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Character Education Quote of the Week:

"A good name is seldom regained. When character is gone, all is gone, and one of the richest jewels of life is lost forever" – J. Hawes

MEETING CANCELLED – The Home & School board meeting scheduled for tonight at 6:30 PM has been cancelled.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS – Conference appointment slips are going home today with family mail carriers. If you need to change your appointment, please contact the school office.

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS PINOCCHIO – COME AND SEE our real live students help Pinocchio become a real live boy. Performances for this magical musical are Friday, November 6 at 7:30 PM and Saturday, November 7 at 1:30 and 7:30 PM in the church hall. Over 80 students in 3rd – 8th grade will enchant you with this favorite fairy tale as well as treat you to sights and sounds of old world Italy. You will be joining in with the delightful music before the evening is over. Adults are \$6.00 and students are \$3.00. Special treats will be available in our Italian café.

As a bonus, the Friday night performance follows our famous St. Sebastian Fish Fry. From 4:30 – 7:30 PM enjoy delicious fish in our cafeteria and then join us in the church hall for our opening performance. **COME FOR THE FISH – STAY FOR THE PLAY!!**

REPORT CARDS COME HOME TUESDAY – Report cards will be sent home Tuesday. Students should not open their envelopes until they are with their parents. Families should keep the report cards, but parents should sign and return the envelope. Some families will be on a financial hold and will receive a letter indicating what amount of money their family owes, instead of receiving a report card. Those report cards on hold are available in the office when the financial obligation is met. **FINANCES NEEDED** - 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. Deadline is Thursday, November 5th.

THANK YOU - To all of the wonderful lunchtime volunteers who came and spent two hours during the afternoon to help out with recess and/or lunchroom supervision. We really appreciate you! Greg Kozina, Kathy Cayen, Auria Rivera, Jose Rivera, Anne Lapp, Marty Radocha, Dan Kayser, Andy Weigel, Audrey Skwierawski, Kristin Koch, Julie Daleiden, Terese Shelledy, Tom Kertscher, Michael Rott, Rebekah Ramirez, Tracey Weigel, Lani Ramos, Kim Johnson, and Rebecca Whitney.

CONE PATROL – Room 202 is on duty next week

CEREAL DRIVE RESULTS – Great work on the drive! We collected 254 regular boxes of cereal, 11 jumbo or double boxes and over 20 individual size boxes. The cereal will be added to the Thanksgiving food baskets through the Hunger Task Force.

CONFERENCES AND NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK – School is dismissed at 11:30 next Wednesday for Parent-Teacher conferences. Conferences for grades K4 – 2 should involve only the teacher and parents. Conferences for grades 3 – 8 involve the teacher, parents and students. Conferences for the first grading period are mandatory and a day of absence will be recorded for those families who do not attend conferences. For middle school families, the recommendation is to see your child's homeroom teacher and any other teachers you feel it is important to see. You do not need to see every middle school teacher.

Conference confirmation slips are being sent home today for grades K4 – 5 and Specials teachers. Grade 6 – 8 teachers will be in classrooms for conferences. You need to wait in line to see them. Middle school teachers have a five minute timer! The timer will be used to keep the conferences moving along and are provided so every family gets a chance to see middle school teachers without long lines and long conferences. If there are multiple middle school children in a family, you will get five minutes per child.

School resumes Monday, November 16.

TEOSINTE VISITOR – Monica from our sister parish in Teosinte, El Salvador will be visiting the school on Thursday. Nuestra amiga, Monica, de Teosinte, El Salvador estara visitandonos aqui en la escuela el dia jueves. Bienvenida Monica!

WKCE TESTING BEGINS – Students in grades 4 and 8 will be taking the WKCE tests that all students in Wisconsin take over the next couple of weeks. Parents with children in those grades should have received an informational letter yesterday. Good luck 4th and 8th graders!

BUZZ BOOK CORRECTION – Please include this email address in your buzz book for the Mullen family: mullenlaura@att.net

PIES, CHEESECAKES AND TARTS FUNDRAISER – The 8th graders will be selling Market Day desserts just in time for Thanksgiving to fund their Washington, D.C. trip. (In the past, this annual sale has been conducted through Suzy's Cheesecakes.) Find your favorite 8th grader and check out the awesome desserts. Questions – contact Michelle Ogorek at 414-479-0454.

