

# January Newsletter

## *Saint Elizabeth Regional School*

January 2010

Dear Parents,

**Welcome to the Year 2010 ☺**

This newsletter seems very early I'm sure – it is coming to you now so it is not lost in backpacks during the time of our Christmas vacation. Hopefully you will copy the January calendar and place it on your refrigerator door.

I pray that you have time to share joy with family and friends during the Christmas holidays. Let us look forward to the many Epiphanies that continue to be revealed to us each day.

I would like to thank each of you for supporting our students as they presented their Christmas program. It is their gift to share the joys of the Christmas Season with us. Mr. D'Annibale and the students deserve a huge thank you for presenting a wonderful program to put us in the Christmas spirit.

We will have the opportunity to “Celebrate Catholic Schools Week” from January 31st to February 5th. Catholic Schools Week events will help us join in celebration of our school – a school we can be proud of because of the parents, teachers and children that make up our school community. If you have any suggestions you would like us to develop during this special week please send them to me when we come back to school in January 2010. Watch for the “CSW” schedule it will be coming home in mid January.

Reminder that we have three items available for you to assist us in marketing Saint Elizabeth Regional School:

- ☺ School license plates that fit nicely on the front of your car - \$2
- ☺ Saint Elizabeth of Hungary bears - \$5
- ☺ Tree ornaments for both of our churches - \$5

If you are interested in any of these items send in your request and money. The item will be sent home with your child.

A reminder to you as parent – one of the most wonderful gifts you are able to give to your child/ren is to place your hands on their heads and give them your blessing each day. This spiritual gift of blessing is a powerful memory they will have of you and may someday carry the same blessing to their children.

You will be remembered in my prayers. I will ask God to bless you with many wonderful Epiphanies during the New Year.

Happy New Year and God bless you,

*Sister Bonita*



## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School is closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes resume on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. *There is a full day of school on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and no school on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.*

## EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

The January examination schedule is as follows:

### **Tuesday, January 19**

<i>Religion</i>	<i>Grades 2 to 8</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Grades 3 to 8</i>



### **Wednesday, January 20**

<i>Math</i>	<i>Grades 2 to 8</i>
<i>English</i>	<i>Grades 2 to 8</i>



### **Thursday, January 21**

<i>Reading</i>	<i>Grades 2 to 8</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Grades 3 to 8</i>

### **Friday, January 22**

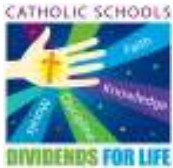
<i>Spelling</i>	<i>Grades 2 to 8</i>
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This schedule is subject to change; teachers will notify you if any of the exams will be rescheduled for another day. Please don't wait until the night before to prepare for an exam; that's when everyone should get a good night's rest.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

2<sup>nd</sup> grade students of Saint Elizabeth Parish will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We ask that you please keep them in your prayers.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life". Parents of our students will speak at all Masses at St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Mary parishes, the weekend of January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, promoting not only our school but also the benefits of their children attending Catholic Schools. There will be a variety of activities going on during the week. Look for your copy of these activities in the next few weeks and remember to look at our web page [www.sercc.org/school](http://www.sercc.org/school) for a schedule of events.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jared King in first grade and Brett Mathews in seventh grade were chosen as winners in the Diocesan Art Contest. They and their parents are invited to the Celebration of the Arts at Holy Name High School on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Brian Plucinsky came in 31<sup>st</sup> out of 88 runners in the Boys 13 – 4000 meter run and 72<sup>nd</sup> out of 181 runners in the Boys 13 – 4K run at the AAU Cross-Country Youth National Championships held recently in Orlando Florida.

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

**We ask that all parents update emergency numbers as soon as any phone numbers change.** We've had a few instances where we tried to reach parents only to find that the numbers we have are out of service. If we need to get in touch with you in case of an emergency we sure don't want to be told the numbers are not correct. We respect your right to privacy and do not give out any phone number unless you give us permission.

On this same note, we are compiling an Emergency Contact Call List. A sheet asking for **one good number** we should use to call you is being sent home. We would like the sheets returned by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The latest we'll accept them is January 6<sup>th</sup>. If they are not back by then, you will not be included on our call list.

Parent volunteers will be assigned to activate these calls should we experience a school wide emergency, (i.e. power outage, heating problems, gas leaks, etc.) or anytime there is a need to have a message immediately sent to the school community.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER & EARLY DISMISSAL

In the event of inclement weather, please refer to the local media, i.e., Radio Stations, or Television. You can even have WFMZ–Channel 69 e-mail or page you if we are closing. Go to [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com) for more information. And, the information is always posted on our web page – [www.sercc.org/school](http://www.sercc.org/school).

**Early Dismissal** – If we have to close early, our dismissal time is usually ½ hour after the posted time for Whitehall-Coplay Middle School. ***Please do not call the school.*** *If you do not have access to a radio or TV please have a relative or a friend call you.*

**Bus Students** – Individual school districts notify us of when they will pick up Saint Elizabeth children. **Our volunteer parents will notify you to let you know what time they are leaving.** This is to ensure someone is at home when your child/children will arrive.

**Walkers/Cars** – Students who are picked up will usually leave the building after the buses are gone. **Please do not come in for your child;** students will come out to the parking lot as they do normally at dismissal.

**Snow Days** – Please listen or watch for **Saint Elizabeth Regional School** on the radio and television. *Again, please do not call the school or the rectory; please* listen to the radio or watch WFMZ–TV 69 which is channel 7 on RCN or channel 8 on Service Electric. Closures are usually on the air by 5:45 am.

## YEARBOOK SALE

It's almost time to reserve your copy of the 2009/2010 Saint Elizabeth Regional School yearbook! Look for your order form in early January! The Yearbooks will be sold for \$21 each and the money is due on, or before February 1<sup>st</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**, not to the yearbook company

If your son or daughter participated in **t-ball/baseball/softball/cross-country** at Saint Elizabeth last Spring, you might be able to help the yearbook out! Do you have any candid photos (kids on benches, cheering, celebrating) team or action shots that you can either print out or burn on a disc for use in this year's school yearbook? If you do, please send them to school marked 'yearbook photos' in care of Barb Mathews. It's hard for us to take photos at every event, so we really need your help to have all the school sports represented!

## HASA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Winter Carnival on December 5<sup>th</sup> such a great success! We could not have done it without you. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the Santa Shop this year – the students had a wonderful time selecting gifts for their families. A warm thanks to Carmy Mendoza, Jenelle Olsovsky and Karen Hoff for all the behind the scenes work that makes the Santa Shop possible.

Coming up in the New Year, we will sponsor two events. Our **Basket Social** will be held the weekend of **April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**. Start thinking about your basket theme – last year's contributions were amazing. **Family Bingo** will be held on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Interested in helping with either event? Please email Tina Stoudt ([tinastoudt@rcn.com](mailto:tinastoudt@rcn.com)) or call (610) 442-5084.

## SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 to kick off Catholic Schools Week. We will have three seatings – 4 pm, 5:30 pm and 7 pm. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses on the weekends prior to the dinner; look for a flyer that will come home with your children also. Group seating will be accommodated. Advance ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Cost at the door will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Please support this major fundraiser!

## ST. ELIZABETH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Hoagie Sales will resume in January with the first pick up date being January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please leave February 13<sup>th</sup> open for the annual Valentines Dance. More details on the Dance to come after the New Year.



*Happy New Year!*

