

SAINT SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

New Logo Unveiled

Please reference our **new school logo** that now sits at the top of our newsletter. The components making up our logo that have strong symbolic representation include:

- 1) **Heart** = symbolizes Saint Sebastian's many acts of love and kindness,
- 2) **Branches with leaves** = symbolizes Saint Sebastian's martyrdom in that he was tied to a tree; the tree also represents eternal life through the word of God. There are also arrows overlaid onto the leaves which are a significant part of his persecution.
- 3) **Quadrants** = there are three distinct quadrants (not including the heart), which symbolize the triduum of Jesus, God our Father and the Holy Spirit. The end point of the quadrants also forms the tips of three arrows. All arrows point upward with hope for our own redemption.
- 4) **Cross** = the cross is formed by the union of the three quadrants and the heart; and represents the persecution of both Jesus Christ, as well as Saint Sebastian. The circumference of the three quadrants and heart form the Holy Eucharist, which is an eternal symbol of our faith and everlasting life with God.
- 5) **Font** = the modernized font formed by the "S's" in combination with a more traditional font

for the rest of his name is a merging of old with new. Please notice that **we have chosen** a more traditional representation of the word Saint, instead of abbreviating with "St."



I would like to **thank the members of the Logo/Banner Committee** for their dedication to this project. The time spent was well worth it, as one can tell from the simplicity, yet strong symbolism used. **Our logo** was also completed in a very timely fashion so as to be included in the **centre piece of our gymnasium floor**. Special **thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gawalko**, who lent their considerable visual design talents towards the final logo representation that we now have.

Our **school banner** has now been commissioned to our school district's banner/tapestry artist, **Mrs. Faye Muscoby**. That project will result in a **school banner which incorporates much from our logo**, but also allows for a more artist interpretation on Saint Sebastian's life and values. Mrs. Muscoby has also been commissioned to complete our school's Catholic Community of Caring banner. On this banner there will be represented Saint Sebastian's life in combination



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT



with the Catholic Community of Caring values of: **Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Trust, Faith and Family.**

NOTE: We expect to start an email distribution of newsletters for **November's edition.** Unfortunately, October's newsletter had to be hard copy.



Building Update



The **southwest section of the school** is progressing at a strong rate. **Walls, ceilings and utility lines** are being installed. The area outside of that section of the school is where **future portable classrooms** will be attached. This portion of the grounds has been cleared and is being graded. **Topsoil** is being carted away to aid in this grading process.

Our **gymnasium** has had one layer of stain and color applied. There will be several layers of line coloring and stain applied, so that the finished surface can withstand considerable traffic over the years. The **storage areas of the gymnasium**, along with **locker rooms** and **Physical Education office** are also being worked on, in order to connect plumbing, electrical and air.

Our **prayers** are continuing in hope of a **late October entry** into both the **southwest section** and the **gymnasium**.

Volunteer Orientation Thurs. Oct. 4th at 7:00 pm

District policy requires that parent volunteers **must attend a Volunteer Orientation once during their children's time at any one particular school.** Unfortunately, attendance at an orientation previously at **St. Philip School** can't count towards our orientation at St. Sebastian. Different schools will result in different operations strategies and entirely different physical plants.

Our Volunteer Orientation will feature both a **sit-down explanation** of school operating procedures, as well as an **open house/walk through.** Parents will receive a **copy of our Volunteer Handbook** and will be required to **complete a couple of forms** in order to register as volunteers within the school. In the meantime, we still have **volunteering needs** within the school **prior to our orientation.**

Areas of great need include the following:

- Assembly of school equipment and furniture,
- Stocking library shelves with incoming library books,
- Picture Day runners (approximately 4 volunteers; 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon)
- Pumping up PE equipment.
- Creating an interesting graph illustrating our playground fundraising program.

IF you are **able to assist** us in any of the above-mentioned areas, **please contact us** to inform/confirm when you are able to come into the school. The **Picture Day runners** are needed very soon, which will make the whole day of picture taking run that much smoother.



Special thanks to parent volunteers who have **already been in** over the past three weeks assembling, distributing and carrying the load for us. **This has been a tremendous help!**

Playground Update

Our Playground Committee has branched out into the following **sub-committees:** **Fundraising, Grants Application, Corporate Sponsorship, Events and Vendors/City of Calgary Contacts.** Please contact the school, if you are interested in serving on any of these sub-committees. **WE**

NEED FULL COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO RAISE OUR PLAYGROUND!

