



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian Families,

A very blessed week to you all, as we conclude our first quarter, usher in a new one, and enjoy two wonderful days in the life of the Church! Yesterday our community gathered to celebrate All Saints Day; a day marked by honoring the Saints, our "heavenly friends," who accompany us on our faith journeys, ready and joyfully willing to assist, support, and encourage us at a moment's notice. We celebrated one of our 2nd graders' baptisms (Congratulations, Keirah Beatty!), were accompanied by our wonderful children's choir, and had a stream of students dressed as Saints process in to help celebrate! It was a beautiful morning together.

Today then marks the feast of All Souls Day - a day to honor all of our beloved who have passed away. Throughout the month of November, we welcome our children to bring in a photo or draw a picture of anyone who has passed on that they would like for us to remember in our prayers in a special way. Much like the Saints, we know our loved ones also accompany us each and every day, watching over our lives.

Thank you for the many ways you support our students, staff, and one another. Our communications and encouragement are essential in being a strong, faith-filled community where our children thrive. Speaking of communication, please remember to sign up for conferences by this Friday if you have not done so! Also, please be sure to look for information in this newsletter on our Thanksgiving Food Drive and much more. Perhaps we will see you later this week at our 8th graders' Seton volleyball tournament volleyball (go get 'em, Raiders!), Friday's Fish Fry, or the St. Sebastian play, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!"

Enjoy the rest of the week and God bless you,
Ms. Grams

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE - Each year we celebrate Thanksgiving as a time to give thanks for the many blessings we have received. It is also a time to share our gifts with others who are not as fortunate. This year the Saint Sebastian Parish community will participate in the Thanksgiving meal drive at the House of Peace, a Franciscan mission serving the poorest in our community. Our challenge consists of filling boxes with specific nonperishable items to accompany a turkey that is delivered to needy families. The parish goal is filling 35 boxes which are available in the gathering space, with the school committing to filling at least 10 of the boxes. Please bring in all donations no later than Tuesday, November 15th so they can be compiled in time for the House of Peace!

Below is a suggestion of items needed by grade level, please, to fill our boxes:

K4 - boxes of pudding or jell-o

K5 - boxes of cornbread mix

1st - boxes of macaroni & cheese

2nd - (32oz) cans of sweet potatoes or yams

3rd - bag of stuffing

4th - box of mashed potatoes

5th - cans of cranberry sauce

6th - can of gravy (no glass jars, please)

7th - cans of green beans

8th - cans of corn

Staff - boxes of cake mix & cans of frosting

*We can also add in any extra Halloween candy you may wish to donate!

Let's team together so our neighbors have a wonderful holiday meal!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. MROZINSKI: - A special congratulations to our Middle School Science teacher, Mrs. Mrozinski, who was an award nominee, recognized for Excellence in Science Education in the greater Milwaukee area! Mrs. Golomski, Mrs. Shambarger, and Ms. Grams attended a reception at Discovery World with Mrs. Mrozinski on October 13th to celebrate her accomplishment!

COFFEE & CONVO WITH MS GRAMS - We will return to the original "coffee and convo" schedule. Any 4th or 5th grade parent who may have missed, due to scheduling changes, are welcome to join in. Parents to share their experiences at Sebs, as well as discuss topics relevant to their age group. Please consider attending the on the Wednesday(s) pertinent to your child's/children's grades, when we'll gather from 7:40-8:10am (coffee provided!) as scheduled:

11/9 - 3rd grade

11/16 - 2nd grade

11/23 - 1st grade

11/30 - K4/K5

*Please note you are most welcome - and encouraged! - to attend mass with our school community immediately after, at 8:15am, whether you are Catholic or non-Catholic. You are welcome to sit with your child if you join us as an added perk!

CHARLIE BROWN – We hope you are planning to attend a performance of Charlie Brown this weekend! This stage play, presented by our own St. Sebastian students, will take place on Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th at 7:00 PM. Sunday, November 6th at 2:30. Adults \$6, children \$3 in the church hall.

CHARLIE BROWN T-SHIRTS – See Mrs. Lustig in room 1 if you want to buy a play t-shirt for \$10.00. You can dress down if you wear it November 2, 3 and 4th to promote the play.

