



# Principal's Reminder 12/14/18

Welcome to the St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School, where we form disciples of Jesus and strengthen the community of faith of our Church.

## The STREAM Habitat Project

Students researched and created an appropriate zoo habitat for their chosen animal.



4<sup>th</sup> Grade's Lion

5<sup>th</sup> Grade's Panda



6<sup>th</sup> Grade's Monkey

## What is Advent?



Fr. Frank taught our 4th-6<sup>th</sup> graders about Advent.

## Lighting the Advent Candle



We are lighting the first two purple candles of the Advent Wreath this week during our prayer.

See the last page of the Reminder to learn what Advent is all about.

## Grinch Day in Pre-K He's a mean one . . .



And all the Saints in Sebastianville . . .



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Had so much fun that day!



Like Us!



On the NBV Community Park Facebook Page. We are trying to win the Decorating Contest two years in a row!

## Christmas Performance for Anita Garibaldi Society of Belle Vernon



Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grader Chorus sang carols this past Saturday to the women of the Anita Garibaldi Society of Belle Vernon at Cedar Creek Grill. The Society was so appreciative, they gave the School a monetary donation. Thank you, Mr. Russell, and parents of students in grades 3-6.

## Christmas Pageant



Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders filled the Church with beautiful music Tuesday evening as Mr.

Russell drew their natural talents out for us all to enjoy. Thank you for making my evening and that of all of our parents and staff by sending your child to SSRCS.

## STREAM Ornament Design

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade designed and created ornaments that represent SSRCS



## Scale Drawings



5<sup>th</sup> Grade created scaled drawings

determining the best way to make a scale model of a tent using only paper, tape, scissors, & colored pencils. They are in the design phase.





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**They are Baby Trout!** Baby trout hatch before they're ready to swim. These tiny trout were alevins, and lived on the yolk from their egg sacs. They are hungry and ready to be fed. **Volunteers are needed to feed them over the holiday.** Let Mr. Domiano know.

### Junior & Senior Engineers



Turn small motors into Art Spinners



### Kindergarten's Nativity Scenes



Kindergarten reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade's Contour Line Wire Sculptures** make amazing Christmas ornaments. A date-stamped copper tag will remind them in years ahead, when they made these.

### Kindergarten & 1st Grade Art Ornaments



### Outside of School Activities



**Learning to Hunt**

Congratulations to Marty Addis on his first doe.

Please send us your children's activities and accomplishments outside of school. We celebrate the Whole Child.



### Performing in the Nutcracker

Sydney Duda was a little girl, rat, angel, wildflower, and a black sheep in this year's performance of The Nutcracker at the Palace Theater in Greensburg.



### Clubs

**Mondays—Girls Who Code—3:10-4:15 pm, Art**

Room. Pick-up at Front Door.

**Mondays—Student Council Officers; 3-3:30 pm, Rm K or 1; Dec. 3, 2018, Pick-up at Front Door**

**Tuesdays—Chess Club—3:00-4:00; Rm. 4; Pick-Up at Front Door**

- Basketball Practice—3:30-5:00 pm  
Pick-Up at back door.

**Wednesday—Cheerleading Practice, 3-4:00 pm  
Pick-up at back door.**

**Thursdays—clubs and practices cancelled until we return.**

### Community Service Projects

**We're still making mats for the homeless from**



old plastic bags. Send yours to School. Shown here are Julia, Evelyn, Sydney, and Kamara

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crocheting Plarn during recess. These mats will keep blankets and sleeping bags off of the cold, wet ground for the Homeless. You can make these with your children at home, too!



### Bus to Bethlehem!

Thank you all for making Christmas merry for local children. Shown here, Sarah and Lizzette from Community Bank

are making a donation to the cause. STA donated the bus and sent gifts for the children. St. Vincent de Paul provided food. Together, we helped over 175 children.

