

St. Sebastian's 2010 Christmas Program Cover Contest

Theme: "Night of Wonder"

Guidelines:

1. Entries will be accepted from all St. Sebastian students.
 2. Original artwork must be hand drawn or made through the use of programs such as *Paint*. DO NOT Google images. NO copyrighted art or pictures may be used!
 3. The words "Night of Wonder" and "St. Sebastian's 2010 Christmas Concert" should be placed somewhere on your cover.
 4. Entries will be judged on the basis of originality, composition and interpretation of the theme. Parents, friends, teachers or others must not assist the artist.
 5. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR ARTWORK. Artist's name and grade will be kept confidential until the judging has been completed.
 6. A completed and *signed* entry form must be turned in with all entries.
 7. Entries are due in the office by Thursday, November 18th at 3:00 p.m.
 8. Decisions of the judges are final.
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How to Start:

1. Fold a piece of white printer paper in half. It should now be 5.5" by 8.5". Use this to create your cover.
2. Keep your art simple and bold.
3. Use black and white contrasting images only.

St. Sebastian Christmas Program Cover Contest Entry Form # _____

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Signature: _____

Entry Check-off Sheet:

- Full size Copy of your Artwork. 5.5"x 8.5" along with this Entry Form.
- Name only on Entry Form. Not on Artwork.
- NO copyrighted art or pictures may be used!
- Turn in by Thursday, November 18th, 2010.
- Good Luck!

2010-2011 St. Sebastian School Student Council

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Veteran's Day approaches, the Middle School will be talking about Veterans and respect and responsibility as parts of our school covenant. The students will be bringing home cut-out stars to be used on our wall of veterans. If you have family members or friends who are currently serving in the service or are veterans, please feel free to add their name or names on the star. Also feel free to put a picture on the star to add a face to a name. You may also add veterans who have died as memorials to their service.

We are looking for speakers to help share their stories to the students and to stress the importance of respect and responsibility as positive virtues. If you know of a veteran or a service man or woman who would be willing to spend some time with a class please contact Ms. Jaki Twiford at the school (see contact information at the bottom).

The dates and times are as followed:

Tuesday November 9th from 11:45 to 1:15 (two 45 min classes)

Tuesday November 9th from 1:15 to 2:24 (two 45 min classes)

Wednesday November 10th from 9:30 to 11am (two 45 min classes)

Contact information:

Jaki Twiford

twifordj@archmil.org

414-453-5830 and please leave a message

"On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free."

Dan Lipinski

THE ARTS THROUGH THE "AGES"

St. Sebastian School is looking for all of the talented alumni and parents of current and former students from St. Sebastian interested in donating any works of art that you have created for a Silent Auction at our Gallery Night on Saturday April 9th, 2011.

Anyone interested in participating or looking for more information on this event, please feel free to contact

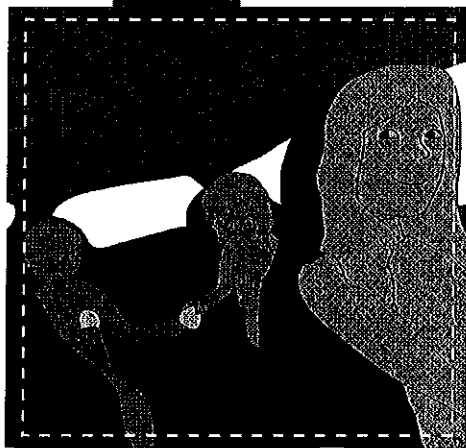
Patty Walsh at: 414-258-9124

Or email: walsh_8100@yahoo.com

We welcome all to join in this evening showcasing all of the wonderful talent in art and music from kindergarten on up including parents and alumni.

4 Ways to Teach Your Kids to Give

While Building Their Self-Esteem



Thanksgiving is an opportunity to give back to our community and to build a foundation for our children to participate.

As parents, we have an opportunity to instill the importance of giving with our kids through a seasonal Market Day program.

Even small contributions can make a difference. It's literally as easy as pie. Giving to charity not only helps the people in need, but also helps our own children. It raises their self-esteem, opens their minds to the greater world and helps them build an appreciation for their own lives.

See our video, and follow St. Sebastian School on Facebook.
<http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=458635638937>



OF SAINT SEBASTIAN

Hey kids, here are 4 easy ways you can spread the meaning of Thanksgiving:

- 1** Send a card to a friend telling them why you're thankful for them.
- 2** Gather a bag of clothes that you've outgrown to give to a charity
- 3** Volunteer as a family. Ask your Mom or Dad for ideas on where to volunteer, then choose which one you'll enjoy doing.

