



Principal's Reminder 12/15/17

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

Did You Know?

You can check your lunch balances online in PowerSchool by clicking the COIN icon.



January Lunch Calendar

The lunch calendar is posted on the website. If your child is planning to eat in the cafeteria on January 2, 2018, please ensure your order is in by December 21, 2017.

What if there's a delay or closing?



EMERGENCY CLOSING OR DELAY OF SCHOOL

School closings or delays generally follow the Belle Vernon Area School District. These announcements are made over the radio on KDKA (1020 am) or television stations KDKA or WPXI, as early as 5:30 a.m. The announcement will say "Belle Vernon School District, including St. Sebastian Regional School . . ."

St. Sebastian Regional School will send out a text (make sure you're signed up) and place the information on the website. No one will be at the school to answer a call, as staff is delayed as well. In the event of a 2-hour delay, please do not bring your children to school before 10:00 a.m. The staff at St. Sebastian Regional School follows the delay schedule and will not be on site before this time. *Again, please do not leave your child without first making sure they are safely inside the building.*

If there is a 2-hour delay on a noon dismissal day, dismissal will be at 12:30 pm

What if the School District I live in delays or closes and SSRCS does not?

Most buses will pick up on their School District's 2-hr delay schedule. Your children will report two hours later and be marked with an excused tardy or you can bring them in on time.

In the case of a closing, you will have to bring your children to school that day. It is not an excused absence if the home District does not provide transportation.

CLASS Activities



Piano Lesson Openings on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Email Diane Maxymczak, dianemax@comcast.net , if you are interested.

2nd Grade Science--Combining Materials in Science



See their block structures—boys constructed the Statue of Liberty; girls built an Advent Wreath.





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8th Grade Health Class



8th grade students in Mrs. Smouse's health class are studying the circulatory system. They are shown above learning about systolic and diastolic pressures by recording each other's blood pressures.

Community Service

We need you to Vote (ASAP) by Dec. 17th!



Everyone can vote once in the following ways:

- Message the NBV Community Bank Park Facebook page with your vote.

- Mail your vote in to the Borough building at 503 Speer St. Belle Vernon, PA 15012, or
- E-mail either the NBV Rec Commission through its webpage site or the NBV Borough via its e-mail at nbvpark@gmail.com

Remember to include our address: 815 Broad Ave.



Activities—Boys Jr. JV Basketball Game this Saturday at Belle Vernon Middle School, 10:00 am. Wish them luck—they did a great job and won their first game!



Congratulations to Evelyn Viehl on her recent performance in the "Happy Elf."

Reminders

- **Dec. 19**—Polar Express Day for 3rd Grade
- **Dec. 19**—Caroling at Monessen Sr. Center and Center in the Woods
- **Dec. 20**—Free PTG Christmas Luncheon for ALL students and Staff
- **Dec. 21**—MWF Preschool to attend classes
- **Dec. 21**—8:45-10:00 am PK-3 Santa
10:15-11:10 am Christmas Pageant
(families invited to attend; sign-in downstairs after 10:00 am)
- **Jan 2**—Return back to School from Christmas Break
- **Jan 8**—Texas Roadhouse Orders Due

School Fundraising

December Christmas Showcase Ticket—Please get it to us before the 17th. If you have a winning ticket, you will not be able to claim your prize. Watch your ticket for December 17th drawing.

SCRIP—Sign-up Directions on Website; Enrollment Code: 8847653L11569. Get friends & neighbors involved.



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Enjoy 2018 Coupon Books—Enjoy Books still on sale. **Great Christmas gifts!** Stop by and pick up a book for \$30 (checks to: SS RCS). Tell your friends!

Make purchases at any of the following and the School benefits: (Directions on website)

AmazonSmile Schoolstore.com
Apples for Students Shutterfly

Chocolate Sarris Santa raffle tickets on sale now!



Buy your raffle tickets! Student Council officers will be going around to the classrooms during morning homeroom. The tickets will be sold for \$1 each until December 20th, and the winner announced December 21st.

PTG Fundraisers--(proceeds pay for field trips, assemblies, and extras for the students and the school.)



Texas Roadhouse Drive-Thru Dinners, back by popular demand!

- Jan. 8 Orders Due
- Jan. 17 **pick-up from 3-4:30 pm.**

Thank You's to:

- Our cafeteria and recess volunteers—Thank you so much—we passed the inspection!

- Thank you To the following for classroom gift cards through School.com
 - PreK--\$75
 - Michael Bomba
 - K--\$120
 - Denny Shank
 - 4th--\$110
 - Noah Shoup
 - 8th Grade--\$50
 - Patsy Sweetra

- All of you who sold/purchased Sarris Candy. This was a PTG fundraiser that pays for field trips and assemblies.

- The following Basketball Uniform Sponsors for their generous donations and support:



- Barts Service Center Enterprise LLC
- Dr. Martin M. Dudas
- Dzimiera Flour Co Inc.
- Porreca Chiropractic Center
- Val's Distributing

Employment Opportunity!

SS RCS is currently looking to fill a custodial/maintenance position M-F from 7:30am-Noon daily. Specific job details are available on our website. If you know a strong, enthusiastic individual that would be interested in working for our faith-based organization within this capacity, please send them our way!



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). He has already answered many of their prayers.



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Our New Mission

St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School is dedicated to serving God through educating the minds, bodies, and souls of His children and their families. We live and teach our faith through a rigorous curriculum that is centered on Catholic Tradition and Scripture and focused on achieving academic excellence. Together, through service and leadership, we form disciples of Jesus Christ and strengthen the community of faith of our Church.

Vision

Inspired by our Catholic Tradition and Scriptures, SSRCS will provide the highest quality programs to nourish the minds, bodies, and souls of pre-K through eighth grade students and help them become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Goals for 2017-18

- To change the image of a K-8 school to a PreK-8 school
- To change the image of SSRS to SSRCS
- To update and improve our curriculum
 - Next Step—Make this a **Catholic STREAM Academy**
- To foster stronger relationships for retainment and recruitment

We are open to any and all suggestions, input, and support in reaching these goals.

God Bless!