



# Principal's Reminder 04/06/18

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest First Place Winners

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

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| Art Division I          | Isabella Patch   |
| Art Division II         | Ryleigh Morgart  |
| Poetry Division I       | Gaige Watson     |
| Poetry Division II      | Anthony Petaccia |
| Essay Division I        | Grant Brewer     |
| Essay Division II       | James Brewer     |
| Computer Art Division I | TJ Sedlak        |
| Music Division II       | Isabel Corica    |

### Tonight's Choral Concert



If you are in grades 3-8, attendance is mandatory. The performance is in St. Sebastian Church from 7:30-8:30 pm.

### Reality Tour



A gift from the Reality Tour commemorating 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade's participation in the Fight Against Drugs!

### Congratulations!



### April Student of the Month

Harley Bailey  
Grade 8

Congratulations and keep up the excellent work!

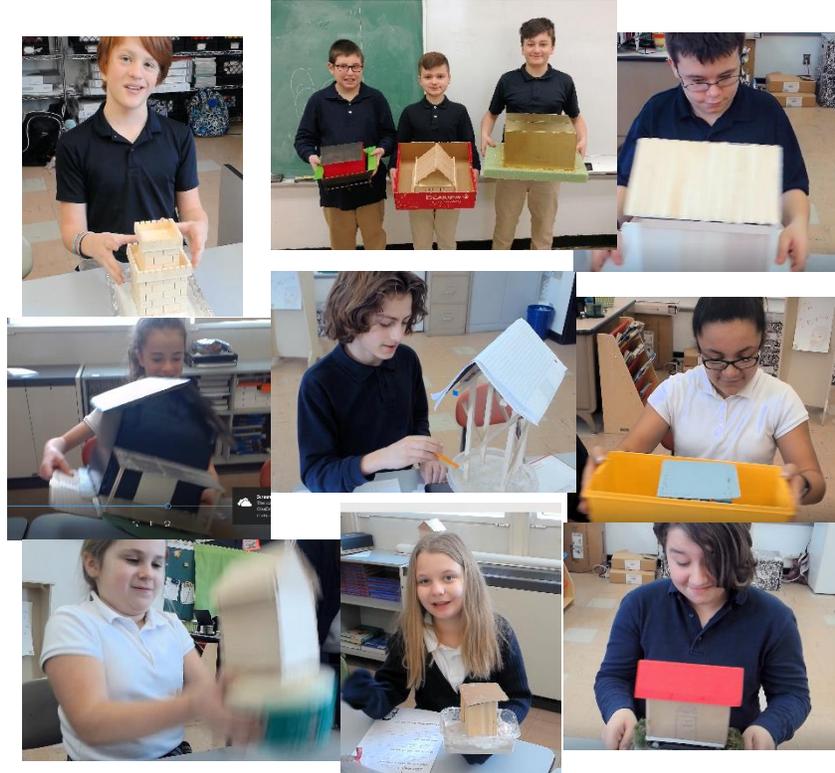
### Southwest PA Photography Contest Winner



Tony Startare is the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner in a recent Southwestern PA Photography Contest. His work moves on to the State Competition. Good Luck, Tony!

### STREAM Projects

#### Will Your House Withstand an Earthquake?



6<sup>th</sup> Grade recently tested their theories and designs.





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## Giant Eagle Gift Cards (\$25 ea) Sold Out This Week



A new order should be in next week. Just let me know if you'd like one or more.

## Lego Robotics Club

Students in grades 4-8 began creating and programming robots this past Thursday. The Club meets from **3-4:00 pm** to build and use lego robots and will meet again: 4/17, 4/24, 5/3, 5/8/2018. It's not too late to join.



## Welcome Our New School Secretary



Ms. Heather Milkent



## SSRCS is now a STREAM Academy!

### Registration

## for the 2018-2019 School Year is OPEN NOW!

Tuition K-8: \$5,000 (first child)  
\$4,300 (second child)

PreK MWF: \$2650

PreK TR: \$1950 full-day/\$1450 half-day

Application is online for "New" students.

Tours available; contact the office.

**Tuition Reduction** for 2018-19 will be through SCRIP. If you like, you can begin applying SCRIP credit to next year's tuition, now.

## REMINDERS

- **Apr 6**—Report Cards Enclosed
- **Apr 10**—School Pictures—**PreK3; K-3**
- **Wear dress clothes.** Please refer to Spring Pictures information on page 3.
- **Apr 11**—School Pictures—**PreK4; 4-8 Wear dress clothes.** Please refer to Spring Pictures information on page 3.
- **Apr 11**—Texas Roadhouse Drive Thru Pick-up; 3:00 PM
- **Apr 12**—Walking Fieldtrip to the Belle Vernon Library, PreK-8
- **Apr 12**—GCC NHS Students reading to PreK-3
- **Apr 13**—Trout Release by 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Apr 13**—7 pm-7am Dance and Overnight Lock-In--grades 6-8, Geibel Jr/Sr HS.
- **Apr 23**—Earth Day; Grades 4-8 on Rivers of Steel fieldtrip; Grades Prek-3 Serenity Garden Stream Experience in MPR
- **May 2**—2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are to "dress up" on this day. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders desiring to wear their communion clothes to the 1:00 pm May



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### Thank You's—

- Our cafeteria and recess volunteers— Thank you so much!
- All of you who have sent in food for the Scouting for Food drive!

