



Principal's Reminder 11/09/18

Welcome to the St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School, where we form disciples of Jesus and strengthen the community of faith of our Church.

*****REMINDER*****

Tuition Reduction fundraisers for families are through the Steeler Ticket sale and Scrip only.

School fundraisers have allowed us to maintain the same tuition charge over the past three years.

Everyone is asked to participate in the School fundraisers, as they help us all. They have included, to-date:

- Joe Corbi's sales
- Texas Roadhouse Rolls & Butter
- Enjoy! Coupon Book

Upcoming:

- Christmas Showcase Tickets—10 Tickets/family (more available for the asking)

The PTG fundraisers support other school events and needs, such as, safety and technology equipment, fieldtrips, assemblies, picnics, holiday meals, etc. To-date, those fundraisers have included:

- Book Fair
- Drive-Thru Dinners
- Black Friday Ticket
- KidStuff Coupon Book
- Sarris Candy

Upcoming:

- Pancakes with Santa

There are also Community Service Projects where you offer your gifts of time, effort, and money to help others, such as the recent Breast Cancer dress down, the upcoming toy drive to stuff a bus, and the recycled bag mat (see later in the Reminder), and the food to the food bank.

STREAM makes Entrepreneurs



Victoria Duda made and sold bracelets to make money for the School. Congratulations and Thank You, Victoria!

New STREAM Club

Girls in grades 3-6 can join Girls Who Code, sponsored by Ms. Thorniley. The club meets every Monday that we have school in Ms. Thorniley's room. Send in the form you received last week to join.

Different Stream, but . . .



4th grade started the acclimation process when the trout eggs arrived and 6th grade

separated and counted the dead (81) vs viable (182) eggs.





Energized Guyz

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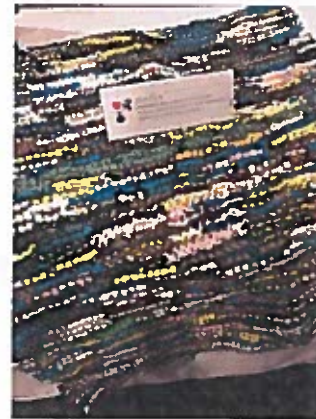


K-6 Students learned about energy conservation from the Energized Guyz during an assembly this past week. Do not be surprised if they are turning out lights, unplugging chargers, and asking where the aerator is on your bathroom faucet☺.

Then Kindergarten & 1st Grade tested the Theories of Conduction in the Maker Space



Community Service during Recess



You would not believe that this beautiful mat was not a hook or crocheted rug. It is actually made with old Walmart, Lowes, Target, and Shop 'N Save bags. Send yours to School. Our kiddos are working on

these during recess to give to the Homeless. These mats will keep their blankets and sleeping bags off of the cold, wet ground. You can make these with your children at home, too! Directions enclosed.



SSRCS Artwork in the Mon Valley Independent



Sydney Dunn



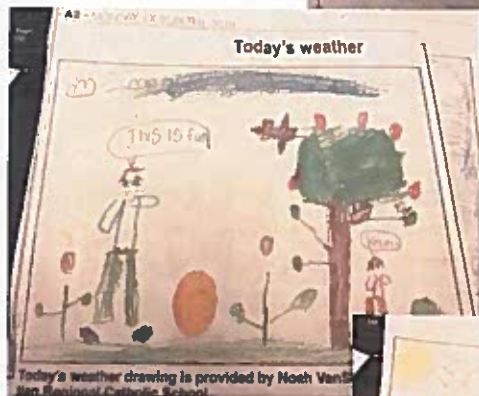
Gaige Watson



Eli Martin



Vinny Mingrino



Noah VanSickle



Luke Bagan

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Brandon Plunko



Evie Viehl



Honor Roll—Grades 5 & 6

Highest Honors

(All A's (0 in a Special Class = an A in Core Subjects))

Grade 6

Sydney Calderone
Eli Martin

Alex Herron
Evelyn Viehl

Grade 5

Brandon Plunko

High Honors

(All A's, 1B (a G in a Special = B in Core Subjects))

Grade 6

Jacob Nobili-Palm

Grade 5

Grant Brewer
Ally Peden

Honors

(All A's and B's in Core; all O's and G's in Specials)

Grade 6

Kamara Holmes

Grade 5

Sydney Duda
Madison Keller
Christian Scherer
Alayna Stawovy
Caleb Wells-Koury

Isabella Patch
Anthony Startare
Gaige Watson
Sophia Yatchyshyn

An "S or U" in a special class (Music, Art, Spanish, Theater Arts, Health, or Phys. Ed.), an "I" in any class, or a negative comment on the report card = ineligibility for Honor Roll.



