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Character Education Quote of the Week:

**"The most beautiful things in the universe are the starry heavens above us
and the feeling of duty within us" – An Indian proverb**

NO SCHOOL – No school on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. School will resume on Monday, November 28. Enjoy your holiday break!

7TH GRADE – Congratulations to the 7th grade program called "Team Covenant". They are one of this year's recipients of the Lead2Change grant. Team Covenant is a youth-run program in middle school that teaches primary classes about our school's covenant and social skills. The 7th grade students create lesson plans and then teach 15 – 20 minute lessons in the justice project. It was so successful that we decided to continue it. Lead2Change is an organization that contributes to youth-run programs in the Milwaukee area. With the grant, Team Covenant will be purchasing tee-shirts to be used as uniforms and small reminder gifts for the primary students (pencils, stickers and supplies). Thank you to Kate Barrett, Erin Walsh and Emily Ogorek who assisted in writing the grant. A special thank you goes to Emily, who was our program representative for the grant interview.

CONE PATROL – Room 210 is on cone patrol duty next week for the after-Thanksgiving week - 11/28 – Don't forget!

CONTEST WINNERS – Congratulations to Vincent Lichucki, Gabriel Hayden, Sophia Altenburg nad Madeline Daleiden. These students have won the Middle School Veteran's Day contest. Great job to all those who entered into the essay or poster contest.

ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENS – IT IS FORENSIC TIME – The FORENSIC SEASON is fast approaching. There will be an informational meeting for all middle school students and their parents on Wednesday, November 30 from 7 – 9 PM in the church. The forensic program at St. Sebastian will be explained and registration forms and schedules for the upcoming year will be available. Come and be part of our award winning team. You will learn life long speaking skills while participating in a really fun activity. Wednesday, November 30 – BE THERE!

DECEMBER HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT - Parish high school students – whether they attend public or private school – are invited to go to a movie on Sunday, December 4 and discuss it afterwards. Watch the parish website www.SaintSebastianOnline.net for time, location and movie to be posted after Dec. 2. Or email bhaig@wi.rr.com if you're interested in attending. Students are responsible for their own transportation and payment for movie and snacks.

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS LIGHT STRINGS - The St. Sebastian High School Faith Formation class is collecting and recycling burned-out holiday lights strings. Please deposit them in the brightly colored boxes at church entrances.

FRY KIDS ARE NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 2, 2011 FISH FRY!! - Any students who are in 4th through 8th grade are encouraged to volunteer to work Fish Fry. Interested students should email Christine Koch at christinekoch@att.net

HONOR ROLL – Corrections to the Honor Roll list – add 7th grader Erin Walsh to the Academic Honors list & correct spelling for Elaina Sowinski.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S 2011 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM COVER CONTEST – All St. Sebastian students are invited to create original artwork to be used for the 2011 Christmas Concert program cover with the theme “No Ordinary Night”. Entries are due in the office by Thursday, December 1st at 3:00. Stop in the office or the music room to pick up your Guidelines and Entry form. You can contact Mrs. Hartley at hartleyk@archmil.org with any questions.

NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH NEWS - Many thanks to volunteers, Mrs Burzynski, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Hoffmeir, Mrs Pruhs, and Mrs Lemin, who led students on Friday in Yoga, in making their own gift bags, in playing games, and playing in the tot lot! Additional thank yous go to Carrie Pruhs and Laura Lehmann for the game room rugs and board games. Next Lunch Bunch is December 16.

PARENT COFFEE - Parent Coffee has been rescheduled for Tuesday November 29th. Join us at 8:00AM in the school cafeteria. We will be serving coffee, beverages, and morning snacks. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some food and conversation.

SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORMS - Will be sent home with mail carriers on Monday November 28th. Orders and payment in the form of a check are due Monday December 5th, and delivery will be Friday December 16th. Now is the time to order hoodies, hats and other St Seb's gear. This sale happens just once a year, so get those orders in! Spirit Wear makes great Christmas gifts for students, parents, even grandparents! Checks should be made payable to ST. Sebastian Home & School. Contact Julie Baudhuin at jbaudhuin@wi.rr.com or 414-774-7086.

LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE HOLIDAY GIFT? - Water park passes make GREAT stocking stuffers, Christmas, St. Nick's Day, birthday & client gifts!

