

Is it snowing yet?

While most school clubs are limited to student enrollment, there's one at St. Sebastian's that encourages family participation.

The Ski Club, which has been a fixture at the parish school for many, many years, attracts 30 to 40 people each year. According to Scott Reymann, co-chair of the group with Steve Dordenkircher, that breaks down to a mix of around 80% kids and 20% adults.

For parents, it's a chance to spend some extra recreation time with their children as well as keep their snow-sport skills sharp.

Scott, who joins his two daughters and their St. Sebastian friends on the slopes each winter, is probably typical of many of the parents who get involved in the group. "I've skied and snow boarded since high school," he said in a recent interview. "After a short hiatus when the girls were young, it's good to get back to the sport."

Among the advantages of belonging to the Ski Club, Scott noted: "It's a time for the kids to be with their friends and to get out in the winter months and get some exercise. It's also an opportunity for parents to spend family time with their kids." Co-chair Steve also enjoys the snow sports with his children.

Of course there are the big questions that still need to be answered: Where does the club ski? Do members have to be a certain age? Do you have to know how to ski? Do you need equipment? What does it cost? and What do you get for your money?

The parish club hits the slopes, after Christmas break, at Boston Mills on Sundays from 4 to 8 p.m. Participants must organize their own transportation, which often includes carpooling. Children must be at least eight years old to join. The membership cost ranges from \$140 to \$220, depending on whether or not individuals have to rent equipment. A lesson is included in each session.

Because Boston Mills has the equipment to make artificial snow, Scott explained, they guarantee five 4-hour sessions each season. In addition, the membership entitles each individual to a pass which allows them to ski or snowboard additional times during the rest of the season at no charge. Scott calls that "quite a deal."

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