



# ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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### Character Education Quote of the Week:

"We first make our habits, and then our habits make us" – John Dryden

**IT'S OPEN HOUSE TIME** – Join us on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>! See the attached Parent Referral Form to earn \$100 for a new family enrollment!

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** – Conference appointment sheets are attached to this newsletter and were sent home with all mail carriers today. Please return these by Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Conferences will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> by appointment for all grades.

**REGISTRATION** – Registration packets for the 2010-2011 school year will be available at the open house. If you cannot come to the open house, your packet will be sent home with your mail carrier on Monday, February 1. No student is automatically re-enrolled. All students must register. Remember, if you recruit a new family to our school you will earn a \$100 recruitment incentive.

**FINANCES** – Report cards will be sent home on January 28th. Be sure your financial obligations to the school, parish and PAL are up to date to avoid being placed on hold.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** – Catholic Schools Week begins January 31st. There are a number of fun activities and special dress days planned. See the attached flyer for details on our Thursday morning parent/child breakfast. This will be followed by a variety show if you are able to join us.

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

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK COLLECTION** – Alumni Soldier collection by CSW Committee/Student Council – this collection sends care packages to our former students - soldiers currently serving around the world. Please send by Friday, February 5:

- Glade or other brand solid air freshener
- White, plain tube socks (for warmth at night) – no color, no logo
- DVD movies – new or gently used
- Microwave Popcorn
- Sugar or Artificially sweetened powdered drink packages
- International Phone Cards

**HOMEWORK CLUB IS OPEN** – Homework Club has started – after school for one hour on Monday – Thursday, thanks to the various parent volunteers and teachers. Volunteers are needed to help supervise students. Contact Mr. Hohl if you can help. Homework Club is currently 6-8 only, along with younger siblings – it will be expanded to grades 4-5 next week.

**HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS** – See the attached sheet for our three events to raise money for Haiti relief. Also note the letter from the Pruhs family about their involvement with Haiti. Please note that you must return the reservation form for the Pancake Breakfast on February 12.

**HIGH INTEREST DAY PROCUREMENT NEED** - Lucy Kelly Villa will be offering an exciting new class for High Interest Day this year - Stars and Planets. She is in need of a telescope (or, if nothing else, binoculars) to use during the class which will be offered in the afternoon of High Interest Day (Friday, April 23, 2010). If you have a telescope you would be willing to loan to her for the day OR if you would be willing to come that afternoon with your telescope, please email Kelly Lucy Villa (deaconlucy@centersoflight.org) AND cc Katie Utschig (mkutschig@sbcglobal.net).

**HEY YOU, ARE YOU TALKING?** – Would you like to show others you are? If you are involved with the award winning forensic team and would like a t-shirt to show your team spirit you can order one today. There is a shirt on display on the bulletin board across from the library. Order sheets are available from Mrs. Kirkpatrick or Mrs. Higgins. If you would like to join in the spirit but are not involved with forensics you may still get a shirt, tote bags are available as well.

**A CHANCE TO WIN \$50,000 FOR OUR SCHOOL! GENERAL MILLS BOX TOP ONLINE SWEEPSTAKES** - To enter, go to: [www.boxtops4education.com/pillsburyboxtops](http://www.boxtops4education.com/pillsburyboxtops) and either log in or register to become a member of Box Tops Online. Complete and submit the online sweepstakes entry form during the sweepstakes period which begins at January 4, 2010 and ends on February 28, 2010. To increase our chances, you can enter once a day! The prize: 50,000 BOX TOP points to two schools each.

**FISH FRY NEXT FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5TH!!** - Bring family, friends and neighbors to the best Fish Fry in town...What a great way to wrap up Catholic Schools week!

**ATTENTION 1ST THROUGH 4TH GRADE BOYS** - According to [www.scouting.org](http://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](mailto:mrmadigan@sbcglobal.net) or 414-873-1245.

**ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM UPDATE** - Thank you to all the students who participated in the Accelerated Reader Program. 84 students met or exceeded their 2nd quarter reading goals. Great job everyone. Special applause to Ms. Thayer's 1st graders who all reached their goals! Keep up the great work. The following students exceeded their 2nd quarter goal and earned the highest number of points in their grade:

- 1st grade -- Reed Burzynski with 65 points
- 2nd grade -- Ameera Pearsall with 83.1 points
- 3rd grade -- Michael Crain with 81.1 points
- 4th grade -- Luciano Stephenson with 68.7 points
- 5th grade -- Maggie Burzynski with 107.6 points
- 6th grade -- Zack Gratz with 46.3 points
- 7th grade -- Erin Barrett with 256.2 points

Special effort by the following top point earner:

- 8th grade -- Kyle Madigan with 23 points

**CHESS TEAM FINISHES STRONG AT DISCOVERY WORLD TOURNAMENT** – The Discovery World tournament was held on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Over 175 participants from 20+ schools attended the tournament in a beautiful tournament room overlooking Lake Michigan. The K-3 Division team of Hunter Brame, John Cayen, Gaelan Conklin, Ericanna Mabbett and Patrick Whitney finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, just one point shy of a team trophy. In the tough K-6 Division, the team of Jesus Villa, Alex Radocha, Tyler Mabbett and Julian Rheams tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations to all the chess team members for an excellent effort.

**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.

**COME TO THE ST. SEBASTIAN FAMILY MASQUERADE** – 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl scout troop #1294 invites everyone to the church hall on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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

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

**BOUTIQUE** – Each year the St. Sebastian Craft Group meets monthly to work on craft projects for the Christmas Boutique. We never make the same item more than once so we are always looking for new crafts. It is now time to select ideas for 2010. We will meet Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room to decide what projects to undertake for this coming year. If you enjoy working on arts and crafts, please join us. Bring along any ideas you have and pictures or samples, if you have them. For additional information, please contact Stephanie Netzel at 778-1678 or Connie Holzinger at 873-1343.

**DSHA HIGH SCHOOL** - is proud to announce that three graduates of St. Sebastian earned feature roles in the high school's winter play- The Triangle Factory Fire Project. Congratulations to St. Sebastian alums Erica Cappon, Samantha Foster and Megan Hofschulte who will be on stage March 11-14, 2010 in a moving show which recounts the infamous 1911 tragedy where more than 140 employees of the Triangle Waist Company died in a fire at the factory. Tickets will be on sale in February 2010 at [www.dsha.info](http://www.dsha.info) (under Shop DSHA).