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Character Education Quote of the Week:

"There are no degrees of Honesty" – Author Unknown

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS – The school office will be open during the summer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 – 12:00. If needed, feel free to leave us a voicemail or email when we are not open and we will get back to you.

FINANCES - Be sure your school financial commitments are met. The end of the school year is quickly approaching. Report cards will not be distributed to families who still owe:

- Parish pledges
- 2009-2010 school year registration fees
- Library fines
- Cafeteria debts
- PAL fees
- Damaged or lost textbook

OPEN HOUSE – A mini-open house evening is planned for Wednesday, August 11 from 6:00-7:00 PM. See the previous attached flyer and also take advantage of the free \$100 parent referral program.

SUMMER ACADEMY – Dates are set for the St. Sebastian Summer Academy – July 5 – July 16. Check out the Registration forms on the school website. Also, confirmation letters are being sent home today for those completed reservation forms.

THANK YOU – Mrs. Wellenstein would like to thank the parents and students in K4, K5 and 1st grade for the flowers and gift cards. She wishes everyone a good summer.

WEDNESDAY PROCEDURES – Wednesday, June 9, is our last day of school. On Wednesday, students do not report to school. Instead, they should go directly to church. Church will be open at 7:45 AM for arrival, and students must report there by 8:10 AM. Mass will start at 8:15 AM. The students should sit in their usual places with their teachers. Parents are welcome to join them. After Mass, we will have a few student and teacher awards and announcements. Then teachers will hand out report cards. After that, at approximately 9:45 AM, students are dismissed for the summer.

SUMMER PACKETS – Look for the 2010-2011 back-to-school information packets in church on July 25. If you know that you cannot pick yours up, perhaps you could arrange for a friend or neighbor to get it for you. Any that are not picked up in church will be mailed.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – Next year's first day of school is Monday, August 30th! Drop-in morning will be Thursday, August 26th. Orientation dates are: K4 & K5 – Aug. 24 / 1st, 2nd, 5th – Aug. 25 / middle school – Aug. 26 / 3rd & 4th – Aug. 30 – Times will be in the July packet.

SCHOOL & STAFF STRUCTURE FOR 2010-2011 – We have some changes proposed for the 2010-2011 school year in school / grade structure before both Parish Council and Finance Committee due to an increase in enrollment from the February accepted budget and current enrollment. See the July packet for the approved structure.

School Structure: (1) K4 as one session, but with student enrollment from 21-25, a full-time aide will be hired. Over 25 and a new section of K4 will be opened. (2) K5 as one session, but with student enrollment from 23-27, an aide will be hired. Over 27 and a new section of K5 will be opened. (3) For the 2010-2011 budget created in February, we projected one 1st grade classroom. The 1st grade enrollment number has pleasantly increased. This means we may have 2 1st grade classrooms for next year. Either the morning classrooms will be split into 2 classrooms and in the afternoon the class will be one group, similar to this year's K5, or there will be two 1st grade full-time classrooms (4) 4th grade will have 2 full-time classrooms for next year.

Staff Structure: (1) Mrs. Steenwyk in middle school math is not returning. We are currently interviewing candidates and hope to have a hire by next week. (2) Mrs. Floriani is not returning. The K5 teacher will be announced as soon as we get approval in the proposals above. (3) Mrs. Pagoria is not returning. Again, the K5 teacher will be announced as soon as we get approval in the proposals above.

Complete details will be announced in the Summer Packet.

READERS ARE LEADERS – We ended the year with a BANG and a BOOM, as the students who reached their 4th quarter Accelerated Reader goals were treated to a performance by the Milwaukee College Prep School's Drum Line. The following students earned the most AR points in their class this year and were rewarded with a pizza lunch. They are:

		<u>Points earned</u>
1 st grade	Emily Sveda	303.8
2 nd grade	Ameera Pearsall	255.2
	Maia Rauh	28.1
3 rd grade	Michael Crain	213.4
	Ethan Wright	215.6
4 th grade	Luciano Stephenson	233.4
	Nate Pruhs	307.5
5 th grade	Natalie DePalma	479.8
	Maggie Burzynski	513.2
6 th grade	Leah Lustig	71.1
	Zack Gratz	86.3
7 th grade	Emma Runnoe	151
	Erin Barrett	567.3
8 th grade	Kyle Madigan	140.5

Ms. Thayer's 1st graders were the top class this year. They enjoyed an ice cream party. Thank you to the following RAL volunteers for helping make this year a success: Mary Heard, Janelle Pruhs, Kathy Cayen, Trish Dulka, Lena Stephenson, Shelly DePalma, Mrs. Blaha, Wendy Conklin and Miriam Falk. Be sure to sign your kids up for the Milwaukee Public Library's Reading Program this summer!

