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Character Education Quote of the Week:
"He who has not Christmas in his heart
will never find it under a tree" – Roy L. Smith

CHRISTMAS CONCERT TUESDAY NIGHT – St. Sebastian School Christmas concert, "No Ordinary Night" is this Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM in the church. Various grade level combinations will sing during the evening, the middle school choir will sing, and students will perform during the prelude. A finale with grades 1-8 will close the performance. Grades K4 & K5 can join the finale from their seats with parents. All students need to be in attendance.

Student dress for the concert is holiday or Sunday/Holiday best. No jeans, sports jerseys or t-shirts allowed. Church doors will open promptly at 5:45. Students will report to the church with their families between 6:10 – 6:25. They should leave all coats and possessions in church with their families.

Students will then be called to report to their classrooms from church by Mr. Hohl. Again, do not report directly to classrooms – the school will be locked, stay in church until called between 6:10 -6:25. When students go to classrooms, they should leave all coats and personal items in church with parents – they will not be able to go back to the classroom after the concert. Parents should monitor student behavior – no running, no roaming around, no food, etc. – this is church and we need to demonstrate appropriate behavior. It is especially important to keep young children away from the altar platform. Also, do not sit in the aisles of church, since classes will be moving in and out of church and the aisles will be used in the finale. After the finale, students will be dismissed to find their families. The only exception to this is K4 & K5 - they will find their families after their performance.

A special Concert Prelude performance will take place from 6:00 – 6:30. Those students should report to the multipurpose room. Middle school choir students will not sing until the middle of the concert and will not need to meet anywhere other than in the classrooms with the rest of the students. The balcony will be open for extra seating and we ask that the audience squeeze together to allow seating for the capacity crowd. Please avoid the two front rows – those were purchased at the parish auction and are reserved. The Christmas concert is a great way to kick off the holiday season. Invite friends and family to enjoy our "No Ordinary Night".

Sebs Alumni Concert Attendance – We are always excited to see a full audience for our concerts each year. It is especially gratifying to see the alumni come and support their younger siblings. However, if former students attend the concerts, we expect you stay in the church. Many former students feel they want to visit former classmates or teachers. Although that is a nice gesture, it causes some disruption in the school. Teachers are responsible for making sure current students are sitting or visiting quietly in classrooms, and are getting ready to perform. Former students don't always feel they have to follow the same rules that current students have to follow, and that makes it challenging for teachers to maintain discipline. If you plan to attend the Christmas concert, please make sure you stay a member of the audience in the church.

CONGRATULATIONS – The artwork of the following students will be featured on this year's Christmas concert programs:

Zephaniah Harris – 4th grade, Emma Cayen – 6th grade

STUDENT PICTURES – If you ordered pictures, they are available in the school office. In an effort to avoid having them crushed in your child's backpack, we would prefer that adults pick them up. Any that are not picked up by the end of the day on Friday, December 9 will be sent home with the student on Monday, December 12. You can call the office if you wish to make other arrangements

LAST CALL FOR 2011-12 FAMILY REFERRALS – Please turn in any new family referral forms to the office by Friday in order to collect your \$100 bonus. These forms are used when a current family recruits a new family to the school. The forms must be signed by both the recruiting family and the new family and extra forms are available in the office.

MASS ON THURSDAY – All are invited to our All School Mass on Thursday, December 8 at 8:15 to celebrate Immaculate Conception. There was no mass on Wednesday.

MID-TERMS HOME – Second Grading Period Mid-term reports for grades 4-8 go home Friday, December 9.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS – It is 2011-12 Student Council election time! Officer speeches and balloting were today. Room representatives and alternate elections are Thursday. The first meeting is Friday at 11:00. The Student Council faculty advisor is Mrs. Warner this year and meetings will take place during lunchtime.

CONE PATROL – Room 201 is on cone patrol duty next week – 12/12 – Don't forget!

REMINDER – If you have something to drop off for your child, or wish to see a student or teacher during the school day, please come to the office. We ask that you do not disturb the classroom by making an unannounced visit. The office staff will be happy to deliver a message, homework, lunch, etc. If your child is aware that you will be dropping something off for them, please instruct them to come to the office to pick it up.

If you want to talk to your child's teacher, please send them a note or phone message. You are welcome to email them as well. They will be happy to communicate with you at a time when they are not teaching students. Contact the school office if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

MARKET DAY - Please remember to place your online order for the December sale by this Friday the 9th, by 11:00 PM. Pick-up is next Tuesday the 13th, from 3:00-4:00. Please call Nancy at 871-0254 for any questions or help with your order. Many thanks to all who order and help support St. Seb's!!

"THICK SKINNED" VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION - It's getting close to time to break out the hand-warmers and long underwear! In the bitter cold days ahead, please give a tip of your hat, a toast with your cup of coffee, or a warm "thank you" to our orange-clad parking lot parent volunteers as we acknowledge their efforts to keep us safe in the morning. They are: Mondays--Leah Sealey and Shelly DePalma; Tuesdays--Leah Sealey and Katie Summerfield; Wednesdays--Janelle Pruhs and Beth Park; Thursday--Rob Shelledy and Scott Hardy; Friday--Joe Cayen, Shannon Watry and Sheri Johnson.

Also, we couldn't run our St. Coletta and 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade Mileage Club without the watchful eyes of our token/card handlers and card punchers: Pascale Mayhorn; Andrew Cannon; Dan Mitchell; Lisa Sobczak (our resilient regulars) and Elizabeth Drew, Sara Sutton, Rebecca Keiser, Kim Nistler, Colleen and Larry Poggenburg, Scott Hardy, Carrie Pruhs, Leah Sealey and Mary Hoffmeier. Thanks for your support of this fun, active activity at Sebs!

