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Character Education Quote of the Week:

"It is better to correct your own faults than those of another." – Democritus

GRADUATION PHOTOS – 8th grade graduation photos have arrived. In an effort to avoid crushed pictures coming home, they will be available in the office for parents to pick up. Any that are not picked up by the end of the day Friday, March 12th will be sent home with the students. Contact the school office if you would like to make other arrangements.

HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Reminder – The Home & School Committee meeting will be held tonight at 6:30 PM in the faculty room.

2010 SPORTS AWARD NIGHT – Invites were given to all students who participated in either basketball or volleyball. RSVP slips need to be in the office or emailed to michelle@orekonline.net by Wednesday, March 17th. Extra invites are available in the office if needed.

SPECIAL "SPIRIT WEAR" DAY – Will be awarded to the students in the grade with the highest percentage of students in attendance at the banquet. Plus, raffle prizes will be awarded at the banquet. You must be present to win.

MARKET DAY – Our next sale is on March 23rd. Please look over the order form attached to today's newsletter and consider placing an order. Paper or internet orders are due on the 19th. Many thanks to all who purchase Market Day which helps support Home & School sponsored events.

CARRY-OUT FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY!!

- Please stop by to get carry-out this Friday, Mar 12th.
- *YOUR neighborhood fish fry for Lent!*

SCRAP METAL DRIVE - Saturday, April 24th 8am-12pm, bring your metal trash to parking lot to be recycled. Turn trash into cash for our school! Check attachments for a list of accepted metal items. For your convenience, you can also drop off your Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges to the Scrap Metal Drive (or to the school office anytime.) Visit fundingfactory.com to see if your ink cartridges are eligible for recycling.

Call for Volunteers: 7th /8th Graders needed for the Scrap Metal Drive. Earn Service hours!

Have a pick-up truck, and like to haul stuff? Our Scrap Metal Drive needs help picking up heavy metal items from people and bringing them to our parking lot.

Interested in volunteering or have questions about the Scrap Metal Drive? Call Steve Biasi at 607-9038.

CHESS CLUB NEWS - On Saturday, March 6, St. Sebastian hosted the 3rd Annual Wisconsin All-Catholic Invitational at Marquette University. 114 participants from Catholic Schools across the state were in attendance. Thanks to all the Sebs parents who made it all run smoothly.

Fourteen students representing St. Sebastian participated in the K-3 and K-6 divisions. In K-3, the team of Hunter Brame, Michael Crain, Gaelan Conklin, John Cayen, Patrick Whitney, Maia Rauh, Ericanna Mabbett, Brianna Hoey and Michael Whitney finished with a First Place trophy. Special recognition to Hunter and Michael who finished 4th and 5th each winning individual trophies!

In K-6, the team of Aaron Gorman, Tyler Mabbett, Alex Radocha, Jesus Villa and Emma Cayen who finished 4th out of 12 teams, just one-half point out of third place. Congratulations to all participants - you represented the home school very well!

The next big tournament for the team is the State Championships at the Kalahari Water Park in Wisconsin Dells on April 24th. Questions about the Chess Club or upcoming tournaments can be referred to Joe Cayen at 414.899.5936 or jcayen@cayen.net.

HIGH INTEREST DAY GRADES 1 – 8 - St. Sebastian's annual High Interest Day is nearly upon us! For those of you who are new to the school community, Friday, April 23rd is a day devoted to special interest sessions for students. You will be receiving the online registration information and packet of other info (including permission slips for selected events) soon. High Interest Day occurs on a regular school day, so all students are expected to participate. The registration will allow your child to select from a variety of choices for classes he/she would be interested in for the day. All of our presenters, organizers, etc. are volunteers (parents, friends, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and community members) who devote the day to helping our kids explore new (and old) interests.

Some of the courses being offered this year are Amazing Animals (yes, they're live animals!), beadworking, theatre and cooperative games, T-shirt making, lots and lots of cooking, geocaching, rockwall climbing, LaCrosse, and much more!