Home & School will be taking orders for Country Springs Hotel Water Park fundraiser passes from November 16 - 28.

Cost: **\$12.50 per one-day pass** (that's up to half off!)

Orders due by: Monday, November 28.

Delivery date: Monday, December 19

Make checks payable to St. Sebastian. Send check/cash and order form to the school office in an envelope marked "Home & School - Country Springs"

Questions? Contact Dana Biasi at (414) 607-9038 or dbiasi@wi.rr.com

PARKING SPOT RAFFLE WINNER - Congratulations to Trish Dulka for winning reserved parking during after-school pick-up! During the week of Dec. 5 - Dec. 9, Trish will get to park by the doors (near the red garbage can) against the wall on the west side of the parking lot. A reserved parking sign will remind all of us to avoid parking in this spot. Thank you to all who bought pies through Market Day this month.

BABY FOOD JARS NEEDED - K5 is in need of glass baby food jars (medium size - 4 oz). Please wash thoroughly and remove all labels. No need for lids. Any donation would be appreciated and can be turned into the office from now until December 16th. Thank you in advance!

ROSIE READER - Congratulations to the following students for their progress on the

Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "R" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K5 – Marik McKenna

Completing the letter "E" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K4 – Ingrid Berner

Ava Dodridge

K5 – Cate Mills

Completing the letter "D" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K5 – Taylor Behrendt

Great job to all and keep reading!!

OUR SIMPLY CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE IS SIMPLY ANGELIC! - Be sure to kick off the holiday season by attending and participating in the Boutique on December 3rd and 4th. The church hall will be resplendent with angels, reminding us of the angels among us and how they generously contribute to our parish community and enrich each of our lives. Be an angel and contribute your time and talent to make the Boutique a success.

Shop the Boutique for unique craft and gift items, purchase handmade Christmas ornaments and delicious home-made bakery. Stop for a few minutes to relax at The Heights café over a cup of coffee, hot chocolate or tea. On Sunday morning enjoy a delicious French toast breakfast and family activities.

We are still in need of waiters for the luncheon, and can use volunteers for set up and clean up. Call Theresa Graff at 414-771-5866 if you can help. We need baked goods of all types, especially homemade holiday cookies. Please plan to make your specialty items and drop them off at the Church hall on Thursday, December 1 after 5 p.m., and all day Friday, December 2. We are also in need of Christmas mugs, gently used purses, and accessories such as belts, scarves and jewelry that can be dropped off at the parish house.

100th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK AND COOKBOOK FOR SALE IN DECEMBER - Our new and colorful parish books are available for Christmas!

· "St. Sebastian: 100 Years of Community" – You'll enjoy the detailed timeline with significant dates and photos – and also reading about Snookie the Altar Cat, Fr. Schreiter's sauerkraut, Bishop Atkielski's disappearing angels and much more!

· "St. Sebastian: 100 Years of Sharing at Table" – From kid-tested favorites to ethnic specialties, our 225-page parish cookbook features more than 160 recipes that have been lovingly prepared and submitted by parishioners, school families and neighbors

The \$20 softcover books are available as follows:

· A limited number will be sold at the December 2 Fish Fry and the December 3/4 Christian Woman Boutique, and you'll save the shipping fee.

- Art & Soul Gallery, 5708 W. Vliet St, will have a limited supply of books.
- Go to the parish website - www.SaintSebastianOnline.net - and click on the Gala or cookbook logo. You can download an order form and send with check or credit card number, or link to a website where you can order with a credit card.
- Call Obinna at the publisher (770) 674-6000 x3623 to give your credit card information over the phone.

NOTE: A few people have reported missing pages from the Parish Cookbook and History Book. If you've had a similar situation, please contact Barb Haig – 257-3853 or bhaig@wi.rr.com for a new copy.

