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Character Education Quote of the Week:

"You don't have to attend every argument you're invited to" – Author Unknown

CONFERENCES – Conferences will be held on November 9th and 10th. Appointment sheets are included with this newsletter and were also sent home today with each family mail carrier. Please read the attached cover letter to find out about the expectations and conference appointment system. Appointment sheets are due in the school office by Monday, October 24th. **If you are participating in the school play, please be aware that the final mandatory dress rehearsal will be held on the evening of November 9th. Therefore, play participants must schedule their conference for November 10th so that there is no interference with this rehearsal.**

BUZZ BOOKS – A buzz book is being sent home with each family mail carrier today. Extra buzz books are available in the office for \$2 each.

MATH COMPUTATION PLAN – See the attached Math Computation Issue for details of our computation plans.

FINANCES – Grades close Friday November 4 and Report cards will be sent Wednesday, November 9. All financial obligations must be current or your child's report card will not be released. Please be sure your payments to the school, the parish and PAL are up to date.

FISH FRY KIDS WANTED - 4th through 8th grade students are encouraged to be a "FRY KID" for the NOVEMBER 4th Fish Fry. All interested volunteers should email their interest to Christine Koch at christinekoch@att.net Please keep in mind that spots fill up fast so please sign up early!!

WANTED: MARY KAY DONATIONS - The Makeup Coordinators for the school play would like to be put in contact with any Mary Kay consultants re: possible donations. If you know of somebody who might be able to help, please forward their info to Mary at 530-7470 or mrmadigan@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to ask for donations for us, we are in need of foundation for the darker ivory and light beige skin tones. Full-size tubes or sample sizes all welcome. Call or email to find out specific shades needed. Their donation is tax-deductible and would GREATLY help us out.

CONE PATROL – Room 204 is on cone patrol duty the week of 10/24.

7TH GRADE FINE ARTS TRIP – The 7th grade trip to Chicago is next Wednesday, October 26. All permission slips are in and departure is 7:10 a.m. from the school parking lot on a coach bus with expected return about 7:00 p.m.

PARENT COFFEE - Please join us for beverages and snacks after the Halloween Parade on Friday October 28th. The Halloween Parade starts at 2:00PM. If the weather is nice, join us out in the parking lot. Rain location is the school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to join in the celebration.

SPANISH CLASSES BEGAN TUESDAY – Spanish classes for grades 5-8 began on yesterday with our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Sarah Milia. Mrs Milia's e-mail is millas@archmil.org. This year, Spanish is a mandatory class. Spanish will be taught on Tuesdays in a twelve week session. Spanish Session one goes from October 19 – January 17. Spanish Session two goes from January 31 – April.

THANKS - To everyone who attended, donated, sponsored, volunteered, or prayed for success, we appreciate your support for the 100th Anniversary Gala. Our school and parish are treasures and will continue to be, thanks to your ongoing involvement.

NOVEMBER HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT - Parish high school students – whether they attend public or private school – are invited to go to a movie on Sunday, November 6 and discuss it afterwards. Watch the parish website www.SaintSebastianOnline.net for time, location and movie to be posted after Nov 4. 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.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conferences will be held on Wednesday evening, November 9 from 4:00-8:00 PM and Thursday, November 10 from 2:00-4:00 PM and also from 5:00-8:00 PM. If these times do not work for your family, contact the teachers you would like to conference with and arrange a different time. Wednesday, November 9 is a half-day of school, with dismissal at 11:30. There are no classes on Thursday due to conferences and there is no school on Friday. **If you are participating in the school play, please be aware that the final mandatory dress rehearsal will be held on the evening of November 9th. Therefore, play participants must schedule their conference for November 10th so that there is no interference with this rehearsal.**

The conference appointment slips are included with this newsletter and available online. An appointment slip was also sent home with each family mail carrier today. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, November 9. **ALL** parents with students in K4 through 8th need to attend a conference. Fill out the accompanying form for a time that best suits your time schedule. For middle school students, we recommend a conference with your child's homeroom teacher and with the teacher in any classes where your child receives a grade lower than a "C". Middle school teachers will be set up in their homerooms. You will simply wait in line in the hallway for the teacher. Please try to keep the noise in the hallways to a minimum and line up against the wall so others can pass. These conferences will be limited to 5 minutes, but feel free to make another appointment with the teacher if more discussion is needed. Please be respectful to other parents who are waiting.

