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Character Education Quote of the Week:

"We can often do more for other men by trying to correct our own faults than by trying to correct theirs" – Francis Fenelon

YEARBOOK – Order blanks were sent home on January 13th with all mail carriers. These orders are due in the school office by January 25th.

ST. SEBASTIAN ALUMNI – Join us on Monday, February 1st at 1:15 in the gym for our Catholic Schools Week 8th grade vs. alumni volleyball game. The class of 2010 thinks they can't be beat! Who will prevail?

IT'S OPEN HOUSE TIME – Join us on Sunday, January 31st from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM as we open our school to new and current families. Come visit your child's classroom, meet next year's teachers and enjoy refreshments with family and friends. 2010-11 Registration Packets will be available. Invite your neighbors! Spread the word! See you on the 31st!

REPORT CARDS & FINANCES – Report cards will be sent home Friday, Jan. 29. All financial obligations must be up to date or your child's report card will not be released. Please be sure your payments to the school, the parish and PAL are current. This includes the 2010 Pledge Card for parish members.

BAKING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL HOURS – Once again, middle school students are invited to bake for the St. Sebastian Open House on Sunday, January 31st and begin earning service hours for second semester. All kinds of baked items are needed – muffins, quick breads, cookies, brownies, etc. If you are interested, please talk it over with a parent/guardian and have him/her call or send me an email to let me know what you will provide (414-217-6711 or kim_nistler@yahoo.com). You should bake enough for 12-15 people and plan to bring the baked goods to the cafeteria on the 31st between 7:30 – 8:30 AM (alternate arrangements can be made if needed). Thanks, Kim Nistler, St. Sebastian Home & School.

HOMEWORK CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Homework has started – after school for one hour on Monday – Thursday. Volunteers are needed to help supervise students. Contact Mr. Hohl if you can help. Homework Club is currently invitation only – it will be expanded to more students next week.

LAST CHANCE FOR PARENT REFERRAL PROGRAM – We are processing the \$100 rewards this week for any new family referrals for this current school year. Rewards include your choice of \$100 cash, \$100 in Scrip, or a \$100 credit toward 2010-11 registration. The attached form must be filled out and be signed by both the referring family and the new family. Deadline is Friday, January 22.

MARKET DAY – Please remember to place your order for our January 26th sale. Online orders are due by 11:00 PM this Friday, January 22nd. Please call Nancy at 871-0254 with any questions or phone orders.

CHAMPIONS – Congratulations to the 6th grade boys red team. Coached by Mike Brozynski, the team won first place in the Mary Queen of Saints tournament this past weekend. Team members include Nolan Wright, Seb Pruhs, Will Mullen, Jordan Howard, Benny Lehmann, Andre Doucette and Connor Baudhuin. Great teamwork boys!

ATTENTION "WANNA-BE" PARENT JUDGES – There will be training for all “wanna-be” parents that want to be locked in as a forensic judge for the St. Sebastian forensic team. The training will take place on Wednesday, January 27 or Monday, February 1 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the Learning Center. You must attend ONE of the training sessions before you can judge at a tournament. This training is vital to your success as a judge and volunteer judges are VITAL to our forensic program, so plan to attend either on Wednesday or on Monday. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Kirkpatrick at 414-774-6963. Thank you in advance for volunteering. Your help is greatly appreciated.

MATH ACHIEVER CLUB – The following students have successfully entered the Math Achievement Club through success in math computation during the recent Christmas Math Computation contest on the computer at school. The next contest will be after Catholic Schools Week during Valentines Day.

Grade 1

Meghan Jusino
Sierra Cannon

Grade 3

Gabe Bohlmann
Hayden Berg
Michael Crain
Rosalie Burzynski

Grade 5

Casey O'Neil
Matthew Shelledy
Colleen Marcoux
Aaron Gorman

Grade 2

Jack O'Neil
Ben Zeidler
Tim Kirkpatrick
Kieran Zalewski
Grace Kozina

Grade 4

Jesus Villa
Michael Radakovich

LAST DAY TO TURN IN MATH COMPUTATION FORMS – By tomorrow, students must complete their time on the math computation websites forms. The form is attached to the bottom of the newsletter or may be printed from the website under math computation. These must be in to math teachers by tomorrow!

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 – T.J. Christman

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

K4-Annabel Biasi

Completing the letter “A”:

K4- Malachy Kennedy

K4 – Josephine Pruhs

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

K5 – Aiden Crain

Great job to all and keep reading!

YAC BASKETBALL SNACK STAND SCHEDULE - Attached is the basketball season schedule for the snack stand. The January 30th schedule was left off the last posting, so please look at the attached schedule for that date. Please switch with another family if you cannot make your shift. There is a buzz book located inside of the snack stand and non-school family contacts can be found in the church directory.

PARENT COFFEE - Please join us for Parent Coffee this Thursday January 21st in the school cafeteria. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served. All refreshments are provided by Home and School. Everyone is invited to join us starting at 8:00AM in the school cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Rios at 414-444-0102.

MARQUETTE BASKETBALL TICKET ORDERS – Last chance for Orders for the Marquette – DePaul game are due tomorrow. This is a Catholic Schools Week event that our Middle School Choir will sing the national anthem. Game time is 6:00 p.m. and includes a 400 level game ticket and a Marquette/Dwyane Wade drawstring bag for only \$11. The order form is on the website. Get your order in by Thursday!

FRY KIDS - Fish Fry Kid coordinators are seeking volunteers for the February 5th, 2010 Fish Fry. Interested volunteers should email Christine Koch at christinekoch@att.net . Deadline to volunteer is January 27, 2010.

GET READY FOR THE CAN DRIVE - During Earth Week in April, St. Sebs holds a Can Drive. Each grade will compete to collect the most cans, and whoever collects the most wins a pizza party! So start collecting those aluminum cans now!