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Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences are Tuesday, November 13, 2018

- We do not encourage phone conferences, as students are expected to be present.
- Students present their work, successes, and challenges during the conference

Clubs

Mondays—Girls Who Code—3:10-4:15 pm, Art Room, Girls in grades 3-6, begins 11/19/18

Tuesdays—

- Chess Club or Robotics—3:00-4:00 pm rotating Tuesdays—Rm 4 and STREAM room, respectively.
- Basketball Practice—3:30-5:00 pm

Wednesday—Cheerleading Practice, 3-4:00 pm

Thursdays—Yearbook

- Basketball Practice—3:30-5:00 pm

Athletics

- Cheerleading Squad practice every Wed.

- Co-Ed Basketball

(Coaches Petaccia, Stawovy, and Stockey)—Physical and registration fee due now. Practice begins November 27, 2018 (every Tues/Thurs from 3:30-5:00 pm) (Games from Dec. 2-Feb. 25)



- **Nov 16**—Veterans Day Program; 1:00 pm; Veteran Families invited to attend (see flyer)

- **Nov 16**—Christmas Showcase Ticket distributed—10 tickets/family
- **Nov 16**—KidStuff Coupon Book Orders due
- **Nov 17**—NBV Community Bank Park Light-Up Night Chorus Presentation; 5:30 at School; Caroling to Park at 5:50 pm
- **Nov 19**—School Physicals for Kindergarten and 6th grade
- **Nov 19**—Girls Who Code Club, 3:10-4:15pm
- **Nov 19**—Rolls & Butter Pick-Up; 3:00 pm
- **Nov 20**—Forensics, grade 6, Our Lady of the Valley, Donora
- **Nov 20**—Rolls & Butter Pick-up 3:00 pm
- **Nov 20**—Chess Club; 3-4:00 pm
- **Nov 21**—3rd/4th grade Play
- **Nov 21**—Thanksgiving Prayer Service
- **Nov 21**—Free Thanksgiving Lunch from PTG
- **Nov 21**—Noon Dismissal
- **Nov 22-26**—No School; Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov 27**—Mid Mon Valley Shipmates presentation; grade 5; Rm 4
- **Nov 27**—Lego/Robotics Club; 3-4:00 pm
- **Dec 1**—Pancakes with Santa, 9 am-Noon in MPR, Tickets on sale now in Office
- **Dec 3**—PTG Meeting; 3:30 pm, Rm 3
- **Dec 3**—Girls Who Code Club, 3:10-4:15 pm
- **Dec 4**—Stock Market Career presentation, 6th grade, 1:50 pm.
- **Dec 5**—School Mass, 1:00 pm
- **Dec 7**—Dress down day; Noon Dismissal

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- **Nov 12**—No School; Veterans Day
- **Nov 13** Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences-Students to attend conference
- **Nov 13**—Peace Posters due from 5th/6th grade
- **Nov 14**—Sarris Candy Orders Due
- **Nov 15**—SSRCS hosting Diocesan Principals' Meeting (PTG sponsored)

Tuition Reduction through Scrip (only)

Website: shopwithscrip.com for "Scrip Now!" cards.

Mobile site myscripwallet.com to order e-gift cards sent straight to your phone.



SCRIP: Pick-Up—Orders filled weekly & delivered to the school office each Tuesday afternoon.

SCRIP Enrollment Code: 8847653L11569 or call Kate Horensky for help: 412.370.4730.

School & PTG Fundraising

(Not Direct Tuition Reducing)
Enjoy! Coupon Books are back and in the Office



\$30 each

Send a request and check for \$30 payable to SSRCS with your child, and we'll send one home with you—great Christmas gift!

- Make purchases at any of the following and the School benefits: (Directions on website)
AmazonSmile Schoolstore.com
Apples for Students Shutterfly



Where are your box tops?
If they are setting in a bag at home, please send them into school. They bring money and supplies to SSRCS.

