

SAINT SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

ADVENT PRAYER

Our heavenly Father,
As once again we prepare for Christmas,
Help us to find time in our busy lives
For quiet and thought and prayer.
That we may reflect upon the wonder
Of your love and allow
The story of the Savior's birth
To penetrate our hearts and minds.
So may our joy be deeper,
Our worship more real,
And our lives worthier
Of all that you have done for us,
Through the coming of your Son,
Jesus Christ Our Lord.



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**.



St. Albert the Great Catholic Parish

10 Prestwick Drive SE, Calgary, Alberta T2Z 4J6
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Please join St. Albert the Great Parish for their Advent Pageant "**Are We Ready**" December 9, 2007 @ 7:00 pm. This is a fun, thought provoking event for the whole family with drama and song.

School Council Meetings Dates



All parents are invited to **attend** School Council meetings in the **Library at 7:00 pm** on the following dates:

December 18, 2007(Tuesday)- **note change!**
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**



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT



Playground Committees

Saint Sebastian Clothing

Parents are reminded that all clothing orders must be returned to the school no later than **Thursday, December 6**. Orders will take approximately 4 – 6 weeks to complete, thus projecting a late **January 2008** delivery.

Family Dance and Silent Auction

Our first annual Family Dance was held on **Friday, November 23** with approximately **155** families in attendance. This was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to get together and enjoy our brand new school. A total of **\$12,900.00** was raised between ticket sales, pictures, concessions and the silent auction.

We'd like to **thank all participating families** for your support of this event, as well as those lucky bidders that walked away with silent auction treasures. A list of contributors to the silent auction will be provided in our January newsletter. A special thanks goes out to the following Family Dance/Silent Auction **organizers and volunteers**:

Christianne B.	Christine L.
Denica P.	Isabell N.
Janet P.	Karla G.
Lynne S.	Lisa M.
Shauna D.	Sinead D.
Sonia S.	Sylvia D.
Lisa W.	Michelle P.
Carmen M.	Loretta B.
Lisa R.	Lyn B.
Geoff V.	Joan M.
Tere Q.	Donna D.
Audrey M.	

Student Helpers

Marko P.	Alex D.
Damon T.	Shaelyn J.
Khristine L.	Shauna T.
Kathryn G.	



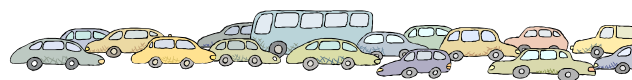
Cheque Writing and Corporate Donations

These two campaigns have been **very successful**. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to families able to make contributions and those that have beaten the corporate jungle in order to solicit donations to this cause. To date the Cheque Writing Campaign has unofficially netted **\$12,313.28**.

The Corporate Donations Committee has altogether massaged a total of **\$18,440.00** from a wide range of private and non-profit organizations; all with that same willingness to help build our community playground.

Adding up the proceeds from the **Family Dance (\$12,900.00)**, **Cheque Writing (\$12,313.28)** and **Corporate Donations (\$18,440.00)** gives us a grand total of **\$43,653.28**. Keep in mind that donations continue to come into the school and ultimately this total will be doubled by the Community Enhancement Grant.

Traffic Report



We are **very pleased** to confirm that some of our **traffic concerns** have been **addressed**. Many parents are finding parking spaces along Chaparral Drive or Chapala Drive, due to the length of the curb along both of those streets. Please be reminded that the **Charter Bus Zone** and **Calgary Transit Zone** is in **effect throughout the day** and that buses take priority. We are **very pleased** to report that **parents are refraining** from **accessing the parking lot** during peak times immediately before and after school. **Great job!**



Speeding through the Chaparral Drive speed zone has also **been curtailed**, due largely to the start-up of our **School Safety Patrols**. That is a complete community response that we are pleased with the results.

Double Parking

With the coming of the colder, winter weather other problems, however, have come into play.



