



Principal's Reminders
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Celebrating Catholic Schools Week (CSW) at St. Sebastian

Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2017



Sunday, Jan. 29 Thank you to the following for Reading our Message at Mass

- **St. Anne**
- 4:30 pm Alayna Stawovy
- 11:00 am Matthew Harris

- **St. Sebastian**
- 9:00 am Lily & Ella Machusko
- 11:00 am Sarah Bury

- **Epiphany**
- 4:00 pm Tatum Lucero
- 8:30 am Bailey Brown
- 10:30 am Anthony Petaccia

- **St. John the Baptist**
- 8:00 am Eli Martin ----->
- 10:00 am Rogan Maloney

- **Holy Family**
- 10:30 am Gina Beneccio



- And to **those of you who ate at Hoss's in Belle Vernon** after church on Sunday—a fundraiser.

Monday, Jan. 30—Thank you to Ms. Thorniley for teaching Canvas Art to our students and to the **PTG** for funding it.

- Thank you to the **PTG** for funding the **Mother Teresa wristbands** and **Mrs. Maglet** for distributing them.





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Tuesday, Jan. 31—**Thank you** to all of the students for researching and presenting the **Living Wax Museum** and **Fr. Ditto** for attending.

- Many thanks to ALL of you for **the Jeremiah Project Donations**.



Wednesday, Feb. 1—**Thank you** to **Fr. Vince Gigliotti** for celebrating the School Mass and sharing such a beautiful message.



- and to our **Legislators** (Rep. Cook & Walsh; Councilmen Sokol & Frederick) for sharing their vocations and listening to “Why Catholic Schools”, and to **Mrs. Ruth Todd** for asking the challenging question about School Choice.



- **Thank you** ALL for attending **Open House** and the **PTG** for setting up their displays and providing refreshments.

Thursday, Feb. 2—**Thank you** Monsignor Statnick, Mrs. Christy Cabaniss, and Mr. Scott Martin for sharing Religious Vocations with our children.



- and to Fr. Mike Crookston for participating in the **Minute-to-Win-it Games** and for cheering on our students.





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Friday, Feb. 3—**Thank you to Bobbie Jo** and **Jill** for coming in on their day off to prepare a **Family Brunch** for us (**pictures in next week's Reminder**) and for the **volunteers** who helped prepare and serve it. **Thank you** to the **PTG** for supplying table covers and decorations. **Thank you to our Staff** for assisting with the **Cross Making**.

Saturday, Feb. 4—See you all for **Mass at St. Sebastian Church at 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM, Family Fun Night**, St. Spyridon Hellenic Center.

A Special thanks to **Michelle Stockey** for organizing and implementing, with much assistance, a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! And the Mon Valley Independent for recognizing this amazing place where we gather daily in Christ's name.

Mission

St. Sebastian Regional School is dedicated to serving a diverse group of students and their families. Our curriculum is **centered on our Catholic faith** and focused on achieving academic excellence. We continually modify our faith-based curriculum to prepare students to adapt to the academic and moral challenges of our ever-changing world and to encourage lifelong learning.

Programs

- **Revolutionary War**—8th grade went back in time as they explored life in Revolutionary War time. Guest lecturer, Last week, Mr. Carl Garafola, shared his personal collection of artifacts and knowledge of the time with our students. He will be back with animal pelts and artifacts from Yorktown as the unit progresses.



Fundraisers

- **Schoolstore.net**—Your child should have brought home a packet on Thursday indicating how you can do your online shopping at the stores you normally shop at through Schoolstore.net—Sears, Best Buy, Walmart, Kohl's, etc. By logging into Schoolstore.net and entering the school's ID (just like swiping your Giant Eagle or Shop 'N Save card), the school will receive a portion of your purchase price (ID: 71375). The prices are the same as if you logged directly into the store's website. Students who email their family members about shopping through this site receive small prizes (see directions in the packet). Thank you, in advance, for doing your shopping online and helping the school.
- **SCRIP Help Still Needed**—There are only a few left.

Just send a check made out to **SSRS** or **cash** to the school for **Mrs. Kate Horensky**. If you normally purchase these online, please consider purchasing them directly from Kate until the supply is depleted.