4 Ask your Mom, Dad or neighbor if you can do a special chore to raise \$10. (i.e., rake leaves, wash the car, help clean out the garage)

Then, ask your parent to donate this money to buy a Market Day pie that will feed 12 less fortunate people this Thanksgiving.

Dear Mom and Dad,
to support your child's effort, simply fill out the form below and return it to the school office with a check made out to Market Day by November 11.

Nancy Wright, our Market Day Rep, will deliver the pies to local shelters to be enjoyed this Thanksgiving. (Also, Market Day will give 30% of this month's pie profits back to St. Sebastian!)

I would like to donate:

\$10
(1 pie)

\$20
(2 pies)

\$30
(3 pies)

Other

Please return this donation slip with a check made out to Market Day to the school office by November 11.

Thank you for your donation.

Christian Women of St. Sebastian – 44th Annual Christmas Boutique

Christmas in the Heights

December 4th and 5th, 2010, 9am – 12pm

For 44 years, the CWSS Boutique has been a favorite tradition for the holiday season. Over 300 women fill the church hall with friends and laughter, music and holiday treasures. Families make it a holiday must, and friends come together to celebrate their journey. **For women new to the parish**, the Annual Boutique Luncheon is like a party for your best friends. All are welcome to join us.

Forever Art Thou Crafts - If you think Santa's workshop is busy over the summer, you should experience the CWSS Craft Circle. Each year they've delighted us with finely crafted items and this year will not disappoint! Connie Holzinger (873-1343)

Personalized Ornaments - Tracy Wayson is up to her magic again. Come see what delight she has in store this year!

Really Knit Stuff - Who doesn't love the beautiful gloves, scarves and hats created with love by hand. These fabulous creations will be back – what a warm gift idea!

Sweet Shoppe Bakery - MMMMMMM! Each year delightful, delectable, delicious delicacies are offered to all! And each year we look for dedicated delicacy donors. If you love to bake, give Julie Brady a call (453-9417) or drop off your donations Thursday or Friday, Dec 4th or 5th in the Church Hall.

Second Hand Rose - Donations of past treasures and décor are here for your discovery. Donations can be dropped off at the parish house through Dec 1st.

Boutique Luncheon

December 4, 12:00pm – 3:00pm – \$20, individuals, \$16 seniors, students – reserve by November 21

Miracle Mile Raffle – We are looking for high quality, high-end items to raffle at the Saturday Boutique Luncheon. Give Julie Daleiden (530-6157) a whistle with your treasures and ideas.

Decorations – Making the event memorable starts with unforgettable ambiance. Join us the week prior in the Church Hall. Call Theresa Graff (771-5866) for more information.

Hello Dolly Waiters – Gentlemen! Lend us a couple hours of service. Our luncheon has been delightfully graced by the service of our handsome waiters and this year we are asking for the line-up to come forward. If you would like to volunteer, call Joy Kitzerow, (459-5995).

Sunday, December 5 *Family Breakfast and Boutique Bazaar* **9am-12pm**

Breakfast and activities for the kids. Immediately following 8:00 and 10:30 Masses in the Church Hall

Kids Only Santa's Workshop

St. Sebastian Craft Circle

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44th Women of St. Sebastian Holiday Boutique

Christmas in the Heights

Saturday, December 4, 2010



Luncheon Cost: \$20 / Senior or Student: \$16
Boutique opens at 9:00 am / Luncheon at 12 Noon

Luncheon Reservation Deadline: Sunday, November 21

Person Submitting Form _____ Phone _____

Table Hostess (Name) _____ Phone _____

Table Decorator (Name) _____ Phone _____

Tables are 8' long, rectangular - decorate between 9 am and 9 pm Friday, December 3rd.

If you cannot decorate your own table please write HELP in the space above.

If you are willing to decorate another table, put a * after your name

	Name of Guest (Include Yourself) (Please Print)	Amount Paid:	Bakery Donation: (Yes/No)
1			
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9			
10			

Make checks payable to **CWSS**.

Drop off or mail to: CWSS Boutique, St. Sebastian Parish, 5400 W. Washington Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53208

- Reservation questions: Eunice Frieseke (771-0223)

Breakfast & Boutique Sunday, December 5

9 am – 12:30 pm Adults \$4.50 / Seniors and Kids 4-10 \$3.50 / Kids 3 and under – Free

Family Name _____ Number of Guests _____

Parent Partnership Handbook

A Parent Guide for Middle-School Years

The Thinking 'Tween

DR. PATRICIA M. MCCORMACK, IHM

The intellectual or cognitive development of 'tween-stagers is the subject of this newsletter. Intellectual growth is measured by reasoning ability. No amount of urging, drilling, rote memory, or demanding can force intelligence. But an enriched environment—one that stimulates, encourages, is non-threatening, and provides opportunity for new experiences—primes the pump of readiness and interest.

