

# FEBRUARY NEWS



*Saint Elizabeth Regional School*

February 2012

Dear Parents,

This February Newsletter finds us having crossed over the mid-point of the school year. Can you believe we have completed five months of school? The good news is we have not used any of our snow days.☺ Can we make it to the Easter Holidays with 4 snow days to use in Spring?

I want to inform you of important dates that we have to celebrate in January. We open our Catholic Schools Week a day early by holding our **Spaghetti Dinner on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 8 pm.** Please try to attend and bring your family and friends. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at school or at the door the night of the dinner. I extend a special thank you to our past and present School Board members for sponsoring this event. You provide us with an opportunity to come together and share a delicious meal.

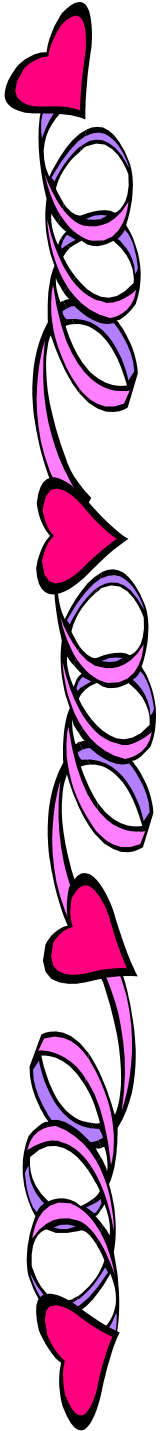
The official dates to celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** are **January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** I hope you received the CSW sheet that was sent home last Wednesday to inform you of the activities being held during this important week. Please join us for one or both of the **Open House dates January 29<sup>th</sup> or February 1<sup>st</sup>** and any of the other events that you would like to see. Our **Liturgy to celebrate CSW is on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 am.** Please join us for the Liturgy followed by the **Open House, if this is a convenient time for you.**

Congratulations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who received their First Penance on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. All have studied hard in preparing for this Sacrament. A special thank you is extended to Msgr. Muntone, Father Mullins, Msgr. Byrne, Father Kalata, and Father Drouncheck for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the children. Thank you is extended to the teachers that prepared the children for this wonderful experience: Mrs. Spieker, Miss Borosky, Mrs. Sipics, Mrs. Mosser and Mrs. Ohlsen. Parents please continue to support your child in the regular celebration of this sacrament.

As we begin the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> let us bring love and peace to those we meet each day.

God bless you.

*Sister Bonita*



### FIRST PENANCE

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on January 19<sup>th</sup> at Saint Elizabeth Church. They are:

Alec Aviles	Julius Baker
Nicole Brown	Aliyha Carrasquilla
Angele Diamacoune	Julie Dinh
Cael Hines	Madison Lasko
Kylie Legath	Andrew Nguyen
Eric Nguyen	Ayanna Norfleet
Marcella Obiero	Mekhi Ochieng
Javier Rodriguez	Nabieh Saloum
Amanda Serrano	Caitlin Stoudt

We ask you to keep all of these children in your prayers, as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is

***"Catholic Schools – Faith. Academics. Service."***

We kick off the week with our famous Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. There are two Open House days – Sunday, January 29 and Wednesday, February 1 – hopefully you can make it in to school for one of them. There will also be a variety of activities going on during the week. Review the schedule of events that was sent home last week for all the activities we have going on or you can find it on the school web page [www.sercc.org/school](http://www.sercc.org/school).

**On Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> one lucky student will be "Principal for the Day".** He or she will shadow Sister Bonita and see what it's like to run the school. **Report cards will be given out that day too – hopefully all will be happy with their progress.** Members of HASA will prepare a special lunch for the faculty and staff.



On **Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>** we will celebrate Liturgy at 8:45 am in St. Elizabeth Church. All are welcome to attend. Open House is scheduled from 9:30 – 11:45 am, with events in every classroom. Please join us if you can.

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is "Dress Down – Jersey Day".** Students are asked to wear their favorite team's jersey. There will be a "Cup-Stacking" Assembly at 10:45 am in the parish hall and in the afternoon at 1:15, there will be a variety of activities in the gym including the annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Teachers Volleyball game. All are invited to attend both events.

**On Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** students are to wear their school uniforms but may wear a crazy tie or a pair of crazy socks!

### FEBRUARY DAYS OFF

Just a reminder that there is **Noon Dismissal** on Friday, **February 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **we are off** for Presidents Day weekend on **Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>** and on **Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>**. Classes resume Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all who have already sold the discount cards that were sent home two weeks ago. For everyone else please send in your money (\$20) **by February 8<sup>th</sup>**. You will have to pay the buyout fee of \$50 if you do not participate. More cards are available for sale; please check with your family, friends and neighbors to see if they're willing to purchase one. Remember if you sell five you get one free.