Of greatest concern is the increasing number of “**double parking**” situations that are springing up. Double parking arises when the curb-side lane is full and vehicles stop momentarily alongside that first vehicle. Despite the length of the stop, this is still a double parking violation. There are several concerns associated with double parking. **Traffic is generally backlogged** behind the double parked vehicle and sometimes those waiting aren’t patient enough to wait; **accidents can result**. It is also unsafe to release students into traffic. In some instances drivers have even left their vehicle in order to attend to the needs of their children, which creates an unsafe situation for the driver, student and the double parked vehicle.

I’m sure that with double parking, drivers intend to move very quickly so that students aren’t exposed to colder weather and they needn’t find a parking spot. We are requesting that **parents find another parking space** that may be a little further away from the school thus allowing the driver the option of **walking the student right onto the school grounds**. One reassurance with this recommendation is the fact that on **extreme cold days (-18C)**, students are brought right **into the school** through the tarmac doors and settled into the gym until school is scheduled to start. They **won’t be kept outside** given those extreme conditions. Kindergarten parents are reminded that this practice will be adhered to **for Kindergarten students as well**.

Stopping/Parking Violations

Another traffic concern involves **stopping or parking in restricted areas**. The two areas where this frequently occurs are at the “**stop**” sign on **Chapala Drive** and the **crosswalks at both Chapala and Chaparral Drive**. Vehicles that stop or park must be **5 metres away**. There have been instances where vehicles have been parked almost



on top of those markers and the cars are left unattended. On Chapala Drive this causes extreme frustration for vehicles attempting to turn onto Chaparral Drive; and we all know how difficult this can be, as it is almost like a double parking situation. **Vehicles stopped or parked too close to the crosswalk on Chaparral cause visibility issues for safety patrollers, as well as pedestrians.**

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Confirmation at St. Patrick’s Church



The following students celebrated the sacrament of **Confirmation** at St. Patrick’s Church on the weekend of November 10th & 11th.
Congratulations to...

 **Austin M.**
 **Shauna T.**

St. Patrick’s Parish

1414 Shawnessy Blvd., S.W., 254-6878

RECONCILIATION FIRST COMMUNION 2008

**Registration begins on
Monday, December 3rd, 2007**

Forms are available at the **church office** during business hours Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 4:30 pm or at the **back of the church** after Mass.

Reconciliation: Students in Grade 3 or older
First Communion: Students in Grade 2 or older



Milk Program

We are happy to announce that our lunch time milk program began on **Tuesday, November 13th**. Both white and chocolate milk are available. You can purchase milk coupons at a cost of **.75¢ each**. We will offer packages of **10 coupons for \$7.50** and packages of **20 for \$15.00**.



Please make your **cheques payable to Saint Sebastian School** or send the **exact change**. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your support.

Bouquets or Constructive Comments



Comment: Excellent news about the **milk coupons!** Thank you!

Response: Thank-you for providing that feedback. With each passing day we begin to feel more at home. We continue to plan for a variety of ways to enhance the learning environment at Saint Sebastian School and we are **pleased** that **our community is responsive** to those endeavors.

Sport Stacking Club

Mrs. Wallace would like to **invite all interested stackers to "Sport Stacking Club"** (formally known as Cup Stacking). Clubs will meet at noon, by grade in the open portable or Art Room. Be sure to listen to announcements for your day!



The **Third Annual Sport Stacking Tournament** in Calgary will be held on **Saturday, April 12th** at **Mount Royal College**. Please see Mrs. Wallace or the yellow **"What's Up with Cups" display board** for more information. It should be an awesome day of stacking by students from 5 to 18 years old!

Our 1st Annual Scholastic Book Fair – SUCCESS!!

On **November 28th** there was a **"Sneak-A-Peek"** for each class!! Teachers brought their classes down to the Library. A special guest made a surprise appearance...it was **Clifford the Big Red Dog!!**

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

The theme was the **RAIN FOREST**. Our library was **transformed** into a rain forest with sound effects and visuals all over!!



The winners of the **Poster Contest** from **each grade** will win a \$10.00 book.

The winners are...