The **Fundraising Sub-committee** is planning **two fundraising events** over the next couple of months. Firstly, **school t-shirts**; sporting our brand new logo, will be sold. These will naturally help to build school spirit and provide for physical education clothing. A portion of the proceeds from these shirts will go directly **towards our playground fund**. Secondly, a **family event** will be planned for late-November in our newly opened gymnasium. A portion of the admission to this event will also **go towards the Playground Fund**; plus we're looking at offering items up for a **Silent Auction** that same evening. **IF** you own a business or are supported by an employer that can offer corporate donations, please contact **Mrs. Christianne Bryce at 873-2005 (res.) or 828-7553 (cell)**.

The **Corporate Sponsorship Sub-committee** is also looking for corporations willing to directly assist the construction of our playground through financial support. It is important to be aware that donations can be made directly to St. Sebastian Elementary School, with a tax receipt being issued for amounts **OVER \$25.00**. Those donations **MUST** be made directly to St. Sebastian School, considering that our School Council hasn't yet been incorporated and we haven't achieved School Society status. Individual donations would follow the same guidelines. Questions on any of these forms of donations can once again be directed to **Mrs. Christianne Bryce**.



Parking Lot Access

Parents should be aware that **parking lot** access is **restricted to school employees and school district staff**. Our parking lot is the site of numerous deliveries throughout the day, which coupled with regular school traffic, can present unexpected risks.

In addition to vehicular traffic restrictions, we kindly ask that **students and parents refrain from walking directly through the parking lot**. This can be a particularly **dangerous** location for **pedestrian traffic**. Please **instruct your children NOT** to use the **parking lot** as a convenient short-cut; **PUT SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE!**



Bike Racks Have Arrived!

Students now have the opportunity to **bring bicycles to school** and store them in **secure location**. Please remember to have students bring along a **bicycle lock** or at the very least lock their bike up with a friend. Our **bike racks will eventually be moved** over a bit **towards the newly constructed side of the school** where they can be **permanently bolted into the asphalt**.



Dog Restrictions on the Playground

Dog owners are requested to be aware that since the school has opened, **City of Calgary By Law -23 M 89 is now in place**. This by law **restricts access by dogs to the playground, even while on a leash**. Unfortunately, even the friendliest of dogs can create fear in the heart of our younger students, not to mention that their unfamiliarity with dogs can also be harmful to the dogs, too. Another problem arises when we go to use the **playground**, which currently acts as **our Physical Education site**. We have had to deal with an unhealthy amount of **dog droppings**, which some students and one unnamed school principal have unknowingly stepped into.

It is understandable that parents would like to kill two birds with one stone; walking children and dogs to school at the same time. We request that if that choice is made, please **stop with your dog at the edge of the playground** so that everyone is in compliance with this City of Calgary By Law.

New Signage



By now all members of the Lake Chaparral Community should be aware that **School Zone speed zones are in place**, plus **new signage** requiring that vehicles come to a **complete stop** at most corners bordering the school. Please make every effort to follow those new traffic guidelines. City Police have been around enforcing these changes. Let's make the walk home for all students a safe one.



St. Albert the Great Catholic Parish

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Phone (403) 257-6054 • Fax (403) 257-6072

Registration for all **sacraments** is now taking place at the parish. If you are a registered parishioner of St. Albert the Great Parish and have a child who would like to celebrate First Holy Communion (grade 2 **and up**), First Reconciliation (grade 3 **and up**) or Confirmation (grade 6 **and up**) this year and do not have a registration form, please retrieve one from the parish office. All forms must be completed and returned by October 7, 2007.

If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about **Baptism**, please do not hesitate to contact Norma at 257-6054 or e-mail sacraments@st-albert-parish.com.

Catholic Family Services will be offering an **8 week parenting program** each Monday evening from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm beginning October 22, 2007 at **St. Albert the Great Parish**. This series, **Developing Capable People**, will explore perception of personal capabilities, significance and power, as well as self-discipline, communication, responsibility and values in decision making. We will consider how we can better **relate to children and teens, discipline in**

a **positive manner** and **motivate young people** to develop the **attitudes and skills** needed for **success**. Participants are required to **purchase a workbook**. The fee for the course is based on a sliding scale. For **further information**, please contact **Sr. Mary Kelly at Catholic Family Services 233-2360**.

Student Congratulations

The Titan Rangers U12 boys soccer team won provincial gold in Grand Prairie earlier this month. Our very own Pearce P. was on the team!