Please schedule your appointments with teachers to certainly discuss grades, but also to address your child's development, behavior, attitude, work habits and other traits that make your child unique. This kind of conference will provide you with a "whole picture" assessment of your child and not be solely a rationalization of his/her grade.

PRIMARY (K4-K5-1-2) - It is preferred that the students at this level NOT be present at the conference. Primary conferences will be scheduled for 15 minutes with your child's homeroom teacher.

INTERMEDIATE (3-4-5) – Attendance is required for both student and parent at this level. Parents/students will have a 15 minute conference with their homeroom teacher. If you feel the need to conference with another teacher from this level, (other classroom teacher or specials teacher) indicate your wishes on the sign-up form.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-7-8) – Attendance is required for both student and parent at this level. All middle school teachers will be in their homerooms and you may choose the teachers you would like to meet with. These conferences will be limited to 5 minutes each, but if additional time is needed, you may request a separate meeting. There is no limit on how many teachers you and your child conference with, but you and your child must attend at least one. Sign-in will be required and a follow-up conference will be held for those who are not in attendance.

LEARNING CENTER – For parents with students working in the Learning Center, the Learning Center teacher will try to join the regular classroom teacher conference as the schedule permits.

SPECIALS TEACHERS – All parents from any grade level should feel free to conference with any specials teacher if they so desire. Sign up on the attached appointment form. The form indicates when each specials teachers has availability.

PLEASE NOTE: Because Friday, November 11, is a teacher inservice day, there are no classes for students. If you plan a vacation, we ask that you do not start until your conferences are completed. It is considered a school day of absence if the older children are not present with the parent (unless there is an exception which is pre-arranged with the teacher). Please be prompt. If, during the conference, you feel the need of a longer time, please reschedule another conference at a later date with the teacher. It is very necessary that we keep to a strict schedule so that no parent will have to wait. Please be considerate of your time frame.

Please complete the attached appointment sheet and return it to the office by 8:00AM on Monday, October 24. If you do not return this sheet indicating your preferences, a conference time will be assigned for you.

A confirmation of these appointments will be sent home on Wednesday, November 2, with the family mail carrier. Do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions.

Due Monday, October 24, 2011

Family Last Name _____

PRIMARY
K4-K5-1-2

K4 104 Mrs. Cira _____
K5 111 Mrs. Behling _____
K5 112 Mrs. Kunz/Mrs. Conklin (both will attend) _____

Please write the name of the student next to the appropriate homeroom teacher

1-105 Ms. Thayer _____
1-103 Mrs. Hentges _____
2-106 Mrs. Kozina _____
2-107 Mrs. Goeden _____

INTERMEDIATE
3-4-5

Please write the name of the student next to the appropriate homeroom teacher

3-102 Mrs. Saeger _____
4-211 Mrs. Knapp _____
4-212 Mrs. Runnoe _____
5-205 Mrs. Luke _____
5-206 Mrs. Lofy _____

MIDDLE SCHOOL
6-7-8

Wait in line outside of classroom (no individual appointments)

204 Mrs. Tatsak Math
207 Mrs. Skupien Science
201 Ms. Twiford Religion
202 Mr. McKeown Social Studies
210 Ms. Rick Language Arts
203 Mrs. Canapa Literature

SPECIALS

Computer	Mrs. Clermont (Thur 2-4, 5-8)	_____
Music	Mrs. Hartley (Thurs 2-4, 5-8)	_____
Art	Mrs. Lionberg (Wed 4-8)	_____
Phy Ed	Ms. Zimmermann (Wed 4-8, Th 2-4)	_____
	Learning Ctr. Mrs. Warner (reading) (Any)	_____
	Mrs. Kirkpatrick (math) (Thurs 2-4)	_____
Catapult	Mrs. Shiroda (math) (Thurs 5-8)	_____

