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ADVENT

The season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Advent begins on Sunday, December 1 and ends on Tuesday, December 24. During the season of Advent, we will join together every Monday morning in the MPR as a school community. The older students will lead us in prayer and the lighting of the Advent wreath.

Each day the Student Leaders are reading from the "Advent Storybook - 24 Stories to Share Before Christmas". This book tells the story of Benjamin Bear and his journey to Bethlehem. Each day he encounters the wonder of Jesus.

December 1 - The Star with a Tail -- Remember that God is with you night and day to show you the way.

December 2 - The Eagle -- If we trust in God, He will always catch us before we fall.

December 3 - The Blind Man -- If you are ever lost in the dark, remember that this light(torch) will be shining to help you find your way home.

December 4 - The Giant -- Even the small and weak can help those bigger and stronger to find their way.

December 5 - The Ant -- Faith can move mountains

December 6 - The Man in Red -- Remember that sharing with others brings us closer to God.

December 7 - **The Rosebush** -- God's love can warm and brighten the coldest, darkest night.

Advent is a time to wait, listen and ponder the awesome wonder of God who sent his only son as a baby to save us. Pause and spend some time this season reflecting on God's gift of love.

ALICE TRAINING

Information regarding the upcoming ALICE training for both students and staff was conveyed via messenger. If you did not receive the message or have any questions/concerns, please contact the office.

1st RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to Elliott Fouch, Kadence Tomaino and Robbie White, who made their 1st reconciliation on Tuesday at St. Anne's church!



HONOR ROLL

Please accept our apologies for having inadvertently missing the following 2 students from the last reminder's Honor Roll:

Ally Peden (6) – Highest Honors

Alexa Quattro (4) – High Honors



BUS TO BETHLEHEM

There are 10 unclaimed tags remaining on the tree. Kindly consider choosing a tag. You may send a note to school to have your student do so as well.



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EVENING CHRISTMAS CHORUS CONCERT

Students in grades 3-7 will have their Christmas Chorus Concert on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend and join us in celebrating this Christmas season. An email was sent out on Wednesday about the event. I am restating this for anyone who may have been overlooked in the original email. This is a **GRADED** event for students in 3-7th grade. Chorus students should arrive at 5:30pm dressed and ready to go in the MPR wearing the School Red Embroidered Polo. Any questions or concerns can be forwarded to Mr. Russell, lrussell@sssbv.org



ALL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

 The entire school Christmas Program is on Friday, December 20 at 10:00am. This event is open to the school community. Please feel free to come and share in the festivities and start off your Christmas break with a performance of holiday cheer. Every family is encouraged to bring/send an ornament in to represent them on our school Christmas tree during the performance. You and your family will have special moments during the program to walk up and hang your ornament. You can donate your ornament to be used for the following year or collect it after the start of the New Year. Festive Holiday attire can be worn this day! If you are attending the program and wish to take your child afterwards, please send in a note stating your intentions.

BILLBOARD – NOW UP on 70E!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the purchasing of the billboard, now located on I-70 East near Route 51, in time for our Open House for prospective new students. We have raised close to \$600 from the two dress down days. Your generosity is AWESOME!!

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS



Congratulations to our school chorus program! We have been selected to sing the National Anthem for the Harlem Globetrotters! More information will be sent home to chorus family members about the upcoming event. Here is some information that will help you plan for the upcoming performance: The show will take place Thursday, January 9th at 7:00pm, and the tickets will cost \$19.00 per person. Yes, each student singing will need to purchase a ticket. The link to purchase your tickets for your child and your family is listed below. These discounted tickets are available to every family of our school, regardless of being a chorus member or not.

<https://groupmatics.events/event/Stsebastian>

Mrs. Aiello and Mr. Russell would like to make this as affordable as possible for our children to have this one of a kind opportunity and will provide a bus for transportation from the school for the students. This way, you only need to purchase a ticket for the student performing if cost and transportation are a concern. We encourage you to purchase tickets for the rest of your family members at the same group discount rate with which we have been provided! If you have a concern about the ticket cost for your child to perform for the Harlem Globetrotters at California University, please reach out and speak to Mrs. Aiello or Mr. Russell, as we want every student to be a part of this great experience. Our bus will return to the school once the Harlem Globetrotter show is over.



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MON VALLEY MESSENGER ONLINE

Check out the Mon Valley Messenger online for articles about the school: www.messengerpaper.com



LUNCH MENU CHANGE

The lunch menu for Thursday, December 12th has been changed to BREAKFAST LUNCH: French Toast Stix, Sausage Patty, Hash Browns, Fruit, Juice and Milk...Updated menu posted at SSSBV.org

SARRIS CHOCOLATE SANTA RAFFLE

Raffle tickets available for \$1 each in the office beginning Monday – Dec. 20th



SNOW DAYS AND DELAYS

SSRCS follows the same weather delay/cancellation schedule as the Belle Vernon Area School District. If BV is closed for a non-weather-related reason (i.e. water main break), SSRCS will operate on a normal schedule, unless otherwise notified. Please ensure that you are receiving the announcements via school messenger.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12-06-2019** Sarris Candy delivered
- 12-09-2019** School Ascension Mass, 9am - ALL welcome to attend
- 12-10-2019** Basketball Practice, 3-5pm at SSRCS
- 12-12-2019** Lunch Menu change to Breakfast Lunch – updated menu at SSRCS.com
- 12-12-2019** Dunkin Tumblers delivered
- 12-12-2019** Basketball Practice, 3-5pm at SSRCS
- 12-13-2019** Angel Tree/Bus to Bethlehem unwrapped gifts due
- 12-13-2019** SSRCS Light Up Night 7:00pm
- 12-17-2019** Graded Chorus Christmas Concert 7:00pm grades 3-7 in the church
- 12-17-2019** Basketball Practice, 3-5pm at SSRCS
- 12-18-2019** PTG Free Christmas Lunch, please note this correction on the lunch menu
- 12-19-2019** Christmas Classroom Parties in the afternoon
- 12-19-2019** Basketball Practice, 3-5pm at SSRCS
- 12-20-2019** Christmas Program in church 10:00am (All welcome) Noon Dismissal
- 01-02-2020** School resumes
- 01-03-2020** Noon Dismissal, Dress down day
- 01-06-2020** PTG Meeting, 3:30pm
- 01-07-2020** School Mass, 10am – ALL welcome to attend
- 01-20-2020** NO SCHOOL, Act 80 day
- 01-26-2020** Catholic Schools Week begins
- 02-01-2020** Family Fun Night
- 02-09-2020** Open House for new families, 12:30pm-2:30pm