Jean Piaget (1896-1980) explained how the thinking self evolves through four stages. Each stage requires the ability to reason through and understand relationships at increased levels of complexity.

- Stage one, (birth-age 2) is a **sensory-motor stage** where children learn through what they can see, touch, hear, smell and taste. Memory develops.
- During stage two (ages 2-7), the **pre-operational stage**, children identify objects, but that process requires no logical thought. They separate items by color, size, or shape. They think in terms of "black and white," and judge by a single clue—usually spatial. They require concrete, specific, and simple directions.
- Stage three, **concrete operational thought**, spans ages 7-13. Around ages 7-8 thought becomes more logical, reversible, flexible, and complex. Children become able to manipulate categories, classify systems, group objects by a hierarchical value and make logical inferences. Pre-'twens, ages 8-10, need concrete experiences to solve problems.


Transitional Time in 'Tween Thought

Students enter middle school as stage-three thinkers and during grades 6, 7, and 8 they transition from stage three to stage four, **formal operational thinking**. They expand from logical thinking to abstract thinking. There is a gradual shift from *inductive thinking* (reasoning from specific to general) to *deductive thinking* (reasoning from general to specific). They begin to question and dispute, debate, and argue. They develop *lattice-group* structure, i.e., the ability to network ideas and recognize connective links. They form hypotheses and test them in a mature, scientific manner. They can think through new problems, moving forward and backward, taking into account as many or as few qualities as seem relevant. They

are able to understand and use complex language forms, i.e., metaphor, proverb, sarcasm, and satire. Observation, comparison, and comprehension of others becomes important to 'twens.

Proactive Parent Practices

- Provide practice in summarizing.
- Give practice in value clarification: (1) choosing from alternatives with awareness of pros and cons, weighing consequences, and brainstorming alternative solutions; (2) prizing, being proud of the choice, owning the decision; and (3) acting with consistency in the matter under discussion.
- Engage in deductive reasoning, i.e., solving puzzles and mysteries, and predicting endings to stories.
- Use examples to support ideas. Require children to support opinions with examples.
- Establish a democratic climate in the home where children have input into rules and decisions.
- Give ample opportunity for children to explain their thought or reasoning. Caution: An explanation is not an excuse!
- Support *nesting* and *lattice* development through (1) outlining skills, (2) word-mapping, a strategy of connecting main ideas and subdivisions by making a graphic design, and (3) value clarification scenarios.
- Work with properties of space (length, weight, volume), time, and speed.
- Engage children in exercises that involve the critical-thinking skills of application, analysis (separate a general idea into individual parts), and synthesis (combine individual parts/ideas to create a new whole).
- Because 'twens are aware of social reciprocity and equality, they develop concepts of fairness and justice. Engage them, therefore, in discussing issues of social justice and in outreach to the less advantaged. ▲



Dr. Pat McCormack is an international consultant and public speaker on issues of whole-person formation. Contact her at the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers, DrPatMcCormack@aol.com.

PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL

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135 N. 76 ST. MILWAUKEE, WI 53213

The Class of 2014 invites you to discover why they chose Pius XI High School!

Important Dates!

1st Semester Shadowing Period

Registration required—see website for dates
September 21–December 14

Placement Testing

Registration required—see website for details
November 5, 8:30 AM–1:00 PM
November 6, 8:30 AM–1:00 PM

Traditional Admission Deadline

December 10

Scholarship Competitions

Registration required—see website for details
January 8, 15, 19, 22, 29

Financial Aid Deadline

February 15

2nd Semester Shadowing Period

Registration required—see website for dates
January 21–May 17

Course Selection

January 26

2015 Class Kickoff Event

May 5

Why choose Pius XI High School?

We invite you to see first-hand the *possibilities* we offer, the *preparation* we provide for college and the sense of *purpose* rooted in our Catholic values that drives our mission to our students and their families.

Through shadow experiences, Open House, personalized tours and coffees with our principal, Dr. Melinda Skrade, we provide both students and families many opportunities to learn more about our exceptional community.



Please visit us online at www.piusxi.org to learn more.

Pius XI administers the STS Placement Test for incoming freshmen.

This test is required for admission consideration to Pius XI.

Registration is required; there is no fee to take this test.

To register your student, please contact the Admissions Office at 414-290-0212 or bkurudza@piusxi.org.

**PLACEMENT
TESTING**

Friday, Nov 5, 2010

8:30 AM–1:00 PM

Saturday, Nov 6, 2010

8:30 AM–1:00 PM

Missed Open House?

There's still time to shadow a student!

8th grade students are invited to spend a typical school day in the life of a freshman at Pius XI. Attend classes, have lunch and experience first-hand what makes our high school so special. Shadows are paired with current students who have similar interests.

