



What's New at School?

Programs

- **Musical Arts**—4 Drummers—planning a parade at the Walk-a-thon. **Two new drummers to join Monday.**



- **Visual Arts**—Picasso's Cubism (K-8)



- **Performing Arts**--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.



- **Trolls and Bergens Prepared for PreK and Kindergarten**

If your child is entering PreK (4-year-olds) or Kindergarten next year and you missed this special evening, you can see the skills assessed below: listening, following directions, letters, numbers, patterns, sounds, and coordinated movements—all necessary for a successful PreK and Kindergarten year.





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- Resurrection by Alabastor Productions**

Thanks to the PTG, students in grades PreK-8 were mesmerized by another outstanding performance by Alabastor Productions. Shown here with Peter are the other 11 apostles:

- 1st grade- Lily Tonini
- 2nd grade- J.T. Stawovy
- 3rd grade- Jason Maglet and Marty Addis
- 4th grade- Jacob Nobili-Palm and Lucas Swarrow
- 5th grade- Abby Peden and Logan Sebek
- 6th grade- Patrick Bush
- 7th grade- Sheana McPaul
- 8th grade- Sarah Bury



- Easter Dinner Came Early to SSRS Students and Staff**



Again, thanks to the PTG, every student was treated to an Easter Ham dinner with all of the trimmings.



Thank You, PTG, and all of you who support the PTG Fundraisers. Don't miss Night at the Races, April 22, 2017



- 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@sssbv.org, knowing that it will appear on the Webpage, on Facebook, and in publications.



Congratulations!



April's Student of the Month
Ally Sedlak

- Catholic Daughters of America Education Contest First Place Winners:**

Art - Division I - Ryleigh Morgart
Art - Division II - Joshua Kurian

Poetry - Division I - Jacob Nobili Palm
Poetry - Division II - Patrick Bush

Essay - Division I - Abby Peden
Essay - Division II - Coy Sterner



Mandatory Tuition Fundraising for 2017-18: Options attached. To have your vote counted, please send these in by Wednesday of next week.

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 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.



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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!
- **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.
- **Home Show**—We are selling tickets at the Home Show this weekend. If you can sell any of the left over Purse Bash or Strip Tickets, please email or call, and we will send them home to you on Monday.

Community Service—

- 2nd Grade created **Easter "shut-ins"**



cards for our

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



- **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.

PTG

- What happened this Tuesday (April 4th)—3:30 pm—at the PTG meeting?



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.

✚ 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!



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Walk-a-Thon—Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Nucci, and Mrs. Gresh are chairing this event

- ✚ Send in your sign orders and pledges
- ✚ Prepare to walk rain or shine—PTG looking for tents for possible shelter from the rain, in order to eat
- ✚ PTG will provide hotdogs, chips, fruit, and water

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@sssbv.org) that we will read at the reception
Cake and coffee/water will be shared as a final farewell; Roasting is encouraged.

8th Grade Graduation—parents with clearances being asked to cover classes in grades K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 7th while the teachers share in the luncheon and graduation ceremony.

"Cinderella"—concerns expressed that 4th grade wasn't included. GCC offered to 5th-8th only, due to space. I emailed to see if 4th could attend. They did not invite 4th grade and below due to space. Waiting to hear if there is room from GCC. Concerns expressed that \$10 was a lot.

- Can't attend at 3:30 pm—don't worry—see the PTG link on our website to keep you updated on what's happening, how you can help, and where your fundraising dollars go. Financial report on website.

Date Reminders

- **April**
 - 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"
- **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



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- 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!
- 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—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

- Thank you to all of our cafeteria and recess volunteers—we need more recess volunteers; we'll be outside soon.
- Thank you to the PTG for ALL that they do.

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.

- **Keep the referrals at the Grades 1-8 level coming! We are up by three more!! 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.