- Gr. 1 Emma B. (1S)
- Gr. 2 Kyler P. (2T) & (Josh S. (4Shu)
- Gr. 3 Brian – (3P)
- Gr. 4 Stephanie (4Shu)
- Gr. 5 Cheryl – (5L)
- Gr. 6 Sarah – (6L)
- Kindergarten – Ben D. AMSch

Winners!

Jelly Bean Contest winner was Brydon from Mrs. Watts class has won the contest. His guess was 630 and there are **616 in the jar**. There were a few close ballot guesses, as another guess just missed splitting the jar with him by one.

We had a **"Parents Only"** Door Prize contest! The winners were Pam O. and Shannon F. Each winner received a \$20 value in Scholastic books/products.

A big **THANK YOU** from the Library to **all who participated!!** We showed everyone our spirit at Saint Sebastian School with the number of poster contest entries!! **Way to go!**

Saint Sebastian Music News



1. Elementary Choir Meeting

Elementary Choir will be Fridays 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 were sent home with more than 50 students who attended our first meeting.

****Commitment forms are due** at our first practice on **December 7th, 2007.**

2. Handbell Club

Congratulations to the following children who will make up the **Handbell Club for 2007-2008:**

Tanner F.	Kate M.
Emma M.	Brittany S.
Emily S.	Shawn G.
Matthew G.	Evan W.
Devan G.	Devon C.
Shaelyn J.	Kristine L.



We shared our ringing skills with the students and staff at our first in-school **Advent Liturgy** which was held on **November 29th in the gym.**

We will participate in the **Family Advent Celebration** scheduled for **Thursday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m.** All Club members must dress in **white shirts and black bottoms.**

Gloves have arrived and members are encouraged to purchase their **own pair** for a **toonie**. Happy Ringing!

3. Our School Song

“FOLLOW HIS WAY”
Composed by Mrs. Stankowski

THE STORY: Mr. Carpenter asked me to **compose a song** to teach the children **about the life of our patron saint**. This was not an easy task considering the tragic life he lived. The song is called **Follow His Way**. The lyrics tell of Sebastian, a wealthy child with endless opportunities, who becomes a Christian evangelist and was persecuted for his deep faith and commitment to Christ. Saint Sebastian was a great model. He loved and served the Lord and was committed to Him until death.



OUR STORY: The **debut performance** will be **at the Saint Sebastian School Blessing and Dedication**. All students and staff will learn it and sing it for years to come.

A live version of our school song will be recorded Monday, Dec. 3rd, 2007. All children from **Grades 1 to 6** will **participate** in the singing on this CD.



The student recording along with the first CD recording created by the St. Albert the Great 9:00 Choir will be in the **time capsule**.

Thanks to Tim Fisk for producing both CDs and to all of the participants. You can **hear the song** on the **FINE ARTS** link on **EBoard**. Click on the attachment called Follow His Way Mix 1. Thanks for taking an interest in our school song.

4. Thank You

Thank you to
Colleen S. and
Darcy H. for



unpacking all of the **musical instruments** that were delivered to the Music Room.

Special Events Committee

By: Kelly-Jo R.

POPCORN (October 31)

Thank you to the **parents** for helping process the Halloween popcorn:

Lana V.
Nicole M.
Dana S.
Hilary B.
Stacy B.



CONCESSION STAND (November)

School Council sponsored the **concession stand** and activities in the gym **during the parent and teacher interviews.**

Many, many thanks for the donations of time and supplies/



By Parents & Grandparents:

Lynn B.	Jana S.
Karen H.	Donna S.
Sonia S.	Pam M.
Lana V.	Kelly C.
Leona P.	Dottie S.
Chris & Glenna M.	

By Students:

Austin R.	Chelsea V.
Stephanie P.	Megan C.



??? BAKE SALE – Friday, December 21 at Noon Dismissal time

Several parents have **expressed an interested** in having a bake sale before Christmas this year. School council will be looking into this opportunity over the next week to see if we can arrange this.