Extracurricular Music Clubs at Saint Sebastian

We await the arrival of **Saint Sebastian's** own set of **handbells**. When they arrive, auditions for the Handbell Club will be held for any students in **Grade 5 and 6**. Rehearsals will be at **8:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday** mornings. We hope to have the equipment and space to **start up in November** and plan to perform at **St. Patrick's Church** during **Our First Annual** evening **Advent Celebration in December**.

Saint Sebastian will also have an **Elementary Choir**. This will be when the final phase of construction is complete and the music room is ready. The **choir will meet twice weekly at 12:02 until 12:26** and is open to any children in **Grades 4, 5, and 6**. **Commitment forms** will be sent with those **students** who are **dedicated** to the **practice schedule** and who **love to sing**.

In Partnership,
The Life and Family Resource Centre
of the RC Diocese of Calgary,
the Calgary Catholic School District,
& Families Matter Society of Calgary
present:



4th Annual Conference

Saturday, November 3, 2007

St. Luke's Parish, 1566 Northmount Drive NW
Calgary Separate School District

For more information or registration contact
the Life and Family Resource Centre
at (403) 218-5504 or e-mail us at
lfrcoordinator@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL COUNCIL
FIRST MEETING – Thursday, September 27, 2007

ATTENDEES:

Principal – Craig Carpenter, Vice-Principal – Nadia Verna, Chair – Chris Manderscheid, Vice-Chair – Cory Exner, Treasurer – Iqbal Naoum, Co-Secretary – Denise Burke, Co-Secretary – Laura-Lynn Richard, Parents – Katie Thomson, Kelly-Jo Ramirez, Debby Gordon, Kelly Chiasson, Geoff Valcourt, Christine Luelo, Donna Della Rosa, Barb Payette

PRAYER:

By Craig Carpenter

DISCUSSIONS:

The new school playground and fundraising plans and ideas. Christine Luelo has volunteered to be the Playground Representative to the School Council.

The new school logo was shown to the group by way of a white T-shirt with the color logo printed on the front left chest.

Craig Carpenter discussed the Constitutions & By-Laws that are in the process of being prepared by a group of parent volunteers.

Craig talked about the role of the School Council as being in two capacities. One of an advisory group and secondly as a support group.

School Council Executive Positions were filled as follows:

Chair – Chris Manderscheid
Vice-Chair – Cory Exner
Co-Secretaries – Denise Burke and Laura-Lynn Richard
Treasurer – Iqbal Naoum

We also discussed further sub-committee areas that we may wish to fill:

- Community Liaison
- Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Della Rosa
- Special Lunch Committee
- Parish Liaisons with St. Patrick and St. Albert
- Sacramental Recognition
- Playground
- Fundraising

Additionally, we talked about what may be the most pressing needs for the school at this time and thought that it may be helpful to arrange for help with furniture and fixture assembly and library set-up.

Lastly Craig asked if we could get four parent volunteers to help on picture day, which is Wednesday, October 3, 2007. Two volunteers came forward already and they are: Kelly Chiasson and Kelly-Jo Ramirez.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned around 9:30 pm.

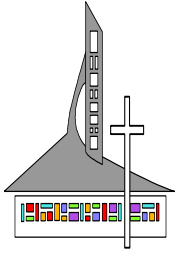
NEXT MEETING:

The next school council meeting is on **Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm** in the St. Sebastian staff room.

Parents interested in filling the vacant committee positions are asked to contact the office at 257-1787.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - OCTOBER, 2007

