



What's New at School?

Programs

- **Do you have a drummer in the family? Would you like lessons?**

Let me know via email if you are interested in your child being in a **group class** for:

Bucket Drumming—grades 2-4, one period per week (approx. \$5/week)

Stick & Pad Drumming—grades 5-8, one period per week

(must buy your own drum pad and book for this class-- approx. \$30) + \$5/week))

[Classes begin March 20, 2017](#)



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- **Mom, please buy me another book!**

Each grade level experienced an opportunity or two to visit the Book Fair. Great job, PTG!

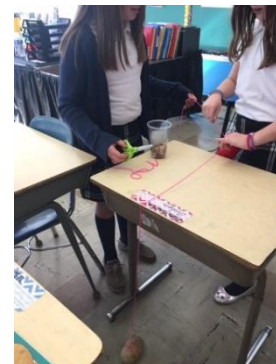
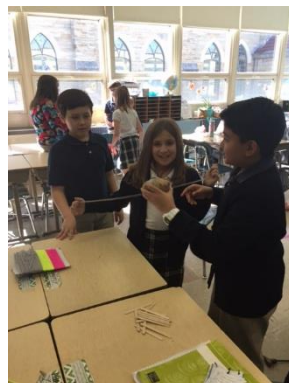


- **Crazy Line Sculptures in Art Class**

Art class went 3-D, recently. Your children's art and other works are on display at McDonalds in Belle Vernon. Stop in on March 15, 2017 and enjoy watching us work at McTeacher Night to raise money for the school. Come between 4:30 and 7:30 pm.



- **STORYBOOK STREAM** (integrating text to engage students in a problem solving situation) - 4th grade listened to an Irish folktale retold and illustrated by Tomie DePaola entitled "Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato." In the story Jamie was granted a wish by a leprechaun he caught, and he wished for the largest potato so he could be lazy and only grow one. The potato grew so large the town had to help him dig it up, and they flung it right into the road, blocking their entrance and exit to town. 4th grade used the STREAM process to plan and solve how to lift a potato off the ground using a pulley system. They discussed simple machines and energy.





PARENT MEETING 3/14/17

- **Tuition Fundraising Brainstorming Continues**

Thank you all for emailing ideas! We've added Krispy Kreme sales to the list. Keep your ideas coming. We'll finalize the "mandatory list" at Tuesday's Parent Meeting. **Please attend.**

Fundraising for Getting the School out of its deficit and building a Bright Future!

School Fundraisers for 2017-18

Disney Ticket
Cosmic Bingo
Cash Bash
Schoolstore.com ongoing
McTeacher Night
Restaurant Profits (e.g., Hoss's)
Pancake Breakfast
Spaghetti Dinner
Non-Alcoholic Poker Run?
Krispy Kreme
Car Wash?
Candy Bars

School Fundraisers for 2016-17

Disney Ticket--only 80 left
Cosmic Bingo 5/19
Cash Bash
Schoolstore.com—we've earned \$89
McTeacher Nights 3/15
Restaurant Profits (e.g., (Hoss's \$168.70))
Movement & Balance Class—children ages 1-3—3/16
Meat Packing Ticket (3-digit, win meat, gas card, cash and Giant Eagle card)—ticket sells for \$10
Walk-a-Thon 5/5
Free Table at Home Show Rostraver Rink—4/7, 4/8, 4/9

KEEP YOUR SUGGESTIONS COMING!

- **School Action Committee meeting March 16—join the subcommittees!**

- Strategic Plan—Thank you to those of you who stepped forward to guide our future—Mr. Henderson and Mrs. Gresh.
- Fundraising/Advertising/Recruitment—Mr. Petaccia is chairing the fundraising committee. Stephanie Gresh and Shane Corica are in charge of Development and Recruitment. Join in and help us brain-storm ideas for tuition reduction and EITC funding from businesses for next year. Call, today to join. Meeting March 16th.

Current Fundraising

- **Amazon Smile**—indicate St. Sebastian Regional School as the organization you'd like a percentage of your eligible purchases to be assigned to. (becomes available at the end of March)



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- **Schoolstore.net**—are you doing your online shopping here? To-date, we've received \$89.96 in profit, \$320 in gift cards, and a \$50 Walmart gift card for participating. Keep shopping and Thank You!



