



What's New at School?

Programs



- **We now have 4 drummers in the family. Would your child like lessons?**
Let me know via email if your child is interested in joining Grant, James, TJ, and Sydney 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.](#)

- **GCC Honor Society Students Read *The Day the Crayons Came Home* to SSRS PreK-3**



Lexi Angelone, Anna Hou, Brittany Stawovy, and Kate Zakrzwski from GCC (the latter two are previous SSRS students) donated *The Day the Crayons Came Home* to SSRS following their reading and sharing of an activity with the class.

- **Salvadore Dali leaves a Surreal Impression on SSRS**



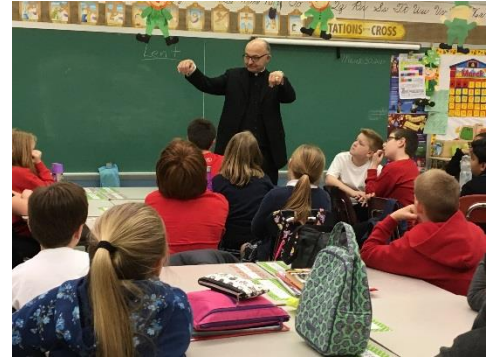
- Students are learning about the crazy and kooky Salvador Dali. Students focused on his involvement within the Surrealism movement of art. See more on the website.





- **Monsignor Statnick shared the true meaning of Lent and Holy Week.**

Monsignor put his amazing teaching talents to work this week with two separate classrooms of students (grades 4-5 and grades 6-8). Monsignor helped us all understand what Lent is and how/why the Triduum is celebrated. Our students and teachers sat mesmerized as he broke these two important traditions of our Catholic faith into relevant and personal terms. We were also proud of the students' responses to his questions; you have taught them well.



- **Technology Integration into Language Arts**

Mrs. Antal's 7th and 8th grade Language Arts Classes are reading *The Night Gardener* for English Fest. To present their understanding of the story, they are creating dioramas. What is different about these dioramas is that they will come to life through motion and sound using "Hummingbird" kits we borrowed from the Westmoreland IU. We'll feature these on our website once completed.



- **Solar Quest Assembly**

Today, students in grades 1, 4, and 5 experienced "Living with a Star" in Carnegie Science Center's Science on the Road program entitled, "Solar Quest." Thank you to all who used your Shop 'N Save cards for SSRS. The entire assembly was free!



- **Spring Cleaning? Kindergarten would love your old folding lawn chairs.** Please send them in as you begin your spring cleaning. We'll use them this year and next.



- **Welcome our new JrJV SOCCER COACHES** –Coach Michele Schwerha and Assistant Coach JoJo Schwerha! Thank you for stepping forward and ensuring a 2016-17 soccer season for our kiddos!



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• **The Living Stations**

Don't miss "The Living Stations." SSRS students in grades 6-8 will enact the Stations of the Cross at St. Sebastian Church on Monday, April 10, 2017, beginning at 6:30 PM. The public is invited.



• **Are you or is someone you know among the elite group of Alumni from SSRS?**



Help us build our Alumni Webpage with pictures and updates of the "Places You've Gone in Life" since SSRS. Simply email them to: nzetty@ssbv.org, knowing that it will appear on the Webpage, on Facebook, and in publications.

Mandatory Tuition Fundraising for 2017-18: Options postponed one more week. We hope to email them this upcoming week for your vote.

Current Fundraising

- **Home Show**—Only **three** slots left; please help if you can. We have been offered a table FREE of charge at the Home Show at Rostraver Ice Gardens. **Please plan to share materials about SSRS and recruit for 2017-18** (brochures and registration packets will be at the table). PreK4 has a waiting list, and there are only two slots left in kindergarten. All other grades have room.

While we're there, we will sell Purse Bash Tickets and Strip Tickets to support revenue efforts. Thank you all again for supporting SSRS and coming together to make it better than ever!

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 Joshua Pollock/Emily Gigliotti
 12:00-1:00 pm
 1:00-2:00 pm
 2:00-3:00 pm Yvonne Nucci

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 Nina Zetty/John Zetty
 3:00-4:00 pm Nina Zetty/John Zetty
 4:00—5:00 pm Nina Zetty/John Zetty
 3:00-4:00 pm Tina King/Frank King
 4:00-5:00 pm Kim Viehl
 5:00-6:00 pm
 6:00-7:00 pm Tracy Plunko



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- **Amazon Smile**—Still not up on their website, but when it is, 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**—don't forget to stop here first for your online shopping. The teachers have received their 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. At your request, we will be placing a Pay Pal option on the website, so that companies and individuals can more easily make donations. And, PTG will provide hotdogs, fruit, and water for the event. 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. 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 hundreds of dollars off next year's tuition! It's easier than selling items and costs you nothing. Need more information? Just let me know.

Community Service

- **You did it! You donated \$1200 to Project Bundle Up.**



And gave your children an amazing weather/science assembly.



PTG

- Join us this 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.



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- 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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Cafeteria Lunches

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

Date Reminders

- **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—rsvp to Mrs. Simboli
 - 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—Living Stations Practice, 5:30-7:30 PM, Multipurpose Room
 - 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" (will know after 4/4/17 PTG meeting)
- **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
 - 12--7th/8th Grade Dinner/Dance, Club House Grill, 600-8:00 PM
 - 15—PJAS at Penn State—Good Luck!



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- 17—Spanish Mass—Fr. Bob Lubic—12:45 pm
- 19—**Cosmic Bingo, 5:30 pm**, multipurpose room
- 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 and cookies.
- Speers Street Grille for donating the lunch.
- Thank you to all of our cafeteria and recess volunteers—**we need more recess volunteers**; we'll be outside soon.
- Monsignor Statnick for two outstanding presentations to students in grades 4-8 on Lent and Holy Week.
- McDonalds for the recent check for \$305 from McTeacher Night. Thank you all for your support!



Mission of the School

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.



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Vision of the School

To create Disciples of Christ through a high quality, challenging, 21st Century Catholic Education in a safe, caring environment.

From 2 Timothy 3:14-15:

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, **15** and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Registration—to date

Grade	2017-18	Returning	No response yet	Not Returning	New	2016-17
PREK						
PreK3	5	0	4	0	5	13
PreK4	19	11	1	2	8	19
subtotal	24	11	5	2	13	32
K-8						
K	18	11	0	7	7	10
1	8	7	3	0	1	14
2	14	14	0	0	0	10
3	8	8	2	0	0	21
4	13	13	4	4	0	12
5	7	7	3	2	0	16
6	12	12	3	1	0	16
7	4	4	1	11	0	11
8	8	8	2	1	0	11
subtotal	92	84	18	26	8	121
PreK-8	116	95	23	28	21	153

- **Keep the referrals at the Grades 1-8 level coming! Don't forget to send your paperwork in and pay the \$50 registration fee to hold your spot.**
- Kindergarten has room for two more students and MWF PreK is now taking names for the waiting list.
- Do your next year's PreK 4-year-olds or Kindergarteners like Trolls? Join us this Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm for activities and fun