If you want a Bake Sale, please send in your comment tear off sheet (Bouquets or Constructive Comments Section – **page 12**) of this newsletter to let us know. If we get a **good response** then **we will make it happen.**

SPECIAL LUNCHES

School Council is sponsoring an Extreme Pita lunch on **Wednesday, December 19**. The order forms went home the first week of December.



CHRISTMAS/SUNCATCHER ORNAMENTS

****DUE Friday, December 7th****

We are the only school that was able to attain these items to sell. A small table top Christmas tree **by the office** has **samples on it.**



Orders must be in by Friday, December 7th for your ornament to be **back to you** before Christmas break!

Saint Sebastian Family Advent Celebration

Our first annual Family Advent Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 13th 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church. The theme of this year's liturgy is "Children of the Light". Gathered together as a Catholic community, we will prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Unlike a Christmas concert, this celebration will be an evening of song and prayer with all children in Kindergarten through Grade Six participating. The children will lead in singing, reading, lighting of candles, ushering, playing handbells, or serving Father Andrew. We thank Father for his participation in this celebration and for welcoming us into St. Patrick's Church once again.



The children will be organized and seated by their teachers to make for easy, guided movement and a prayerful flow. They will be assigned seats at the front of the church however; we ask that parents with Kindergarten children save a spot for their little ones. After the Kindergarten children share an Advent hymn, they will be asked to quietly walk to sit with their families for the duration of the celebration. The Grade One to Six students will remain with their classes for the entire time. All students are to arrive and meet their teachers in the basement of the church at 6:30. Parents are asked to remain upstairs with their children's coats and take their seats. Volunteers will be contacted to assist teachers in the basement with the organization of students.

A green form was sent out during Parent-Teacher Interviews, please return the bottom portion to let us know if your child will be attending. If you have any questions regarding our Family Advent Celebration please contact Mrs. Stankowski or Mrs. Watts at the school. Thank you.



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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Advent is almost here. We are turning our thoughts to Christmas and the birth of Jesus. This is a wonderful time to be around children. Little ones are colouring their pictures of the Baby Jesus, Jesse trees are being adorned with sincere wishes and good intentions, ambitious fundraising projects are under way to care for our lost sheep. All of this as we wait and prepare for that glorious day when a very special baby was born. The day when God sent His only Son to live among us.

As we enter this holy season, I encourage you to think about how God works. I am reminded of something I read once that said when God wants an important thing done in this world He goes about it in a very singular way. He doesn't use thunderbolts or obvious miracles. He simply has a tiny baby born. The baby is often born to a very humble home. God puts an idea in the baby's mind and then He waits. The greatest miracle is a baby; for each child comes with a message that God is not yet discouraged with humanity. He has hope for us.

Everyday we have the opportunity to help those tiny babies realize the message that God has planted in their minds. We have the chance to help them do the important things that God wants them to do.

During this holy season enjoy this special time with your children, your families and friends. Take time to recognize the many ways that God is present in your life and how His presence touches who you are and what you do. Merry Christmas!

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CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT MISSION MEXICO

Bishop Henry has again declared December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese of Calgary. Mission Mexico, initiated in Alberta in the year 2000, provides direct support to communities in Mexico to undertake local community projects identified in collaboration with their local bishop. The goal of Mission Mexico is to help people help themselves through greater access to education and self-sustaining production projects. The project serves some of the poorest communities in southern Mexico.

Fr. Fred Monk is the official agent for Mission Mexico in the Diocese. Fr. Fred has provided each school with information to encourage support by asking teachers and students to contribute a loonie on Mission Mexico Day. For the past three years, the primary focus of Mission Mexico has been the construction of a high school in Potoichan. This year, we hope to complete the final phase of the school – a second storey of classrooms, dormitory rooms and a library.

The selection of specific service projects remains a school-based decision; however, it continues to be important that any international service projects selected by schools reflect consistency with the District's perspective on the importance of involving, empowering and respecting the local community.

For more information on Mission Mexico visit www.missionmexico.info.

