



Principal's Reminders (now in black & white for cost efficiency; see color photos on Facebook)
04/21/17

You've Done It! You have pulled together as a St. Sebastian Family to:

- Increase enrollment
- Reduce the deficit
- Support the Amazing Teachers, Students, and Programs at St. Sebastian Regional School

What are our Next Steps?

- If you know **any business that pays PA taxes**, please give us a contact person with whom we can discuss EITC and OSTC tax credits. Businesses can donate to St. Sebastian Regional School and receive 90% of the donation back in tax credit. EITC monies are used to reduce YOUR tuition!
- **Spread the Good Word** about St. Sebastian Regional School. We are on an upward bound pathway, improving curriculum, offering rigorous challenges and differentiating for the needs of all children, focusing on the values of our Catholic faith, improving safety and student services, and becoming financially healthy, so that we can continue to offer the best educational experience in the Valley.
- **Hand out brochures to businesses to display.** I'm putting them in the back of each of our churches and St. Sebastian's Faith Formation Coordinator is handing them out at Faith Formation to students on Monday evening. I'm giving them to local realtors to share with new families moving into the area. **Request as many as you need.** We can use your help spreading the word.

- **Keep supporting our fundraisers, community service projects, and educational programs.** Remember, **Night at the Races** is tomorrow night—join the fun and support the school. The **Walk-a-Thon** is May 5, send in your pledges and buy a sign! Our first attempt at **Cosmic Bingo is May 19th**, black lights, BYOB, and dj, adult night out, tickets \$30.

- **Don't confuse Mandatory Tuition Fundraising for 2017-18 with our other fundraising projects. The process is the same as last year—**The one 2016-17 school year's mandatory fundraiser required you to sell thirty-five \$25,000 prize tickets to receive \$850 worth of tuition credit, reducing your tuition to \$4,150 before financial aid. We did not sell all of the tickets with only 35 distributed to each K-8 family. You recently voted to sell fifty \$25,000 prize tickets to receive \$850 worth of tuition credit during the 2017-18 school year, reducing your tuition to \$4,150. This is the only mandatory fundraiser for 2017-18. **Other fundraisers that the School and PTG will conduct throughout the year will provide assemblies, competitions, and field trips to the students and support the "extra touches" that make SSRS a School of Excellence.**

**Congratulations-
Catholic Daughters of
America
Contest Winners!**





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Programs



2nd Grade Math—finding equal fractions of sets of numbers

PJAS—Nine families will be traveling to State College on May 15th for their children to compete at the State level of Pa Jr. Academy of Science. Their children are selling hoagies and strombolis to offset hotel and gas costs. If no one has knocked on your door and you would like to help, just email Mrs. Stockey (mstockey@sssbv.org) to order one or more Hoagies--Italian, Roast Beef or Turkey (\$7.50) each and/or Pepperoni Rolls--Regular (\$3.50), American, Mozzarella, Hot Pepper or Super Hot (\$4.00) or a Stromboli (\$5.50). Orders are due by April 26th and delivered May 4th.



Volleyball--8th grade recognition game is this Sunday at 3:00 at Belle Vernon MS. All SSRS students' admission is free for this game. Must be accompanied by an adult.

Safety—Just a heads-up that staff has had a few safety trainings recently and will be working next week to ensure our safety plans are as thorough 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. Please help us to ensure our safety by signing in, wearing a visitor's badge, and signing out.

Additionally, the new safety cameras have been installed!

Current Non-Mandatory Fundraising--supporting our school improvement



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 (we have collected \$1,500 to-date.) **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.—deadline extended. (See examples at School)

- **AmazonSmile.com**—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. We will run a session on **May 5, at 10:00 am** on how to set it up and begin shopping and saving tuition dollars. Let us know via email if you are interested in attending.



Community Service—



Still looking for a Scout who needs an Eagle Scout Project

Project: 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



Night at the Races—It's not too late! Tickets sold at the door. Plan to attend in the School's multi -

purpose room (church's social hall)—April 22, 2017. Doors open at 6:30 PM; first race is 7:00 PM.

Date Reminders

• **April**

- 22--**Night at the Races** (sponsored by PTG)
- 24-27—ACT Aspire Testing, 8:40 AM-10:00 AM each day, grades 3-8
- 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/SCRIP training—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, 6:00-8:00 PM
- 15—PJAS at Penn State—Good Luck!
- 17—Spanish Mass—Fr. Bob Lubic—must wear uniform--12:45 pm
- 19—**Cosmic Bingo, doors open at 7:00 pm, bingo is from 9:00-11:30 pm** multipurpose room
- 19—Drug & Alcohol Program for grades 7&8; 12:40 PM, in the multipurpose room; parents may attend
- 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 in church after Mass
- 31—Honors Reception; 6:00 pm



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- **June**
 - 2—Last Day of School, **Talent Show** (parents may attend at the price of a canned food item; 11:00 am dismissal (K-7), no ASC)
 - 5—Teacher Inservice
 - 6—Teacher Inservice



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.

Send new students to enroll Now!

Tours given daily.

Faith
IN EDUCATION

Thank You's

- Thank you to all of our cafeteria and recess volunteers—**we still need more recess volunteers**; we are outside now.
- Thank you to those of you who sold Purse Bash and Strip tickets (profit report next week).
- Thank you to the following contributors who sent giftcards to the classrooms through SchoolStore.com: Debra Digiacomo, Robert Pfrogner, Elizabeth DeWitt, Michael Wright, Ruth Todd, Jamie Todd, Beth Todd, and Patricia Piel.
- Thank you to those of you telling me that Madonna Catholic is sending SSRS information about their school to you. I support Madonna Catholic and their programs, as a Catholic education is so valuable, no matter what school you attend. Yes, their tuition does appear lower on the surface. Their fundraising page states that "Each family is responsible for meeting a minimum set amount called the "Fundraising Assessment." Additionally, families are expected to support the other special events planned to **reach the goal of 15% of the total operating budget.**"