

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction of St. Sebastian School continues at a strong and steady pace. Interior and exterior work is evident with brick laying, cement pouring and infrastructure work evident on a daily basis. The weather has been excellent for construction and there have been no signs of construction tie-ups that could delay our opening. The good news is that all sources point to a September 2007 opening date as planned.

WE'VE MOVED!

Chaparral families should be aware that St. Sebastian School has now established a temporary office out of St. Albert the Great School. St. Albert the Great School is located at 225 Prestwick Avenue S. E., in the community of McKenzie Towne. Our office was established on Monday, April 30 and will continue until we are safely able to move into the office at St. Sebastian School. Contact information is as follows:

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225 Prestwick Avenue S. E.

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Principal Craig Carpenter

Secretary Cornelia Jess

- **Please note that our phone number will remain the same after our move onto the St. Sebastian School site.**

STAFFING NEWS

The timely and constant growth of our new staff has been occurring, much like that of the construction of our new building. With that in mind, I would like to introduce three new members of the St. Sebastian team.

Mrs. Nadia Jazrawi – Vice-Principal.

Before joining us at St. Sebastian Mrs. Jazrawi was Vice-Principal at St. Joseph Elementary/Junior High School. Mrs. Jazrawi comes with a wealth of experience in Catholic Community of Caring programming and Student Leadership organization. Welcome, Mrs. Jazrawi!

Ms. Cornelia Jess – Secretary. Ms. Jess comes to St. Sebastian from Blessed Damien School, where she worked for the past five years. No doubt some parents have already come to recognize Ms. Jess' pleasant voice and comforting style over the telephone. Ms. Jess would like to welcome all families to St. Sebastian School and in turn invites parents new to Chaparral to come out to our temporary location for registration purposes.

Mrs. Debbie Giofu - Custodian. Debbie was the successful applicant to St. Sebastian and comes to us from positions at St. Bernadette School, as well as our district's Central Office. She is an integral member of our team. Please welcome Mrs. Debbie Giofu to St. Sebastian School.

Our administrative team has already been actively involved in staffing for teachers. That process is not yet complete, but will be addressed through the school district's staffing cycles over the next few months. I can safely state that we will be able to conduct our upcoming Kindergarten Orientation with a Kindergarten teacher in place. Please refer to the remainder of this newsletter for other important meeting dates.

SCHOOL WEB PAGE

Our St. Sebastian School web page is currently under construction and should be available to access within the next couple of weeks. Please keep checking via the district site at www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/stsebastian.

PARENT AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

I want to take the opportunity to thank parents for volunteering to participate on the following committees: Playground, Start-up, Banner/Logo and School Council. Your response has been overwhelming. Any parents still interested in participating in any of these committees are invited to attend the scheduled meetings. Sign-up sheets will be provided, and new members can be added at that time.

The following meetings have been scheduled at St. Philip School concerning School Council, Playground Committee, Kindergarten Orientation and the Logo/Banner Committee. The Start-up Committee will meet sometime in mid to late June 2007. Please look for the announcement concerning a scheduled meeting.



SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PLAYGROUND COMMITTEES

These two committees will meet at the same time, due to the huge overlap of parental participation. This meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 pm.** This meeting will take place in either St. Philip School's staff room or gym, depending upon numbers.

BANNER/LOGO COMMITTEE

This committee is scheduled to meet on **Thursday, May 31 at 6:00 pm.** This meeting will be housed in the staff room at St. Philip School. Please be aware that it will be scheduled to take place just ahead of the Kindergarten Orientation, on the same date.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten parents are invited to this meeting on **Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 pm.** This meeting is scheduled for the gym at St. Philip School. Topics covered will include: an introduction to our new Kindergarten teacher, Kindergarten program, current registration, routines and expectations. New parents are welcome!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