CCSD RECOGNIZED

Our District has been recognized by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and Alberta Venture magazine as one of Alberta's top 50 public sector organizations. CCSD has received a commemorative plaque indicating we have been placed on the 2007 Venture100 list.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

Calgary Catholic schools will be closed beginning at noon and administrative offices will be closed beginning at 4:30 p.m. on December 21 and will reopen January 7, 2008.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - DECEMBER, 2007

SUNDAY

MONDAY

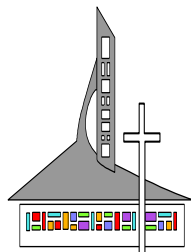
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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PLEASE NOTE: Tickets are required for attendance at the 6pm & 8pm Christmas Eve Masses.
See the calendar back for details.

1 9:30am – 4pm
Cantor Workshop
4:15pm – 4:45pm
Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass
6:00pm K.C.
Family Knight Out
6:00pm
Couples for Christ

<p>2 1st Sunday of Advent Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 12:30pm 2:00pm Baptism Preparation (must pre-register) 7:00pm Couples for Christ</p>	<p>3 7:00pm Youth Group Jr. 7:30pm Choir Practice (12:30pm)</p>	<p>4 1:00pm Seniors' Grp. 7:00pm Mass 7:30pm C.W.L. Potluck 7:30pm K.C. Executive 7:30pm Mission Mexico Mtg. 7:30pm Choir Practice (10:45am)</p>	<p>5 9:30am Moms' Group 7:30pm R.C.I.A. 6:00pm Young People's Choir 8:00pm Choir Practice (9:00am)</p>	<p>6 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Beavers & Cubs 7:30pm Familia Couples Group 7:30pm Choir Practice (5:00pm)</p>	<p>7 9:30am Moms' Group 9:30am Bulletin Staplers' Social 7:00pm Holy Hour 8:00pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>8 4:15pm – 4:45pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass</p>
<p>9 2nd Sunday of Advent Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 12:30pm 6:00pm Couples for Christ</p>	<p>10 7:00pm All Youth Groups 7:00pm PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE</p>	<p>11 1:00pm Seniors' Group 7:30pm K.C. General Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice (10:45am)</p>	<p>12 9:30am Moms' Group 7:30pm R.C.I.A. 6:00pm Young People's Choir 8:00pm Choir Practice (9:00am)</p>	<p>13 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Beavers & Cubs 7:30pm S.V.P. 7:30pm Choir Practice (5:00pm)</p>	<p>14 9:30am Moms' Group 8:00pm Prayer Group INN FROM THE COLD</p>	<p>15 INN FROM THE COLD 4:15pm – 4:45pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass S.V.P. Collection</p>
<p>16 3rd Sunday of Advent Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 12:30pm S.V.P. Collection</p>	<p>17 7:00pm All Youth Groups Skating at Lake Midnapore 7:30pm Choir Practice (12:30pm)</p>	<p>18 12:00 Noon Seniors' Potluck Lunch. 7:30pm C.W.L. Executive 6:30pm Pastoral Care Team Christmas Potluck 7:30pm Finance Council 7:30pm Choir Practice (10:45am)</p>	<p>19 9:30am Moms' Group 6:00pm Young People's Choir 8:00pm Choir Practice (9:00am)</p>	<p>20 S.V.P. Hamper Packing (all day) 7:00pm All Youth Groups Hamper Packing 7:30pm Choir Practice (5:00pm)</p>	<p>21 S.V.P. Hamper Packing (all day) 7:00pm Holy Hour 8:00pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>22 S.V.P. Hamper Delivery until 1:00pm 4:15pm – 4:45pm Reconciliation Mass: 5:00pm</p>
<p>23 4th Sunday of Advent Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 12:30pm</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE Masses: 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm & 12 Midnight Tickets needed for 6pm & 8pm. 5 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY Masses: 9:00am & 10:45am OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26 Mass: 9:00am OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27 Mass: 9:00am OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 Mass: 9:00am OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>29 4:15pm – 4:45pm Reconciliation Mass: 5:00pm</p>
<p>30 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am & 12:30pm</p>	<p>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>JAN. 1, 2007 NEW YEAR'S DAY Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 9:00am & 10:45am OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Parish Advent Reconciliation is on Monday, December 10th, 7:30pm.</p> <p>Register now for 1st Reconciliation and for 1st Communion.</p>			



