



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Good morning, St. Sebastian School Community!

Today we celebrated a beautiful all-school liturgy together, honoring Mother Mary with our annual May Crowning. A special thanks to our 2nd graders and teachers for a lovely opening procession and petitions, and a Congratulations to those who celebrated the Sacrament of their First Communion the past two weekends!



Secondly, our mass was a special opportunity to highlight, honor, and show our appreciation for those who are and have been wonderful stewards of our parish's School Foundation over the years. Annually, the School Foundation hosts a reception for our soon-to-be graduates of St. Sebastian, to share the work of the Foundation, to personally express their continued commitment to ensuring every student who attends St. Sebastian School is supported through an exceptional well-rounded education, and to encourage them to keep St. Sebastian in mind as they go out into the world, hopefully staying close to us as stewards of their own time, talent, and treasure in the years to come. Our School Foundation has provided roughly \$150,000 of financial support to our parish school this year alone. We are grateful and blessed for the gift of these past, present, and future benefactors, allowing us to live our mission's core values to Engage, Inspire, Grow, Love, and Serve!



Let us strive to keep calm and focused amidst the busyness of these last couple of weeks, while also always focusing on discovering JOY and FUN in the everyday of God's blessings!

Have a great week,

Ms. Grams

DISCOVERY DAY IS THIS FRIDAY! - Get ready for a morning filled with fun, excitement, open minds and new perspectives. Students will enjoy and engage in a variety of sessions and presentations from parents and the community.

Discovery Day is officially declared a DRESS DOWN DAY! You know the rules—no ripped jeans, and no leggings unless bottoms are fully covered. Shirts need sleeves, and all the standard dress code expectations apply. Students should wear gym shoes, as they'll be participating in some active sessions. Remember to bring a cold lunch. Students will eat in their classrooms at noon. Please give the school office a head's up if your child will need a deli sandwich lunch from the hot lunch program.

If you're interested in what your children will be doing Friday morning, a syllabus of all activities planned for all grade levels is attached as part of this newsletter. Sessions will be varied and eclectic and there will be sessions with food. All food allergies have been noted, and none of these sessions will present any allergy risks to any students.

We could still use some adult volunteers, if anyone wants to take part in the activities. Assistance is welcome for setup on Thursday evening (5:30pm - 8pm), and take down on Friday (1pm to 3pm), and especially for the morning events (8am - noon). All volunteers must be Safeguarding certified.

Discovery Day is an optional elective. Therefore, there is a small fee for all families (Choice and non-Choice) of \$10 per child (a maximum of \$30 per family). Please contact the school office if the fee is a hardship for your family. Registration/permission slips and payment are due now. The registration/permission slip is attached here for last minute sign ups. Please return it with payment by end-of-day, Thursday, May 23rd.

Discovery Day is going to be great! If you have questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer, please contact Brad Rochford at bprochford@gmail.com or call/text 414-702-5108.

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!

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.

HUMANE SOCIETY TOWEL AND TOY COLLECTION - We showered the shelter and collected 40 gently used towels for the Wisconsin Humane Society during Be Kind to Animals Week! Thanks to everyone who threw in the towel to help care for the animals and thanks to Student Council who organized this service project.

The Girls on the Run Club made and donated 38 braided fleece tug toys to entertain, occupy, and enrich the lives of the animal guests. The Humane Society was very appreciative of all of our efforts!

WOMEN'S DAY OF RETREAT & REFRESHMENT – Please join women of many generations on Saturday, June 15 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. for “Finding Refreshment: A Women’s Retreat” at St. Sebastian Parish. School principal Heather Grams is leading an afternoon of faith talks, personal reflection and dialogue. All interested women from the school, parish, and greater community (high school age and above) are welcome, where we will first gather in the church. Given our endless responsibilities and the many hats we wear, this time is meant as a pause to recharge and find refreshment in our spiritual and personal lives. 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. The cost is \$10 (payable at the time of the retreat) in order to help cover the costs of refreshments and supplies. Any remaining funds will be donated to the Christ Child Society of Milwaukee.

SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA TICKETS – Thank you to those who participated in the Six Flags Read to Succeed program. The tickets that were earned will be distributed to the students next Tuesday, May 28th. Please note – these tickets cannot be reprinted. If it is lost it cannot be replaced. If a parent would prefer to pick it up at the school office, please let us know and we will hold it for you.

SEBS STORE SALE – Friday, May 24th, will be the last after school Sebs Store day. Everything must go. Prices will be reduced.

2019-2020 DRESS CODE – Due to an issue with a vendor, we will not be changing the dress code for next year. Girls may continue to wear navy bottoms as they have been or they have the option of wearing the plaid skirts and jumpers found online at Lands End. Simply type in St. Sebastian School at their school uniform site. You can purchase other uniform items at any store you like. It does not have to be from Lands End. And remember, you can help yourself to our Uniforms To Share shelves year round.

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

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K4 - Ari Brown

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K4 - Athan Watkins

Great job boys!!

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS! - Thank you for supporting the St. Sebastian library with your generous purchases at the book fair last week. We will have so many new and exciting books for students when they return to school in the fall! Special thanks to the volunteers that ensured the fair ran smoothly: Patty Higgins, Tricia Zielinski, Allison Yager, and Kathy Glancey. Shout-out to 8th grader Danny Conway for his help promoting the book fair after school!

LIBRARY UPDATE: ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BY THIS FRIDAY, MAY 24TH - To ensure all books are returned, inventoried, and re-shelved before summer break, all books are due **this Friday**. There will not be any further book check-outs to students this school year however please be sure to visit local public libraries this summer. Students will bring home summer reading suggestions and Milwaukee Public Library summer reading program information this week. Happy summer reading!

SUMMER ACADEMY – Remember to register for the St. Sebastian School Summer Academy academic program. See the attached registration form.

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!!!!

75+ Points

Joe Schreiner
Isaac Watkins

50+ Points

Lilly Morby

10+ Points

Amiyra Cowley
Macie Grining
Cora Hatten

5+ Points

Jonathan Freyre

ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL GAME – Our annual alumni vs. 8th graders volleyball game will take place on Thursday, May 30th at 1:15. Ms. Zimmermann invites all alumni to play – please join us.

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.

THE YAC (YOUTH ATHLETIC COUNCIL) HAS 2 OPEN POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Treasurer: collect dues and pay all invoices for volleyball and basketball teams, tournaments, snack stand, uniforms, etc. Prepare YAC budget to present to the board at YAC meeting.

Secretary: The main duty of the secretary is taking minutes at YAC meetings and emailing them out to the board after the meeting.

BEATS & EATS - Oscar's and Pedro's food trucks are making their way back to Sebs on Friday, May 31st from 5-8pm. Home & School welcomes all families to 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, Pete's Pops for dessert, 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.

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING CHANGE - The H&S committee meeting scheduled for tonight has been moved to next Wednesday, May 29th at 5:30pm in the teacher's lounge. All are welcome!