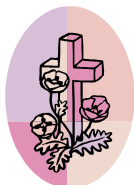


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## NOVEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

### Building Update

Access to the southwest side of the building was finally gained on **Monday, October 15**. This means that grades **1CA, 1L, 1S and 2R** now have a **permanent home**. Students' desks, classroom furniture, books and personal affects were flying through the hallways on that Monday.

Our **gymnasium** is so **close** to being fully operational. The **floors have been completed**, holes for **volleyball and badminton posts** have been permanently **installed**, threshold cover plates at all entrances are in place and **shelving** in all PE storage rooms are in their rightful places. Moving **PE equipment** is next on our **"To Do"** list. We are still **waiting for the gym divider**, as well as a **climber** to be delivered. The gym divider is a huge plastic and metal partition that is mechanically lowered from the ceiling, when creating stations or dividing classes in the gym space. Associated locker rooms and the PE office have had furniture and fixture installations, too. Once the **gym divider** is delivered to the school, it will take **two full days for installing**. From that point the clock will be ticking in terms of full gym operation.



The **computer lab** has had computer **tables assembled and installed**. We need the computers and monitors installed and networked. There is a station of **six computers** that will be **located in the library**, which will be **used for book searches**. We also will have a **mini-lab** that will house approximately **eight computers**, too. The **mini-lab is located** in the area **adjacent to the Rotunda – Gathering area** and will provide additional computer access for classes. **Smart Boards** destined for classrooms still **require installation**.

### Tarmac Line Markings

Line markings were **painted** onto the **tarmac** area at the back of the school on the weekend of October 13 and 14. These markings include: **targeting games, wallball style games, hopscotch and four square courts**. Over the past three weeks students have had a wonderful opportunity to learn and familiarize themselves with this wide variety of tarmac games. I would like to offer a huge measure of **thanks to Mrs. C. Luelo and Mr. K. O'Connell** for their generous donation in making the tarmac line markings happen.

## Staffing Update

In a **perfect world** our staff would **remain unchanged**, allowing us to grow as a community for the purpose of serving this community. Unfortunately, **that is not always the case**. We are saddened to report that our **Librarian, Mrs. Janice Horwood** served her **last day on Friday, October 26** at Saint Sebastian Elementary School. **She worked** diligently towards the goal of **opening up our library** and distributing new **resources throughout the school**. Mrs. Horwood has secured a position outside of our school district and we **wish her well** in her new endeavors.

When one door closes, another opens; with that in mind we **welcome Mrs. Bri Just** to our Library position. Mrs. Just has served the school in the capacity of Special Education and Noon Hour Assistant and will now **devote her energies** to the **Library position**. **Welcome Mrs. Just!**

## Saint Sebastian School is Building.... A Strong Community of Caring!!

We are **so proud** of the **spirit and enthusiasm** that has been **demonstrated by the staff, students and parents** as we begin to build positive school culture at **Saint Sebastian School**.

It has been **amazing** to see the **volunteer response** from the Chaparral community as **parents** have **eagerly got involved** with committees, assembling furniture, unpacking materials and organizing books! We are so looking forward to **our first community event, the Family Dance on November 23<sup>rd</sup>**, where we can bring **our families together**, showcase our **new school** and **raise money** for the playground!

Our **first Mass** was at **St. Patrick's Church** in October and the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** was

so **pleased** with the **Food Donation** that Saint Sebastian families brought in. It was our **first time** to come together as a **Faith Community** and to **demonstrate Christian Service**.

**Students** are eagerly getting **involved** in many activities starting up throughout the school. Our **Student Activity Council** has been formed, consisting of 2 students from each class from Gr. 4-6. They will be **demonstrating leadership** throughout the year and planned their **first activity on October 31<sup>st</sup> for Crazy Hair Day!** The **Saint Sebastian Spirit award** was won by **Ms. Saldanha's Grade 5 class!** It was difficult to choose as many classes had **full participation**. **Thank you** also to **Mrs. Ramirez** and the **volunteers** who organized the *Popcorn Treats*.

Other clubs and activities going on are the **Handbell Choir**, run by Mrs. Stankowski and **Cup Stacking**, organized by Mrs. Wallace. Other clubs and events will be happening throughout the year, we will keep you posted in the newsletter, eboard and website!