### REMINDERS

- ✓ Please **call** the school office or **send us an email** if your child is going to be **absent from school or late because of an appointment**. When the child returns please send a note in to the child's teacher.
- ✓ **Anytime you change phone numbers (home, work, cell, etc.) we need to know!** Please give us a call, send a note, or send an email [school@sercc.org](mailto:school@sercc.org), to let us know of any changes as soon as possible.
- ✓ Parents please check the hems of your girls' uniforms. They grow quickly in the second half of the year and consequently the skirts/uniforms get shorter.
- ✓ Boys MUST wear a belt with their school pants. There are quite a few boys who have told us they don't know where they are. Please find them.
- ✓ Decorative headbands are cute, but not allowed. A plain one may be worn, but those with decorations like flowers and cute little stuffed animals are not.

### GIFT CARD TOTALS

If you are interested in how many gift cards you purchased through December 31<sup>st</sup>, please call Mrs. Glover between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, 610-264-0143 or send an email to [school@sercc.org](mailto:school@sercc.org). 33 families have purchased over \$4000 worth of cards and will now receive 4% credit towards their tuition for next year. 8 families have over \$3000 and well on their way to get their \$200 credit. However there are 39 families who have not purchased any gift cards at all.



Besides Giant, Redners, Weis, Kohl's other gift cards we have on hand are: Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Bravo, Buca di Beppo, Elias Market, Hartzell's Pharmacy, Home Depot, I-Tunes, JC Penney, Kmart, Long Horn Steak House, Lowes, Olive Garden, Panera and Red Lobster. Purchasing any of these cards gives you credit towards your gift card fee. Purchasing gift cards – it's a habit well worth forming!

LUNCH ROOM NEWS

Just an FYI...In the event of a snow day, the lunch menu schedule will not be interrupted. Please continue to follow the calendar as posted.

SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Don't forget to order your copy of the 2011 – 2012 Saint Elizabeth Regional School yearbook! The books are \$17 each and cash or checks are due by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on a wonderful remembrance of your child's school year! Place your orders now so you are guaranteed a copy. There will not be any extra books to purchase in the spring. Please remember... all checks for yearbook orders MUST be made out to Saint Elizabeth Regional School. If you misplaced your order envelope, send the money in any envelope clearly marked 'Yearbook Order.'



CAMPBELLS LABELS AND BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Total number of box tops and labels collected for the 2nd quarter of the school year are as follows:

K – 504	3 – 233	6 – 565
1 – 400	4 – 866	7 – 305
2 – 194	5 – 1466	8 – 332

After calculating the class averages 5th grade is our winner for the 2nd quarter and will receive a free dress down day.

There is still one more chance to win a dress down day so continue to check product packages for box tops and labels before throwing anything away. If you have any box tops or labels laying around your house please turn them into your child's teacher by February 6<sup>th</sup> so we do not lose out on expired box tops for our next submission due date in March.

So far this year we have collected 9,779 box tops worth \$977, and 13,510 labels worth 13,510 points. Thank you to all of our families, parishioners and friends for making this our highest ever in our collecting history. Keep up the good work! Lastly, if you have not signed up on the Box Tops for Education website do so at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com).

HOME and SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Family Bingo will be held in the parish hall on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Papers were sent home last week to buy tickets, help with the bingo, and/or to donate items. Please join us for this annual event, where everyone – young and old has a great time.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Designer ladies clothing at clearance prices!! Where you ask?? At our Designer Clothing Sale on *Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm* in the parish hall. Come support our school and update your winter wardrobe!

Mark your calendars and plan to take part in the following fun-filled events: *Allentown St. Patrick's Day Parade – Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Night at the Races – Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.*

SAINT ELIZABETH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Please mark February 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the Annual Valentine's Day Social from 7 to 11 pm in the parish hall. Tickets are \$20 in advance & \$25 at the door. A live band will perform and food and refreshments are included. This is an adult only function – you must be 21 or older. Tickets are available at the Rectory during normal business hours or call Mike Brosious at 610-262-7143 or Jeff Scheuren at 610-432-5577.



If you have not turned in your baseball/softball paperwork, please do so immediately. Questions can be directed to Tom Shak – 610-266-9242.

SAINT MARY'S NEWS

Bingo will be held on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Kitchen opens at noon and take-out is available.

We will begin our Lenten Fish Dinners on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. A real deal for only \$8.00 per person: a piece of fried fish, corn, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, roll, beverage and pudding cup. You also have a choice of a baked potato, mac & cheese or haluski (cabbage and noodles). We will also offer a large platter for \$9.00 which will give you an additional piece of fish and an additional side. Kids 4 – 8 only pay \$5.00. Take out is available. Please call 610-264-0332 with any questions.

