

# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

December 1, 2016

SSPP SCHOOL

Our **Christmas Expo** will be held this Sat., Dec. 3rd in the gym and will feature vendors, crafts, snacks, and a visit from Santa! Shopping hours and children's crafts and activities are 9:00-3:00, and Santa will visit from 1:30-3:00. Please come out to visit, or, if you'd rather volunteer to help, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/2fLrAgu>.

The Diocese of Buffalo's **XSTREAM Games and Expo** will be held this Sun., Dec. 4th from 12:00-3:30 pm at St. Joe's Collegiate Institute on Kenmore Avenue. Local Diocesan schools will be showcasing their STREAM Academy projects. Our school will be featuring our Science Scrimmage, "You're the Balm", and Cooking Chem Academy students and our PEAP and Lego University projects will be on display as well. It's an amazing display of work from our talented students!

Help our SS Peter and Paul students find the perfect gifts for their parents, relatives and friends at our annual **Santa's Secret Shopping Extravaganza!** Students will be able to shop for gift items priced at \$2 each. Shopping days are Mon. & Tues., Dec. 12th & 13th during the school day. A few more volunteers are needed to help with stocking, wrapping and cashing. If you can help, please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2gFMrgq>.

Our 1st trimester marking period ends tomorrow and **Report Cards** will be posted to the Parent Portal on Thurs., Dec. 8th for students in grades 3-8 and will be mailed this same day for students in grades K-2. Grades K-8 **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on Fri., Dec. 16th 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 if you would prefer.

Mrs. McIntyre has hung our 5th-8th grade student art work in the Arcangel Gallery at the Botanical Gardens for the **Winter in Buffalo Art Show** which will be on display from Nov. 25th - Jan. 15th. An opening reception will be held on Sun., Dec. 11th from 2:00-4:00 pm to honor these artists.

Don't forget about our **Scrip Contest** that is running from Dec. 1st-Dec. 31st! The family with the highest dollar sales in Scrip cards during this period will win a Scrip card plus a free Jean's Day for your child's class! Ask all your friends, family members and co-workers to order Scrip cards for their Christmas gift lists!

**\*\*NEW\*\*You can now pay for your Scrip orders using your credit card (Visa & Discover cards preferred)\*\*\*\*  
More details will be forthcoming.**

Next Thursday, Dec. 8th, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation**. The students will be attending Mass on this day rather than on Wednesday, Dec. 7th. We will follow a Thursday schedule on Wednesday (correction from the monthly calendar), and a Wednesday schedule on Thursday. You are welcome to join us this day and every regular Wednesday morning for our school Masses.

Our **Student Council is sponsoring a dance** for our 6th-8th graders next Fri., Dec. 9th from 7:00-9:30 pm. Admission is \$10.00 at the door and snacks will also be available for purchase. Teacher chaperones will be in attendance as well.

A great way to market our school without saying a word is by sticking an **SSPP car magnet** on the back of your car! We are asking for a \$5.00 donation to spread the word about SSPP. If you are interested, please send \$5.00 in an envelope marked "car magnet" with your child's name and homeroom to the school office.

Please see page 2 of this newsletter for the results of the **water testing for lead** levels that was conducted this month.

Please be sure to return your November Volunteer Hours form by Dec. 9th in order to be eligible for the drawing for a Scrip gift card!

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. Lester*

## **NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, and STAFF**

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### **Lead Testing of School Drinking Water**

*11/30/16*

Safe and healthy school environments can foster healthy and successful children. To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Health Department (NYSDOH) regulations require that all public schools and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 15 parts per billion (ppb), which is equal to 15 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), the NYSDOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead.

#### **What are the results of the first draw testing?**

On Nov. 10, 2016, UNYSE Environmental Consultants conducted testing of lead levels in water outlets in 41 locations throughout the entire school. Of the 41 outlets tested, only 3 were reported as slightly exceeding the action level.

#### **What is being done in response to the results?**

Outlets that tested with lead levels above the action level (15 ppb) were removed from service, unless an outlet is a sink faucet needed for hand washing. In that case, a sign was posted at the outlet indicating that the sink is not to be used for drinking. Outlets that tested below the action level remain in service with no restrictions. A plumbing service has been contacted to rectify those areas which require attention. Retesting will occur at a later date and we will keep you informed of the progress.