In **November**, we will be starting a **student recognition program** called **STARS (Student Taking Action and Responsibility)** where Stars are awarded on a daily basis to **students** who are **demonstrating Trust, Respect, Responsibility, Faith, Family and Caring**. Soon these words will have become **vocabulary used on a daily basis**. The **kids love** to hear **their names announced** and are **proud of positive acknowledgment!**

We hope to continue to **strengthen Character Education** at Saint Sebastian School and **build leadership within our students** in the months to come. If you are **interested in becoming more involved** or have **suggestions** on methods of **building a peaceful community**, please contact Mrs. Verna in the office.



## Playground Update

If parents are making donations to our playground fund, please make the **cheque payable** to the **Calgary Catholic School District**.

## St. Albert the Great Catholic Parish

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For those parents who have children registered to celebrate **First Reconciliation** in December, the next required Parent Information/Preparation Session is on Sunday, November 25 at 2:00pm **OR** Monday, November 26 at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Norma at 257-6054 or e-mail [sacraments@st-albert-parish.com](mailto:sacraments@st-albert-parish.com).

## News from the Library

A **HUGE thank you** to all of the **volunteers** who have helped to get the **library set up**. It is with **your dedication** and **hard work** that we have such a welcoming room to share exciting literature with the students.

Thank you for your time, it is always appreciated.  
Janice Horwood, Librarian

## Special Events Committee



Our **first** event of offering **Kernel's popcorn** for **Halloween** had a great response. In total we had 479 popcorn orders. **Thank you** to the **school staff** for collecting up the orders and thank you to **L. Viznaugh** and **K. Grisdale** for your **help** in processing the orders and money count. The popcorn was **distributed** on **Halloween day**.

## The Public Health Nurse in Your School

A **public health nurse** is **available** at the school on a routine basis. The nurse is an **excellent source** of information for public health concerns, and can help you and your child in a variety of ways.

Services provided by the public health nurse in schools include:

- Immunization and control of communicable disease
- Working with students and families to address physical and emotional health concerns
- Providing consultation to teachers in the area of health education
- Participating in health promotion activities such as injury prevention programs to improve the overall health of the school community

Students, parents and school personnel may use any of these services. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact the public health nurse for your school, Karen Thimm at 943-9599.

## Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon!!!

Our **Book Fair** will be held on **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> (9am – 7:30 pm) & Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> (9 am – 3:00 pm)** during the two days of **Parent – Teacher Interviews**

On **November 28<sup>th</sup>** there will be a “**Sneak-A-Peek**” for each class!! Teachers will sign up to bring their class down to the Library. **Clifford the Big Red Dog** will make an appearance during the “**Sneak-A-Peek**” event.



## Saint Sebastian Handbell Club

Saint Sebastian School has **received** a set of **handbells** on loan **from another school** in our District. **The Handbell Club** will meet **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings at **8:00 a.m.** Students must **audition** to be part of the 22 member club.

**Auditions** for the Handbell Club will be:

**When: Thursday, Nov 8th at 8:00 a.m.**

**Who: Grade 5 and 6 students**

**Where: New Music Room**

**Club membership list** will be posted the following day outside of Mrs. Stankowski's homeroom (Portable #1). Schedules can be picked up that day.



## Elementary Choir At Saint Sebastian School

Our **Choir risers** were skillfully **set up** in the Music Room by **parent volunteers** in late October. Thank you to J. Mackenzie, B. Payette and P. Shandro for the hours they **spent laboring** over this **complicated task**.

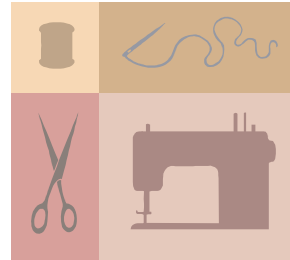
**Choir** will meet **once or twice weekly** at **12:02 until 12:26** and is open to any children in **Grades 4, 5, and 6** who wish to commit their lunch recess time for **all rehearsals**. **Commitment forms** will be **sent home** the day of the **first meeting**. Those children **interested** please meet Mrs. Stankowski and Ms. Rapisarda in the **Music Room** on **Wednesday, November 21st at 12:02**.