Transportation Tips for Winter Months

Safety is of primary concern to everyone involved in the transportation of students. Although important at all times, safety takes on a new meaning during the winter months. All of our careful planning and detailed scheduling can be overturned by mother nature.

Buses can be delayed and sometimes even cancelled because of cold temperatures, icy roads and traffic problems. Parents and students are reminded that extra caution must be taken during the winter months.

- ✓ **DRESS**: Children should be dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Unexpected mechanical problems causing the bus to cool off very quickly may occur more frequently at this time of year.

- ✓ **SCHOOLS ARE OPEN**: Catholic schools located within City of Calgary boundaries are always *open* regardless of weather conditions.

Catholic Schools located in Airdrie, Cochrane or Chestermere *may close* based on weather conditions, as they serve a large number of rural students. Listen to local radio stations for transportation cancellations and/or school closure announcements.

- ✓ **BUS SERVICE**: For schools in ALL locations, charter bus service may be cancelled if it is determined that student safety may be jeopardized. Local radio stations will make announcements regarding transportation cancellations.

- ✓ **BUS SCHEDULES**: Cold weather or heavy snowfalls can result in bus schedules being unavoidably delayed. *If children are not accompanied to the bus stop they must have a safe place to go if the bus does not arrive. Parents are responsible for their children until they get on the bus. Younger children should not be left unattended at the stop.*

- ✓ When school books and lunches are carried in a back pack children find it easier to walk through the ice and snow. It is also much safer for them to board the bus when their hands are free to use the handrail.

- ✓ Children must be reminded of the proper crossing procedures when departing the bus and crossing the street at the end of the school day:

- Stand back a safe distance from the bus.
- Wait until the bus leaves the stop.
- Walk to the closest intersection.
- Cross the street only when it is safe to do so.
- Remember to look both ways.



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Saint 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.

Newsletter Draw – December

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, December 14, 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 continuing for the **remaining** newsletters of the year. Please let us know if your **email** address **changes**.



FAMILY NAME: _____
(Please print)

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

(Please print) Grade & Teacher: _____

(Please print) Grade & Teacher: _____

I can receive email at home: YES _____ NO _____


EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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 th Week of Advent Celebration (gym) at 9:15 am - Christmas Holidays begin – Noon Dismissal (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)	

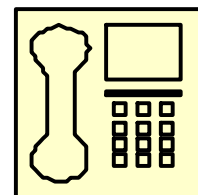
Saint Sebastian School **Re-Opens** on **Monday, January 7th, 2008**

Please remember to inform the office if your child will be late or absent from school due to illness, appointment, vacation or any other reason. 257-1787



January 2008 Saint Sebastian Elementary School						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
	6	7 Day3 School Re-opens	8 Day4	9 Day5	10 Day6 School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm	11 Day1 Feast of the Epiphany Celebration 1:15 pm
12	13	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6
19	20 Feast Day of Saint Sebastian	21 Day 1 Feast of Saint Sebastian Celebration 1:15 pm (gym)	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5
26	27	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	31 Day 3	1 Day 4 FEBRUARY Teacher Professional Development Day – No Classes

Please remember to inform the OFFICE if your child will be late or absent from school due to illness, appointment, vacation or any other reason. 257-1787



SAINT SEBASTIAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007 – 2008



See the **Month-at-a-Glance** (previous page) for more December calendar details!!
Dec. 21 Friday Christmas holidays begin (**early dismissal @ 12:02 pm**)

2008

Jan. 7	Monday	School Re-opens 8:51 am classes begin!
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 Friday, March 14 th)
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