

## **St. Sebastian School Haiti Relief Efforts**

All proceeds will be sent to Haiti via the Pruhs family. Grandpa & Grandma Pruhs have been visiting Haiti doing volunteer work for years, and are often joined by Sebs dads Dave & John Pruhs. They work with orphanages and dental needs on their trips. A letter from Ron & Ronni Pruhs is included on the back.

### **Special Dress Down day w/ Parent/Parishioner Donation Match**

**Friday, January 29**

Students may wear non-uniform clothes as a Haiti fundraiser. Student Council will collect donations at the door upon arrival. Suggested donation is \$2, but larger amounts are appreciated! School Parents and Parishioners are encouraged to match the student donations – you can match the total amount or up to a certain amount. Fill out the attached form and return to the school office. Estimated amount is \$750.

### **Super Bowl Student Council Fundraiser w/ Parent/Parishioner Donation Match**

**Friday, February 5**

Student Council members will be at the entrance doors with 2 different money containers – one for the Colts & one for the Saints. Drop your donations into the container of your favorite team. We'll announce the team before school lets out and see if it matches the big game winner. School Parents and Parishioners are encouraged to match the student donations – you can match the total amount or up to a certain amount. Fill out the attached form and return to the school office. Estimated amount is \$400.

### **“Hotcakes for Haiti” Pancake Breakfast**

**Friday, February 12**

Join us for a pancake breakfast with pancakes, sausages, applesauce, coffee or juice on Friday, February 12 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the school cafeteria presented by Dr. Cintron, Mrs. Higgins & Mrs. Zeidler. Cost is \$5 for adults & \$3 for children with a \$15 family maximum. Registration slips must be used so when can have an accurate count. Extra donations gladly accepted.

St. Sebastian Family.

For 16 years Ron and I have been working in Haiti with Our Little Brothers and Sisters, an organization with orphanages in nine countries. Ron is a pediatric dentist and I am a registered nurse.

We have cared for the children in the orphanage and the people from the surrounding communities. In 2006 OLBS dedicated a new pediatric hospital, St. Damien, in Port au Prince, which includes a dental clinic. Ron was scheduled to go to Haiti along with our son David, father of 4 St. Sebs students, who has accompanied us and worked with us for 8 years. This year our son John, father of two St. Sebs students, was to accompany us also. However, the clinic they were to work at which was located outside Port au Prince, was totally destroyed in the earthquake, killing a young nun and a 2 year old orphan in her care. As a result, they were unable to go.

St. Damien was only slightly damaged and has been an oasis for the injured. They have opened two surgical suites and are doing many amputations of crushed limbs. The patients include children and babies. One of our volunteers rescued 30 severely handicapped children at the city's general hospital and has been caring for them. Despite the death and devastation, our friends in Haiti continue to work and keep their faith in God and in the resilience of the Haitian spirit. For them the work is just beginning.

Our hearts are aching for our friends in Haiti. Two of our volunteers were lost in the collapse of a building, and we are learning more about the deaths and injuries among our Haitian friends. We feel grief and helplessness. We hope to return as soon as possible.

Ron and Ronni Pruhs

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### Parent/Parishioner Donation Match

Return to the School Office

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I will match the Haiti Relief donation raised by the St. Sebastian School students

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Dress Down day Friday, January 29

\_\_\_\_\_ Super Bowl Student Council Fundraiser, Friday, February 5

\_\_\_ Full Amount of donation      \_\_\_ donation up to \$ \_\_\_\_\_