## Parent – Teacher Interviews

Interviews are scheduled for **Thursday, November 29, from 4:00 – 7:30 pm** and **all day Friday, November 30, from 8:30 – 11:30 am** and **1:00 – 3:00 pm**. There are **NO CLASSES**

on Friday, November 30th (K-6). For **tips** on having **successful interviews**, please see pages 13 and 14 of your children's **Student Agenda**.

## WANTED: Volunteers with sewing machines!



Mrs. Stankowski is looking for volunteers to organize, design and sew boys' neck ties and girls' headbands in our school colors

(red and yellow). These will be worn along with white tops and black bottoms by all Choir and Handbell members at our Saint Sebastian School Blessing and other performances in future years. As well, we need velvet covers made for the two beautiful pianos we have in our school. Please contact her at the school if you would like to share your sewing talents. Thanks.

## Grade Level Achievement (GLA) Reporting

Saint Sebastian School will be **participating** in the **Grade Level of Achievement (GLA)** reporting system for the **2007-2008 school year**. This is an **Alberta Education mandated** program that is now in its **third phase of District implementation**.

GLA reporting requires that **teachers assess student achievement** with a **grade that matches** the student's **performance in meeting curriculum outcomes**. In simple terms, GLA reporting **means honest assessment** by a child's teacher in terms that are **easily understood** by **parents and educators** alike. Teachers will be assessing students through a wide variety of **assessment tools**, such as: **observation, learning logs, performance tasks, projects, tests, written language, oral language and visual communication**. Those forms of assessment are



already used across all grade levels. The difference is that this body of assessment information will be applied towards determining a student's performance at their particular grade level. Over the **course of the year**, it will be determined that students are performing **at grade level, below grade level or above grade level**. For this year, the subjects that will require GLA reporting are **Language Arts** and **Mathematics**. Report card information and the usual school – parent lines of communication would continue as usual. By year's end the **grade level of achievement** would therefore **be reported** to parents through the **final report card**.

It is extremely important to realize that the grade level of achievement reporting would **rely heavily** on a **teacher's professional judgment** and NOT based solely on the outcome of **one particular test** or assessment. "What it looks like to be at grade level is founded on the teacher's judgment, based on a body of evidence collected throughout the year, that the student would have a reasonable chance of success on the next level of curriculum" (p. 17 GLA Reporting: Teacher and Administrator Handbook)

**The essence of GLA reporting is:**

- Committing to a focus on individual student achievement.
- Making a judgment of a student's readiness to take the "next step" on a continuum of learning.
- Communicating our judgment to students, parents and receiving teachers.

Students with **Special Education** or **English as a Second Language (ESL) coding**, as designated by Alberta Education **won't necessarily be subject to GLA reporting**. Individualized instruction (differentiation), program modification and program adaptation are instructional strategies that support growth and development for students with special needs. Therefore, some students with Individualized Program Plans (IPP's) may be assessed based specifically on their IPP progress.

GLA reporting is a **province-wide project** that also **provides important instructional data** to

**Alberta Education**, with much the same focus as is applied through Provincial Achievement Testing at grades 3, 6 and 9; as well as Diploma examinations at grade 12. This information will help inform jurisdiction (school district) program decisions particularly around specific groups of students, for example aboriginal, special needs and English as a second language. It is anticipated that GLA reports **will help to ensure** that students have access to **consistent curricular standards** throughout the **province**.

## School Safety Patrols

Please be aware that School Safety Patrols have started up **effective Monday, October 29**. The two crossings are located as follows:

1. **The corner of Chaparral Drive and Chapala Drive, crossing Chapala Drive,**
2. **Crossing Chaparral Drive nearest the school's parking lot entrance.**

Patrollers will do crossings at both locations **for students and adults** alike. We request that **all pedestrians model safe crossing practices** for our students. The patrollers will also be establishing pylon locations near the crosswalks and corners so as to "own the crosswalks," with the goal of establishing **maximum safety for all pedestrians**.