Please indicate with a 1, 2 and 3 your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice
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_____	Schedule me anytime	
_____	Wednesday, November 9	4:00 – 8:00 PM (K4 – 8)
_____	Thursday, November 10	2:00 – 4:00 PM (K5 – 8)
_____	Thursday, November 10	5:00 – 8:00 PM (K5 – 8)

Math Computation Improvement Plan

October 2011 Issue

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. With each section, we will be looking for parent volunteers – see the attached form to sign up. Here are the two parts of the plan:

1. Math Computation Wall of Fame – Written Contests

We will conduct a monthly written math computation contest in grades 4-8. 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. Parent volunteers will be needed for scoring help and Wall of Fame upkeep. Tests/Contests will start this month and go through April

2. Student Website Work – At Home

We heard you clearly that flash cards are a struggle at home. With improvements in technology, we introduce this new plan that uses a math computation website instead of or in addition to flash cards/math worksheets. 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://www.coolmath.com/>

This website features math games, word problems, logic puzzles, thinking blocks, flashcards, manipulatives, computation, and math worksheets. You may also use last quarter's websites if you enjoyed them. 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 November 2nd for a math grade.

Websites & Time Expectations

Grade 3-8 – 4 hours during the grading period, completed by November 2.
<http://www.coolmath.com/>

Grade 1-2 – 2 hours during the grading period, completed by November 2
<http://www.coolmath.com/> or flash card/teacher-provided worksheets

Math Computation Wall of Fame – Test Grader

____ Yes I can help grade student math tests. The math tests will be sent home & I can grade them at home and return to school in 2 days.

Name _____ Phone Number _____
(due in the office by 10/24)

3. Math Computation Wall of Fame – Wall Maintenance

____ Yes I can help post and maintain the Math Wall of Fame in a school hallway.

Name _____ Phone Number _____
(due in the office by 10/24)

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 November 2.

St. Sebastian Education Committee Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2011 and Comment Form

Present: Donna Dorschner, Robin Gorman, Jen Heidenreich, Paul Hohl, Kristin Koch, Clair Mitchell, Kevin Mullen, Bill Pauers, Melinda Runnoe, Leah Sealey, Sherri Walker, and Shannon Watry

Absent / Excused: Joel Kennedy

Minutes: September 1 Minutes reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report: 2011-12 Enrollment (as of 9/16/2011): 371 Total students. All grades have 2 classes with the exception of 3rd grade. Additional information provided on student demographics and school statistics.

School Choice Program: Legislation regarding the Choice program rules has experienced a number of changes during the last several months. A letter was sent home to all participating Choice families this week outlining what fees /charges are applicable to students and which ones are not. A new parent/guardian permission slip including a voluntary Choice option to donate field trip expenses was developed and is being used this year.

Choice Funding Priorities: Members discussed, identified, and recommended spending priorities for anticipated revenue generated through the Choice program. Top four priorities included: eliminating pay freeze/reinstatement of salary increase; adding math specialist; adding staff hours for choice administrative support; and addressing school technology needs.

Character Education: Handout provided of 2011-12 Character Education work plan.

Accreditation: Handouts provided of overview of eight standards and four additional specialty areas needing review. Work timelines are being developed. During October and November, Education Committee members Watry, Kennedy, Dorschner, and Mitchell will evaluate Standard 2. Members: Walker, Mullens, Koch, and Gorman will evaluate Standard 6.

Parish Council: Leah Sealey provided an update on the October 3 meeting. Topics discussed included: church environment enrichment, budget, school enrollment statistics, August outdoor mass feedback, and St. Catherine/St. Sebastian joint parish council meeting.

Communication with Parish Families: Education Committee members will continue to monitor the ongoing communication about student enrollment and the Choice program impacts on our school with our parish families to ensure all are fully informed of current situations and any future changes.

New Business:

Policy for week-end games: Discussed concerns over recent behavior of unsupervised middle school students at week-end sporting events held at St. Sebastian. Paul Hohl will review concerns with the Youth Athletics Council (YAC) Board and Leah Sealey will research guidelines and policies from similar schools relating to spectator behavior during school sporting events.

School Staff Reception: The Education Committee will host a Back to School reception for school staff on Friday, October 28 at 3:30 – 5:30 pm at the home of committee chair Clair Mitchell.

