



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian Families,

Happy Fall! How quickly the weather has changed and gone are the hot summer days... we'll take it! It is hard to believe we are already one month in to the school year. As I make my way through the hallways and visit classrooms throughout the week, it is inspiring to see all that is going on in every facet of the school life. In order to promote, encourage, and support our students' spiritual, intellectual, and personal growth, we continually reference and reiterate the importance of ensuring all school community members experience a Christ-centered environment at St. Sebastian School with high standards for oneself and one another, where all feel safe, valued and respected, and able to thrive within the learning environment.

As we approach the beginning of October – *Respect Life Month* – in the Church, I am reminded of Genesis 4:9, when Cain asks the Lord, “*Am I my brother’s keeper?*” after being confronted on his brother whereabouts. As members of this great community, we must be mindful of the reality that in our relationships and interactions with one another, there are times we are our best selves, times we face conflict, times of individual struggle, opportunities to grow, opportunities to reconcile, and everything in between, much like within a family. As a faith community here at St. Sebastian, we are “*church*” for one another; the place where together we experience and share our joys and sufferings as companions along the journey. Throughout October, we will pray for the protection and respect of all life - each gifts from God – “*from womb to tomb*”. As each of us are made in His image and likeness, let us pray for one another, as well as all of the lives entrusted to our care.

God bless you and your family,

Ms. Grams

COFFEE & CONVO - Beginning on Wednesday, October 5th, and the subsequent Wednesdays throughout October and November, Ms. Grams will be hosting “*Coffee & Convo*” as a chance to get to meet with parents from each grade level for coffee and conversation, while hearing of your experiences at St. Sebastian, your hopes for your child, and to discuss age-relevant information. Please see the attached calendar for those dates, beginning with 8th grade parents on 10/5. Times will run from 7:40-8:10am, beginning at the Front Office. Please consider joining us after for our all-school mass at 8:15am!

ROSIE READER - Congratulations to the following student for their progress on the Rosie Reader program: Completing the letter "R" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K4 - Jonathan Sawyer
Keep up the good work!

MAGAZINE SALE - This is the final week for the magazine sale. Thank you now and in advance of your support of the magazine sale. We realize that this is one of many activities and fundraisers that kicks off the school year. As of 9/26/16, we have raised an online profit of \$3265 from 342 items and 70 students. The sale runs through 9/30 and prizes and options are listed on the attachments. There was a mistake on the handout in the packet for the school code. **The correct code is 2535623.** Any questions, problems email Colleen Poggenburg cfitz@mcw.edu. This is preferred over phone calls.

NEW FAMILY POWER SCHOOL - We are still working on setting up Power School access for new families. We hope to have it ready soon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR STARTS FRIDAY, OCT. 7 - All 6th - 8th graders are invited to join the MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR. Rehearsals are 2:05 - 2:50 on Fridays in the music room. No auditions. Sign up outside of the music room by Wednesday, October 5th.

FRY KID SIGNUP IS LIVE WEDNESDAY - Children wishing to be **FRY KIDS** for the October 7th Fish Fry can begin signing up Wednesday, September 28th. Positions open will include: Servers (grades 6-8), Bussers and Setters (grades 4-8), Hallway Monitors (grades 7-8), and Childcare Assistant (grades 6-8). There are 23 open slots available - so make sure to sign up early!

The signup will be ready for Adults wishing to volunteer for the monthly openings as well! Thank you in advance 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

CORRECTION: 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 now 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://saintsebastianonline.net/community-life/sports/youth-athletic-council-2/> (corrected website)

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GUEST CONDUCTOR - St. Sebastian Liturgy and Music Director, Mike Kamenski, will be conducting the Florida Symphony Orchestra in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 14th. As music director for Daryl Stuermer, who was the lead-guitar player for the band GENESIS, Kamenski oversees all orchestrations and conducts the orchestras to accompany Daryl and his own band.

BOUTIQUE PLANNING MEETING - Plans are coming along for the 50th celebration of the holiday boutique. Join us on October 6 at 7 p.m. in the Adult Formation Room to offer your ideas and suggestions. Anyone willing to share pictures or other Boutique memorabilia should contact Sue Olson 414-331-3358 or email: susan-olson@att.com. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to participate in any way, please call JoAnn Stasiewicz 414-405-5303 or Sue.

We are in need of a supervisor for our clean-up crew. We have youth volunteers for Saturday afternoon and Sunday at noon, December 3rd and 4th to help with clean-up. An adult supervisor for our team would be greatly appreciated. This is approximately a 2-hour commitment on each day. We need someone for Saturday afternoon from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from noon-2 p.m. You can volunteer for one or both days. Please call Sue or JoAnn for more information.

USED SHOE DRIVE - Our shoe drive is almost done! If you haven't yet, please drop off your old, worn out or will-never-wear-again shoes either at the south end of the Gathering Space in Church or in the barrel in the School Lobby. Just remember to tie the shoe laces together if possible, bring only matching pairs, and no high heels. Shoes will be accepted through this Friday, September 30th - after that you can drop them off directly at the nearest City of Milwaukee shoe recycling site, the MPS Central Services Building at 5225 W Vliet St.

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

YAC Basketball Coach

Playground Supervision

Lunchroom Supervision

Magazine Sale

Supervise clean-up at Boutique

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