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Celebrating Catholic Schools Week (CSW) at St. Sebastian

Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2017



Sunday, Jan. 29

Select students will **read about our Catholic School** at each Mass in the four Regional Parishes and Holy Family.

Flyers are in **the bulletins** advertising Open House and the Hoss's Fundraiser and attached.

Eat at Hoss's in Belle Vernon after church on Sunday and a percentage of sales goes to SSRS.

Monday, Jan. 30

Students will create the **Canvas Art Projects**

Mrs. Maglet will distribute the Mother Teresa wristbands: "Doing something beautiful for God."



Tuesday, Jan. 31

1:00-2:00 pm A Living Wax Museum of Students as Saints will be open to All students to explore and enjoy during this time.

Students will review the **Jeremiah Project (send donations)** collections to determine if a reminder needs to be sent home. Shown here are the awesome contributions made by Raegan Bennett's family.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

9:30 am School Mass celebrated by Fr. Vince Gigliotti

1:30 pm sharing Catholic Schools with the Legislators (please let me know if you, as a voter, would like to attend the Legislative Presentation). US Congressman Tim Murphy had to cancel; however, the following have confirmed:

- State Representative—Justin Walsh, Bud Cook
- Mayor—Craig Ambrose
- Councilmen—Mark Frederick/RJ Sokol

6-8:00 pm Open House—Living Wax Museum, PTA Info and Refreshments, Registration for 2017-18 School Year (bring friends and family who are not attending SSRS), Meet next year's teachers/see rooms.

Open House will be a time to register for next year and bring others to see the school and consider registering, as well.

Thursday, Feb. 2

9:30 am Vocations Assembly for students

9:50 am Priests read bible stories to K-5 and continue vocations discussion with students in grades 6-8.



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- **2nd Grade Scavenger Hunt**



←----- Second grade went on a “States of Matter” scavenger hunt around the school. They discovered solids, liquids, & gases and which states of matter were found the most & the least often.

They then made & enjoyed a snack of Kool Aid & microwave popcorn to show how matter can be mixed & changed. ----->



- **ACT Interim Testing**

This past week, students in grades 3-8 took the online version of the ACT Aspire tests that they will finalize in May. ACT Aspire assesses their readiness in Reading, English, Math, and Science, at their grade levels, to be successful on the ACT High School exam in preparation for college. The results assist the school in aligning its curriculum and the students in recognizing where their strengths and areas for improvement exist.



- **LAST CALL--½ Day 3-year-old Preschool being extended to Full-day Ready to Begin**



If any of you are interested in your 3-year-old attending PreSchool on Tuesdays/Thursdays full-time (8:30 am-2:30 pm), please contact Mrs. Coyne. The cost is the same for the second half of the day--\$550 for the remainder of the year. We need five students to extend the pre-school to full-day.

Athletics

- **Girls Volleyball--Practice has begun!**



Fundraisers

- **Schoolstore.com**—on February 1st flyers will come home indicating how you can do your online shopping at the stores you normally shop at through Schoolstore.com. By logging into Schoolstore.com and entering the school’s code (just like swiping your Giant Eagle or Shop ‘N Save



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card), the school will receive a portion of your purchase price. Students who email their family members about shopping through this site receive small prizes. Watch for the flyer this coming week.

- **SCRIP Help Still Needed—There are only a few left.**

Just send a check made out to **SSRS** or **cash** to the school for **Mrs. Kate Horensky**. If you normally purchase these online, please consider purchasing them directly from Kate until the supply is depleted.

Gift Card	Value	No. Available
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	2
Domino's	\$10	1
Dunkin Donuts	\$10	1
Foot Locker	\$25	1
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy	\$25	2
Great Clips	\$25	2
Kmart	\$25	4
Kohl's	\$25	2
Lands' End	\$25	4
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	\$25	1
Red Robin	\$25	2
The Children's Place	\$25	2

If you accept **tuition credit for next year**, you will receive it on these purchases. Thank you ALL for your assistance. Only \$570 worth left to sell!

Need Help

- **School Action Committee needs subcommittees!**
 - Strategic Plan—we need a strategic plan to guide our future—please help!
 - Fundraising/Advertising/Recruitment—we need plans—the \$25,000 ticket resulted in a loss to the School of over \$39,000 this year. Those of you who have raised concern over selling this ticket were correct; we need another solution to tuition reduction!

Volunteer now! Call Connie and let her know which committee you'd like to volunteer for--**724.929.5143**.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- **Local Lions Club Peace Poster Contest Winners**

1st Place—Olivia Martin

2nd Place—Tatum Lucero

3rd Place—Wyatt Zarichnak



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PTG

- Join us the first Tuesday of each month—3:30 pm--to meet and plan great things for our kiddos
 - Playground Renovation—groundbreaking to begin June 2, 2017
 - Safety Equipment—the Knox Box is ordered
 - Alabaster Assemblies (i.e., “Proud to be an American” and “Resurrection”)
 - Spirit Wear sales and Jackets for 8th graders (on display at Open House)
 - Catholic Schools Week activities and Family Fun Night (Saturday, February 4th)
 - And much, much more . . .

