

# Cathedral School Review

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## David and Goliath

In the first reading of this week's Mass, we heard about how a young boy named David faced off against a giant Philistine warrior—a real goliath of a guy (yes, that's where the people get the name "Goliath" for the unnamed warrior). In every real, worldly sense, it was a hopeless mismatch—David was destined to lose. But, as he said when he went out to meet the giant warrior in combat, "You come against me with sword and spear and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of hosts."

And, of course, we know that the mismatch was just the opposite—there's no way even a giant goliath warrior can stand

up against Almighty God.

This week, the Church celebrates an heroic saint—St. Sebastian. He was a powerful soldier in one of the fiercest armies the world has ever known—the army of the Roman Empire. At the time, during the late 200's AD, the Roman Army was destroying Christians wherever they could find them. St. Sebastian learned about the way of Christ and became a Christian himself. From within the army, he was in a position to help other Christians who had been captured. He encouraged them and helped them to face their martyrdom with courage. Eventually, St. Sebastian was

discovered and, furious at his betrayal, was sentenced to death by arrows. But, miraculously, the arrows didn't kill him. He continued to speak for Christ. Eventually, his fellow soldiers beat him to death. But, he died with the name of Christ on his lips. He was heroic and courageous to the end.

Like David taking on Goliath, St. Sebastian took on the Roman Army—a seemingly hopeless mismatch. Yet, because both David and St. Sebastian had their faith in God for their shield, the Word of God for their sword, and put their victory in Him, they were victorious, to the praise and glory of God's name. Amen!

## In Other News...

### Mass Schedule

January 27—planned by 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

February 3—planned by 1<sup>st</sup> Grade—Catholic Schools Week!

We would like to invite you to celebrate the Mass with your child and his or her class on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Grandparents, other relatives, and friends are also welcome. Hope to see you there!



### Cathedral Library Day

We will have library time for students in Grades K-4 in our library on Tuesday, January 26. Be sure to have any old books ready to return or renew on that day. Thank you!

### Public Library Schedule

January 26—Grades 5 & 6

February 16—Grades 3 & 4

### No School

There will be no school on Friday, January 22, for

teacher workshop time. Have a wonderful day off!

### Our Family Label Contest

We are running an Our Family Label Contest, to take advantage of the double-credit promotion that's going on right now! So, please send in any Our Family labels that you may have. The classroom with the most labels collected by Wednesday, February 3 will win a free movie rental. So, help the school earn some money and get a



chance at some extra fun. Thank you for your support!

### Box Top Contest

We are also running a Box Top label contest. From now until January 22, each classroom will be collecting Box Tops. The class that brings in the most Box Tops will win a free movie rental. We will announce the winner during Catholic Schools Week. Thank you for your support!



### Mardi Gras: Kids Edition

The new Mardi Gras: Kids Edition is a go! This fun time will run on Sunday, January 31, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and will be filled with games and activities for *any* children who are interested.

If you are available to help out that day, please contact Shea Proulx (281-5737) or Maggie Haskett (281-1304). Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!

### Library Open House

We will have an open house to celebrate our newly revitalized library. The open house will run on Wednesday, January 27, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will also have some special music at 5:00 p.m. Shortly afterwards, at 5:15 p.m., Bishop Hoepfner will be stopping by to read a story. He will also bless the new library after the story. Come and join us and see how it has turned out!

### Need a Babysitter?

If you are in need of a babysitter, you can contact Rachel Hollcraft, one of our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students, who has been certified after taking a course in babysitting, at 281-3406 or hollcraft8@msn.com.

### Congratulations!

The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class won an extra 15 minutes of recess last week. They won the PACE meeting attendance incentive by having 100% attendance of their parents at the latest PACE meeting. Way to go!

### Catholic Schools Week

Our annual celebration of Catholic

schools is coming up, starting on Sunday, January 31 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. You'll find a schedule of events included in this week's Thursday envelopes. Please feel free to join us whenever you can!

### Tickets

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction is coming soon, on February 6. Please make sure that you get your four meal tickets sold and the information form turned in to the school office by Friday, January 29. If you need help selling your tickets, please call the office so that we can help you.

Also, please make sure that you finish selling your basket raffle tickets and turn them in to the office. All of the proceeds benefit the school and help to keep our tuition costs at one of the lowest levels in the diocese. Thank you for your support!

### God's Blessings on Your Birthday

Adam Borkowski, Grade 4—January 21

### Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at Box Tops.

At the top of many boxed food products (and some non-food items, too), you can find a "Box Top" label. If you just cut out this small label and send it in to the school, we can earn a surprising amount of money! In addition to food products, Box Top labels appear on a wide variety of other products, too, such as: baby and child care, paper plates, disposable tableware, storage bags, and many others!



In addition to these products, there are other ways to earn Box Top credit for Cathedral School. You can also shop online at a wide variety of

stores, including JC Penney and Land's End.

The brands are too numerous to list here. But, you can get more information online at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. Or, you can visit the school office.

Thank you for support, and God bless!

Here are some other fundraisers that help Cathedral School:

- Box Tops
- Our Family labels
- Campbell's Soup labels
- Ink Doctor
- Target Card
- Giving Tree
- Pop Tabs
- Tyson's Project A+
- SunnyD Book Spree



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### School Advisory Council Update

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be on Wednesday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m., in the Library. The members include: Co-chairs Paul Bissonette and Nate Lubarski, Secretary Mike Swenson, Bryan Boll, Brian Dingmann, Sis Eickhof, Kris MacGregor, Colleen MacRae, and Stephanie Olson. Everyone is welcome to attend!