AUCTION - It stands as a testament to the vibrancy of our Parish Community that a successful auction can be pulled off in these financial times. A huge THANK YOU to all donors, volunteers, and anyone associated with raising over \$35,000!!! Final numbers after crunching completed. On behalf of our committee, co-chairs Jan and Denis Hauf want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts. We are truly a blessed community. We want to send out an additional very special thank you to the school families who so generously donated to the classroom baskets. These baskets are a major highlight each year! God bless you for your kindness!

MARKET DAY – Please remember to place an order for our November 17th sale. There are lots of great items for your Thanksgiving dinner. Online orders are due on the 13th. Also, please be sure to check out the pie drive flyer attached to today's newsletter.

HIGH INTEREST DAY – WILL 2010 BE THE LAST? - Plans are well underway for High Interest Day 2010, but will it be our last? Katie Utschig will be wrapping up her tenure as High Interest Day Chair, and we need to have someone in place now to chair the event for 2011. Why worry about 2011 already? Because High Interest Day is a big special event, and the next chair would genuinely benefit from having a chance to shadow the current chair. NOTE: Shadowing will not require a lot of time this year.

So if your kids genuinely love this day, you have good organizational skills, and you are willing to give of your time and talent to make this event possible, please contact Katie Utschig ASAP via email (mkutschig@sbcglobal.net) or phone (771-9453). Don't delay - please help us keep this great program going!!!!

ST. SEBASTIAN – YOU’VE GOT TALENT! - That’s right everyone – **High Interest Day (HID)** is just around the corner and we are starting the search for our talented adults who would like to spend a morning, afternoon or all day engaging our kids in new skills, hobbies, cooking, sports, crafts or science and technology discoveries. We need your help! High Interest Day is a full day (**Friday April 23rd, 2010**) of sessions that students grade 1-8 get to choose from to learn new things. We provide a luncheon for teachers, volunteers and presenters, and organize the day so that our students and teachers have hours of fun while learning. In order to make this happen, we need lots of volunteers – facilitators, helpers, set up and clean up crews, etc. – all contribute to a successful day.

Each session is 50 minutes long and there are six sessions in the day (three in the morning beginning around 8:00 a.m.; three in the afternoon beginning around 12:00 noon). Choose to do a half day or full day – we’d love to have you either way! Some favorite sessions are Italian cooking; Dartball; Tie-dye; gymnastics; rock wall climbing; building birdhouses; Comedy Club; scrapbooking; geocaching; and much more – the possibilities are limited only by your imagination!

If you, or someone you know, would like to be a presenter or have questions about presenting and possible topics, please contact any of the following HID committee members as soon as possible: Anne Desotelle at adesotelle@wi.rr.com ; Katie Utschig at mkutschig@sbcglobal.net ; or Leah Zaffiro at leah6891@yahoo.com . We are looking for sessions in the areas of Science & Technology; Cooking; Culture; Sports & Games; Hobbies & Crafts. Give us a call!

YAC MEDICAL FORMS - Basketball practice is set to start the week of November 8. For any parents that have children participating in basketball, it is essential that the pink medical exam form is turned in as soon as possible. Per the Archdiocese, medical exams must be conducted every two years for all athletes. It is important to note that eligibility is determined by the date of the exam, not the date of the submission of the form. Without the signed form, the athlete will be unable to practice. The following athletes still need to turn in forms (as of 10/28):

Ryan Koch, Julian Rheams, Jacob Skudlarczyk, Andrew Cayen, Donald Merritt, Zach Miller, John Wicks and Olivia Wright.

These forms can be submitted one of two ways - to the YAC mailbox located in the office, or to the registration coordinator (Derik Summerfield). They should NOT be turned in to coaches. Forms are available in the school office or can be obtained electronically through the registration coordinator. To obtain a form electronically or for any questions, please contact Derik Summerfield at 414-426-5476 or dsummerfield@wi.rr.com .

YAC FEES -This is just a reminder from the St. Sebastian Youth Athletic Committee to make sure that fee payments are up to date. Fees should be submitted to the YAC mailbox in the office, and not to a coach. You may contact the Registration Coordinator, Derik Summerfield (414-426-5476 or dsummerfield@wi.rr.com) for a payment plan option as well. Failure to turn in fees may result in disallowing participation in league games .

FISH FRY AND PINNOCHIO DINNER AND SHOW - This is your chance to participate in St. Sebastian's very own dinner theater . The Fish Fry and the St. Sebastian theater have again teamed up this year to provide everyone with this once a year phenomenon. All parishioners and school families have a chance to eat at the fish fry and then attend the show. The fish fry is from 4:30 to 7:30 in the school cafeteria and the play starts at 7:30 in the church hall. Please join us for the best Fish Fry and show in town.