Thank you to our volunteers! Once again, we give thanks to our many wonderful parent volunteers who help our lunch, recess, and parking lot run smoothly. Our November volunteers of the month are Mr. Hardy and Mrs. Mayhorn. Please stop and see Mrs. Warner for your special volunteer "thank-you" gift.

DON'T FORGET - MATH COMPUTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Keep working on activities for the Math Computation Improvement Plan. See the attached flyer for the latest details, especially the parent math website verification sheet.

BASKETBALL SNACK STAND DUTY THIS SATURDAY -- DEC 10TH

8-10:15 am	10-12:15 pm	12:45-3:00 pm	2:45-5:00 pm
R. Barrett	A. Camacho	T. Mabbett	E. Cayen
L. Stephenson	A. Gorman	M. Ramos	K. Fonk
B. Kozina	T. Conklin	M. Burzynski	K. Durian
N. Pruhs	E. Dorschner	I. Serna	S. Ewig

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS LIGHT STRINGS - Just a reminder - 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.

100TH ANNIVERSARY - The St Sebastian 100th Anniversary History Book and Cookbook are for sale (\$20 - cash or check only) at Art & Soul Gallery, 5708 W. Vliet, while supplies last.

FAMILY RECONCILIATION SERVICE – SAT., DEC. 17 – 10:00 A.M. IN CHURCH - Jesus, come to us as the song says. We invite Jesus into our hearts as we examine our conscience, confess our sins, receive absolution, and walk away with a fresh start and a healed heart. This penance service is for families and adults and is sponsored by District 12 parishes.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH – DEC. 11/12

TOPIC – ADVENT – A TIME OF Reconciliation -

Adult speaker – Michael Crain Director of Religious Education at Holy Apostles Parish

Has it been a while since you thought about the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Perhaps it's time to learn more about it and recognize its peaceful, healing effects. Please join us at our GOF event.

Sunday, Dec. 11 – Begins with breakfast at 9:00 A.M. and runs until 11:15 A.M.

Monday, Dec. 12 – Starts with supper at 5:30 P.M. and goes until 7:45 P.M.

First event is free, so you can try us out at no cost. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.

Contact person: Joan Plumley at 453-7150 or jplumley@saintsebs.org

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SESSION – WED., DEC. 14 – 6:30 – 9:30 P.M. - For all who plan to work with children or youth in the parish, this training is required according to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to keep children safe. Register online at www.archmil.org Click on Safe Guarding All God's Family (formerly Virtus) and find events. Facilitator – Joan Plumley - Adult Formation Room
For questions call 414-453-7150 or jplumley@saintsebs.org

For all who plan to work with children or youth in the parish, this training is required according to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to keep children safe. It is mandatory for

- YAC Coaches
- 8th grade Washington, DC chaperones
- 6 grade Outdoor Ed chaperones
- Volunteers who work with children

BEGINNER INDOOR FIELD HOCKEY AT DSHA – All 5th through 8th grade girls are welcome. The clinic for beginners will be held Sundays, January 15 – March 11 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM at DSHA. You

need shinguards, sneakers and a mouthguard. For more information go to lakecountryfh@weebly.com or contact morgan.fieldhockey@gmail.com

Math Computation Improvement Plan

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St. Sebastian School is in our 3rd year of actively trying to improve our students' math computation scores. This will take a partnership with teachers, parents and students. Aside from focused classroom work, we have created a two tiered plan for students to improve math computation outside the regular classroom. This plan will be implemented at school, in students' work time and at home.

1. Math Computation Wall of Fame – Written Contests

Monthly written math computation contest in grades 4-8 begin this month! Students will take a short 30 minute test with 25-40 problems. Students in grades 1-3 will participate in classroom computation exercises. High scorers and most improved scores will be added to our math computation Wall of Fame. Tests/Contests will start this month and go through April

2. Student Website Work – At Home

Students need to log in an age-appropriate number of hours on either the math computation website or flash cards/math worksheets practice according to the attached chart. This must be done on non-school time, either at home or if internet access is a problem, at the library or another internet station like a friend or relative's home. If needed, contact school and we can arrange an alternate computer access time that works for you. Parents will simply confirm that the math computation work has taken place for the grading period by filling out a math computation form and turning it in to your child's math teacher. The form will be worth points on you child's math grade. The form is attached and will also be sent home the last week of the grading period. Parents will be expected to encourage and monitor student time on the website.

This quarter's featured website is

<http://mathplayground.com/computation.html>

Last quarter website (OK to use again if your child enjoyed it was

<http://www.coolmath.com/>

Each website features math games, word problems, logic puzzles, thinking blocks, flashcards, manipulatives, computation, and math worksheets. Please add these websites as favorites on your home computers and keep track of your child's activity. Fill out the attached form and turn in by January 17th for a math grade in the second quarter.

Websites & Time Expectations

Grade 3-8 – 4 hours during the grading period, completed by January 17th.
<http://mathplayground.com/computation.html>

or

<http://www.coolmath.com/>

Grade 1-2 – 2 hours during the grading period, completed by January 17th
<http://mathplayground.com/computation.html>

or

<http://www.coolmath.com/>

or

flash card/teacher-provided worksheets

Student Website Work – At Home Verification Form

My child, _____, worked on the math website for 4 hours / 2 hours (grades 1-2) as directed in the St. Sebastian Math Computation Improvement Plan.

Parent Signature _____

Return to **classroom teacher** by January 17th.