SUNDAY



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY SATURDAY

	<p>1 7:00pm Youth Groups Jr. & Sr.</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice (12:30pm)</p>	<p>2 1:00pm Seniors' Grp.</p> <p>7:00pm Mass</p> <p>7:30pm 25th Anniversary C.W.L. Supper 7:30pm K.C. Executive 7:30pm Choir Practice (10:45am)</p>	<p>3 9:30am Moms' Group</p> <p>7:30pm R.C.I.A.</p> <p>6:00pm Young People's Choir</p> <p>8:00pm Choir Practice (9:00am)</p>	<p>4 9:30am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Beavers & Cubs</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice (5:00pm)</p>	<p>5 9:30am Moms' Group</p> <p>7:00pm Holy Hour</p> <p>7:00pm Couples for Christ 8:00pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>6 12:00pm Altar Server Training</p> <p>4:15pm – 4:45pm Reconciliation</p> <p>5:00pm Mass</p>
<p>7 Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 12:30pm</p> <p>3:00pm Couples for Christ</p>	<p>8 7:30pm Choir Practice (12:30pm)</p>	<p>9 1:00pm Seniors' Grp.</p> <p>7:00pm Mass 7:30pm C.W.L. 7:00pm Youth Groups Jr., Sr. & Club 56 7:30pm K.C. General Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice (10:45am)</p>	<p>10 9:30am Moms' Group</p> <p>7:30pm R.C.I.A.</p> <p>6:00pm Young People's Choir</p> <p>8:00pm Choir Practice (9:00am)</p>	<p>11 9:30am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Beavers & Cubs</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice (5:00pm)</p>	<p>12 9:30am Moms' Group</p> <p>7:30pm Prayer Group</p> <p>INN FROM THE COLD</p>	<p>13 INN FROM THE COLD</p> <p>9:30am-11:30am CONFIRMATI ON PREPARATIO N</p> <p>4:15pm – 4:45pm Reconciliation</p> <p>5:00pm Mass</p>
<p>14 Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 12:30pm KC Pancake Breakfast after 9am & 10:45am Masses 7:00pm Baptism Preparation (must pre-register)</p>	<p>15 7:30pm Choir Practice (12:30pm)</p>	<p>16 1:00pm Seniors' Grp.</p> <p>7:30pm Finance Council 7:30pm Pastoral Care Team 7:30pm Choir Practice (10:45am)</p>	<p>17 9:30am Moms' Group</p> <p>7:30pm R.C.I.A.</p> <p>6:00pm Young People's Choir 8:00pm Choir Practice (9:00am)</p>	<p>18 9:30am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Beavers & Cubs 7:30pm Familia Couples 7:30pm Choir Practice (5:00pm)</p>	<p>19 9:30am Moms' Group</p> <p>7:00pm Holy Hour</p> <p>7:00pm Couples for Christ 8:00pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>20 4:15pm – 4:45pm Reconciliation</p> <p>5:00pm Mass</p> <p>S.V.P. Collection 7:00pm KC Louisiana Cajun Evening – with live band</p>
<p>21 Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 12:30pm</p> <p>S.V.P. Collection 6:00pm Couples for Christ 7:00pm YAK (Young Adults)</p>	<p>22 7:00pm Youth Group Jr. & Club 56</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice (12:30pm)</p>	<p>23 1:00pm Seniors' Grp.</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Group Sr. 7:30pm C.W.L. Executive 7:30pm Choir Practice (10:45am)</p>	<p>24 9:30am Moms' Group</p> <p>7:30pm R.C.I.A.</p> <p>6:00pm Young People's Choir 8:00pm Choir Practice (9:00am)</p>	<p>25 9:30am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Beavers & Cubs</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice (5:00pm)</p>	<p>26 9:30am Moms' Group</p> <p>7:30pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>27 4:15pm – 4:45pm Reconciliation</p> <p>Mass: 5:00pm</p> <p>6:00pm KC Family Knight Out</p>
<p>28 Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 12:30pm 2:30pm Altar Server Bowling at Chinook Bowladrome 4:00pm Welcome Committee Fall Potluck Supper 7:00pm Baptism Preparation (must pre-register)</p>	<p>29 7:00pm Youth Group Jr.</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice (12:30pm)</p>	<p>30 1:00pm Seniors' Grp.</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Group Sr.</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice (10:45am)</p>	<p>31 9:30am Moms' Group</p>	<p>Happy are those who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.</p> <p>Psalm 128:1-2</p>		

St. Sebastian School Bouquets or Constructive Comments

Do you have any bouquets or constructive comments? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any items that might be appropriate for our monthly newsletter (100 words or less). We would sincerely appreciate your feedback on our efforts at St. Sebastian School.

Please complete and return the following tear off sheet and return it to the school one week prior to the newsletter going home (first Friday of every month). Please sign your feedback sheet and leave a number that you can be reached at during the day, if you would like a response to your input.

Some examples of newsletter items include: feedback on school events, the newsletter issues of concern, bouquets and constructive comments to improve home/school communications.

Newsletter Draw – October

We have read October's Newsletter and wish to enter our child(ren)'s name(s) for the draw.

