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What’s New at School?

Programs

- **Living Stations**—What an amazing performance! See more pictures on Facebook

- **Drumming**—7 Drummers Drumming!

  Each week we gain a few more. It is fun, educational, and a rebirth of our music program.

  Students in grades 6-8 should see the attachment, if they would like to be in a community drum line.

- **Health Class Drug & Alcohol Posters**

  4th, 5th, and 6th grade students submitted their D&A posters to the Lions Club. More importantly, they learned about the harmful effects of drug and alcohol abuse.
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- **Kindergarten Learns to Write Sentences**
  Apparently “Fantastic” is a kindergarten level vocabulary word!

**Congratulations!**

**Good Luck and Farewell to Senorita Bennett**

With tears and hugs we wish Senorita Bennett much joy and happiness in pursuit of a new career. We appreciate all that she gave to St. Sebastian Regional School.

**Safety**—Just a heads-up that staff has had a few safety trainings recently and will be working the week we return to ensure our safety plans are as thought-out as possible. Beginning in May, we will conduct at least two safety drills that may include evacuation or lockdown. We will prepare the students for how to respond, then assess how we all responded in each scenario. San Bernardino is yet another example of what can happen. Please help us ensure it doesn’t happen here.
Mandatory Tuition Fundraising for 2017-18: This only applies if you are not paying the $5,000 in full. Surprising, the majority of returned fundraiser selections chose Option 3: Selling 50 of the $25,000 tickets. Forget to send yours in? We’ll accept your vote until April 21, 2017.

Current Fundraising

- **Walk-A-Thon**—The School’s 2nd Largest Fundraiser, May 5, NBV Community Bank Park. All proceeds go to support the School Improvement Projects. Let’s reach our goal of $5,000 (only $819 collected to-date) by supporting: Small Steps for a Big Future!

- Please send in 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 needs volunteers with clearances for this one-half day. PTG will provide hotdogs, fruit, chips, and water for the event. Send a beach umbrella and a few beach towels, if you have them, so 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.

- **Amazon Smile**—It’s finally ready! Select St. Sebastian School Belle Vernon PA as the organization to which you’d like a percentage of your eligible purchases assigned. Note that there are many St. Sebastian’s listed, in other States; a St. Sebastian, Inc.; St. Sebastian Parish. None of these are us. Select St. Sebastian School Belle Vernon PA.

- **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!

- **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.

- **Strip Tickets**—We have extra strip tickets for sale. $5 for a strip of 5; Pays $500 on April 22, 2017, 7:00 PM lottery.
Community Service—

- 2nd, 5th, and 6th Grade created Easter cards and Palm Crosses for our “shut-ins” and senior residents.

- Anyone Know a Scout Looking for an Eagle Scout Project?

We could use someone willing and able to construct the beds and a bench for our raised bed organic garden and bird sanctuary project. The soil is not fit for growing, so we’ll plant above ground. If you know a scout or scoutmaster with whom we can speak, please send him/her our way.

If you pray, you believe, if you believe, you love, and if you love, you serve.
~ Mother Teresa

PTG

Night at the Races—needs your help. Do you have a horse in the race? A jockey? Buy one now and plan to attend here in the multipurpose room—April 22, 2017. Doors open at 6:30 PM; first race is 7:00 PM.

- Classrooms are competing for extra recess by trying to reach their goal of $150 in sales
- Send your ads in, asap (if you need more flyers, just let me know)
- Sell tickets to this FUN-filled night, April 22, 2017; and Be There!

Connie’s Retirement—reception set for Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 6:30 pm, multipurpose room. Come roast Connie and share in the memories. If you can’t make it, send a letter to her via Dr. Zetty (nzetty@sssv.org) that we will read at the reception. Cake and coffee/water will be shared as a final farewell; Roasting is encouraged.
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Date Reminders

- **April**
  - 13-18—Easter Break—Have a Blessed Easter!
  - 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—4th-8th Grade trip to see GCC’s “Cinderella,” Greensburg Garden and Civic Center

- **May**
  - 2—PTG Meeting; 3:30 pm
  - 3—May Crowning Mass; 9:30 am, 2nd/8th grade hosting
  - 5—Walk-a-Thon/Kindergarten Orientation—noon dismissal
  - 9—6th-8th Grade Fieldtrip—Carnegie Science Center
  - 9—Parent Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - 10—Diocesan Night of the Arts--GCC
  - 12—4th/5th Grade Fieldtrip to Ft. Ligonier
  - 12—2nd & 3rd Grade Fieldtrip to South Park
  - 12—7th/8th Grade Dinner/Dance, Club House Grill, 600-8:00 PM
  - 15—PJAS at Penn State—Good Luck!
  - 17—Spanish Mass—Fr. Bob Lubic—12:45 pm
  - 19—Cosmic Bingo, doors open at 7:00 pm, bingo is from 9:00-11:30 pm multipurpose room
  - 25—Ascension Mass; 9:30 am; Preschool to attend; K-8 must wear uniforms; grade 6 hosting
  - 26—English Fest Duquesne University, 7th/8th Grade
  - 29—No School—Memorial Day
  - 30—T/R PreK Grad; 9:30 am
  - 30—K & 1st Grade Fieldtrip 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**
  
  ▪ A BIG THANK YOU to the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, who **donated** the winnings from the Disney Ticket back to the SCHOOL! We are so grateful!!
  
  ▪ Thank you to all of our cafeteria and recess volunteers—**we need more recess volunteers**; we’ll be outside soon.
  
  ▪ Thank you to those of you who helped at the Home Show and who’ve sold Purse Bash and Strip tickets (still a few available).
  
  ▪ Thank you to those of you who have chosen compassion and God’s love as we model His teachings and expectations for our children in how we treat each other, including our School.
  
  ▪ Thank you to Mr. Nuzzo and Mrs. Conte for an outstanding safety training for our staff.
  
  ▪ Thank you ALL for the cards, candy, flowers, blessings and prayers. To the parent who shared the cross with me that says: “Be Still and know that I am God.” ~Psalm 46:10—know that God was using you to deliver this message; He’s put it in my path quite often, lately—Thank You!

**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.

**Enroll Now—Help Advertise!**—I’m attaching a new flyer. Please let me know if there’s a place in your town or your church or local preschools or businesses where you can place them for all to see. Let me know how many you need. Thank you for your pride in St. Sebastian Regional School and the Family we have become!

**Faith IN EDUCATION**

He is Risen! Jesus Lives through each of us!

May you and your family continue to celebrate the Joy of the Resurrection and the promise of forgiveness and eternal life.

**HAPPY EASTER!**