



## Principal's Reminder 9/8/17

### School Website—[www.sssbv.org](http://www.sssbv.org)

#### Find the following under Parent Resources:

- Student Handbook
- School Calendar
- Monthly Calendar of Activities
- Breakfast/Lunch Menu
- Free & Reduced Lunch application
- Link to Homework Central (your child's homework and projects)
- Consent forms for athletics
- School District Transportation Contacts

#### Under Curriculum>Community Service

- Community Service forms

#### Main Page

- Power School icon (P)—click on “Create Account” button if you do not have one. Students' returning have the same Access ID and password as last year. New families have a letter in the white envelope sent home last week.

#### Bishop Requested Survey

*As you may know, Pope Francis has called for a Synod on Young Adults, Faith, and Vocational Discernment. As part of the synod he is looking for feedback from across the world. The Diocese of Greensburg has created an online survey for those aged 16-29 years old. We are asking those parents within this age bracket to please complete this survey or if you have children in this age bracket, please ask them to complete the survey. It can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2N5PLH3>*

We would like to include your voices in what will eventually be forwarded on from our Diocese to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and then to the Vatican. Thank you for your help with this.

#### Reminders

- **Grandparents Day**—Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, 9:30 am, multi-purpose room, cookies/beverage, small program and procession to Mass at 10:15 am. This is for grandparents only (mom/dad will have their turn another day).  
**Wear School Uniforms**; bring tennis shoes if you have Physical Education that day.
- **Cub Scout sign-ups**—Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, Rehoboth Church, 442 Rehoboth Church Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. All boys in grades 1-5 are welcome.
- **Homeroom begins at 8:20 am**
- **Picture Day**—wear your uniform; 9/19 for PreK, 4-8; 9/20 for PreK, K-3, and Teachers

#### Breakfast and Lunch

Thank you for your understanding as we've tried to work out this new system for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast and lunch are available every day except first Fridays, but **lunch must be ordered at least the day before**. Even if you are receiving a free or reduced lunch, you must make a selection of a regular meal or the alternative for it to be available to you.

Please send in the lunch envelope **on Fridays**, indicating the next week's selections. Our lunch program is not a cafeteria program where we prepare meals; we simply serve the meals you **ordered ahead of time**. If you do not order at least the day before, a lunch will not be available for you. If you order a lunch and choose to pack that day, you **will be charged for the lunch you ordered**.

Breakfast is \$1.50, and a hot lunch (alternatives available) is \$3.25. Menus are available on the website. Snacks are also available for purchase.



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### After School STEM ENRICHMENT Program

Offered to any St. Sebastian student in grades 3-5, Monday through Thursday every week beginning in October, at Monessen Elementary. The Monessen bus will transport your child from St. Sebastian to Monessen Elementary. Students who live in the Monessen School District will receive free transportation home at 6:15 pm. Students living outside of Monessen School District will have to be picked up at 6:15 pm. Please let me know if you are interested in your child participating.

### Tuition Reduction Fundraising

- **October calendar tickets** have still not arrived. As soon as they do, you will be notified that they will be sent home in the White Envelope.

Extra tickets are available, if you would like to earn your tuition credit early.

- **SCRIP—Sign Up NOW/Start Saving Now (directions enclosed).** Save hundreds of dollars on your **tuition!** Everything you earned will be applied to this year's tuition and deducted from your balance.

### School Fundraising

- **COSMIC Bingo!—not your grandma's bingo. Tickets available in the office**
- **Enjoy 2018 Coupon Books**—at your request, we have ordered Enjoy Coupon Books for your purchase. The book includes discount coupons for both national and local businesses. The cost of a book is \$30. They will be available beginning September 15, 2017.

### Snack Prices:

- Chips – Variety \$1.00
- Nutri Grain Bars \$1.00
- Rice Krispy Treats \$1.00
- Animal Crackers \$ .50
- Small Water \$ .75

**Allergies:** Please ensure that we are aware of all allergies, as water and snacks will be available for purchase once the student's lunch has been eaten. We also have "Allergy Free" areas in the lunchroom for **all students** who **did not pack lunches with allergens** (at the moment, nuts and nut butters are the only identified allergens that some of our students cannot be around). Should a child bring foods with nuts or nut butters they will sit further away from the zone, but still with their class. Students may not share foods, as other students cannot ingest gluten, fuzzy fruits, strawberries, dairy, and/or nuts/nut butters.

**Power Lunch Accounts:** Your child will be issued a barcode next week, which will be scanned as s/he goes through the breakfast and/or lunch line. It will also be scanned if your child orders a lunch and then packs that day. The charges for those meals will be deducted from their Power Lunch account. As your account nears a low balance, you will receive a text/email from Power Lunch. Students with a low or no balance may not purchase snacks.

### After School Care Snacks

An envelope is available to schedule after care. If you are planning on your child staying for after care, please indicate the days on the envelope.

A **snack is provided during After Care.** If your child brings allergens (e.g., nuts or products containing nuts or manufactured in a factory where cross contamination could occur) in their lunch, they will be asked to refrain from eating them during after care.



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**PTG—still time to join for the 2017-18 School Year** Our first meeting was a big success. **PTG will provide refreshments for Grandparents Day.**

Fr. Frank has been a great support already and has visited the children during their lunch period and at dismissal.

**Thank You's**



**Thank you** all who attended or assisted with the Annual Golf Outing held on September 2, 2017. A special thanks to Mrs. Bush and Mr. Russell for all of their help.

A great time was had by all! Many thanks to Mr. Stawovy and family who host this event each year.

- Our lunchroom/recess volunteers
- All who attended or called in to our first PTG meeting—it's going to be a great year!
- **All of you** for choosing St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School this year

**It's already a great year!**



**Parent Advisory Meeting Cancelled for September due to Fr. Frank's Installation as Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish**



Please join us on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7:00 pm to honor Fr. Frank at his installation into St. Sebastian Parish.