### Athletics

**Cheerleading Squad Coach Calderone holds practice every Wednesday, from 3-4 pm**



- **Co-Ed Basketball** (Coaches Petaccia, Stawovy, and Stockey)— Practice (every Tues/Thurs from 3:30-5:00 pm)



### REMINDERS

- **Dec. 18—Career Development in Engineering for grades 4-6; Pd. 9**
- **Dec. 19—Free Christmas Lunch from PTG; Christmas Parties, 1:30 PM**
- **Dec. 20—Christmas Program for PreK-6, 10:00 am—Parents invited to Sign-in in the back. Noon dismissal.**
- **Jan 2—Return to School**
- **Jan 2—School Mass, 1:00 pm**
- **Jan 4—Noon Dismissal/appropriate dress down day**
- **Jan 7—PTG Meeting, 3:30 pm, Rm 3**



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- Jan 8-11—ACT Aspire Interim Testing, grades 3-6
- Jan 17—End of Semester 1
- Jan 21—No School; MLK
- Jan 22—Report Cards available
- Jan 27—Open House, noon-2:00 pm
- Jan 29—Vocations Mass, 1:00 pm
- Feb 2—Family Fun Night, 6-9:00 pm, MPR

### Tuition Reduction through Scrip (only)

Website: [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) for "Scrip Now!" cards.

Mobile site [myscripwallet.com](http://myscripwallet.com) to order e-gift cards sent straight to your phone.

SCRIP: Pick-Up—Orders filled weekly & delivered to the school office each Tuesday afternoon.

SCRIP Enrollment Code: 8847653L11569 or call Kate Horensky for help: 412.370.4730.

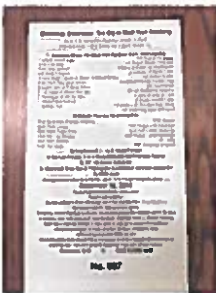
### School & PTG Fundraising (Not Direct Tuition Reducing)



**Enjoy! Coupon Books are back and in the Office**  
**\$30 each**

Send a check for \$30 payable to SSRCS with your child, and we'll send one home with you—great Christmas gift!

### • Christmas Showcase Tickets



Money & Tickets not returned by Dec. 14 will be added to tuition.  
Check to see if you're a winner on Sunday!  
**Only tickets paid for by Friday will be paid out if they win.**

### He's Back!



The Sarris Chocolate Santa with the googly eyes is being raffled off for **\$1/ticket** through December 19<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be announced on the 20<sup>th</sup> and be able to take Santa home for Christmas.

### Where are your box tops?



If they are setting in a bag at home, please send them into school. They bring money and supplies to SSRCS.

### Student Council Fundraiser



### Candy Grams

Did you send your child or other SSRCS children a candy gram? They are \$1 each and are a fundraiser for the Student Council that ends on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Candy Grams distributed on the 18<sup>th</sup> to PreK3 and on the 19<sup>th</sup> to PreK4-6.

### Are You, Your Business or a Business you know paying > \$1,000 in PA State Taxes?



Did you know you could redirect that tax money to SSRCS for tuition assistance for families in need? Please contact Mrs. Michelle Watson for details.



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### PLEASE SEND SOMEONE:

Still looking and praying for a:

**2-day/week Language Teach**  
Can be ANY language—even Sign Language.



- Ms. Donna Gilotty, for God's ongoing blessings
- Dr. Marsteller, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, for her recent surgery
- Mimi Feehan's dog, JJ, who has a tumor on his elbow.
- Mr. Russell's dog, Boomer, from his recent procedure

### Thank you to:

- All of you who helped move risers and clean up after the Christmas Pageant
- Jeanie Kapiak for teaching us how to make the recycled bag mats.
- Mr. Koury for giving us heat by fixing our heater vents.
- Thank you to all of our cafeteria and recess volunteers—We need more volunteers!
- And all of you for choosing and sacrificing to send your children to SSRCS.



May We Offer Up Prayers of Gratitude or Honor Prayer Requests for Improved Health or Comfort? Just email me your request and our children will include you, your family, and/or friends in our morning prayers ([nzetty@sssbv.org](mailto:nzetty@sssbv.org)).

### Please pray for:

A speedy recovery for:

- Hayden's Uncle Denny
- Mr. Russell's Grandfather
- Bishop Malesic, from his recent health incident.
- Fr. Bill Feeney, from his illness.
- Sister Grace Snyder, from her illness.
- Mr. Kotch, for God's blessings on his health in his retirement years
- Mr. Dennis Tubbs, from his surgery.
- Mr. McLaughlin, for a full recovery.

### Also for:

- For the King Family, that has suffered many challenges, recently
- This country and all who defend it or have given their lives defending it.
- This country for its acceptance of ALL people regardless of race, religion, gender, and/or socio-economic status, especially the cities and towns in which lives have been taken in tragedy.
- Union and Management disputes everywhere that they treat each other with respect and resolve their differences expediently.
- St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School, that it continues to flourish and welcome new and current families into our family of faith and education.
- All those affected by devastating and destructive weather throughout the world.