McTeacher Night at the Belle Vernon McDonalds
 (845 Rostraver Road, Belle Vernon)
Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 4:30-7:30 PM

Be welcomed & served by: **Mrs. Stockey, Mrs. Erdely, Mrs. Bush, Miss Plevel, Mrs. Peden, Mrs. Antal, Mr. Domiano, Mrs. Simboli, and Dr. Zetty**

Bring your friends! A percentage of the sales will benefit St. Sebastian Regional School's Deficit Reduction Project!

- **Disney Tickets Still Left**—We have 80 left; please take a few more and help us realize the entire profit!
- **Walk-A-Thon**—May 5, Community Park. Please sell or buy a yard sign with your family name or a business name/logo on it for \$25. Please collect pledges for your walker. PTG will provide hotdogs, fruit, and water. Send a beach umbrella and a few beach towels, if you have them, and students can picnic along the walking trail. A flyer and more details will be sent home next week.

Community Service



St. Sebastian Regional School is participating in **WTAE's Project Bundle Up** during the Month of March.

Students and families may purchase a coat icon to hang on the multipurpose room wall with their name on it for a **\$1 each**. **Send \$10, get ten coats** on the wall with your family name.

In addition, buy a **\$5 dress down pass as a donation** and be able to use it on **St. Patrick's Day or any day or days during the last week of school**. **ALL Proceeds go to Project Bundle Up**. Join our efforts to help others, today! Send in your

flyer by March 15, 2017.



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In addition, teachers are donating their Dress Down Friday money to Project Bundle-Up. Student Council is selling purse bash tickets and donating profits to this cause. Mr. Pollock is willing to take a pie in the face for \$5 per pie on Pi Day (3/14/17) and will donate the proceeds to Project Bundle-Up. **Our goal: \$1,000.**



American Heart Association®

Jump Rope for the Heart—see information sent home by Mr. Ryan

Your child will learn about the importance of taking care of the heart and how it **life is why™** works. And, s/he will learn how to help others.

Funds raised through jumping rope in PE class the week of March 27-31 will go directly to the American Heart Association. The School will receive money for PE equipment. But, more importantly, we will donate the money to AHA in support of an incoming kindergarten student who has had four heart surgeries. This effort truly does hit home!

PTG

- Join us Tuesday (April 4th)—3:30 pm—meet/ plan great things for our kiddos
 - Playground Renovation—groundbreaking to begin June 2, 2017
 - Safety Equipment—the Knox Box has arrived; Security cameras and buzz-in systems ordered
 - Alabaster Assemblies (i.e., “Proud to be an American” and “Resurrection”)
 - Spirit Wear sales – samples available in school office
 - Jackets for 8th graders
 - Catholic Schools Week activities and Family Fun Night
 - Assistance with Disney Ticket sales, Walk-a-thon, and upcoming fundraisers
 - And much, much more . . .
- **Can't attend at 3:30 pm—don't worry—we created a PTG link on our website to keep you updated on what's happening, how you can help, and where your fundraising dollars go.**
- **SCRIP Help Still Needed—There are only \$250 worth left.**

Just send a check made out to **SSRS** or **cash** to the school for **Mrs. Kate Horensky**.

Gift Card	Value	No. Available
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	2
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy	\$25	2
Kohl's	\$25	2
Lands' End	\$25	4

Send in a check for a Walmart or Giant Eagle card by Friday, and receive your card on Tuesday.
Buy SCRIP and save on tuition or benefit the school—NO additional cost to you.



Principal's Reminders 03/10/17

STOP THE RUMORS—

- Fieldtrips—yes, we're having fieldtrips this year
- No More Spanish?—Ms. Bennett is combining efforts with the new Art Teacher and Theater Arts Teacher to offer Spanish infused Arts through April 12. She will be leaving the field of teaching at this point. We will not have Spanish during the month of May, but will have a new Spanish teacher for the 2017-18 school year.
- Who's Taking Mrs. Gigliotti's Place?—Mrs. Allen agreed to return and sub in the position until we fill it. Something has come up, and she can now only sub for two weeks. We have been advertising and are accepting applications now, hoping to fill the position, as soon as possible.
- 7th and 8th Grade Will Wear Blazers Next Year—We are definitely looking into this option for when we attend Mass or travel outside of the School. All of the students from other Catholic schools looked much sharper than we did at the Celebrating Catholic Schools Breakfast and at the competitions our students attend.

Congratulations!