Also a reminder if you would like to add your contribution to the 100th Anniversary Bell Tower fund, please send your check to: St. Sebastian Bell Tower Fund, 5400 W. Washington Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53208



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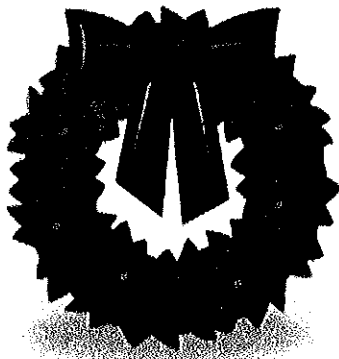
Upcoming Events

December 2nd – Fish Fry

December 4th – Santa's
Workshop and French
Toast Breakfast

December 13th – Market
Day & Christmas Concert

December 23rd – January
2nd – Christmas Break



Bernard Needs a Home!

Chinchilla named
"Bernard" needs a good
home. He comes with a
full set up. All free! If
interested, please
contact Heather Koppa.

St. Sebastian Home and School Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2011

Attendance: Dana Biasi, Maggie Hardy, Paul Hohl, Rebecca Keiser, Julie Kennedy, Heather Koppa, Kim Nistler, Jenny O'Neil, Gloria Rios, Cheryl Warner

Call to Order: Dana Biasi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Prayer and snacks were provided by Heather Koppa.

Review of Minutes: October 2011 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Rebecca Keiser

- The monthly Treasurer's report was distributed to committee members.
- A mini grant was approved for Mrs. Hartley to rent a bus for Christmas caroling.
- Mini grant applications from Ms. Hentges and Mr. McKeown were also discussed.
- The online magazine sales made an impressive \$6,000.00 profit. Way to go!

Principal's Report – Paul Hohl

- WKCE testing included all 4th and 8th graders. The Choice program requires that Choice students in grades 3rd, 5th, 6th & 7th grades also take the WKCE test. The school will receive the results in either January or February.
- MAP testing was conducted this fall for grades 2nd through 6th.
- A report outlining how the Choice money for this year has been allocated was distributed and discussed with committee members.
- Mr. Hohl also clarified that although Wisconsin now has a Conceal and Carry law in effect, the school and parish are a gun free zone and guns are not allowed on the premises.

Ongoing/Upcoming Events

- **Friday, December 2, 2011 – Fish Fry**
- **Sunday, December 4, 2011 – Santa's Workshop and French Toast Breakfast**
- **Tuesday, December 13, 2011 – Market Day**
- **Tuesday, December 13, 2011 – Christmas Concert**

Chairs Reports

Time and Talent – Turquoise Welch-Loera absent

Nothing to report.

Fun and Fellowship – Gloria Rios

- Halloween "Fizz and Fellowship" was a huge success with many parents attending.
- The next Parent Coffee has been changed from November 18th to November 29th. There will be no Parent Coffee in December.

- Teacher Dinner coordinator, Jenny O'Neil, reported that the dinner went very well and was very appreciated by the teachers.
- In January, the Cub Scouts will be hosting a movie night.

Faith and Academics – Jen Heidenreich was absent. Dana reported for her.

- Paul Hohl reported that the Character Education kickoff went well.
- 5th grade will be attending the Peace Program.
- 7th grade is planning Character Education lessons to teach to the younger grades.
- The "Readers are Leaders" kickoff was November 2nd.
- Board games for Lunch Bunch are needed.
- Leah Sealey is applying for a mini grant to purchase compost for the reflection garden.
- High Interest Day committee met this week and plans are well under way with some great new ideas.

Loaves and Fishes – Julie Kennedy

- Leah Zaffiro was the winner of the "Parking Spot" raffle. Congratulations Leah!
- December is cookie dough days for Market Day.
- Painless Fundraising baggies were sent home to each school family. A big thank you to 6th grade for assembling the bags. One of the goals of Painless Fundraising is to buy more gym mats.
- Sebs will also be participating in the Country Springs Water Park fundraiser as well. Please consider taking your children there over winter break.
- 3,000 points acquired through McDonald receipts need to be used by the end of the year. Mrs. Warner will be looking at what can be purchased with the points.

Fish Fry- Lena & Rob Stephenson absent. Dana reported for her.

- The next Fish Fry will be Friday, December 2nd.
- The November Fish Fry brought in \$7,000.00 in sales, and the Fry Kids made more than \$100 in tips.

Grade Liaisons Report – Nothing to report.

Chair Report – Dana Biasi

- Fall book fair was a big success.

Dana adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Teachers' Lounge. Prayer and snack to be provided by Jen Heidenreich.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