AUCTION THANK YOU! - St. Sebastian parents are THE BEST! A huge thank you to all the parents who donated money for teacher tickets to the Auction. We had 16 staff members attend! Thank you also to parents who supported the Auction by providing money or donations for the classroom auction baskets.

BUZZ BOOK UPDATE – The new email address for Madison Cotton’s family is: 8508cymcap@gmail.com

NO SCHOOL – There is a half-day of school on Wednesday, November 9. Dismissal is at 11:30. There is no school on Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11. Conferences will take place November 9th and 10th from 1:00 – 8:00.

BOOK FAIR – It is time for the fall book fair, sponsored by Rainbow Book Sellers, located on 57th and Vliet. Stop in the library during conferences for your student’s wish list, teacher gift ideas or Christmas shopping. All proceeds go to the library. Come and see what is new and thank you for your support.

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – There is a need for volunteers to help at the book fair. The open hours are Wednesday and Thursday, November 9th and 10th, from 1:00 – 4:00 and 5:00 – 8:00. If you have an hour or two to share, please contact Patty Higgins at 258-9536 to schedule your time. We offer “on the job training” and all the books you can straighten. Thank you for your support of the library.

WALKING TACOS AND BAKE SALE DURING CONFERENCES- Wednesday Nov. 9th and Thursday Nov. 10th. Support the 8th graders trip to Washington DC by buying Walking Tacos and dessert at Conferences! We will also have a 50/50 Raffle - take a chance at winning some money AND support the 8th graders!

COFFEE SALES- 8th graders are still selling Coffee! Both **Valentine** (\$10 and \$22) and **Colectivo** (\$12) coffee is available for purchase. We also have Colectivo tea and cocoa for sale. Contact your favorite 8th grader to order, or call the office for more information. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased coffee for this great fundraiser. Please see the attached flyers.

COLETTASCOPE – ColettaScope, the St. Coletta Day School art auction, is Saturday, November 12th. Mount Mary University is the place to be for the 19th annual event. Admission is \$25.00. The bidding is fast, the fun is free. For more information and a preview of the art, visit the website at www.colettascope.com or like us on Facebook.

WANTED: 8TH GRADE BOYS – More 8th grade boys are needed to form a basketball team this year. The first practice is this Friday, November 4th. Registration forms are available in the office.

FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY!! - Please join us Friday, November 4 and enjoy all your Fish Fry favorites...fried cod, shrimp chowder, home-made desserts...plus our Specialty Soup of the Month--Creamy Butternut Squash Soup, prepared by our very own Charisse VanSlett! You don't want to miss it, this soup won't be available in December. Dinner is served from 4:30 - 7:30 in the school cafeteria. Don't forget to tell everyone you know about Milwaukee's BEST fish fry!

*****ATTENTION FRY KIDS***** - Fry kids are desperately needed for this Friday's Fish Fry! With the Seton Volleyball championships happening, as well as the play, we are shorthanded.

Currently there are openings in all positions. Please signup if you are available. <https://stseb.datapropeller.com/ParticipantPortal/>

READERS ARE LEADERS - Congratulations to the following students for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "E" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:
K4 - Layla Peterson and Marcos Rivera
Keep up the good work!

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE WOMEN'S LUNCHEON - Reservations are due by Wednesday, November 23. You can register online at www.saintsebastianonline.net or pick up a registration form at the kiosk in the Church Gathering Space. Call Theresa Graff 414-232-6769 with questions or for more information.

LADIES NIGHT OUT - Looking for a fun way to connect to other St. Sebs ladies and raise money for the parish at the same time? Join us on Thursday, December 1 from 6-8 p.m. at UTURN consignment store in Wauwatosa. For \$35, you can enjoy a few glasses of wine, appetizers, shopping – and some fun conversation! Hosted by Rana Altenburg, Marybeth Budisch, Jackie Costa, Laura Mullen, & Sherri Walker. Go to <http://bit.ly/2016SebsAuctionExtra> to reserve your spot.

**CURRENT PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
(contact the office at 453-5830 for information)**

Book Fair Volunteers
Playground Supervision
Lunchroom Supervision

You must have completed SafeGuarding training and consent to a background check to volunteer