- Black Friday Tickets (check your tickets next Friday—Good Luck!). ALL ticket money due now. If your money is not paid by 11/13/18, it will be added to your tuition. Thank you for your help!
- KidStuff Coupon Book orders due this week
- Pancakes with Santa, Dec. 1 (flyer enclosed)
- Thank you for your continuous support and love!

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Are You, Your Business or a Business you know paying > \$1,000 in PA State Taxes?
Did you know you could redirect that tax money to SSRCS for tuition assistance

for families in need? Please contact Mrs. Michelle Watson for details.

God has answered this Prayer!



Meet "Cricket" and Samantha Long from American Cleaning. Samantha started working at SSRCS on Thursday and has won the hearts of all of us, already. We fired Mr. Zetty from his volunteer cleaning position, but told him he must continue with maintenance. We would ALL like to thank Mr. Sterner for helping us out through this arduous search. We could not have done it without him!



Still looking and praying for a:
2-day/week Spanish Teacher



Thank you to:

- Mrs. DiPietrantonio for helping to finish the inventory of the used books.
- Mrs. Kotch for her recent donation.
- Those who donated to the Thanksgiving Foodbank collection.
- Mr. Sterner for all of his maintenance and custodial assistance!
- Thank you to all of our cafeteria and recess volunteers—**We need more volunteers!**
- And all of you for choosing and sacrificing to send your children to SSRCS.



May We Offer Up Prayers of Gratitude or Honor Prayer Requests for Improved Health or Comfort? Just email me your request and our children will include you, your family, and/or friends in our morning prayers (nzetty@sssbv.org).

Please pray for:

A speedy recovery for:

For a speedy recovery for:

- Fr. Bill Feeney, from his illness.
- Sister Grace Snyder, from her illness.
- Mr. Kotch, for God’s blessings on his health in his retirement years
- Mr. Legeza, as he fights through his recent reoccurrence of an illness.
- Mr. Dennis Tubbs, from his surgery.
- Mr. McLaughlin, for a full recovery.
- The Fouch family’s Gram Millie

Also for:

- For the soul of Mrs. Tina Smith’s aunt, who passed away unexpectedly
- For the King Family, that has suffered many challenges, recently
- This country and all who defend it or have given their lives defending it

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- This country for its acceptance of ALL people regardless of race, religion, gender, and/or socio-economic status, especially the City of Pittsburgh to which our thoughts and prayers are extended to the friends and families of those lost in this horrific tragedy.
- Union and Management disputes everywhere that they treat each other with respect and resolve their differences expediently.
- SSRCS, that it continues to flourish and welcome new and current families into our family of faith and education.
- All those affected by devastating and destructive weather throughout the world.
- The special intentions you may have resting heavily on your hearts today.



We desperately need cafeteria/recess volunteers. Please contact Mrs. Erika Fouch, 724.929.5143, to offer even one day (11 am-12:30 pm) per month.

FAQs

When can we as parents make suggestions or requests?

Parents meet and advise Dr. Zetty on everything from tuition reduction to building ideas to finance to fundraising to safety to . . . every other month on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Rm 4. Stop by this coming Tuesday!

If you can’t make the meeting, just schedule a time to stop in and see her. We are a family and work together for the minds, bodies, and souls of our Children.



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Hannah, hope you love your new School!

Good Luck, Hannah! Miss you!



Prayer Service Class Donations



Thank you for sending in the food donations for the



Food Bank (to be donated at the Thanksgiving Prayer Service 11/21/18.)



Thanksgiving Dinner Donation



There is a program looking to donate or sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner to a family in need. Are you or are you aware of any families in our school or community that might benefit from this? Let me know, asap, (nzetty@ssbv.org). We will keep the family anonymous.



Pancakes *with Santa*



**Saturday,
December 1st
9am-1pm**

Join PTG as they welcome Santa, Mrs. Claus & the elves to St Sebastian Regional Catholic School for a morning of holiday fun!

