



Principal's Reminders
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Celebrating Catholic Schools Week (CSW) at St. Sebastian



Friday, Feb. 3—Thank you all for a fabulous brunch!

Saturday, Feb. 4—Thank you to those of you who joined us for Mass at St. Sebastian Church before Family Fun Night. Monsignor did a wonderful job of acknowledging the needs of the School in terms of the roof and thanked the parishioners for their donations toward its repair.



Family Fun Night was truly that, Family Fun! Many thanks to PTG for all of their hard work putting this together and providing the perfect ending to an amazing Catholic Schools Week.

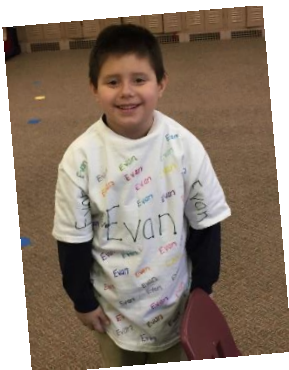


Programs

- **100th Day of School**—Miss Plevel’s 3rd grade class sang their 100th day of school song throughout the building today. Students in the primary grades recognized the number 100 and having been in school at least 100 days this school year (without a school closing due to a weather day!).



Kindergarten wore t-shirts with 100 items on them. Evan is shown with 100 “Evans” on his shirt. Mr. Petaccia, your tuition bill is now 100x the original one! We’ll take 100 of him and all of our other kindergarteners!





Why does it seem like my tuition is going up next year?

- This is what your "Tuition Information" form said for the 2016-17 school year:

STUDENTS K—8:

Cost per pupil\$4,150.00 (with fundraising participation)
 Cost per pupil \$5,000.00 (without fundraising participation)
 The fundraising participation was in the amount of \$850. $\$4,150 + \$850 = \$5,000$ (last year's tuition)

- This is what your "Tuition Information" form says for the 2017-18 school year.

Choose one: _____ Tuition K-8--\$4,500, which is already reduced by \$500 due to **participation in Mandatory Fundraisers** before Financial Aid

_____ Tuition K-8--\$5,000, **without participation** in Mandatory Fundraisers

(both may be reduced by Financial Aid; second child discount applies)

As you can see, **tuition was \$5,000 last year; it is still \$5,000 this year.** The **difference** is in what you could fundraise to reduce tuition. As I've explained in a previous Principal's Reminder, the \$25,000 ticket did not bring in the amount of anticipated income to cover the \$850 reduction in tuition. Before the most recent meeting with PTG on February 7, we did not believe that we could have enough fundraisers to reduce tuition by more than \$500; that's why \$4500 in tuition is an option. After we brainstormed the list you see on the next page under Fundraising/ Advertising/Recruitment, we believe we can now offer a third option, the same as last year, with different fundraisers: \$4150 plus \$850 in mandatory fundraising. We are attaching the revised tuition form. Please contact me if you still have questions or believe that your tuition increased.

Fundraisers

For this year (2016-17):	For next year (2017-18): (mandatory fundraisers to be determined)
Selling the Disney Ticket at church after mass	Disney Ticket
Selling signs to businesses for the Walk-a-Thon	Walk-a-Thon—bigger and better
SCRIP—having Walmart and Giant Eagle cards on hand	SCRIP
McTeacher Night at McDonalds Chuck E Cheese on a half-day of school, like the Hoss' Fundraiser	Restaurant's sharing profits Spaghetti Dinners (2) Pancake Breakfast after Church



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BOTA cover your ears—Drag Queen Bingo	Bingo and Cash Bash
SchoolStore—online shopping	Sarris Candy Bar Sales
	Calendar--# goes off each day
	Lenten Fish Broil—can we do it?

- Schoolstore.net**—We hope you are all doing your online shopping at the stores you normally shop at through Schoolstore.net—Sears, Best Buy, Walmart, Kohl's, etc. By logging into Schoolstore.net and entering the school's ID 71375 (just like swiping your Giant Eagle or Shop 'N Save card), the school will receive a portion of your purchase price. The prices are the same as if you logged directly into the store's website. Students who emailed family members about shopping through the site received Puffer Balls today. Thank you in advance for shopping online & helping the school.
- Please register your **Shop 'N Save** card and designate St. Sebastian as the recipient of award points toward Science Center programs.