**Parents** who **are driving** to the school are requested to observe all traffic rules pertaining to **speed limits** (8:00 am – 5:00 pm), **parking and stopping**. A **pylon barrier** will also be established at the **entrance to the staff parking lot** at peak **morning** and **after school** times. The barrier is established in order to restrict vehicular traffic to staff, school deliveries and District personnel; this **ensures safety** in the parking lot for staff, students who inadvertently cross through and handicapped access. Please **don't attempt to enter the parking lot** in the morning, from approximately 8:35 – 8:55 am and after school, from 3:10 – 3:30 pm. **REMEMBER: Always place safety ahead of convenience!**

## Lunch Recess



Parents are reminded that students **eat lunch beginning 12:26 pm** as part of the **Reverse Lunch** program. If lunch is brought to school, parents should schedule dropping lunch approximately five minutes prior to the start of the lunch portion of the recess.

Please be reminded that the school currently has **no stock of spoons, forks or knives** to assist with **lunchtime needs** of students. We are also **unable to use microwaves** to heat up lunches. Thermos', thermal bags and ice packs are excellent lunchtime tools that add variety to a student's lunch.



The school has also **installed a juice machine** which stocks **fruit juices, juice blends, bottled and flavored water**. It is located in the Rotunda – Gathering area. **Student access** to the juice machine is limited to the lunch side of the Reverse Lunch (**12:26 – 12:50 pm**). The prices are based on volume; 355 ml containers are \$1.00 and 591 ml are \$1.50. The 591 ml containers include all of the waters and the 355 ml containers include the fruit juices and blends.



## Materials Needed

The school is looking for the **tall cylindrical containers** that hold potato chips, like **Pringles**. These containers have a **perfect shape** and application when we will be **conducting a Christmas Craft Raffle** later in December. Please **consider sending empty** Pringle-like containers to the school's office when you have finished consuming the contents. These containers will then be recycled in our Christmas Craft Raffle.

## Christmas Raffle

The school will be undertaking a **Christmas Raffle** which will be drawn on **Wednesday, December 19th**. The **proceeds** of this raffle will be used to **support school presentations, special events or classroom resources**. Please refer to the **green Christmas Raffle sheet** that came home last week, for further reference.

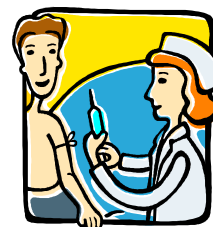


## General Influenza Information

**What is seasonal influenza?** Influenza is an infection of the lungs and airways caused by a virus. Various strains of influenza virus circulate throughout the world each year. In North America, influenza usually affects people between November and April. Outbreaks tend to spread rapidly in institutions, schools and workplaces and can cause severe illness and even death.

**How does influenza spread?** Influenza is transmitted from person to person when droplets from the respiratory tract are spread by direct contact, through coughing or sneezing, or by hands that have infected respiratory secretions on them. Adults spread influenza to others from one day before they have symptoms up to seven days after they get sick. Children may spread the virus for even longer.

**There is an influenza vaccination clinic close to you.** The First Alliance Church at 12345-40 St. S.E., which is near the Deerfoot Trail turn off at Barlow Trail is the closest location to Lake Chaparral.



# School Council News

## Meetings Dates

**All parents are invited to attend School Council meetings.**

This year school council is focusing upon establishing a **permanent Constitution** and a **set of Bylaws** with which to operate under. Naturally, the establishment of a new **creative playground** is a **high priority** for this year's council.



There are **many** other **areas of support** that council **can provide** to the **students** of Saint Sebastian Elementary School.

**Please come out** and become an **important part** of these **plans**!

## School Council

### Scheduled Meeting Dates:

November 20, 2007 (Tuesday)

December 20, 2007 (Thursday)

January 10, 2008 (Thursday)

February 7, 2008 (Thursday)

March 6, 2008 (Thursday)

April 3, 2008 (Thursday)

May 1, 2008 (Thursday)

**\*June 5, 2008 (Thursday)**

**\*Annual General Meeting**

## Bouquets or Constructive Comments



**Comment:** Reverse Lunch is a **hit** for us and other parents I've spoken to. **Thanks** for the section of the newsletter **about dogs**. I've wanted to email concerns that have successfully been addressed.