**Adults \$8
Children (under 12) \$5
2 & under free**

Pancakes, bacon, fruit,
orange juice, coffee & water

- Origami ornament craft
- Christmas Stories
- Christmas Shows
- Face Painting
- Paper snowflake craft
- Letters to Santa

Advance ticket purchase
Get your tickets now!
Return your RSVP (attached) & ticket money to Michelle Watson in the school office no later than November 28th.
★ Limited ticket sales at the door

- Coloring Pages
- Treat Bags
- Raffle items
- ★ Pictures with Santa for purchase



815 Broad Avenue – Belle Vernon

Pancakes *with Santa* **RSVP**



Family Name: _____

Number of Adult Tickets: _____ X \$8 = _____

Number of Child Tickets: _____ X \$5 = _____

Total enclosed: _____

LITE UP NITE IN NORTH BELLE VERNON

WHO: PreK-6 SSRCS Students are Performing

WHEN: Saturday, November 17th

WHERE: Arrive at School by 5:30 pm (dress warmly)

WHAT: Christmas Caroling to the Park at 5:50 pm.

Santa will arrive.

We will perform the Christmas Carols we've been practicing.



COME SEE SANTA!!

ENJOY HOT COCOA, HOT DOGS

KEEP WARM BY THE BON FIRE

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sponsored by the NBV Recreation Commission

Treats sponsored by: VALLEY TIRE CO.

When to Keep Your Child at Home

The following guidelines are used to determine dismissals and may be helpful for parents to determine appropriate attendance. **Keep your child home from school if he or she has:**

Fever - 100 degrees or higher - A fever is a sign of illness. A child with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher should not attend school. The child should be free of fever (without the use of antipyretics such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Colds/Cough - Minor cold symptoms are common and usually don't interfere with school attendance. A persistent, frequent cough and/or constant nasal drainage may affect your child's performance at school, and he/she may be more comfortable at home.

Sore Throat - A sore throat accompanied by a fever, nausea, stomach ache, body aches, headache with bright red appearance, swollen tonsils, white patches or streaks of pus should be evaluated by a medical doctor prior to coming to school. Written clearance to attend school should be obtained by the evaluating physician.

Rash - A rash may cover the entire body or only one area. A child that has a rash that is draining, has open areas or is causing the child to itch excessively should not attend school. A student with a rash accompanied with other symptoms such as: a fever, sore throat, irritability, vomiting, etc. should not attend school. Rashes with a concerning appearance should be evaluated by a medical doctor prior to the student coming to school. Written clearance to attend school should be obtained by the evaluating physician.

Vomiting/Diarrhea - A child who has vomited should wait 24 hours and be able to retain solid foods before returning to school. A child who is having frequent diarrhea stools should not attend school. If there is cramping/abdominal pain with diarrhea, the student may be more comfortable at home.

Eye Infection - a child who has pink bloodshot eyes with yellow or green drainage or crusted lashes should be evaluated by a medical doctor prior to coming to school. Written clearance to attend school should be obtained by the evaluating physician.

24-Hour Antibiotic Therapy - Any child with a contagious condition, such as strep throat or bacterial conjunctivitis (pink eye), must be taking the medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

Lice or Nits - A child must be checked by the school nurse before returning to the classroom to be sure that he/she is nit free following lice treatment. The student must be driven to school since they are not permitted to ride the bus until the school nurse checks them. Please see the "Lice Advice" sheet for tips on monitoring, reporting found cases and managing lice once they are discovered.

After any illness, it is important to allow your child to rest and recover before sending him/her back to school.

When your child returns to school, he must bring a written excuse stating the dates and reason for absence. A parent or legal guardian must sign this excuse.

By following these guidelines, you will protect not only the health of your child, but the health of his classmates and school staff as well!



You are Invited!

What: Veterans' Celebration honoring veterans from your family. Light refreshments will be served upon the conclusion of the celebration.