MILEAGE CLUB CHALLENGE - For Mileage Club-ers, their parents, and/or students interested in running. Please see the attached inserts in last week's newsletter regarding the August 28th 5K MPS "Run Back to School" event held at Wick Field and Washington Park. It promises to be a fun morning for students and parents alike so plan on training and participating in this great event. Students who participate in the Run Back to School 5K challenge will be able to earn 12 punches on their Mileage Club cards in September.

FREE PIANO -- Anyone want a free piano? Tom and Mary Beth Doyle no longer need their 1900 stand up solid wood Schaeffer piano made in Chicago. Two of the keys need to be repaired and it will need to be tuned. You only have to pay to move the piano. It is very heavy. If interested and you would like to see it, please call them at 302-5054. Their address is 464 N. 50th Street, just south of Bluemound.

LOAVES & FISHES NEWS FOR THE SUMMER – Thank you everyone for another fantastic year! It is because of you that we have set fundraising records. We are working toward making beneficial changes in our students' learning experience. For example, we are saving up for a badly needed computer system for the school. Your continued support either through volunteering your time as a chairperson or contributing financially is what truly makes a difference here, and the school community appreciates every bit. THANK YOU!

Next school year, K4 parent Julie Kennedy will be your new Loaves and Fishes Chair. Welcome and thank you, Julie! Don't forget, you can turn your Box Tops, Labels for Education, McDonald's receipts, milk caps, ink cartridges and cell phones in to the office anytime.

French Toast school uniform coupons will be included in your July packets. *French Toast* and *Lands' End* offer cash back to the school when you order with them. A complete list of our "Pain-less Fundraising Opportunities" will be included in the July packets, but if you have any questions until then, call Cara Bidwell at 763-7157. Thanks!

MARKET DAY – Our very last sale of the year is on June 15th. Online orders are due by 11:00 PM this Friday, June 12th. If you have a paper order, please give me a call. We won't have another sale until late September, so stock up! Please call Nancy at 871-0254 with any questions.

ROSIE READER – Congratulations to the following students for their progress in the Rosie Reader program:

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

K4 – Moses Bidwell

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

K5 – Max Dodridge

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

K5 – Aidan Crain

K5 – Claire Nistler

Hip! Hip! Hooray! Aidan and Claire made it all the way! Great job to all - keep reading all summer long!

SUMMER T-BALL – For 6 Tuesday nights, beginning on Tuesday, June 15th, and continuing until Tuesday, July 20th, players and their parents should come to the St. Seb's playground at 6:30 PM. We will play for one hour, weather permitting.

Summer T-ball is open to all St. Sebastian children who have completed K4 – 1st grade. No sign-up fee or long term commitment is required. The goal of summer T-ball is to introduce children to the very basics of baseball and provide an opportunity to get together during the summer. Teams are made as players arrive and all players hit and run the bases. If you have a glove, great! If you don't have a glove there will be a glove to share. Bats, balls and the hitting tee are provided. Matt Lichucki has volunteered to be the summer T-ball commissioner. Call Matt at 453-5638 with any questions.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING – Please save and donate aluminum cans! Proceeds from aluminum can recycling help our children's education programs. Drop off cans at **Daleiden's House, 6138 Washington Circle**. For those who need assistance, Peter Daleiden is pleased to pick them up, call 771-6772. NOTE: Please do not include glass, plastic, or tin. Thank you to everybody who has participated in the recycling effort.

SUMMER HELP FOR YOUR CHILD - Mrs. Janice Hauf, a certified primary teacher with thirty years of experience, is available for tutoring your child this summer. Mrs. Hauf is a full-time substitute teacher at Saint Sebastian School and other District 12 schools. Please call 453-5830 (the school office) to leave your name and number. All sessions are held at Saint Sebastian School or The Wauwatosa Public Library.

PARENTS IN PRAYER - Dedicated parents have been meeting throughout the year on Friday mornings after drop off to pray for the intentions of the school, classrooms, students, and families. We have been lifting you all up in prayer throughout the year and wish you blessings this summer. Anyone is welcome to join us next year whether it is on a weekly basis or only the Fridays you are available. For more information or if you have specific prayer requests, contact Terese Bauer or Leah Sealy.

St. Sebastian School

Recruitment Incentive Program

Do You Want to Earn \$100 ?

You can. It is easy! Just recruit a new family to St. Sebastian School for this upcoming school year!

Qualifications for the \$100

- * The new family has not attended St. Sebastian School in the past year.
- * The new family must enroll by September 8, 2010.
- * You must be designated as the recruiter with the form below.
- * The new family must attend the school year through Dec. 31, 2010.
- * \$100 can be collected as cash, Scrip Credit, or registration credit.

We Need Everyone's Help to Build School Enrollment!

Positive Parent Feedback is our **BEST** Recruiting Tool!

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Please complete and return to the school office by Sept. 10, 2010

New Family Name _____

Address or Phone number _____

Recruited by : _____

Questions ? Call the school office at 453-5830