So keep your eyes open for the registration and choice selection materials and watch those deadlines! (Student who don't register before the deadline will be randomly assigned classes). If you are interested in volunteering with High Interest Day (set up the night before, presenter assistant, food helper, clean up), please stop in the office and let Janelle Pruhs know of your interest and availability soon – many hands make light work!

7TH GRADE FINE ARTS TRIP – The 7th grade Fine Arts trip to Chicago is this Tuesday, March 16. Students should be on the playground at 7:15 and the bus will leave by 7:30 am sharp! The full itinerary will be sent home Friday.

FINANCES – 3rd quarter report cards will be sent home soon. 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.

CONE PATROL – Room 210 is on duty next week.

EARTH WEEK ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE - The Can Drive is coming Earth Week April 19th to April 23. Keep collecting cans so your grade can win a pizza party!

Poster Contest: Earth Day Poster Contest is coming soon. The creator of the best poster will win a \$25 Gift Certificate to Rainbow Books.

2010 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD – As part of our recent “Catholic Schools Week” festivities, the 2010 St. Sebastian School Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to **Mr. Jerry Haig and Mrs. Margo Fischer Haig**. In addition to the many ways Mr. and Mrs. Haig have served our parish community over the years, current students and recent graduates know Mr. and Mrs. Haig through their continued coaching and supporting of our award-winning forensics program.

In response to this award, we are pleased to share the following message from our distinguished alumni:

THANKS FROM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI – We are honored to receive the St. Sebastian School Distinguished Alumni Award. We are sure that our classmates in the classes of 1947 and 1949 would join us, grateful for...

- An outstanding elementary education.
- The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi and their teaching talents.
- The pastor and priests who cared for us.
- And a welcoming community as we grew.

The life lessons we learned here have sustained us through thick and thin. We see the same lessons being taught today. Treasure them. Thanks for welcoming us back once again to this great faith community.

Jerry and Margo Haig

COMING SOON! Check the website for more info about the Scrap Metal Drive, the Earth Week Aluminum Can Drive, or other fundraising efforts at:

<http://www.saintsebastianonline.net/school/current-families/home-school-association/fundraising/>

P.S. Thanks for all the Box Tops! Every little bit helps!

NEEDED – The St. Sebastian music department is looking for a hi-hat cymbal and stand to use for the spring concert. Please contact Mrs. Hartley at hartleyk@archmil.org if you can help.

SPRING CONCERT FINALE AUDITIONS – Auditions for the spring concert finale will be held on Thursday, March 25th from 3:00 – 4:00 in the music room. Auditions are open to students in grades 1 – 8 and all students must stay for the audition time. Students auditioning should practice all verses of “We Are the World” and plan to sing as a solo or in a small group. Lyrics are available from Mrs. Hartley.

Preparing for the audition may include visiting youtube.com to watch the 1985 performance of “We Are the World”, or purchasing the audio from itunes.com. Contact Mrs. Hartley if you have any questions at hartleyk@archmil.org.

MILWAUKEE CHILDREN’S CHOIR FESTIVAL – Congratulations go out to 5th graders: Peter Mayhorn, Cheyanne Roszina and Mercedes Cullen; 3rd graders: Allyson Mills, Zach Roszina, Robby Knapp and Zoe Piere-Braden, and 2nd grader: Olivia Smrz. These 8 talented singers will be participating in a day-long music festival produced by the Milwaukee Children’s Choir. This year’s Roots & Wings festival is entitled, “America: All Cultures in Harmony” and will be held on Saturday, March 27th at Homestead High School’s field house, 5000 W. Mequon Road, Mequon.