**SHADOW
DAYS**

For questions, please contact Nathan Sheets, Admissions and Enrollment Manager, at 414-290-8175 or nsheets@piusxi.org.

Possibilities. Preparation. Purpose.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

October 31ST - 9:00am to 1:00pm

St. Sebastian Church Hall (lower level)
5400 W. Washington Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53208
handicap/elevator access available on 54th Street

Please join the Human Concerns Committee on October 31st for *Social Justice Sunday*. Representatives from over 20 Milwaukee area agencies will be on hand to inform us of the services they provide to people in our community. Topics will also be presented in breakout sessions between masses (schedule on back). Come, learn what they do and see how you can help create a more just world.

Light refreshments will be served.

Non-perishable food donations for Reformation Lutheran Church Food Pantry and medical equipment (canes, walkers, crutches and wheelchairs) for Haiti through Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach & Order of Malta will be accepted at the door.

Call Frances Fontanazza at **933-2472** with any questions.

Adult Learning Center
Archdiocese of Milwaukee – Social Justice Ministry
Benedict Center
Bread for the World
Cathedral Center
Community Supported Agriculture – Scotch Hill Farm
Daystar
Dominican Center for Women
Four Corners of the World
Greater Tosa Interfaith for the Elderly
House of Peace
Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee
Marquette University – Center for Peacemaking
Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope

Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
Pathfinders
Peace Action Wisconsin
Reformation Lutheran Church Food Pantry
Repairers of the Breach
Rising Stars Volunteer Tutoring Program
S.E.T. Ministry, Inc.
SVDP Meal Ministry
SVDP – St. Sebastian Conference
St. Catherine Residence for Women
Sojourner Family Peace Center
Teosinte – El Salvador Committee

Guest Speaker Profiles and Speaking Times

(Two options per session - speakers will be set up in opposite corners of the church hall.)

Session I (9:15 to 9:45am)

G. Simon Harak, S. J. will be speaking on peacemaking circles as an alternative to violence for conflict resolution as well as restorative justice. Fr. Harak is currently the director of the Center for Peacemaking at Marquette University. From 2003 to January 2007, Fr. Harak served as the Anti-Militarism Coordinator of the National Office of the War Resisters League. He also helped found Voices in the Wilderness working for peace in Iraq. This organization was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001 and 2003. He earned his Master of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Ethics from the University of Notre Dame.

Donna Rongholt-Migan, MSW, ISCW will offer insights into the many reasons for homelessness as well as a glimpse of lives touched by the services of the Cathedral Center – a shelter for women and families. Donna will also offer practical suggestions of what you can do to positively impact the lives of those who live without a home of their own. Since June of 2003, Donna has led the Cathedral Center, Inc. as its first permanent Executive Director and has helped the agency grow from one staff person in 2003 to 9 full-time and 16 part-time employees currently. Thousands of volunteers annually help change the lives of women and children who come through the center's doors. Donna has a master in social welfare with an emphasis on clinical applications and substance abuse.

Session II (10:00 to 10:30am)

Debra Schneider - *"Living the Gospel in these Turbulent Times -- Seeing the World thru God's Eyes."* Deb is a social advocate and educator with experience in business management and consulting. She serves on the Leadership Council and Education Committee of Catholics for Peace and Justice, works with the SE WI Common Ground jobs initiative, ACTS (Allied Churches Teaching Self-Empowerment), and with youth education and immersion experiences. She holds a BBA from UW Whitewater and a masters in theology from Marquette University.

Tony Ends of Scotch Hill Farm will speak on the urban-rural connection and its importance to preserving family farms and sustainable communities. He'll also discuss the concept and practice of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Tony runs a certified organic vegetable farm and CSA with his wife, Dela, and son Joel. He worked for five years at the Michael Field's Agricultural Institute in East Troy and for six years he was the executive director for the Churches Center for Land and People working with faith communities to promote justice for small farmers in the tri-state region of WI, IL and IA. *He will be selling produce and farmstead soaps from his farm during St. Sebs Social Justice Sunday event.*

Session III (11:30 to 12noon)

Rob Shelledy - With Election Day just around the corner Rob will speak on living our faith through the tenants of Catholic Social Teaching with an emphasis on Faithful Citizenship – the call to political responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States. Rob will be ready for your questions and concerns. Rob is a St. Sebastians parishioner and the director of Social Justice Ministry for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Mike Howden will discuss the importance of fair trade practices. Mike is a retired social worker and has been involved in justice advocacy for many years. He is the president of the Board of Southeastern Wisconsin Initiative for Fair Trade which operates the Four Corners of the World Fair Trade Store. He is well versed on local and national anti-sweatshop, sustainability and Fair Trade activities. *Four Corners of the World will be selling fair trade items during St. Sebs Social Justice Sunday event.*