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Character Education Quote of the Week:

"Too often we underestimate the power of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." – Leo Buscaglia

CONE PATROL – Room 203 is on duty the week after Easter.

EASTER VACATION – Vacation begins at 3:00, Thursday, April 1st. School will resume Monday, April 12.

HOMEWORK CLUB – Homework club is cancelled for Thursday, April 1st. Homework club will resume on Monday, April 12th.

LOST & FOUND – Our lost and found box is overflowing. The lost and found items will be on display on the playground at dismissal tomorrow. Any items that are not claimed will be donated to charity.

HAITI CONNECTION UPDATE – Mr. & Mrs. Pruhs have sent us an update on how our contribution to Haitian relief is being allocated. Unfortunately, Mr. & Mrs. Pruhs have experienced food poisoning due to the unsanitary conditions the country is dealing with. They expect to make a full recovery.

A portion of our funds have been given to an associate of Missionaries of Charity (Mother Theresa's sisters) to distribute as they see fit. This associate lost his house and will use part of the funds to rebuild just one room for himself to live in. Another portion has been given to a Canadian sister who works with mothers and babies who are often overlooked. This money is being distributed for food and for burial costs.

Please continue to pray for the Haitian earthquake survivors and for Mr. & Mrs. Pruhs and others who are generously offering their assistance to help them rebuild their lives.

YAC – Thanks to all of the student athletes, coaches, parents, YAC committee members, volunteers and Mr. Kearney (guest speaker) for making the 2010 YAC Student Awards Night a huge success. Go RED RAIDERS!

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE WINNER! – Congratulations to 6th grade Alanne McCauley who was awarded the Second Place prize in the state of Wisconsin. Alanna's letter to author Lurlene McDaniel placed second in the grades 4 – 6 category. She was awarded a cash prize and will be presented with a framed certificate detailing her accomplishment.

Eighth grader Cassidy McCauley was inadvertently left out of the semi-finalist announcement. Since she was in Washington, D.C. at the time letters were sent to contest participants, Cassidy was not aware of her status until after information was printed in the newsletter. Congratulations to Cassidy for her initiative and semi-finalist status.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. SEBASTIAN FORENSIC TEAM – 23 middle school students competed this past weekend in the state forensics tournament in Neenah, Wisconsin and won 5th place as a team in the medium school division!! Since most of the team members were first year forensic students, this trophy is quite a testament to the commitment of our students. There were 81 schools and over 1300 student competitors, so these 23 students were exceptional representatives for St. Sebastian. Several individual awards were given to those students that made it into finals. Elizabeth Sealey, Alanna McCauley and Genevieve Desotelle won 2nd place trophies, and Sophia Altenburg, Elizabeth Falk and Melody Kendl all received medals in finals.

Thank you to the entire team who worked so hard this year on their programs. Thank you also to all of the parents who helped with the program. Your judging, driving, listening at lunch bunch, and attendance at the tournaments really show our students just how important we feel the forensic program is. It is with your continued support that we are able to be successful year after year and provide these students with the life skills of public speaking. It is an honor to work with such enthusiastic students and parents.

Kathy Kirkpatrick and Pat Russell

ROSIE READER - Congratulations to the following students for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:

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

K4- Malachy Kennedy

K5 -Elsa Berner

Completing the letter "P" in R-E-A-D-I-N-G:

K5- Levi Keiser

Great job to all and keep reading!

SPRING DANCE! – St. Sebastian will be hosting a middle school spring dance on Friday, April 16th. There will be a DJ playing all of today's top hits. We will have lots of soda and candy for sale and WALKING TACOS! This is an 8th grade graduation fundraiser, so please support it. Come and dance till you drop!!

CAN DRIVE! - Ask your friends and neighbors for their cans! Having a party? Buy your drinks in aluminum rather than plastic! The grade that collects the most cans wins a pizza party! Coming up during Earth Week: April 19th through 23rd.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE - Saturday April 24th from 8am - 12pm. Be a part of this great fundraiser and recycling effort. We need volunteers, including 7th & 8th graders to help take things apart. We also need a few people to bring their pick-up trucks and help with the larger items. To volunteer or get more information, call Steve Biasi at 607-9038 or visit <http://www.saintsebastianonline.net/school/current-families/home-school-association/fundraising/>

GOODWILL DRIVE – The student council will be sponsoring a Goodwill drive through the month of April. Take your gently used items to any Goodwill store and donation center from April 1 – 30. Let them know you are donating for our school. They will give you a slip for you to write down St. Sebastian and how many items you have donated. The school with the highest amount of donations will win a visit by Green Bay Packer Donald Driver! Have fun cleaning your closets for a great cause!