ATTENTION ALL ST. SEBASTIAN FAMILIES - Attention all St. Sebastian families
Please make sure to check the attachment that is a reminder for all families that have signed up to work this friday's fish fry. It is going to be a busy night and we need everyone to show up who signed up. Also not enough people from 2nd grade signed up to work clean up so we are asking anyone else out there, parents and 7th and 8th graders to still sign up for clean up. Please call Rachel Lustig at 342-0969. We really need your help, many hands makes light work.

SOMETHING NEW AT THE FALL BOOK FAIR!! - This year Rainbow Booksellers will be holding a raffle! Print the raffle ticket attachment and drop it off when you visit the Book Fair. You could win a Gift Certificate to Rainbow Booksellers. Winners will be announced Monday November 16th during announcements. The Book Fair will be here in a little over a week, and we are still looking for people to fill a few 2-hour slots. If you can help, please contact Patty Higgins at higgins_mum@yahoo.com Stop by the Book Fair and view your child's wish list for great Christmas gifts. Teachers will also have lists on file. Books are the perfect way to say "thank you" to your child's teacher. We are also happy to take special orders for any title.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS - If you need service hours, we could use your help! Set-up for the Fall Book Fair will be this Saturday, November 7th in the Library beginning at 10 a.m. If you are interested, show up ready to work!

ST. SEB'S SPIRIT WEAR - The sale has begun! Order forms for this year's winter sale are being sent home with mail carriers today. Check your child's backpack and see what's new this year. We have added several exciting new items. Spirit Wear makes great Christmas gifts, and advertises our wonderful school. Order forms are due no later than Friday November 20th. Please send them through backpack mail to Julie Baudhuin through Olivia, 3rd grade room 103. Pick-up day for all items will be Tuesday December 15th. This is also a Market Day pick-up, so the items will be handed out in the cafeteria for your convenience.

LUNCH BUNCH - Lunch Bunch, an alternative to lunchtime recess, meets on Fridays starting November 20th and concluding on March 26th. We are in need of volunteers to offer their help from 11am to 11:50am and/or 12:10-1pm. In general, we are looking for volunteers to help in the library, game room, and Tot Lot. In particular we are looking for volunteers who would like to teach a skill to a small group of middle school or elementary school students. For many of the activities you are welcome to bring young children. You can volunteer one Friday a month, one Friday a week, or whatever Friday you choose. Mileage Club, our outdoor Lunch Bunch activity, meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-1pm. Call/email Leah Sealey (774-0836, leahsealey@hotmail.com) if you can help or if you have any questions.

DSHA ENTRANCE EXAM OFFERED NOV. 6 AND NOV. 7 – APPS. DUE NOV. 13 - The Entrance Exam for DSHA will be offered on Fri Nov 6 and Sat Nov 7 from 8:30a-12:30 p.m. at the high school- 4257 N. 100th St. Please arrive by 8:15. Exam fee is \$10 (cash or ck to DSHA). Please bring two #2 pencils. Parents- stay for a cup of coffee and Q&A with our President when you drop your daughters off for the exam! No RSVP's necessary. Applications for the Class of 2014 due Fri Nov 13. Download a copy at www.dsha.info under Admissions or call 466-3707.

DISCOVER PIUS XI - Parents! Did you miss our 2009 Open House? Did the event make you curious to find out more? Discover the *possibilities, preparation and purpose* Pius XI offers your son or daughter by visiting us during a school day for a tour, conversation and refreshments. Join us for a ***Discover Pius Breakfast on Tuesday, November 12 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. or a Discover Pius Lunch on Tuesday, November 24 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*** Reservations are appreciated.

Has your 8th grader visited Pius XI on a school day? He or she is invited to discover what it is like to be a Pius XI student! Please visit our website for a complete schedule of **Shadow Visit Days** or sign up your child for the **Friday, November 20** visit day; after drop off, we encourage you to consider attending our monthly **Parent Coffee & Conversation with Dr. Skrade from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.** An optional tour follows; reservations are not required for the coffee event.

Pius XI High School is located at 135 N. 76th Street (between Bluemound Rd. and I-94). Please check our website, www.piusxi.org, for a full schedule of events for prospective families. Please contact **Cindy at 414.290.8140** or cmarifke@piusxi.org for reservations or to schedule a shadow visit.

Explore the possibilities for your son or daughter...Discover Pius XI!