- **Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast**

Thank you to the parents of: Gina Beneccio, Matt Harris, Madison and Brandon Plunko, and Jaydon Kurian for taking their children to and in some cases accompanying their children at the Diocese's first annual Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast. Students were nominated by their teachers from each of the schools as representatives of the values of the schools. The top five nominations went to the students shown here. Your child may also have been nominated; only the top five

attended the Breakfast. Mrs. Antal was selected as the teacher who best represents the Catholic Educational Values this year. Congratulations to all of our students and Mrs. Antal. Next year, we will win the Top Teacher in the Diocese, Top Student in the Diocese, and a \$10,000 grant!

- **Geibel Students Planned an Outstanding Performance of "Sister Act"!**

They were to perform for our students, today. But, their School was closed due to the weather. We will try to reschedule, but should that not occur before their public performance, consider calendaring March 17th, 18th or 19th at the State Theater in Uniontown to see their great work.





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Date Reminders

March

- 14—Parent Advisory Council; 6:30 pm, Mr. Domiano's room
- 15—FACTS Grant and Aid Applications Due to FACTS for registration fee waiver
- 15—GCC Students to Read to PreK-3, 12:40-3:00 pm
- 15—**McTeacher Night**, Belle Vernon McDonalds, 4:30-7:30 pm
- 16—**Toddler Move & Play**; 5:30-6:30 PM, Multipurpose Room; Sign-Up now! Open to the Public.
- 16—School Advisory Council; 6:30 pm
- 17—**Wear Green** if you purchased a Dress Down Pass for Project Bundle-UP
- 17--Stations of the Cross; 2:15 pm
- 23—Inservice—NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
- 23--**Toddler Move & Play**; 5:30-6:30 PM, Multipurpose Room
- 24—Stations of the Cross; 2:15 pm
- 24—End of 3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period
- 29—WTAE Project Bundle-up Weather Assembly; 1:30 pm
- 30-- **Toddler Move & Play**; 5:30-6:30 PM, Multipurpose Room
- 31—Stations of the Cross; 2:15 pm
- 31--3rd Nine Weeks Report Card
- 31—Solar Quest Assembly for grades 4/5; 12:00 pm
- **April**
 - 3rd and 4th—Spring Pictures—Dress Clothes or Uniforms—for a sports theme, bring clothes to change into for the picture.
 - 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
 - 5--**Toddler Move & Play**; 5:30-6:30 PM, Multipurpose Room
 - 7—Noon dismissal, appropriate dress down
 - 7—Sarris Candy Pick-Up at dismissal
 - 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—School Mass, 12:45 pm—3rd grade hosting
 - 20-27—ACT Aspire Testing, grades 3-8
 - 21--Wild World of Animals Assembly—1:00 pm
 - 22--**Night at the Races** (sponsored by PTG); flyer sent home yesterday
- **May**
 - 2—PTG Meeting; 3:30 pm
 - 3—May Crowning Mass; 9:30 am
 - 5—**Walk-a-Thon**/Kindergarten Orientation—noon dismissal
 - 9—Parent Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
 - 10—Diocesan Night of the Arts--GCC



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- 12--4th/5th Grade Field Trip to Ft. Ligonier
- 12--2nd Grade Field Trip to South Park
- 15--PJAS at Penn State—Good Luck!
- 19—Cosmic Bingo, 5:30 pm, multipurpose room
- 19--7th/8th Grade Dinner/Dance—will change date
- 25—English Fest Duquesne University, 7th/8th Grade
- 25—Ascension Mass; 9:30 am; PreSchool to attend; K-6 must wear uniforms; grade 6 hosting
- 26—Graduation Mass; 10:00 am
- 29—No School—Memorial Day
- 30—T/R PreK Grad; 9:30 am
- 30—1st Grade Field Trip to Triple-B Farms
- 30—Uniform Exchange Day-- Slightly used uniforms will be on display in our school hall. Please feel comfortable stopping by and looking over any items that you may be interested in (free of charge).
- 31—MWF PreK Grad; 9:30 am
- 31—Honors Reception; 6:00 pm
- **June**
 - 2—Last Day of School, 11:00 am dismissal (K-7), no ASC
 - 5—Teacher Inservice
 - 6—Teacher Inservice

• Thank You's

- Mrs. Maglet and PTG volunteers for running another successful Book Fair!
- Fr. Ditto for offering a School Mass on March 8, 2017.
- Fr. Crockston for selling 10 of our Disney tickets!
- Thank you to all of our Disney ticket salespersons, those still at it, and those who made purchases.
- Mrs. Plunko for chairing the Sarris Easter Candy sale.
- All of our cafeteria and recess volunteers.

Thank you all for the referrals! We've had a number of tours this past week. One student is starting Monday!

'But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'" (Luke 18:16, NIV)

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.