



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian Families,

Congratulations last weekend on a fantastic school play and to the Kirkpatricks for again producing another "gem" on our 25th anniversary of performances with "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"! "Well done!," to all of the students in the show and their parents helping make it all happen.

Parents and students, we are excited for our days of conferencing with you today and tomorrow! We have much to be proud of in our collective efforts as school and parent educators, working together in the best interests of our students and in preparing them for the brightest of futures!

Lastly, I would be remiss if not mentioning the great conversational "buzz" around school on the heels of a contentious election. (The highlight of my day yesterday was voting in Mrs. Behling's K5 room, as to whether I wanted "Center time" or outside time on the "Tot Lot" for free choice. Talk about high stakes!). Whether in our nation, our schools, or our homes, if we want peace, we must work for justice. If we want kindness and compassion towards others, our messages and actions must be rooted in love. If we value all life, then we stand up for all life. What I love about St. Sebastian and St. Coletta Schools is that we are united - even stronger - because of our differences. It is our differences, then, that can powerfully unite us as a family in faith when we prioritize that. As we are all God's people, we must keep our eyes fixed on the One who is sovereignly and infinitely "in charge".

Have a wonderful long weekend ahead, and as always, God bless you,
Ms. Grams

BLUE FLAG – To clear up any confusion...please be aware that if a student is not in their desk at 7:55 AM they are considered tardy. ***If the blue flag is displayed in the middle of the playground***, that is a signal that you are now tardy and whoever brought the child to school needs to come into the office with them and sign them in while the student gets their tardy slip.

THANK YOU MS. RICK – Alumna Jackie Hoffmann and her family would like to send their heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Sheri Rick and to all who donated to her fundraiser. Ms. Rick ran in the Milwaukee Running Festival Marathon to raise over \$2,000 for Cure SMA. Ms. Rick powered through and completed the marathon, in spite of her bronchitis!

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.

LOST & FOUND - Missing a lunch box, jacket, or water bottle? Parents, be sure to check the lost & found table in the lobby at conferences. Unclaimed items will be donated.

YAC VOLUNTEER NEEDED - The Youth Athletic Committee is looking for a volunteer to take on the duties of Concession Coordinator, for which the goal would be to transition the role the new volunteer sometime this basketball season. Concessions and admissions for games hosted at St. Sebastian are an important revenue source for the sports programs.

The volunteer duties for the Concession Coordinator are not super intricate, and involve 1-2 hours of commitment per week during the sports seasons (September, October, 1st 3 weeks of December, January and February). The Concession Coordinator more or less purchases the concession stock, keeps their receipts and then submits them to the YAC treasurer for reimbursement every month or so.

Anyone interested in filling this vital role can contact Katie or Derik Summerfield at katieandderik@att.net.

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.

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.

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 Drawing - take a chance at winning some money AND support the 8th graders!

CITY TINS ARE COMING! - Everyone get ready. City Tins are coming to St. Sebastian. This may be the best Christmas gift ever! Details will be coming next week. All proceeds go to St. Sebastian Home and School.

USE SCRIP FOR FALL FIX UPS – If you need to change your furnace filters, caulk your windows, mount plastic over your windows, or any of the things we do here in Wisconsin to keep warm in the winter, please remember to use Scrip. We can order Ace Hardware, Menards and Lowes. (Or plan ahead to purchase Christmas lights!)

NEW SERVER TRAINING SESSIONS - Children from St. Sebastian Parish (both from St. Sebastian School as well as other schools) who are in grades 5-8 are invited to attend one of the following training sessions for serving at mass:

Wednesday, November 16, 2:30-4:00p

Friday, November 18, 3:00-4:30p

Monday, November 21, 3:00-4:30p

Please e-mail Mr. Kamenski at mkamenski@saintsebs.org to register for one of these dates. If none of these dates is possible, please still respond by e-mail, indicating that you would need another option for training. Both boys and girls are welcome. This is only for new servers, not for servers who are already trained.

HOLLY BERRY GOLD - Excitement is building for our 50th annual Christmas Boutique. There is something for everyone to enjoy on December 3-4. On Saturday, do your holiday shopping from 9 a.m - noon. Ladies, make your reservations for Saturday's noon luncheon by November 23. Gentlemen, call Annalisa Ragatz at 778-0260 to be part of the famous Hello Dolly Waiters. On Sunday, December 4, everyone can participate in the St. Nicholas Celebration. Treat your family to a delicious breakfast served in the church hall. There will be special activities for children including Secret Santa shopping. Donated baked goods for the Boutique (can be dropped off December 1 & 2) are welcomed and appreciated. Next Boutique planning meeting will be held in the Church multi-purpose room on Thursday, November 10 at 7 p.m. Call JoAnn at 405-5303 or Sue at 331-3358 for more information.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - Junior high students wishing to earn service hours are invited to help with Boutique clean-up from noon-2 p.m. on Sunday, December 4th. A parent coordinator for this activity would be ideal. Call JoAnn at 405-5303 or Sue at 331-3358 for more information.

DSHA GIRLS NIGHT FOR 5TH – 7TH GRADERS – Divine Savior Holy Angels High School is offering a fun evening for current 5th – 7th grade girls – Tacos & Trivia Night on November 18th. To register, call 414-466-3707.

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

Concession Stand Coordinator

Playground Supervision

Lunchroom Supervision

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