PIUS XI ACADEMIC AWARDS – Lauren Smrz received a \$375 scholarship in acting for the 2010-2011 school year based on her performance in the Performing Arts Scholarship Competition. Rebecca Swanson received an honorable mention in the collage portion of the Visual Arts Scholarship Competition.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES –

Holy Thursday – April 1

7:00 PM Mass – St. Sebastian at St. Catherine

Good Friday Service – April 2

1:00 PM - St. Catherine

2:30 PM - Walking Stations of the Cross in the neighborhood at St. Catherine

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – April 3

11:00 AM – Blessing of Easter Food at St. Sebastian

8:00 PM Mass – Vigil Mass at St. Sebastian with St. Catherine

Easter Sunday – April 4

8:00 AM Mass – At St. Sebastian

10:30 AM Mass – At St. Sebastian

NO 6:00 PM Mass at St. Sebastian

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING – Scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 in the Teacher’s Lounge.

ST. SEBASTIAN DOES WELL IN DSHA EXCEL-A-THON – Open to 5th, 6th and 7th grade girls, the DSHA Academic Excel-A-Thon is an opportunity for schools to spotlight the academic achievements of their students through a series of short tests in five subject areas. The subjects included are math, English, social studies, science and current events, with test questions prepared by the DSHA faculty. Each academic area has both team and individual winners for each grade level. In addition, monetary awards are presented to the first place and runner-up individuals. This program not only recognizes outstanding ability, but it also demonstrates that learning can be rewarding. Over three hundred young women from 35 area schools participated in the 2010 event. St. Sebastian teams and results:

5th Grade Team – Jordyn Summerfield, Colleen Marcoux, Annie Maloney, Maggie Burzynski - 2nd in Current Events

Colleen Marcoux, 5th Grade, 2nd in Math and 2nd in Current Events

Maggie Burzynski, 5th Grade, 3rd in Science, 2nd in Math, 2nd in English, 2nd in Current Events, 1st in Social Studies and **1st overall individual for 5th Grade**

6th Grade Team – Sophia Altenburg, Maeve Hanley, Hailey Kertscher, Allie Lichucki

Sophia Altenburg, 6th Grade 2nd in Current Events and 3rd in English

Hailey Kertscher, 6th Grade 3rd in Current Events

7th Grade Team - Emma McCarthy, Blayr Miller, Emma Runnoe, Maggie Klein - placed **1st in English** and 3rd in Science

Maggie Klein, 7th Grade, 2nd in English

Emma Runnoe, 7th Grade 3rd in Current Events

Congratulations Girls!

HIGH INTEREST DAY CLEAN-UP - We are still looking for a few adult volunteers to help with clean-up on High Interest Day. Middle-school students are also welcome to help and receive service hours.

These are the adults who have volunteered:

Christine Goldsworthy

Matthew/Rebecca Keiser

Bryan Kirkpatrick

Jon Park

Thank you for volunteering! You will be receiving a confirmation phone call in the next few weeks.

We still need adult volunteers, so please call Julie Baudhuin at 774-7086 or email at jbaudhuin@wi.tr.com

EIGHTH GRADERS - The Basement Brigade needs 8th graders to help out during the Scrap Metal Drive, Saturday April 24th 8am -12pm. We need help riding to people's homes and loading up their unwanted metal trash. St. Sebs will earn money for the number of pounds and kinds of metal it collects. **8th Graders** - **You can earn service hours for this**, so call Steve Biasi right now at 607-9038 or at sbiasi@wi.rr.com.

CARRY-OUT FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY!! -

1. Please stop by to get carry-out this Friday, Apr 2nd.
2. *The LAST Fish Fry for Lent!*

ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM - Thank you to all the students who participate in the Accelerated Reader Program. During the third quarter, 112 students met their accelerated reader goal! Special recognition to Miss Thayer's first graders and Mrs. Fly's 4th graders who all reached their reading goals this quarter. Excellent job everyone.

The following students are the top point earners in their grade:

1st grade -- Emily Sveda
2nd grade -- Ameerah Pearsall
3rd grade -- Ethan Wright
4th grade -- Nate Pruhs
5th grade -- Maggie Burzynski
Middle school -- Erin Barrett

A GOOD DEED ON GOOD FRIDAY - The April 2nd, Carry-out Only Fish Fry will be graciously staffed by Venture Crew students. However, we are in need of volunteers to assist with Friday set-up (1:30 - 4:30) and clean-up (7:30 - 10:00). If you were unable to volunteer during your child's assigned fish fry or are available to help again, please contact Maddalena Stephenson at 259-5012 or at roblena@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.