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Gift Card	Value	No. Available
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	2
Dunkin Donuts	\$10	1
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy	\$25	2
Kmart	\$25	4
Kohl's	\$25	2
Lands' End	\$25	4
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	\$25	1
Red Robin	\$25	1
The Children's Place	\$25	2

If you accept **tuition credit for next year**, you will receive it on these purchases. Thank you ALL for your assistance. We're almost there! Keep buying!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

- **February Student of the Month**

Olivia Nanney



Need Help

- **School Action Committee needs subcommittees!**
 - Strategic Plan—we need a strategic plan to guide our future—please help—call today!
 - Fundraising/Advertising/Recruitment—we need plans—We cannot sell the \$25,000 ticket and absorb a \$39,000 loss any longer. Those of you who have raised concern over selling this ticket were correct; we need another solution to tuition reduction! PTG is working with the School to identify better fundraisers, so that we can offer at least a \$500 tuition deduction through mandatory fundraising next year. Join the conversation! Attend this month's PTG meeting, February 7, 2017, 3:30 PM, Multipurpose Room.

Volunteer now! Call Connie and let her know which committee you'd like to volunteer for--**724.929.5143**.

PTG

- Join us the first Tuesday of each month—3:30 pm--to meet and plan great things for our kiddos
 - Playground Renovation—groundbreaking to begin June 2, 2017
 - Safety Equipment—the Knox Box is ordered
 - Alabaster Assemblies (i.e., "Proud to be an American" and "Resurrection"); the first one's next week and a few students are involved.
 - Spirit Wear sales and Jackets for 8th graders (Hope you saw them at Open House)



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- Catholic Schools Week activities and Family Fun Night (Saturday, February 4th)
- And much, much more . . .
- Please register your **Shop 'N Save** card and designate St. Sebastian as the recipient of award points toward Science Center programs.

School Dance

- **Mardi Gras** for Grades 6-8—Feb. 24, Drop Off 6:15 PM/Pick-up 8:30 PM; \$10 admission for music and food (\$1 extra for additional pizza slices). Benefits SSRS Student Council



Date Reminders

- February
 - 4—**Family Mass together at St. Sebastian Church**, 4:30 PM
 - 4--Family Fun Night, St. Spyridon Hall, 6:00 pm
 - 6—Safety Walk-thru by the Diocese
 - 7—PTG meeting, 3:30 pm
 - 7-8 DIBELS Testing; Tues grades 1 and 2; Wed grades K and 3
 - 9— "Proud to be an American"—1:30 pm
 - 14—Valentine's Parties for K-5—1:30-3:00 pm (MS dance is on the 24th)
 - 14—Parent Advisory Council, 6:30 pm (all welcome)
 - 20—Presidents' Day—NO SCHOOL (unless it becomes a make-up day)
 - 24—SSRS Middle School Dance; 6:15-8:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
 - 28—Parent/Student/Teacher Conference—No Classes this day—bring your child
- March
 - 1—Ash Wednesday Prayer Service—children only
 - 6-10—Book Fair in Multipurpose Room
 - 7—PTG Meeting, 3:30 pm
 - 8--School Mass, 9:30 am; bring PE uniforms if you have PE today
 - 14—Parent Advisory Council; 6:30 pm
 - 15—FACTS Grant and Aid Applications Due to FACTS
 - 16—School Advisory Council; 6:30 pm
 - 23—Inservice—NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
 - 24—End of 3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period
 - 29—WTAE Project Bundle-up Weather Assembly
 - 31—3rd Nine Weeks Report Card
- April
 - 3rd and 4th Spring Pictures
 - 4—PTG Meeting; 3:30 pm
 - 5--School Mass, 9:30 am; bring PE uniforms if you have PE today
 - 5--Alabaster Production, "Resurrection," 1:00 PM, in St. Sebastian Church
 - 7—Noon dismissal, appropriate dress down



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- 10—Living Stations, 6:30 pm, St. Sebastian Church, grades 6-8
- 11—Parent Advisory Council; 6:30 pm
- 12—Noon dismissal; begin Easter break
- 13-18—Easter Break (assuming no snow make-up days)
- 20-27—ACT Aspire Testing, grades 3-8
- May
 - 4—Uniform Exchange Day-- Slightly used uniforms will be on display in our school hall. Please feel free to stop by and look over any items that you may be interested in (free of charge).
 - 11—Schoolbelles Uniform Ordering/Fitting Day, 10:00 am-noon; Multi-purpose Room

• Thank You's

- Mr. Peden for donating five First Aid kits
- Mrs. Angelo for security at Mass
- Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Kibler for serving as Eucharistic Ministers at Mass
- Mrs. Simboli and Ms. Miller for organizing and hosting registration
- Mr. Carl Garofalo for sharing his knowledge and artifacts with our 8th graders.
- Our Board of Trust Administrators for supporting Catholic Schools Week and participating.

Missed Open House—No Problem

Your **Re-registration Forms** came home with your child, today.

Please review the demographic information we have on file and return the demographic sheet to the homeroom teacher **next week**.

St. Sebastian Regional School Registration

is **NOW** open—Tell your Friends!