**Response:** The **students** have really **adapted well** to both the **Reverse Lunch** and **Inside Snack** programs. Our **congratulations** are extended to **parents** who have also **responded so well** to this philosophy.

I would also like to extend my **sincere thanks** to **all dog-loving parents**. Your **response to our request** to restrict our four-legged friends has been **immediately noticeable** by all.  
Thank-you!



### In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)  
Canadian Army

IN FLANDERS FIELDS the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



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## CALGARY CATHOLIC WELCOMES NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Calgary Catholic School District welcomes three new faces and four returning members to its Board of Trustees for the 2007–2010 term.

### **Serafino Scarpino, Wards 1, 2 and Cochrane**

Serafino Scarpino worked for the CCSD as a teacher from 1973 until retiring in 2003, and will now enter his second term as trustee. Mr. Serafino graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Education and received a Masters in Arts from Gonzaga University in Washington. Mr. Scarpino is married and has two adult children.

### **Linda Wellman, Wards 3, 5 and Airdrie**

Linda Wellman has served on the Board of Trustees for more than 15 years, during which time she has volunteered for various school councils, community associations and constituency associations. Mrs. Wellman is married and has three adult children, all of whom graduated from Calgary Catholic.

### **Margaret Belcourt, Wards 4 and 7**

Margaret Belcourt enters her third term on the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Belcourt was a teacher in the CCSD for 35 years. She has a Bachelor of Education degree and a Master's degree in Education Administration. Mrs. Belcourt has two adult children, one who is a teacher in our District.

### **Lois Burke-Gaffney, Wards 6 and 8**

Lois Burke-Gaffney was first elected to the Board of Trustees in 1992. Mrs. Burke-Gaffney has a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts from the University of Calgary. She is a long-time resident of Calgary and has five children, all graduates of the Calgary Catholic School District.

### **Rosemarie Goerlitz, Wards 9, 10 and Chestermere**


Rosemarie Goerlitz was an elementary, junior high and special education teacher with CCSD for 36 years until retiring in 2002. She holds a Bachelor of Education degree and Diploma of Administration. Mrs. Goerlitz is an active volunteer within her parish and community. She has two adult children, one who is a teacher within our District.

### **Michael Annuik, Wards 11 and 12**

Michael Annuik is a graduate of Calgary Catholic and attended SAIT and Lethbridge

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Community College. He is currently a self-employed Calgary business owner. Mr. Annuik has two children enrolled in District schools, at which he regularly volunteers his time.

**Mary Martin, Wards 13 and 14**

Mary Martin has worked as an acute care Registered Nurse in Calgary for 24 years in a variety of obstetrical settings. She has held various volunteer positions within CCSD since 1995, including school council chair at numerous schools. Mrs. Martin has four children all who have attended CCSD schools.

Trustees will officially be sworn in for the 2007–2010 term during an Oath of Office ceremony held during the public board meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 4, 2007**

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Catholic Education Sunday, being held on November 4, has been celebrated annually for the past 14 years. It recognizes the valuable work of educators, administrators and all support staff in creating a learning environment permeated by faith values. In recognition of this important day, the Calgary Catholic School District provides posters for schools and parishes as well as learning materials for each class. Schools across the District have scheduled a special liturgy to commemorate the day.

The theme of Catholic Education Sunday, as selected by the Alberta Bishops, is “The Eucharist, gift of God for the life of the world.” This theme, which invites us to grow in our identity as Eucharistic people and as people who are called to take Christ to the world, is the same theme as the upcoming 49th International Eucharistic Congress which will be held in Quebec City in June 2008. It reminds us of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist which animates us in our daily life and work as we respond to our call to vocation in Catholic Education.

### **PARENTS AND STUDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND OUT-OF-PROVINCE UNIVERSITY FAIR**

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Universities from across Canada will send representatives to provide information to students on their facilities and programs. Admission is free and all District parents and students are welcome to attend.

**When:** November 13, 2007 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Bishop O’Byrne High School (500, 333 Shawville Blvd. SE)

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - NOVEMBER, 2007

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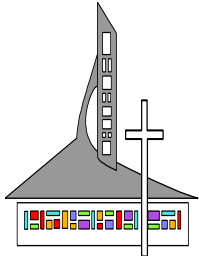
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*You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness  
of joy; in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore.*

Psalm 16:11

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## 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 Saint 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 Monday 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.