When: Friday, November 16, 2018 @ 1:00pm

Where: SSRCS Multi-Purpose Room

Please send back the bottom portion of this invitation with the number attending and the name, branch of service, rank, and years of service of the veteran attending by Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

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Veteran's Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

Years of Service (? - ?): _____

Total Number Attending: _____



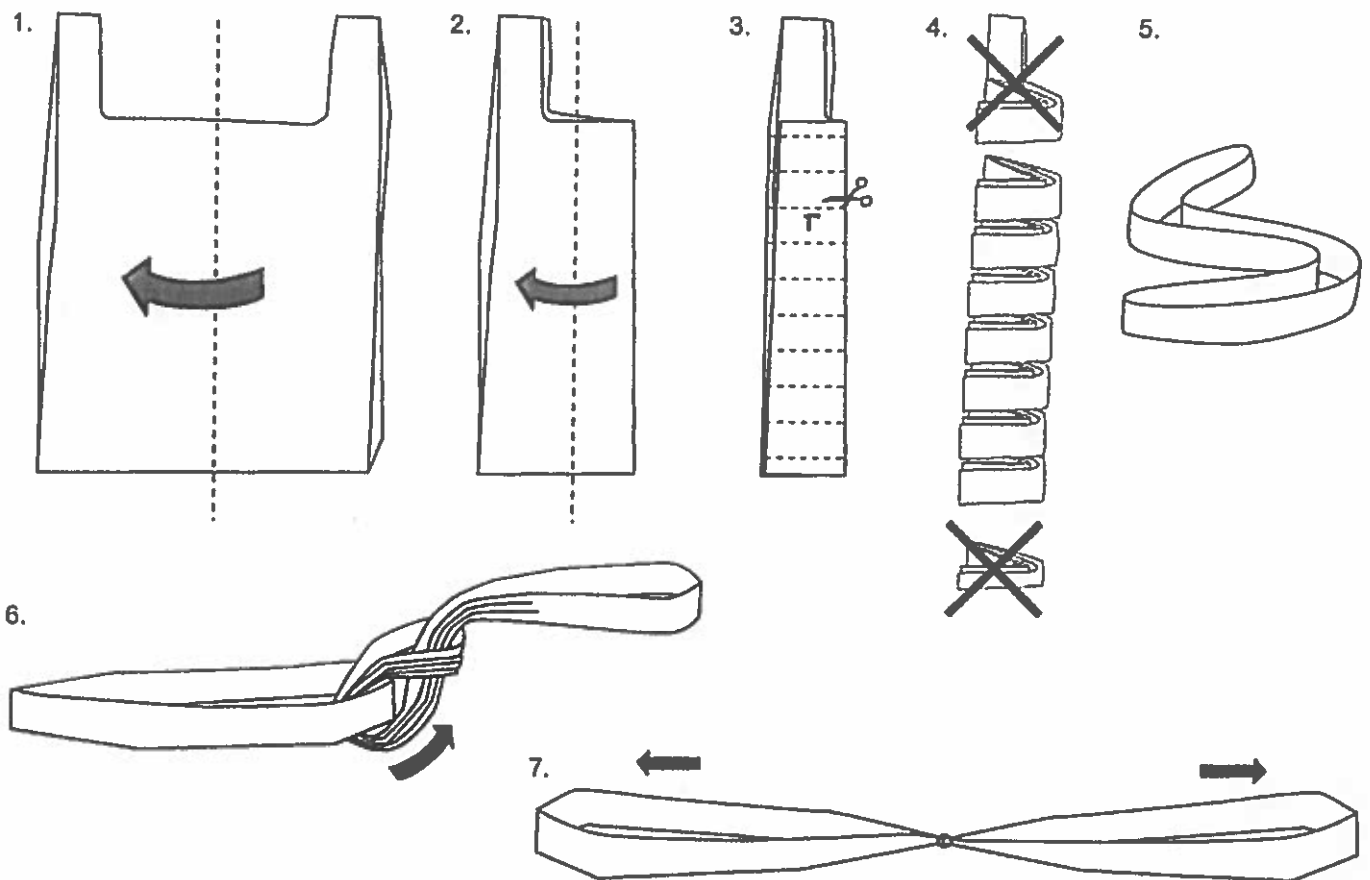
How to make PLARN

Plarn is short for "plastic yarn." Plarn is made by cutting plastic grocery bags into strips, which are then strung together into a single long strand.

You can use plarn instead of regular yarn to **crochet sturdy, reusable tote bags, purses, doormats, and more.**

How to make plarn:

- Lay bag flat and fold it in half lengthwise.
- Fold bag in half again.
- Cut folded bag into loops, discarding handles and bottom.
- Knot loops together to form a single strand.
- Roll the strand into a ball and crochet or knit as you would with yarn.



<http://www.plasticbagcrafts.com/make-plarn/>