Students Name: _____ Grade & Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Submission Deadline: Friday, October 19, 2007

Newsletters by Email

Parents are requested to confirm the email address that you would like to use in order to receive our monthly newsletters. Newsletters will be sent on the first **Monday** of each month. Please fill out the email information below so that we can accurately distribute our newsletter to your family. **This will be starting for the November newsletter.**

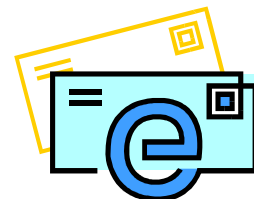
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STUDENT(S) NAME: _____	Grade & Teacher: _____

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I can receive email at home: YES _____ NO _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____



October 2007

St. Sebastian Elementary School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day1	2 Day2	3 Day3 Photo Day (all day)	4 Day4 Volunteer Orientation @ 7 p.m.	5 Day5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Day (No school)	9 Day6	10 Day1 Chief Superintendent's Visit (Dr. Miller)	11 Day2	12 Day3	13
14	15 Day4	16 Day5 School Opening Mass @ St. Patrick Parish 10:30 am	17 Day6	18 Day1 Playground Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Day2	20
21	22 Day3	23 Day4	24 Day5	25 Day6 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	26 Day1 Photo Retake Day 9-12 pm	27
28	29 Day2	30 Day3	31 Day4 Black & Orange Spirit Day			

November 2007

St. Sebastian Elementary School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Faith Day – Staff Professional Development Day (No School)	2 Day5	3
4	5 Day6	6 Day1 Hepatitis B Immunization – Gr. 5 (booster #1)	7 Day2	8 Day3	9 Day4 Remembrance Day Liturgy 9:15 am Gym	10
11 Remembrance Day	12 Teacher Professional Day (No School)	13 Day5	14 Day6	15 Day1	16 Day2	17
18	19 Day3	20 Day4	21 Day5	22 Day6	23 Day1 Report Cards sent home	24
25	26 Day2	27 Day3	28 Day4	29 Day5 First week of Advent Celebration 1:15 gym PT Interviews 4-7:30 pm	30 P/T Interviews 8:30-11:30 am 1:00-3:00 pm	

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007 – 2008



2007

Oct. 3	Wednesday	School Photo Day Guinness World Record Walk Challenge 10:30 am @ Lake Chaparral
Oct. 4	Thursday	Volunteer Orientation (7:00 pm; adult only meeting)
Oct. 8	Monday	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
Oct. 16	Tuesday	School Opening Mass @ St. Patrick's Church 10:30 am
Oct. 26	Friday	Retake Photo Day
Nov. 1	Thursday	District Faith Day (no classes) (K-Gr. 6)
Nov. 12	Monday	Professional Development Day (no classes) (K-Gr. 6)
Nov. 29	Thursday	Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-Gr. 6) (4:00 – 7:30 pm)
Nov. 30	Friday	Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-Gr.6) (8:30–11:30am & 1:00–3:00 pm)(no classes)
Dec. 21	Friday	Christmas holidays begin (early dismissal @ 12:02 pm)

2008

Jan. 7	Monday	School Re-opens
Feb. 1	Friday	Professional Development Day (no classes) (K-Gr.6)
Feb. 5	Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday
Feb. 6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 14	Thursday	Teachers' Convention (no classes)
Feb. 15	Friday	Teachers' Convention (no classes)
Feb. 18	Monday	Family Day (no classes)
March 13	Thursday	Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-Gr. 6)(4:00 – 7:30 pm)
March 14	Friday	Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-Gr. 6)(8:30 – 11:30 am & 1:00 – 3:00 pm)(no classes)
March 20	Thursday	Easter holidays begin (early dismissal @ 12:02 pm)
March 21	Friday	Good Friday
March 23	Sunday	Easter Sunday
March 31	Monday	School Re-opens
May 2	Friday	Professional Development Day (no classes) (K-Gr. 6)
May 19	Monday	Victoria Day (no classes)
June 26	Thursday	Last day of classes, (K –Gr. 6) Report Cards distributed
June 27	Friday	Teacher Organization – AM (no classes)



Achievement Tests – May & June 2008

May 13	Tuesday	Gr. 3 Math – Timed Number Facts	9:00 – 9:06 am
May 14	Wednesday	Gr. 6 Language Arts – Part A	9:00 – 11:00 am
May 15	Thursday	Gr. 3 Language Arts – Part A	9:00 – 10:00 am
May 15	Thursday	Gr. 6 Math – Part A	9:00 – 9:30 am
June 17	Tuesday	Gr. 3 Language Arts – Part B	9:00 – 10:00 am
June 18	Wednesday	Gr. 6 Language Arts – Part B	9:00 – 10:00 am
June 19	Thursday	Gr. 3 Math – Part B	9:00 – 10:00 am
June 19	Thursday	Gr. 6 Math – Part B	9:00 – 10:00 am
June 20	Friday	Gr. 6 Social Studies	9:00 – 10:00 am
June 23	Monday	Gr. 6 Science	9:00 – 10:00 am