- Please register your **Shop ‘N Save** card and designate St. Sebastian as the recipient of award points toward Science Center programs.

Date Reminders

- January 2017
 - 29--Catholic Schools Week begins!
- February
 - 1—School Mass, 9:30 am; bring PE uniforms if you have PE today
 - 1--Legislators present; 1:30 pm (let me know if you'd like to attend),
 - 1—Open House—6-8:00 pm
 - 3—Family Brunch and noon dismissal; appropriate dress down day
 - 4—Family Fun Night, St. Spyridon Hall, 6:00 pm
 - 6—Safety Walk-thru by the Diocese
 - 7—PTG meeting, 3:30 pm
 - 9— “Proud to be an American”—1:30 pm
 - 14—Valentine’s Parties for K-5—1:30-3:00 pm (MS dance is on the 24th)
 - 14—Parent Advisory Council, 6:30 pm (all welcome)
 - 20—Presidents’ Day—NO SCHOOL (unless it becomes a make-up day)
 - 24—SSRS Middle School Dance; 6:15-8:30 pm
 - 28—Parent/Student/Teacher Conference—No Classes this day
- March
 - 1—Ash Wednesday Prayer Service—children only
 - 6-10—Book Fair in Multipurpose Room
 - 7—PTG Meeting, 3:30 pm
 - 8--School Mass, 9:30 am; bring PE uniforms if you have PE today
 - 14—Parent Advisory Council; 6:30 pm
 - 15—FACTS Grant and Aid Applications Due to FACTS
 - 16—School Advisory Council; 6:30 pm



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- 23—Inservice—NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
- 24—End of 3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period
- 29—WTAE Project Bundle-up Weather Assembly
- 31—3rd Nine Weeks Report Card
- April
 - 3rd and 4th Spring Pictures
 - 4—PTG Meeting; 3:30 pm
 - 5--School Mass, 9:30 am; bring PE uniforms if you have PE today
 - 5--Alabaster Production, "Resurrection," 1:00 PM, in St. Sebastian Church
 - 7—Noon dismissal, appropriate dress down
 - 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)
 - 20-27—ACT Aspire Testing, grades 3-8

• Thank You's

- PNC and Mr. Robinson for discussing a career in web development with our 7th graders.
- PTG for hosting a wonderful holiday dinner at Speer Street Grille for all members.
- Mrs. Dunn for creating posters for Open House.
- Mr. Pollock, Student Council, and all of you who contributed the \$4,522.06 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients drive. St. Sebastian Regional School is now in the running to win the "Rookie of the Year." This is a contest for any school in Pennsylvania and West Virginia that competed for the first time in the Pennies for Patients Drive. Mrs. Brenda Bidwell, coordinator of the Pennies for Patients Programs, said "I have never seen such a small school give so selflessly." We will not know our final placement in the contest until the end of the school year.



Remember to

Register for the **2017-18 School Year**

St. Sebastian Regional School

at **Open House**

February 1, 2017, 6-8:00 PM



OPEN HOUSE

February 1, 2017



6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



St. Sebastian



Regional Catholic School



(New and Returning Families Welcome!)

- ✓ Register for the 2017-18 School Year.
- ✓ Pick Up Financial Aid Forms.
- ✓ Experience **Old Testament Saints** in our **Living Wax Museum**.
- ✓ Visit Your Child's 2017-18 Teacher & Classroom.
- ✓ Purchase Raffle tickets for **Family Fun Night Baskets**.
- ✓ Meet **PTG Parents**, Browse Their Spirit Wear, Enjoy Their **Refreshments**.
- ✓ **Free homework pass** for every student who brings a PreK-7th grade friend and shares with him/her the many advantages of attending St. Sebastian Regional School.



Visit Hoss's Family Steak & Sea Restaurant

Belle Vernon, PA

January 29, 2017

A percentage of the sales will benefit St. Sebastian Regional School

Group #54727

Hoss's will donate 20%* or 25%** of your total pre-tax check paid to **St. Sebastian Regional School**.

*To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

**To qualify for the 25% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$1,200.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

This applies to a one-day, single location, pre-scheduled event on January 29 2017.

The purchase of gift cards is not included as part of your organization's community fundraising totals.

DISTRIBUTING INVITATIONS ON HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

AND

WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION!

Thank you for your support!

~Make sure you bring this flyer!~



~Don't miss out on the fun!~



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