The special intentions you may have resting heavily on your hearts today.



We desperately need:

**Cafeteria/Recess** volunteers. Please contact Mrs. Erika Fouch, 724.929.5143, to offer even one day (11 am-12:30 pm) per month.



## What is Advent?

The Season of Advent (from the Latin word meaning coming), begins in Western Christianity on a Sunday about four weeks before Christmas Day (the one closest to November 30 that runs to the Sunday before Christmas). Its celebration began in 16<sup>th</sup>-Century Germany by Lutherans and Catholics and is a preparation for the coming of Jesus, both at Christmas and the Second Coming. Historically, it is a time of fasting, study, meditation, and prayer (spiritual contemplation of the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate who comes to redeem the human race). As such, it is called, "little Lent," when we wait in darkness with hopeful expectation for His coming and return.

The Advent Wreath has four candles—three purple (liturgical color for prayer, penance, and sacrifice) and one pink (lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Gaudete—Rejoice Sunday); one is lit each Sunday and represents 1,000 years each or the 4,000 years the world waited for the Savior (from Adam/Eve to Jesus). The candles demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness (sin) and light (Christ). Each Sunday draws us closer to His Advent (coming) and the additional candle dispels the darkness a little more. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, we switch to the Rose liturgical color signifying "joy," as our waiting is almost over.

Candle 1 (purple)—the prophets' candle (primarily Isaiah ("Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14, NIV)); it represents **hope**.

Candle 2 (purple)— the Bethlehem candle, symbolizing Christ's manger. It represents **love**—

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"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger (Luke 2:12, NIV)".

Candle 3 (pink)—the shepherds' candle represents **joy**. "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But, the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord (Luke 2:8-11, NIV)."

Candle 4 (purple)—the angels' candle represents **peace**. "Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. (Luke 2:13-14, NIV)."

The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end (eternity), symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us. Some wreaths include a white candle in the middle, the Christ Candle, which signifying purity (Christ is sinless, spotless, pure Savior) and is lit on Christmas eve. "Come now, let us settle the matter, " says the Lord. "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool (Isaiah 1:18, NIV)."



**HE IS COMING!**

As we prepare, just a few reminders:

**Friday, Dec. 14, 7:30 pm Light-Up Night at SSRCS**

**Tuesday, Dec. 18**

Candy Gram Sale ends

Sarris Santa Raffle continues--\$1/chance

**Wednesday, Dec 19**

Everyone gets a Free Christmas Lunch

Christmas Parties begin, 1:30 pm

Candy Grams Distributed during parties

Sarris Santa Raffle ends--\$1/chance

**Thursday, Dec 20**

Sarris Santa winner revealed

Christmas program begins at 10:00 am.

Please sign-in in the back of the school, no earlier than 9:50 am

**NOON DISMISSAL**





# JANUARY Tentative School Calendar



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## St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NO SCHOOL	2 School Mass 1:00 pm Cheerleading 3-4	3	4 Noon Dismissal/Dress down Teacher Inservice	5
6	7 Girls Who Code 3- 4:15 pm PTG meeting 3:30pm	8 ACT Aspire --Reading Nurse here Basketball Pract 3-5 Robotics 3-4	9 ACT Aspire online -- English Cheerleading 3-4	10 ACT Aspire online -- Math Basketball Practice 3- 5	11 ACT Aspire online-- Science	12
13	14 Girls Who Code 3- 4:15 pm	15 Chess Club 3-4 Basketball Pract 3-5	16 Cheerleading 3-4	17 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Basketball Practice 3- 5; Yearbook 3-4 Faculty Meeting 3:15	18	19
20	21 No School-MLK Day Snow Make-up day	22 Nurse here Robotics Club 3-4 Basketball Pract 3-5	23 Cheerleading 3-4	24 Basketball Pract 3-5	25	26
27 Catholic Schools Wk Open House 12-2pm Bring a Friend!	28 Girls Who Code 3-4	29 Vocations Mass, 1:00 PM, Fr. Bandura Chess 3-4 Basketball Pract 3-5	30 Cheerleading 3-4	31 Yearbook 3-4		Family Fun Night MPR 6-9 pm