Parents, friend and relative are welcome to attend the 4:00 PM concert. Concert tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Hartley through the school office or by emailing her at hartleyk@archmil.org by Friday, March 19th. Tickets will also be available at the door.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH EVENT – MARCH 14 – 15 -

Topic: Eucharist - God Feeds God's People

Adult facilitator on Sunday - Sharon Sullivan, Monday - Mary Carian

Sunday's event begins after the 8:00 A.M. Mass in the church hall with breakfast, table activity, opening song, introductory activity, break-out sessions, and closing prayer and song. Monday's event starts with supper at 5:30 P.M. with the event as above. All are welcome! Make it part of your Lenten spiritual journey. Contact person: Joan Plumley, 453-7150 or jplumley@saintsebs.org

NEW SERVER TRAINING – For those who missed previous training sessions, please call/e-mail to register for a training session on Friday, March 19 from 4:00-5:30 in the church. Children in grades 5-8 are all welcome. Mike Kamenski (414-453-1928, mkamenski@saintsebs.org)

LUNCH BUNCH WRAP UP - Friday Lunch Bunch will come to a close for this school year on March 19. Many thanks to the volunteers who made it all possible: Patty Higgins, Marie Zeidler, Diane Saeger, Mary Heard, Ericka Burzynski, Wendy Conklin, Lani Ramos, and Kathy Cayen. Together we provided over fifty five hours of crafting, board gaming, performing, reading/studying, and yoga fun!

Forensic practice took place during Lunch Bunch on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Thanks to Lori Kopchinski, Tom Kertscher, and Katie Utschig for critiquing the team as they presented their speeches and stories. It was fun to observe each student more comfortable with their piece. We wish them the best of luck at the State Tournament later this month!

MILEAGE CLUB NEWS AND INVITATION TO THE FIRST GRADE STUDENTS - Mileage Club (open to 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and St. Coletta students) will continue to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of May. Please take notice of all the Mileage Club Markers posted outside the school office. These are students who have accomplished goals of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 Miles! Warmer weather may bring out more students. If your child still wants to run or walk twice a week, permission slips are still available in the school office.

First Grade students are invited to join us in this running and walking program after Easter Break. Look for permission slips to come in backpack mail next week. Thank you to the Mileage Club volunteers who have helped since soon after the school year began: Katie Utschig, Rebecca Keiser, Gloria Rios, Marie Zeidler, Mary Heard, Kathy Cayen, Janelle Pruhs, Tracey Weigel, and Maggie Rauh. This program (and our students) couldn't "run" without you!

SOCCER CAMP – Pius XI High is offering a soccer camp for boys and girls entering grades 1 – 9. The fee is \$90 and it is held in Franklin. Registration forms are available in our school office. The enrollment deadline is June 1st.

LEARN TO PLAY HURLING - The Milwaukee Hurling Club will be starting its 15th season and is offering a **FREE youth clinic on Saturday, March 27th** for boys and girls ages 4-15 interested in learning to play this ancient Gaelic sport. Hurling is a fast action game using stick and ball skills similar to field hockey and lacrosse. If you have played tennis, hockey, baseball or soccer, and are looking for a great spring and summer sport, come to the FREE clinic held at Uihlein Soccer Park from 11:00 AM to 1:00PM on the 27th. RSVP to mhc.youth.hurling@gmail.com and call Molly Schissler at 262-355-2938 for more information about the "Fastest Game on Grass."

PICK YOUR FUN NIGHT FOR 5TH, 6TH & 7TH GRADERS! - Basketball, Crafts, Guitar Hero®, Volleyball, Rock Climbing, Games, DJ and more!
Date: Friday, March 19, 2010 from 7-9 PM
Location: Pius XI Field House
Free Admission : No RSVP; *signed permission slip required at door* (visit www.piusxi.org)

TITANIC: THE MUSICAL - PIUS XI High School is proud to present this Tony-Award winning musical—a joint collaboration between students, faculty, parents, alumni and the professional theater community! It is rarely performed due to the sheer size and scope of the production. This promises to be a musical as grand as the Titanic itself. Buy your tickets today!

Dates: March 25—27, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Historic Pabst Theater (144 E. Wells Street , Milwaukee)

Tickets: \$10-\$35; Reserved Seating Only

Contact: Pius XI Bookstore @ 414.290.8151