources, and Marketing. Interested current or past school parents, community members, alumni, or parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others. Please contact SAC chair Maria Melendes (mmelendes@gmail.com, 414-526-1947) by May 31.

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. **Next year there are 2 Safeguarding sessions scheduled to be held at St. Sebastian Church Hall for your convenience. August 26 and September 18.** 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 to keep our children safe.

SIGN UP FOR ST. SEBASTIAN SUMMER ACADEMY! - St. Sebastian will again host Summer Academy, an academic skills program designed to help your student maintain their academic skills and enjoy new enriching opportunities. Summer Academy runs from 8:00 pm - 12:30 pm and will be in session the weeks of June 17-21, June 24-28, July 8-12, and July 15-19. Choice students must register for all 4 weeks and must attend at least 15 days of Summer Academy to receive Choice funding. Classes are offered for students entering grades K5 through 5th grades. Please complete the attached forms and return them to the School Office by Friday, May 17th to reserve your student's spot!

ADDITIONAL 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!

YAC VOLLEYBALL – Volleyball registration deadline is May 31 for students in grades 5 – 8. All teams will have a 10-player limit and registrations received after the deadline will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Registration and Sport physical forms can be picked up in the school office or printed from the website. <http://saintsebastianonline.net/community-life/sports/youth-athletic-council-2/>
Any questions please contact Diana Kokalis 414-265-6513.

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K THIS SUNDAY - Come cheer on our 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade Girls on the Run Team at their 5K race at Miller Park this Sunday. The race kicks off at 9:00am from the Tailgate Haus. Good luck ladies!!!

CALLING ALL WOMEN! - WOMEN'S DAY OF "RETREAT & REFRESHMENT" – Please consider joining fellow **women in the community on Saturday, June 15th for a Women's Day of "Retreat & Refreshment" at St. Sebastian Parish** from 1:00-3:30pm. School Principal, Ms. Heather Grams, is leading the afternoon of faith talks, personal reflection, and dialogue. All interested women from the school, parish, and community (high school age through 100+) are welcome ☺. Given the endless hats we wear and responsibilities we oversee as women, this day of "Retreat & Refreshment" is a time and space to find refreshment in our faith lives, gathering together as women. To register, please email your name to hgrams@saintsebs.org with "Retreat RSVP" in the subject heading (or) call and leave a message at 414-453-5830, ext. 143. There is a \$10 fee to help cover the costs of refreshment and supplies, which you can bring the day of. Any monies remaining after covering costs will be donated to the Christ Child Society of Milwaukee.

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

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K4 - Kensley Long

Completing the letter "I" in reading:

K4 - Levi Winn

Great job!!

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>

MISSING SOMETHING? - Please visit the Sebs **Lost & Found** to claim missing items: winter gear, sweatshirts, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc. The Lost & Found is located on the lower level (from the school lobby, take the stairs to the lower level; instead of turning left into the cafeteria, turn right and go through the doors leading to the 55th Street exit). Items left unclaimed by the last week of school will be donated.

SEBS TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - It's Sebs Teacher Appreciation Week!!!! Let's show our love and appreciation for all of our amazing teachers and staff! Feel free to share notes and tokens of gratitude for all of those that make our school the success that it is. If you're looking for ideas of tokens of gratitude for your child's amazing teacher, attached is a teacher Wishlist for items for the classrooms and for teachers themselves. Also, during the Book Fair in the library, each teacher has a Wishlist of books for the classroom if you would like to donate a book as a way of showing your appreciation. We have an amazing staff, let's show them how much we appreciate them!

BEATS & EATS - It's back!!! On Friday, May 31st from 5-8pm, Home & School is organizing our end-of-the-year family party, "Beats & Eats," on the school playground. This is an event to bring families together to celebrate another great year with food trucks, music, and games. Bring your family, your Sebs spirit, and cash if planning to eat. Music sponsored by H&S. It's a great night, with great families, eating great food. Hope to see you there. Please see the attached flyer.

GRANDPARENT/VIP DAY - We are excited to welcome our Grandparents and Special Guests this Friday (5/17) from 8:00-10:30am. Students should go directly to their classrooms as usual Friday morning. We ask our grandparents/special visitors to meet their grandchild(ren)/special kiddo(s) in the Church. Sections will be marked in the Church designating grade level seating. All children in a family may sit together with their special guest(s) in the grade level section of their choosing. Once Mass has ended (around 9:15am) the students will lead their special guest(s) to their classrooms. Guests are invited to visit classrooms, check out the book fair, stop for "coffee and a craft" in the cafeteria, and get a cute photo op at our photo station. And, to add to the ambiance, students in our music program will be performing in the cafeteria from 9:45-10:00am.

SPECIAL THANK YOU - Sebs would like to give a shout out to the Walmart store on Greenfield Ave in West Milwaukee. They donated \$250.00 to our playground project as part of their Community Grant program. Thank you Walmart store #5669 for your generous contribution! If you are also interested in donating to the playground project, you can do so by clicking on this link: <http://bit.ly/SebsPayPlay>. No matter the size of a gift, every donation gets us closer to a playground for our children.

HOME & SCHOOL OPEN POSITIONS - H&S is still looking for a Fish Fry Volunteer Coordinator for next year. If you would like more information about the position, please contact the H&S Chair, Molly Ambrose at mambrose@saintsebs.org.