



ST. SEBASTIAN
Catholic School

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Happy New Year! If you have been in the school recently, I am sure you have felt abundant positive energy—from our recent Archdiocesan Exemplary Award in *Educating the Whole Child*, to our back-to-back years of a “5-Star, *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*” rating from the State of Wisconsin, to the passionate work of our dedicated teachers and staff, and especially, from our wonderful students who never seem to run out of energy!

Last year at this time, we introduced the vision of improving the outdoor play space for the students of St. Sebastian and St. Coletta Schools. Many responded generously, enabling us to start the work of developing a plan for moving forward. A more formalized plan has since emerged, including a variety of play options and connections to nature in our urban setting. Planned features include:

- Resealing the blacktop including newly painted lines for games. The goal for completion of this is the spring or summer of 2019, weather dependent.
- Renovating the current “Tot Lot” area to include a new play structure, slides, picnic tables, walking path, sensory equipment and a natural play area. The goal to complete this area is the summer of 2019.
- Renovating the area east of the gym to include a large climbing structure and other play components while retaining the memorial tree. The goal for completing this phase will continue into the future, depending upon the timeline of securing the necessary funds.

The playground renovation, specifically the Tot Lot section, was the project featured during the recent St. Sebastian Auction. Attendees responded generously, providing a foundation for many of the planned renovations to occur. For those who were not able to attend the auction, we invite you to contribute in helping to bring the vision to reality. Donations can be made via the enclosed envelope or online at <http://bit.ly/SebsPayPlay>, to support the playground project, and other ways to give.

This is an exciting project benefiting our children for years to come! We are driven to see this goal come to fruition for our community, and remain hopeful you may feel moved to give, no matter the amount. Thank you for your consideration, and may God bless you abundantly in the new year.

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Principal