

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

December 15, 2016

SSPP SCHOOL

Report Cards have been posted to the Parent Portal for students in grades 3-8 and were mailed for students in grades K-2. Grades K-8 **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held tomorrow from 12:30-2:30 as well as Mon., Dec. 19th from 4:30-8:30 pm. You can sign up for a meeting time online on our school website under the "Parents" tab. You can also sign up for a phone conference there if you would prefer. <http://bit.ly/2gapJGM>

Our **Student Council dance** went from an "uh-oh!" to an "Oh yeah!" rather quickly last Friday. Our DJ was unavailable that night, so 7th grader, Joe Abt, stepped up and saved the day! He brought in his sound system and strobe lights and played all the tunes the kids wanted to hear. Thanks, Joe; it was awesome!!

Many thanks to Tracy Hurley and Rachael Young for chairing the **Santa's Secret Shopping Extravaganza** as well as to all of the helper elves who came to set up, clean up, sell and wrap! The kids loved buying gifts for their friends and family and there was so much for them to choose from. Parents, you'll be thrilled when you open your gifts on Christmas morning!

Congratulations to the Manna family who were our November Volunteer **Scrip gift card** winners! Complete your enclosed December forms and turn those in by Jan. 6th to be entered in the next drawing. Your January forms are enclosed as well. Many thanks to the volunteers who have been participating in our events so far this year. Since September, we have logged over **550 hours!**

If you do not have a Facebook account, but would still like to keep up on SSPP news and pictures, you can join **ChalkNation** - a free community building website. Join our group by creating an account at <https://www.chalknation.com/>. From your profile setting, enter Group Name: **SSPP School** and Access Code: **SSP5435**.

The **financial report** for the Parish and School were posted in the parish bulletin. If you would like a copy of this report, please contact the school office.

Scrip gift card orders must be turned in by 9:00 am tomorrow morning in order to receive the cards before Christmas!

In addition, olive oil orders must also be turned in by tomorrow in order to receive the gifts for Christmas. (Order forms are enclosed)

Our art department is selling beautiful **2017 calendars** that feature the artwork of our students. The calendars are 13" x 19" and are printed on sturdy tag board. They sell for \$1.00 each and can be purchased at the main office. All proceeds benefit our art program. Many thanks to Patrick Young and the Zenger Group for printing these calendars.

Our **Christmas vacation** begins next Thurs., Dec. 22nd. Students will return to school on Tues., Jan. 3rd. We will host our Christmas program on Thurs., Jan. 5th at 12:30 and 6:45 pm which is the Feast of St. John Neumann.

The students will participate in a **Christmas Road Show** presented by Cardinal O'Hara High School next Tuesday and a **Sing-Along** presented by our Kindergarten - 2nd graders on Wednesday to kick off the holiday season!

Mark your calendars - the **6th Annual Snowball Dance** will be held for students in grades 5-8 on Fri., Jan. 27th at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center. Tickets are \$29.00 each and will be sold at school on Jan. 5th. The dance is sponsored by the Home School Associations of participating schools and proceeds benefit the Bison Fund.

The opening reception for the **Winter in Buffalo Art Show** was held in the Arcangel Gallery at the Botanical Gardens last Sun., Dec. 11th in honor of our artists. Many thanks to the families that attended, those who donated to the reception, the musicians that played, and Mrs. McIntyre for setting the event up. The student art work remains on display until Jan. 15th. There is an admission fee for entrance to the Gardens.

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*Sincerely,
Mrs. Lester*