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**Character Education Quote of the Week:**

"No change of circumstances can repair a defect of character." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

**NO SCHOOL** – There is no school on Thursday, October 8 and Friday, October 9. School will resume Monday, Oct. 12.

**BUZZ BOOKS** – The 2009-2010 Buzz Books were sent home with family mail carriers last week. There are extras available in the office for \$2.00 each. (Some families find it handy to keep one in the car, one at home, one at work, etc.) Thank you to Katie Utschig for creating this year's Buzz Book.

**DRESS CODE** – Summer dress code ends next Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Beginning Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, students may not wear short pants or skorts, sandals, or any other "summer" clothing.

Students will not be permitted in classrooms wearing "summer" clothes. Their parents will be asked to bring replacement uniform clothes from home. Please be sure your child is in compliance of the dress code before they go to school.

**SAD NEWS FOR ST. SEBASTIAN** – Our long-time school psychologist Dr. Ray Gallope passed away last week. Ray worked with students, families, teachers and the school community for 14 years here at Sebs and did so with care and compassion. Ray will be missed! Keep him and his family in your prayers.

**STUDENT COUNCIL TIME** - It's time for Student Council to form for the 2009-2010 school year. Students in grades 4-8 will choose a homeroom representative and an alternate to represent them on the Council. In addition, students in grades 4-8 will select Student Council officers from grades 6, 7, or 8 candidates. Here are this years important dates:

Oct. 7-Oct. 14	Nomination Days
Oct. 12 – Oct. 19	Campaigning
Oct. 16	Assembly with officer candidate speeches - 2:20
Oct. 19	Election Day for officers
Oct. 20	Election Day for homeroom reps & alternates
Oct. 21	Induction of officers, reps, and alternates after Mass

Please review the Student Council job with your child(ren) and discuss important leadership qualities and how to make a good choice of candidates. If your child is interested in running for a position on Student Council, review with them the commitment needed to serve well. The Student Council letter, Student Council job descriptions, and the nomination forms are available to each student in grades 4-8 and also available on the website.

**CHARACTER EDUCATION, PART TWO** – We had an excellent Character Ed kick-off – now comes part two. Parents and volunteers will visit each classroom at the end of October and share about one of the virtues. We hope to have classroom visits throughout the year for all five virtues. Contact mom Tracy Weigal if you can help at 302-0801.

Also notice the two excellent new Character Ed bulletin boards, one on each floor. Thanks to Julie Daleiden!

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE** - The St. Sebastian 8th grade class is selling Entertainment and Gold C coupon books - \$35 for the Entertainment book and \$15 for the Gold C book. This is a fundraiser for the annual 8th grade class trip to Washington DC next spring. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact your favorite 8th grader, or contact Beth Yanisch to place an order 774-5740, or email at <[eboberschmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:eboberschmidt@yahoo.com)>. The books will be available for sale through the end of October.

**HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING** – October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the faculty room. All are welcome. See the agenda in today's newsletter.

**LUNCH ITEMS** – Reminder - Please do not send carbonated soft drinks or candy to school with student lunches.

**ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL** – Are you aware of the communication tool being used by every middle school teacher at St. Sebastian? If you have not heard about schoolnotes, then you are missing an opportunity to be informed about what is going on in each subject. The schoolnotes website is designed to update parents and students alike on upcoming due dates, homework assignments, projects, etc. Log on to <http://new.schoolnotes.com> and click on the Parents portion. Find each teacher's name and register your email address. Every time an individual teacher updates his or her schoolnotes page, you will be sent an automated email. Thanks in advance for checking out this useful tool.

**OUTDOOR MILEAGE CLUB FOR ST. COLETTA AND GRADES 2, 3 AND 4** - We will begin this outdoor run-for-fun program on Tuesday, October 13. Permission slips will be going home this week. Any student in these grades who would like to be a part of Mileage Club *must have a signed permission slip* turned in by October 12. If you need to get in shape yourself or would like to help monitor the students, our program meets at 12-1 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Leah Sealey to volunteer or for more information. 774-0836

**ATTENTION COFFEE LOVERS** – The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are selling Alterra Coffee to raise money for their trip to Washington, D. C. One pound bags of both regular and decaf, whole bean and ground varieties are available. Regular coffee is \$10.00 a bag, decaf is \$11.00 a bag. Also available are 12 oz. tins of hot chocolate mix for \$6.00. Call your favorite 8<sup>th</sup> grader, grab one on the playground or call Teri Duffy at 257-1884 if you have any questions.

**MARKET DAY** – Just a reminder that our next sale is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Order forms were sent home via mail carriers last week. Extra forms are available in the school office. Online orders are due by 11:00 PM on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Call Nancy at 871-0254 for with any questions.

**ROSIE READER** – Congratulations to Henry Desch for his progress on the Rosie Reader program: Henry completed the letter "E" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G. Great job Henry!

**YAC SNACK STAND OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>** -

7:45-10:00 Crampton, Mrotek, Ogorek  
10:00-1:45 Green, Young, Barendt, Klein

**AUCTION BASKET UPDATE** – The auction is just around the corner, so please get your auction basket donations to your child's classroom teachers by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Gift cards or certificates are great if you don't have time to shop. Following is a list of teachers and basket themes.

