



Principal's Reminders
03/17/17

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; 9:30 am



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- **Aftercare infuses our Faith**
Inspired by the season (Lent), his Faith, and Miss Plevel, Hayden constructed Jesus on the Cross out of the aftercare building blocks. This truly is Faith in Action!



- **Training Actors**

5th Grade acted out scenes from "The Giovanni Club" for a 3rd grade audience. They are now ready for Prime Time, especially Jacob!



FROM PARENT MEETING 3/14/17 AND SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING 3/16/17

- **Mandatory Tuition Fundraising for 2017-18:** Thank you all for emailing ideas! The Principal's Advisory Council met this past Tuesday and would like to do away with the two-number 4-digit ticket, and replace it with multiple 3-digit tickets. The problem is, we will have to sell 3-digit tickets every month to reach our \$850 mandatory profit. I will send out a survey with mandatory fundraising options and ask you to select your choice. We will run with the option with the most votes.

Current Fundraising

- **Home Show**—We have been offered a table for FREE at the Home Show at Rostraver Ice Gardens, April 7, 8, and 9. We have Purse Bash tickets to sell, Sarris Candy bars, and perhaps strip tickets to sell at the table. I will be sending out a schedule for volunteers to work, hopefully only ½ hour that weekend.



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- **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)
- **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!
- **Walk-A-Thon**—May 5, Community Park. Please collect pledges for your walker, and if possible (not mandatory), please sell or buy a yard sign with your family name or a business name/logo on it for \$25. The children enjoy seeing their name as they walk around the trail. 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. Don't forget to apply sunscreen before school begins and pack rain gear, if appropriate. You should have received the flyer to distribute this week.
- **SCRIP**—Are you using this for **tuition reduction**? It's easier than selling items and costs you nothing. Need more information? Just let me know.

Community Service

- **\$1,200 collected for Project Bundle-Up!**

Mr. Pollock and Mrs. Peden took pies in the face to support Project Bundle-Up! Our students really enjoyed the experience. In addition, they donated \$5.00 to dress down on St. Patrick's Day, so that others could have warm clothes to dress in. Thank you all for the support! We will present the check to WTAE following the weather assembly on March 29, 2017.



**American
Heart
Association.**

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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 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!



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PTG

- Join us Tuesday (April 4th)—3:30 pm—meet/ plan great things for our kiddos

See the PTG link on the website for all of the wonderful opportunities they provide our students.

- **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.**

STOP THE RUMORS—

- 7th and 8th Grade Will Wear Blazers Next Year—Please consult Schoolbelles for sizing if your child is attending 7th or 8th grade at SSRS next year. We are looking at other vendors in the hope that we can obtain the blazers at a lesser price and a local vendor for the emblems.
- Who's Taking Mrs. Gigliotti's Place?—We have the perfect candidate, Ms. Kelsey Despot. She attended St. Sebastian's, is Catholic, and holds all of the required teaching credentials. She will begin on March 22, 2017.
- Why do teachers come and go? Unfortunately for Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese, finances preclude our being able to offer a competitive salary or wage. Our "Specials" teachers are paid hourly with no benefits and only work a few days per week. If our enrollment were such that we had two classrooms per grade level, we could offer them full-time employment. As a result, we are blessed to have the individuals we do have for the time we have them. So, please help us increase enrollment and thank all of our teachers every day for supporting Catholic Education, knowing that we will continue to experience turnover in positions that open in the future.

Let's work together to move the School into a position where it can recruit and keep quality teachers.

Congratulations!





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- **McDonald's McTeacher Night**—Many thanks to all of you who participated in any way. Miss Plevel was offered a position there for being such a great apple pie seller! We will know how much we made next week.
- **Pi Day Challenge**—Students were challenged with memorizing as many digits as possible in Pi. We are all amazed at the memory of some of our students.



Tied for third place, memorizing to 37 digits: Evan Bower and Olivia Martin
Second place, memorizing 42 digits: Olivia Nanney
First place, memorizing 54 digits: Abby Peden

- **Sarris Candy Winner**—Mrs. Bennett, \$100 Drawing

Date Reminders

March

- 23—Inservice—NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
- 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
- 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
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- **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
 - 4—for Incoming Kindergarteners—Trolling Kindergarten Fun Night—6:30-8:00 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
 - 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, 21, 27, 28—Nurse doing Heights and Weights
 - 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 was sent home

NOTE DATE CHANGE: 8TH GRADE GRADUATION IS MAY 31, 2017; THE LAST DAY FOR 8TH GRADERS.



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- **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
 - 12--4th/5th Grade Field Trip to Ft. Ligonier
 - 12—2nd & 3rd 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 due to conflict with Cosmic Bingo
 - 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
 - 29—No School—Memorial Day
 - 30—T/R PreK Grad; 9:30 am
 - 30—K & 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—**8th Grade and MWF PreK Graduation Mass and Ceremony; 10:00 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

- Mr. Pollock and Mrs. Peden for taking the pies in the face for Project Bundle-Up.
- Speer Street Grille for donating meals for WTAE on March 29, 2017.
- All of the SSRS Staff who worked at McDonald's Wednesday Night to affect the School's deficit.
- All of the parents who attended the Principal's Advisory Council meeting and provided great feedback.
- All of the parents who joined the School Advisory Council.
- All of our cafeteria and recess volunteers.
- All of you who supported Project Bundle-UP and McTeacher Night.

Thank you all for the referrals! Don't forget to send your paperwork in and pay the \$50 registration fee. We are reaching capacity in kindergarten and MWF PreK; don't lose your spot.