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### Newsletter Draw – November

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



Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade & Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission Deadline: **Friday, November 16, 2007**

### Newsletters by Email

Newsletters will be sent on the first **Monday** of each month. Please fill out the email information below (if you have NOT already) so that we can accurately distribute our newsletter to your family. This will be starting for the **November** newsletter. Please let us know if your **email** address **changes**.

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

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

(Please print)

I can receive email at home: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_





## Volunteer Orientation #2 November 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Our **second Volunteer Orientation** has been scheduled for **Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Please **complete the registration**, below and **return it** to school by **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

**\*\*Keep the above information for your reference.**



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## Volunteer Orientation #2 Registration Form

(Return completed to the school office by Wednesday, November 7th)

**ADULT VOLUNTEER NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**NUMBER ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT'S GRADE/CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_

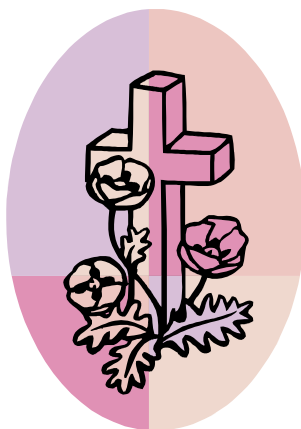
**DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_







# November 2007

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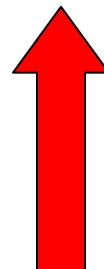
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Faith Day – Staff Professional Development Day (No School)	2 Day 5	3
4	5 Day 6	6 Day 1 Hepatitis B Immunization – Gr. 5 (booster #1)	7 Day 2 Pizza Lunch 	8 Day 3	9 Day 4  Remembrance Day Liturgy 9:15 am Gym	10
11 Remembrance Day 	12 Teacher Professional Day (No School) 	13 Day 5	14 Day 6 Pizza Lunch 	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17
18	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 Pizza Lunch 	22 Day 6	23 Day 1 Report Cards sent home 	24
25	26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 4 “Sneak-a-Peek” @ the <u>Book Fair!</u> Teachers will sign up at the Library.	29 Day 5 <b>Book Fair!</b> 9 am-7:30 pm  First week of Advent Celebration 1:15 gym  PT Interviews 4-7:30 pm	30 P/T <b>Book Fair!</b> 9 am-3:00 pm  PT Interviews (NO SCHOOL) 8:30-11:30 am 1:00-3:00 pm 	





December 2007		Saint Sebastian Elementary School				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Advent 1st Sun.	3 Day 6	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8
9	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 Evening Advent Liturgy at St. Patrick Church @ 7:00 pm	14 Day 3	15
16	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6 Christmas Raffle Draw @ 2:00 pm 	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Advent Celebration (gym) at 9:15 am - Christmas Holidays begin – <b>Noon Dismissal</b> (12:02 pm)	22
23	24 Christmas Eve (no school) 	25 Christmas Day (no school) 	26 Boxing Day (no school)	27 (no school)	28 (no school) →	29
30	31 New Year's Eve (no school)	January 1 Happy New Year!! (no school)	January 2 (no school)	January 3 (no school)	January 4 (no school) →	

Saint Sebastian School **Re-Opens** on **Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008**



# SAINT SEBASTIAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007 – 2008



Nov. 1	Thursday	District Faith Day ( <b>no classes</b> ) (K-Gr. 6)
Nov. 12	Monday	Professional Development Day ( <b>no classes</b> ) (K-Gr. 6)
Nov. 23	Friday	Report Cards go home today with students
Nov. 29	Thursday	Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-Gr. 6) (4:00 – 7:30 pm) <b>Book Fair</b> in the Library! (9:00 am – 7:30 pm)
Nov. 30	Friday	Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-Gr.6) (8:30–11:30am & 1:00–3:00 pm)( <b>no classes</b> ) <b>Book Fair</b> in the Library! (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)
Dec. 21	Friday	Christmas holidays begin ( <b>early dismissal @ 12:02 pm</b> )

## 2008

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



## 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