



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Good afternoon St. Sebastian Families,

We are working collectively on the importance of goal-setting with our students and as a staff, believing that "A goal without a plan is just a wish." As a staff, we set goals for ourselves spiritually, professionally, and on a personal level, striving for growth in our new school year. Teachers are also working with students to do the same in one or more of those areas within the classroom context, so our children understand the importance of setting a vision for a goal they would like to achieve, creating a plan of how they might get there (adjusting the process perhaps along the way), and finally allowing them to experience a sense of pride and accomplishment when reaching their target.

I would encourage you to spend time talking with your children at home to set goals as individuals and as a family in one or more of these same areas. How do your family members want to grow spiritually?...intellectually?...in regard to personal habits? This is a wonderful discussion to have as you share a meal, take some time before tucking kiddos in bed, when unplugging from electronics for a bit some evening, or even when driving in the car if that is what works for your family. It is always good for us to pause and reflect on where we have been, get a pulse on where we currently are, and set a vision for where we hope to grow in life, using every moment God gives us to develop into our best selves.

Let us take time for those and that which matters most in life, then, as we grow in community as disciples of faith, hope, and love. The more we support and encourage one another's individual efforts, the more we collectively honor and glorify God as a community. Let us pray for one another today and always!

God bless you,
Ms. Grams

PLEASE HELP! - RECESS & CAFETERIA SUPERVISORS – We are in great need of additional supervisors as support in the cafeteria and playground! If you can help on a consistent day of the week, please let Mrs. Golomski know. If you can give (2) hours (11:00am-1:00pm) one day a week on a consistent basis for the semester, it would be a great help AND allow our teachers to have a much needed full break on the day they are otherwise assigned. Please consider helping as you can!

BUZZ BOOKS— The new Buzz Books were available to pick up at the September 14th All Parent Meeting. On September 15th we sent a Buzz Book home to any family that did not pick one up at the meeting. We apologize if you were somehow missed. Please let us know if you do not have one. Extras are available for \$2.00.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT LOGIN - St. Sebastian School uses PowerSchool as its information sharing system for parents to access student grades, attendance and hot lunch balances. To get to the PowerSchool Login page: Start at the school webpage <http://school.saintsebastianonline.net/> then click the tab for Current Families, then click the PowerSchool logo.

Returning families: Your PowerSchool login information should remain the same. Please log in with your username and password from last year. If you misplaced them, there is a link at the login page to reset your user or password.

New families: Next week Wednesday, September 28, mail carriers from new families are bringing home a letter with complete details on how to log in to PowerSchool. Parents need access to the internet and have a valid e-mail address. Then you will follow the directions to create a PowerSchool account.

BUZZ BOOK UPDATE – Please add the Brown family to your Buzz Book:

BROWN

Grant, Nakita	Jaloni	201	5
2903 N. 44 th Street	Janyla	204	4
Milwaukee 53210			
(414) 553-3437			
grant906@gmail.com			

ATTENTION ALL VOLLEYBALL FAMILIES - The snack stand schedule was REVISED and is attached to the newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience with the revision. Please remember that all families of St. Sebastian athletes are required to participate and that if you are unable to work on your assigned date, you must find your own replacement. Please check the entire schedule (as some families are scheduled for more than one date) and that your contact information is correctly listed. A copy of the REVISED schedule is also posted outside of the snack stand. Any questions, please contact Jenny Lichucki at jlichucki1@att.net or Kelly Cochrane at kcochrane@wi.rr.com. Thank you again for your service!

COACHES NEEDED – The Youth Athletic Committee (YAC) is in need of basketball coaches for 5th grade boys this coming season. If you are interested, please contact Michael Lehmann for details at 414-745-9987 or email mlehmann2@wi.rr.com

SPIRIT WEAR PICK-UP - is this Friday, September 23. If you ordered items, they will be in the lobby from 2:45-3:15 unless other arrangements have been made. Thank you for showing your school spirit and for supporting Home & School programs and events. Contact Rebecca Desch deschjr@me.com with questions, please.

BASKETBALL SIGN UP - If you are a St. Sebastian parish member or day student in grades 5-8 and you would like to play basketball this year registration deadline is October 7th. Registration forms received after deadline will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. All teams have a 10-player limit after the deadline. Forms are available in the school office or on line.