Crowning may change in the restroom after lunch. They are doing this on their own.  
**(See last page for What is May Crowning?)**

- **May 4**—Annual Walk-a-Thon at NBV Park (sponsorship flyer enclosed).
- **May 4**—Kindergarten Orientation
- **May 4**—noon dismissal; walk-a-thon clothing

### School Fundraising

- **Annual Walk-a-Thon**, May 4, sponsor flyer attached
- **Cosmic Bingo**, May 11, tickets on sale in office
- **SCRIP**—Enrollment Code: 8847653L11569 or call Kate Horensky for help: 412.370.4730.
- **Make purchases at any of the following and the School benefits: (Directions on website)**

AmazonSmile

Schoolstore.com

Apples for Students

Shutterfly

### PTG Fundraisers



- **Night at the Races**—

April 14, 2018

Sell a horse or jockey and send your ads and volunteer forms, asap!

**Tickets on sale** at tonight's concert. You do not have to be in

attendance for a horse or jockey you've purchased to win.

- **Texas Roadhouse Drive-Thru Dinners**-Pick-Up--April 11, April 30, May 16, 3:00 PM

### Ticket Winners

- Disney Ticket sold by Mrs. Bogden, our Speech Teacher.
- Easter Showcase Ticket sold by Ms. Popovich, parent and PTG member.

### Donations Needed

**Outdoor Resin Shed**, approx. 6' H x 8' W x 4' D to store salt, salt spreader, squeegee, cones, etc., so that the downstairs foyer is open and not cluttered up.

### LAST CALL—"Scouting for Food"

Please send in Cereal (low sugar, high fiber), Canned Tuna or Salmon, Canned Beans (all types), Canned Vegetables or Fruits, Packaged Meals, Peanut Butter, Household Items: Diapers (child and adult), Soap (laundry and bar).

**Nothing Frozen, Perishable or in Glass**

**Collections through April 12**

### Spring Pictures

**April 10**, PreK3; K-3

**April 11**, PreK4; 4-8

Dress-Up Picture Day or bring a change of clothes for a sports or activity picture. This is NOT a dress down day (no jeans, sweats, or tennis shoes).

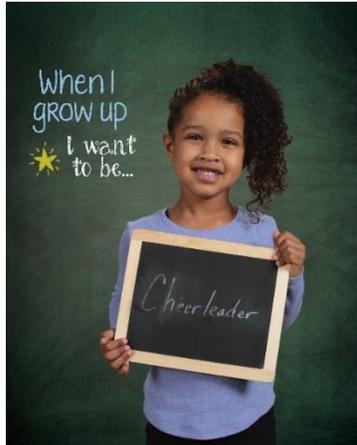




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PreK and Kindergarten can **also** dress in what they would like to be when they grow up and write it on the chalkboard. Send a change of clothes. Mrs. Coyne and Mrs. Stockey will help them complete their worksheet ahead of time.



We recognize Mary, the Mother of God, to be the Blessed Virgin Mary and daily ask for her intervention, as well as recognize her in the month of May.

“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, **pray for us sinners**, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.”

### What is the origin/history/practice of May Crowning?

May Crowning is a traditional devotion in which an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is crowned, usually with a wreath of flowers. It may be done within the context of a Mass or in a paraliturgical outside the Mass in which there might be Scripture readings, a homily, singing of hymns, devotional prayers such as the rosary, a procession, etc. This act of filial devotion is done in the springtime, during the month of May to recognize Mary as Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth and Queen of Peace.



### Salads available for lunch every day in April!

Order one for lunch, today, with your selection of Ranch or Italian dressing!



### 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](mailto:nzetty@sssbv.org)). He has already answered many of their prayers!

The Eastertime hymn Regina Caeli (O Queen of Heaven) invokes the Blessed Mother to rejoice in the resurrection of her Son. Throughout the Easter season this hymn is sung morning, noon and night in place of the Angelus, and is also the final hymn of the day, sung at the conclusion to the Liturgy of the Hours' night prayer. Honoring the Mother of God during Easter is the foundation of our devotion to Mary during May. With the flowers of spring we crown Mary the Queen of Heaven.

### May Crowning—May 2, 2018

If you are not Catholic, you may not understand that Catholics do not pray TO saints but Through Saints. No differently than your asking a friend to pray for you, we ask the saints to pray for us to God in the Holy Trinity—God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.

Statues and other iconographic images can be "windows into heaven". The crowning of sacred images with herbs and flowers is **an ancient tradition**. The crowns call to mind the victory wreaths that await the baptized in the fullness of time. All God's children are called to accept their responsibilities as the royal heirs to the throne of heaven.



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The 1987 publication of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Celebrating the Marian Year," and the "Ceremonial of Bishops" (part IV, 18) include the order for crowning an image of the Blessed Virgin. (cf Seasonal Missalette, April 13, 1998; vol 14, no 5: 94)

Coronation is one form of reverence frequently shown to images of the Blessed Virgin Mary... It is especially from the end of the 16th century that in the West the practice became widespread for the faithful, both religious and laity, to crown images of the Blessed Virgin. The popes not only endorsed this devout custom, but "on many occasions, either personally or through bishop-delegates, carried out the coronation of Marian images." (cf Pius XII, "Ad Caeli Reginam")



The U.S. bishops state: The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "crown" of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word Incarnate... "he will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; the Lord will give him the throne of his father David; and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32-33). Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:41-43). Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God's plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God's Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus, in an eminent way she won the "crown of righteousness" (2 Tim 4:8), the "crown of life" (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10), the "crown of glory" (1 Pet 5:4) that is promised to those who follow Christ. ("Order of Crowning," NCCB, 1987)

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