K4	Mrs. Cira	Candles
K5	Mrs. Floriani & Mrs. Pagoria	Arts & Crafts
Gr. 1	Ms. Thayer	Gift Wrap & Cards
Gr. 2	Mrs. Goeden	Home Office
Gr. 2	Mrs. Kozina	Baking Bonanza
Gr. 3	Ms. Post & Mrs. Saeger	Pampered Pets
Gr. 4	Mrs. Runnoe & Mrs. Fly	Reading – D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read!)
Gr. 5	Mrs. Lister & Mrs. Lofy	Chocolate Heaven
Gr. 6	Mrs. Skupien & Mrs. Steenwyk	Night At The Movies
Gr. 7	Ms. Twiford & Mr. Duffy	Carnival! Mardi Gras! Cajun
Gr. 8	Mrs. Warner & Ms. Rick	Tailgating
St. Coletta –	Mr. Koehn Ms. Ronewicz & Mrs. Lustig	Haunts & Halloween

**SAVE LIDS TO SAVE LIVES** - *Once again I am collecting Yoplait yogurt (Pink) lids to help fight against breast cancer. By donating your clean and dry lids to the pink box on my desk, or by sending them to me via the School office or Parish House mailbox, we can help raise \$1.5 million to fight breast cancer. Each lid is worth 10 cents. Last year, we sent in over 150 lids. Can we beat 200? Your Lid Matters to me. Please join me in the fight...*

*Thank you,  
Julia Galligan  
P.S. For more information, go to [YourLidMatters.com](http://YourLidMatters.com)*

**CRAFT WORKSHOP TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>** - It's time to start planning for Christmas! Our October craft project will be Christmas Crackers for the Christmas Boutique in December. If you enjoy working on arts and crafts, please join our group of crafters on Tuesday, October 6th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room. This project requires no prior experience. Craft supplies will be furnished. If you have a glue gun, please bring it along. For additional information, please contact Barb Banerian at 778-0593.

**SIGN UP FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL** - Basketball registration for students in grades 5 through 8 is going on now. Registration is open to boys and girls who attend St. Sebastian School or are members of St. Sebastian Church. Registrations are due in the YAC mailbox in the school office no later than October 16th. There will be a mandatory meeting for parents of 5th grade basketball players as well as new players on October 8th in the school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Michael Lehmann at (414) 476-0792.

**CONE PATROL** – Room 202 is on duty next week

Home and School Agenda  
Wednesday, October 14th, 2009  
6:30pm Teacher's Lounge

1. Prayer and snack – Patty Doll
2. Welcome and Introductions – Patty Walsh
3. Review of August minutes – Laura Ewig
4. Treasurer's Report – Shelly DePalma
5. Principal's Report – Paul Hohl
6. Chair Reports -
  - Time and Talent – Dana Biasi
  - Fun and Fellowship – Lorinda Smrz
  - Faith and Academics – Tracey Weigel
  - Loaves and Fishes – Cara Bidwell
  - Fish Fry – Rachel Lustig
7. Review and Updates -
  - Magazine Sales
  - Auction baskets
  - Fall Book Fair
  - Spirit Wear - Jill Lamers
  - Non-uniform - Julie Bauduin
  - Readers Are Leaders – Maggie Rauh
8. Chair Reports – Patty Walsh
  - Mini grant proposals
  - AED update

Upcoming Events:   Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry  
                          November 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Fall Book Fair  
                          November 11<sup>th</sup>&12<sup>th</sup> Conferences  
                          Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Teacher Dinner  
                          Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Market Day

\*\*\*\* Next Meeting– Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Teacher's Lounge  
Prayer – Tracey Weigel   Snack - Shelly DePalma

**PIUS XI 2009 OPEN HOUSE POSSIBILITIES. PREPARATION. PURPOSE.** - Join the Pius XI High School community at our *2009 Open House* on Sunday, October 25, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Mass in our Chapel at 8:00 a.m.) or Monday, October 26, 5 – 8 p.m. Enter the field house for your Open House experience! Take a tour; talk with faculty and staff; meet current students and parents; find out about our challenging academics, athletics, co-curriculars and student life; get information on financial aid and scholarships, and more! Drop off your complete packet and enrollment application at Open House to be considered for *Early Admission!* Don't forget to sign up for our *November 6 or 7 Placement Tests* and a *Shadow Experience*. For more information, visit [www.piusxi.org](http://www.piusxi.org) or call 414-290-8140. Pius XI is located at 135 N. 76<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee (between I-94 and Bluemound Road). Come explore the possibilities at Pius XI!

**ST. SEBASTIAN FAMILIES INVITED TO AN IRISH HALLOWEEN – OCTOBER 23** - Northern Irish folklore writer, storyteller and acclaimed broadcaster Doreen McBride will celebrate Halloween's Irish origins with a special story-telling performance for families at 7 p.m. October 23 at the Irish Fest Centre in Wauwatosa.

"Ghosts, Ghouls & Banshees: Halloween Stories from the Emerald Isle" includes the "Porridge of Blood," the "Return of the Ghost of Killmorney," the "Death Knell of Saint Patrick's Bell," and the "Haunting Legend of the Hungry Grass." The Irish Fest Center is located at 1532 Wauwatosa Ave (next to St. Bernards). Admission is \$2.00 per adult, free for children and a maximum of \$5.00 per family. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to come in costume.