Additionally, there will be a mandatory 5th grade or first time player meeting for all parents of students participating in basketball October 20th @ 7:30pm in the school cafeteria. Please print out a copy of the YAC policies, which you can find online:

<http://www.saintsebastianonline.net/school/current-families/athletics/>

Contact Michael Lehmann at 414-745-9987 or email mlehmann2@wi.rr.com if you have any questions.

COMING SOON...ST. SEBASTIAN FISH FRY! - Our first fish fry of the 2016-2017 school year is less than 3 weeks away on October 7!!! Consider how you can help "your neighborhood fish fry!"

- Make note of your grade's assigned fish fry...you won't want to miss the opportunity to work alongside parish and school families!
- Regular volunteers are always appreciated! (A regular volunteer helps at most fish fries (you choose which ones!), not just the fish fries assigned to their grade.) We especially need regular volunteers for clean-up.
 - Thursday prep (sit down dates only) - 6PM - 8:30PM
 - Friday afternoon set-up - 1:30PM - 4:30PM
 - Friday dinner - 4:00PM - 7:30PM (childcare provided for our volunteers!)
 - Friday clean-up - 7:30PM - 10:00PM
- Home-baked dessert donations are a big hit for our customers! We need a minimum of 14 families to donate 2 dozen treats to each sit-down fish fry.
- The shrimp chowder has a loyal following, but some customers love trying our specialty soup of the month. We need one family to make and donate 3 - 4 gallons of soup for each sit-down fish fry.

Please see the attached flyer with the 2016-2017 dates and ways you can help. Need more information or can't wait to volunteer? Please contact Rob & Lena Stephenson at roblena@sbclgobal.net.

SCRIP – Scrip gift cards are available by order form or by cash and carry. Remember, you can use the proceeds of your Scrip purchases to reduce your school program fee next year, as well as helping St. Sebastian make a little profit. Call the school office for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION ON RACISM AND THE CHURCH – Join us in studying Jim Wallis' book, *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to New America*. This book, written by a white evangelical minister who has been at the forefront of Civil Rights advocacy since the 1960's, will be a jumping-off point for our discussion issues of race, religion and our community. See the attached flyer for details.

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

YAC Basketball Coach
Playground Supervision
Lunchroom Supervision
Magazine Sale

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

WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY! - Milwaukee Public Library welcomes back library patrons of all ages who may have been blocked from using the library due to fines and fees associated with having long overdue materials. Adults and children are encouraged to visit their local branch of Milwaukee Public Library between **Monday, September 26 and Sunday, October 9, 2016** when Library staff will help patrons get reconnected to the wealth of resources that the library has to offer. Any cardholder with MPL fines or materials charges may come in and ask for fine forgiveness for themselves or for their children, even without materials. Library staff will work with patrons to re-activate library accounts, in addition to waiving fines and fees. *Items placed in book drops and fines on suburban Milwaukee materials are not eligible for this program.*

Patrons interested in participating in the program must visit a [Milwaukee Public Library location](#) in person and speak to a staff member. Children under the age of 15 are eligible, but will need a parent or guardian to sign their library card application. Families are encouraged to visit together, as only those present will be eligible for forgiveness. Learn more about the library's [Fine Forgiveness Program](#) on the website.

Extra Mileage Club activities. Wednesday, Oct. 5th is National Walk to School Day! Mileage Club students who walk or ride their bike to school any day that week will earn 5 punches on their card. Also, the Souls for Education walk is coming up . . . Mileage Club students who participate will earn 10 punches on their card. Please use the participation slip below (or write the same information on a scrap piece of paper). Slips with the below information should go to Leah Sealey via the school office or classroom backpack mail. Mileage Club is open to any student in 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade. Contact Leah Sealey at leahsealey@hotmail.com or 414-774-0836 with any questions.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Participated in (check one or both that apply):

___ National Walk to School Day (any one day between Oct. 3-7)
for 5 punches on their card and/or

___ Souls for Education Walk (Oct. 15) for 10 punches on their card.

Parent signature _____

Return via office or backpack mail to: Leah Sealey