• **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
Dunkin Donuts	\$10	1
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy	\$25	2
Kmart	\$25	4
Kohl's	\$25	2
Lands' End	\$25	4
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	\$25	1
Red Robin	\$25	1

If you accept **tuition credit for next year**, you will receive it on these purchases. Thank you ALL for your assistance. We're almost there! Keep buying!!

Thanks to your helping deplete the inventory, we are now able to stock **Walmart and Giant Eagle cards**. Hopefully, we will have a few at the school by next Friday; you may stop, then, to purchase them at the School.



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Need Help

- **School Action Committee needs subcommittees!**
 - [Strategic Plan](#)—we STILL need a strategic plan to guide our future—please help—call today!
 - [Fundraising/Advertising/Recruitment](#)—we brain-stormed with PTG (see chart on previous page)
- **Volunteer now!** Call Connie and let her know which committee you'd like to volunteer for--[724.929.5143](tel:724.929.5143).

PTG—Our St. Sebastian Family working together for quality faith-based education

- 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”); “Proud to be an American” was wonderful!
 - Spirit Wear sales (flyer attached)
 - Jackets for 8th graders
 - Catholic Schools Week activities and Family Fun Night
 - Assistance with Disney Ticket sales, Walk-a-thon, and upcoming tuition-reduction fundraisers
 - And much, much more . . .
- Spirit wear—New vendor options—see attachment

School Dance

- **Mardi Gras** for Grades 6-8—Feb. 24, Drop Off 6:15 PM/Pick-up 8:30 PM; \$10 admission for music and food (\$1 extra for additional pizza slices). Benefits SSRS Student Council.





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Celebrating

- **Principal for the Day!**—Ms. Isabel Patch served the St. Sebastian School Community as Principal for the Day on Thursday. She had to communicate the 2-hr delay schedule, supervise the announcements, contact Alabaster Productions regarding the assembly, organize the Middle States documents, move lunch up 15 minutes, prepare the Puffer Ball distribution, hand out an ice pack, evaluate a leaking skylight, type up a volleyball roster, and run the assembly. What an amazing young lady—truly principal material!



Date Reminders

- February
 - 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, Multipurpose Room
 - 28—Parent/Student/Teacher Conference—No Classes this day—bring your child
- 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
 - 10—Stations of the Cross; 2:15 pm
 - 14—Parent Advisory Council; 6:30 pm
 - 15—FACTS Grant and Aid Applications Due to FACTS for registration fee waiver
 - 15—GCC Students to Read to PreK-3, 12:40-3:00 pm
 - 16—School Advisory Council; 6:30 pm
 - 17—Stations of the Cross; 2:15 pm
 - 20-21—*SuperKids* Coaching for PreK-2 teachers
 - 23—Inservice—NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
 - 24—Stations of the Cross; 2:15 pm
 - 24—End of 3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period
 - 29—WTAE Project Bundle-up Weather Assembly
 - 31—Stations of the Cross; 2:15 pm
 - 31--3rd Nine Weeks Report Card
 - 31—Solar Quest Assembly for grades 4/5
- 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



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- 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
- May
 - 4—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).
 - 5—Walk-a-Thon/Kindergarten Orientation

• Thank You's

- The Todd Family and Buzzy Byron's for the donation of a 55 gallon fish tank for the Trout in the Classroom Project! Buzzy threw in some supplies. Anyone have an old stand for a 55-gallon tank?
- All who donated to Jeremiah's Place; items will be delivered next week.



Mission

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.

Missed Open House—No Problem

Your **Re-registration Forms** came home with your child.

Please review the demographic information we have on file and return the demographic sheet to the homeroom teacher **next week**.

St. Sebastian Regional School Registration

is **NOW** open—Tell your Friends!