Auction Baskets: The Education Committee will provide an auction basket for the parish's 100th Anniversary Gala on October 22.

November prayer and refreshments to be provided by Kristin Koch.

Next meeting: November 17, 2011 6:30pm Adult Formation Room

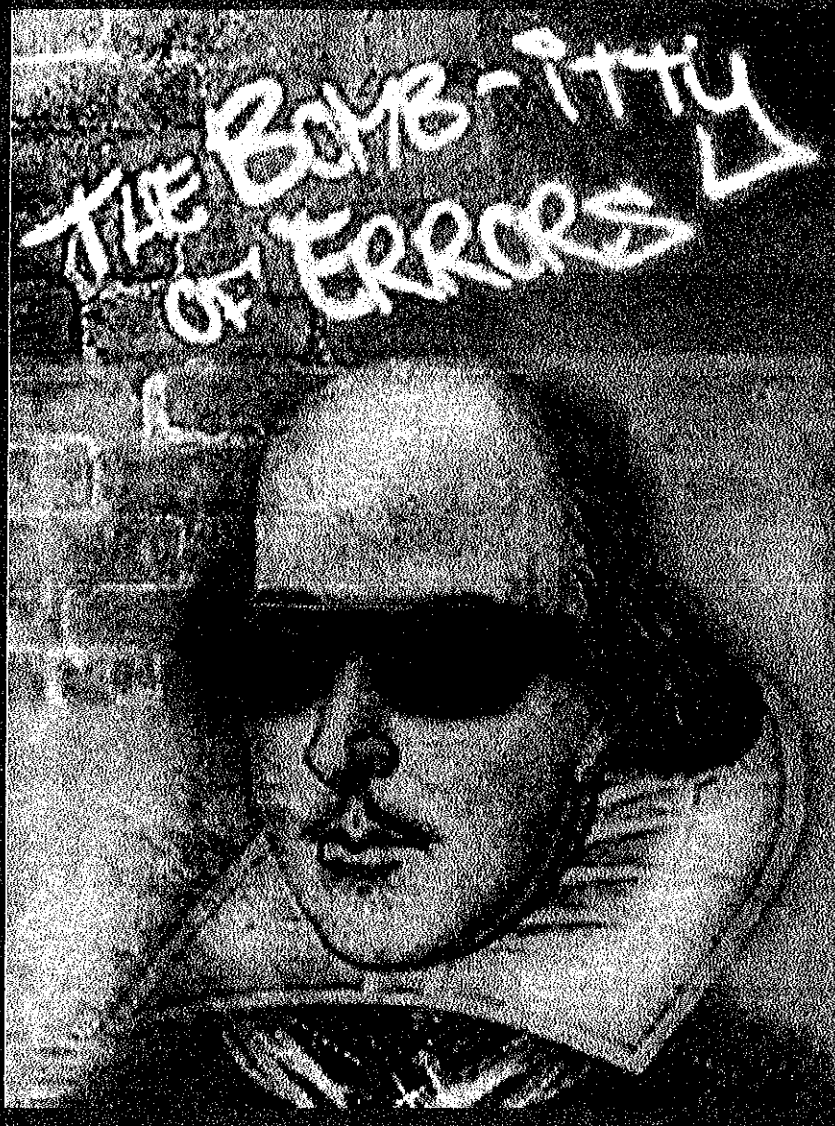
2011-2012 Meeting Schedule for Education Committee: January 18, January 29 – Open House, February 1, April 25, May 16, June 13

Submitted by Shannon Watry

As always, if you have any comments, return them to the School Office-c/o Education Committee. If you would like a response, please include your name. Thank you.

Performing Arts Academy

PRESENT



**An ad(rap)tation
of Shakespeare's
A Comedy of Errors**

*Directed by
Jordan Hunt and Matt Voell*

*2 sets of twins,
mistaken identities,
tongue-twisting rhymes,
hip-hop rhythm
and loads of fun!*

*It's par-talce,
par-talce,
a bit musical
and a witty and
inex-talce-ible!!!!*

PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL BLACK BOX THEATER

Thursday October 20 7:00 PM

Friday October 21 7:00 PM

Saturday October 22 2:00 PM

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