



## ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH SCHOOL

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### WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*From the Desk of Mr. Garey... Happy New Year Everyone! I hope everyone had a restful winter break with family. I am so impressed at how our children adjust to the routine of getting back to school. It's as though we never left at all. We are beginning a very important time of year for our students as our older children are preparing for midterm exams and our students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 are preparing for the IOWA test coming up at the end of February. Of course this is also an exciting time for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they start their high school applications and start thinking about their future.*

*Catholic Schools Week is coming soon and preparations are being made for a fun week of celebrating the benefits of being in a Catholic school. The Theme for the week is Faith, Academics, Service. We will be doing a service project for the Have a Heart project for Akron Children's Hospital during Catholic Schools Week along with many fun activities that tie into our theme. To kick off Catholic Schools Week we will be having our Open House on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>.*

*Good luck to our Power of the Pen Club as they compete at Mount Union College today! Go Terriers!*

*Congratulations to Keith Contrera for being selected as a first place winner in the 2012 Safety Kids Calendar contest. His drawing is part of a 12 month calendar produced by Summit County to promote safety. Congratulations also to Julie Ciotola for receiving honorable mention in the same contest. Great job!*

**Update on our Wireless Project: We have been working on resolving our wireless issues within the building and have made great progress. We recently had a fiber optic line put in to replace an existing older copper wire and it has improved our efficiency within the building. You should be getting regular communication from the teachers as their computers are benefiting from the new line. We are getting closer to where we want to be but more work must be done. We look forward to being fully functional soon.**

**We are looking forward to our first school spelling bee coming up on Thursday of next week. The classroom teachers are having class spelling bees to determine who will compete in the school-wide spelling bee. The winner of our school-wide spelling bee will compete in the county spelling bee.**

**Attention 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents!..... We will be changing the time that we will be going on the big 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip next year. To better fit the school curriculum, we would like to move the trip to the fall. We would like to have a meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Z-Hall to discuss destination and getting started with fund raising for the trip. Please mark your calendar. We will need at least 1 person per family to attend. Thanks!**

**Discipline update: We have had a great start back. We have 0 uniform violations, 0 demerits, and 0 detentions.**

**Terrier Spotlight: We have several students that have earned Terrier Spotlight recognition this week. Congratulations to Donny Swain, Jacob Saus, Michael Scolaro, Erin Wagner, Megan Hamilton, Chris Micozzi, Molly Haines, Katie Beitko, Amy Gersten, Chase Bills, and Anna Micozzi for doing things the Terrier Way!**

**Important Dates Coming Up.....**

***Jan. 11- HASA General Meeting 7pm***

***Jan. 13- NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service***

***Kindergarten Parent Progressive Dinner Social***

***Jan. 16- NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day***

***Jan. 19- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Meeting 7pm Z-Hall***

***Jan. 20- End of Quarter 2***

***Jan. 23-27 Scholastic Book Fair***

***Jan. 27- Report Cards go home***

***Jan. 29- Catholic Schools Week Open House 9am-12pm***

***Re-Registration packets available at Open House***

***Jan. 30- Feb. 3- Catholic Schools Week***

***Feb. 17- Re-Registration Deadline***

***Feb. 18- First Reconciliation 9:30am***

***International Festival***

***Feb. 20- NO SCHOOL- President's Day***

***Feb. 27- IOWA TESTING BEGINS for grades 1,3,5,7***

*Together in Christ,*

*Greg Garey*

*Principal*

*St. Sebastian Parish School*