



What's New at School?

Programs



- **We now have 3 drummers in the family. Would your child like lessons?**

Let me know via email if your child is interested in joining Grant, James, and TJ 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. \$20) + \$5/week))

Ongoing classes began March 20, 2017. It's not too late to join.

- **2nd Grade Culture Studies**



- **Primary Colors**



- **Adverb Tic Tac Toe**



- **Wearing the Green on St. Patrick's Day**



- **We are Very Excited to Welcome Ms. Despot**

Ms. Kelsey Despot began her position this week teaching science to 4th/5th/7th grade students, STREAM to 4th/5th, and Math to 4th grade. She has fond memories of her time at SSRS and is striving to give her students the same experience. You may reach her at: kdespot@ssbv.org.



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SOCCKER COACH FOR GRADES 3 and 4 NEEDED, ASAP! We have eight 3rd graders and one 4th grader longing for a coach. Their games begin on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Can you help?

Mandatory Tuition Fundraising for 2017-18: Options will be emailed by the end of this upcoming week for your vote.

Current Fundraising

- **Home Show**—We have been offered a table for FREE at the Home Show at Rostraver Ice Garden, We have Purse Bash tickets to sell and strip tickets. **Please email me the hour you can give to sell Enrollment at SSRS** (brochures will be at the table) along with the items listed above. Schedule will be updated on the website.

Friday, April 7, 2017, 2:00-7:00 pm

2:00-3:00 pm Darlene Maglet/Melissa Dunn
 3:00-4:00 pm Bill Domiano
 4:00-5:00 pm Tracy Plevel/Debbie Antal
 5:00-6:00 pm Tammy Erdely/Michelle Stockey
 6:00-7:00 pm Yvonne Nucci/Michelle Watson

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 10:00 am-7:00 pm

10:00-11:00 am Jamie Coyne/Laure Kulik
 11:00 am-12:00 pm _____
 12:00-1:00 pm _____
 1:00-2:00 pm _____
 2:00-3:00 pm _____
 3:00-4:00 pm _____
 4:00-5:00 pm _____
 6:00-7:00 pm Tracy Plunko

Sunday, April 9, 2017; 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

10:00-11:00 am Stephanie Gresh
 11:00 am -12:00 pm Stephanie Gresh
 12:00-1:00 pm Lance Russell
 1:00-2:00 pm Lance Russell
 2:00-3:00 pm _____
 3:00-4:00 pm _____
 4:00—5:00 pm _____

- **Amazon Smile**—indicate St. Sebastian Regional School as the organization you'd like a percentage of your eligible purchases to be assigned to (note that there are other St. Sebastian's listed in Belle Vernon—they're not us!)
- **Schoolstore.net**—are you doing your online shopping here? The teachers just received their \$320 in gift cards and are thrilled and grateful! Keep shopping and Thank You!
- **Walk-A-Thon**—May 5, NBV Community Bank 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




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pack rain gear, if appropriate. If you need more pledge forms to distribute to friends and family, please let Mrs. Simboli know.

- **SCRIP**—Are you using this for **tuition reduction**? Some of our parents already have over \$500, \$600, or \$700 in credit for next year, already! 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!**--Prepare to watch us on WTAE, March 29, 2017
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 **American Heart Association** **Jump Rope for the Heart**—Funds raised through jumping rope in PE class this coming week 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 **life is why™** hit home!

PTG

- Join us next 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.
I will be asking PTG to send grades 5-8 to see GCC's production of Cinderella on April 28, 2017. The cost is \$10/student. We have 54 students in grades 5-8.
 - **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.**
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Trying to Encourage Students to consider Cafeteria lunches.

Students gave their opinions this week about how we can improve lunch in the cafeteria, so that we can increase sales.

It appears from first glance that more offerings of Chicken Bowl, Cheese-stuffed breadsticks, and Walking Tacos would motivate more students to buy their lunches. Surprisingly, pizza appeared on the least favorite list. I suspect that's because the crust is whole-wheat, now. We can bring the vendor in and allow the students to taste-test different brands and foods and make their recommendations. Once all of the information is organized, it will be shared with Jami, who creates our menus and orders our food.



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Some students wanted more choices (we can include them in the menu building), others wanted the price reduced, some asked that foods they are allergic to kept away from the foods they can eat, three students did not like the switch from Styrofoam to trays, many wanted water as a beverage and healthier foods, many asked for salt & pepper as the food is bland, others complained about hair in their food. With respect to the last comment, we checked the law and cafeteria workers/volunteers are required to wear hats or hairnets. These were immediately purchased and the staff was directed to wear either and ensure that the volunteers did the same.

Note: If your child is lactose intolerant, we will substitute water as a beverage option. Just let us know.

Date Reminders

- **March**
 - 24—End of 3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period
 - 27 & 28—Nurse doing heights and weights
 - 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
- **April**
 - 3—Spring Pictures PreK, 4-8—Dress Up Clothes or Uniforms—for a sports theme, bring clothes to change into for the picture.
 - 4—Spring Pictures PreK, K-3— Dress Up Clothes or Uniforms—for a sports theme, bring clothes to change into for the picture.
 - 4—PTG Meeting; 3:30 pm
 - 4—for Incoming PreK(4-year-olds) and Kindergarteners—“Trolling PreSchool and Kindergarten Fun Night”—6:30-8:00 pm (see attached flyer)
 - 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—Free Easter Ham Lunch; Compliments of PTG; Please have your child let us know if they are eating in the cafeteria this day.
 - 7—Noon dismissal, appropriate dress down
 - 7—Sarris Candy Pick-Up at dismissal
 - 7-9—Recruiting and Fundraising at the Home Show; Rostraver Ice Garden
 - 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 was sent home
 - 28—Potential 5th-8th Grade trip to see GCC's “Cinderella”
- **May**
 - 2—PTG Meeting; 3:30 pm



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- 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!
- 17—Spanish Mass—Fr. Bob Lubic—12:45 pm
- 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 Graduation Mass and Ceremony; 10:00 am
- 31-- MWF PreK Graduation Ceremony, 8:45 am—will receive graduation certificates after Mass
- 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

- Penncraft Store for donating the WTAE cake.
- All of our cafeteria and recess volunteers—we need more recess volunteers; we'll be outside soon.

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- **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.

Do your next year's PreK 4-year-olds or Kindergarteners like Trolls? Join us April 4, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm for activities and fun (see flyer attached).



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Trolling Pre-School and Kindergarten Fun



St. Sebastian Regional
School

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
6:30- 8:00 PM

Come join us for a fun filled evening with Trolls and Bergens alike. During this event we will be completing different age-appropriate activities with you and your child in preparation for next year's

Preschool (4-year old) and Kindergarten.

You do not have to be enrolled in St. Sebastian to attend. Just **RSVP** by April 3:

csimboli@sssbv.org

Hope to see you there!

Troll and Bergen Dress
is Encouraged!