CONE PATROL – Room 201 is on duty next week.

POPCORN SALE- Freshly made popcorn will be sold on Friday, January 22, 29 and Feb. 5 after school. The cost is 50 cents a bag. The proceeds will be used for the 6th grade Outdoor Education camping trip in February.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR RESUMES - As we are all back now from Christmas break, choir will resume for children in grades 2-5. Rehearsals are Mondays from 3:00pm to 3:30pm in the church and all children from those grade levels are welcome to return/join. The 1st rehearsal for this season will be on Monday, January 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Kamenski at 453-1928.

COME TO THE ST. SEBASTIAN FAMILY MASQUERADE – 7th grade girl scout troop #1294 invites everyone to the church hall on Friday, February 5th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM for a rocking masquerade dance! We are earning funds to support our Silver Award Project which focuses on children in need. 100% of the profits will be used to purchase backpacks, school supplies, art supplies, socks, hats and mittens and whatever else is needed for our adopted kindergarten class at St. Adalbert's School. We have a great DJ who will spin oldies and songs from today's top 40 hits. Bring your dancing shoes or just come to sing along. Masquerade masks, water, popcorn and home-baked treats will be available for purchase. The girl scouts have also made handmade crafts which will be available for purchase: earrings, bracelets, bookmarks, etc. There will also be a tattoo booth and lots more! See you there!! Admission: \$1.00. Masks \$2.00.

ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM - The second prize period for the Accelerated Reader Program closes this Friday (January 22nd) at NOON. Finish reading that great book you've started...and don't forget to take your quiz before Friday!

ATTENTION 1ST THROUGH 4TH GRADE BOYS - According to www.scouting.org, there are 100 reasons to join Scouting. Do you need a reason to join? St. Sebastian Pack 231 invites you to experience the fun of Scouting at our Winter Outing on January 31st. We will meet at the Curry Park Golf Dome between 1:30 and 2:00. After a short Pack meeting, we will head outdoors and enjoy Wisconsin winter with a series of fun activities. Remember, boys in 1st through 4th grade are eligible to join Scouting at any time. If you're interested in becoming a Cub Scout, please contact Mary Madigan at mrmadigan@sbcglobal.net or 414-873-1245.

THE SIX FLAGS READING WINTER CHALLENGE - In order to participate in the Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club and earn a free ticket to a Six Flags theme park, you first have to be in Grades 4K through 6th Grade; second you need to read for six hours. This does not include reading for school or homework assignments-it is reading for fun. Students keep track of their reading on the sheet attached to today's newsletter. They should record the material they read and the time they spend reading. A parent, guardian or teacher must verify each entry by initialing it. Finally, a parent or guardian must sign the form to verify that the child completed the six hours. These forms are due **February 26, 2010** to the school office. Extra forms will be available in the office if you have multiple children. Tickets will be distributed in late May. Admission tickets may be redeemed from June 14, 2010 through August 8, 2010 and may not be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged. Happy Reading! Any Questions please call Beth Neumann at 778-2348.

YEARBOOK COLLAGE PHOTOS – It is time to download your cameras. The yearbook staff is hoping you have some group shots to send in for the collage pages. If you would drop off your pictures to the school office by February 15th, that would be great. Please make sure they are labeled with your name if you would like them back.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO OIL THE ALTAR - Once a month, our Church Altar, Ambo, Credence tables and Baptismal Font platform need to be cleaned and polished with lemon oil. It takes about 45 minutes to oil and buff these areas of the Church. This would be a great after school project.

I am looking for teams of two students or student/parents to volunteer for one of the following months: January, February, April, August, or October, 2010. Your time volunteering would satisfy one service hour requirement. Training is provided. Please call Julia Galligan at 453-1061, ext. 117 to volunteer.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE RECAP - Thanks to the generosity and support of our Wonderful St. Sebastian Parish, the Holiday Boutique netted \$10,523.16. The theme of the 2009 Boutique, *It's A Wonderful Life*, was demonstrated by the generosity, cooperation, friendship and unity that made the event such a financial success despite a challenging economic environment. Thanks again to all who participated in any way for making this happen. The Women of St. Sebastian, sponsors of the Boutique, are donating \$10,000 to St. Sebastian Parish.

BENEDICTION - This Thursday at 5:30pm in church Deacon Jim Peterson will be presiding over a Benediction service with exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance. It is a response from our local deacons to support the National Bishops' Conference request that they work in support of human life concerns. The service is open to all persons and should last about 30 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Kamenski at 453-1928.

WINTERFEST - The Urban Ecology Center in Washington Park invites everyone to a free Winterfest event on Saturday, January 30 from 12:00 - 4:00. There will be outdoor and indoor activities and takes place in and around their building in the park. Come and enjoy ice skating, snowshoeing, sledding, cross country skiing, ice fishing, music and dancing, games, crafts and a clothing swap.

JUNIOR HILLTOPPERS - Boys entering grades 5 - 8 next fall who are interested in playing tackle football should contact jr.hilltoppers@yahoo.com ASAP. Spots are filled first come, first served. Please send the following information and registration materials will be emailed to you within 48 hours: Son's name, parent names, grade entering in fall, current school, home address, home phone number.

LOCKS OF LOVE - In conjunction with Catholic School's Week, current DSHA students and St. Sebastian graduates, Megan Hofschulte and Lilly Maguire, plan to join over 60 classmates in donating their hair to the non-profit organization Locks of Love. This is the 10th year that the Locks of Love assembly has taken place at DSHA high school. Please feel free to join us and show your support this generous act. *Over the duration of the decade, DSHA students have contributed over \$350,000 in donated hair to children with medical hair loss.*

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 Jan. 21.