



Principal's Post

December 7, 2017

Dear Parents,

Important Dates

Dec. 8th

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception School Mass

Dec. 11th & 12th

Santa's Secret Shop

Dec. 15th

6th Gr Paralyturgy

Dec. 15th

*11:30 Dismissal K-8
Full Day for Pre K

Dec. 15th

K-8 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 12:30-2:30

Dec. 18th

K-8 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00

Dec. 18th

Student of the Month Pancake Breakfast

Dec. 21st

Christmas Sing Along 12:30

Dec. 22nd-Jan. 1st

Christmas Break

Ss. Peter and Paul School is very proud to announce that our Art Teacher, Mrs. Mary McIntyre, has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Sister Lucille Socciarelli/Father John Sturm Making a Difference Award. Founded in 2001 by celebrated journalist and Western New York native Timothy Russert, this award is given each year to one teacher in the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo whose "outstanding dedication is making a difference in Catholic education". Mrs. McIntyre will be presented with her award at Gala 22:6 on Feb. 1, 2018 at the Buffalo Convention Center. She is the 3rd teacher on staff at SSPP who will have earned this award, joining Mrs. Fran Hill and Ms. Denise Amato. Look for an article about our Mrs. McIntyre in the January issue of the Western New York Catholic newspaper as well highlighting her exceptional work!

Many of our STREAM Academy students attended the X-STREAM Games and Expo held at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute on Sun., Dec. 3rd. We had students competing in Robotics, Science Scrimmage and Kitchen Chem Cook-Off, and student displays for Lego U, "You're the Balm" and "Ignite the Power of Art". Representatives from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) came to tour the X-STREAM Games and then came to our school the next day to view all that we do with STREAM. They were quite impressed!

There will be a school Mass tomorrow, Fri., Dec. 8th in honor of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Report Cards are being mailed to parents today for students in grades K-2 and have been posted to the eSchool Parent Portal for students in grades 3-8. Parent Teacher Conferences for K-8 will be held on Fri., Dec. 15th from 12:30-2:30 pm and also on Mon., Dec. 18th from 4:00-7:00 pm. Please sign up for conferences with particular teachers on our school website at <http://sspps.school.com/parents/parentteacher-conference-sign-up/>.

Our HSA will be sponsoring the ever-popular Santa's Secret Shop on Mon., Dec. 11th and Tues., Dec. 12th. The students will have an opportunity to shop for gifts for family members and friends during the school day. Each gift is \$2.00. We are still in need of volunteers to help with this event as well. If you are able to assist, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/2k2ilwx>.

K-8 students will be dismissed at 11:30 on Fri., Dec. 15th in order to facilitate Parent/Teacher Conferences that will be held that afternoon. Pre K students, however, will have a regular, full day. The Pre K students will need to bring their lunches from home this day, as the cafeteria will not be serving lunch due to the early dismissal.



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Our HSA is hosting a Scrip Contest – the family with the highest dollar sales in Scrip cards from Nov. 20th to Dec. 31st will win a Scrip card PLUS a free jean's day for their child's class! This is a great way to purchase Christmas gifts for those people on your list that you're not sure what to buy for them! Remember, you can order online through the Scrip website, order and pay online through our school website, or fill out an order form and turn into the school office. Orders received on Monday will be available for pick up on Friday.

We also have several cards in stock for last minute gifts or purchases. Cards for Amazon, Bed Bath and Beyond, Best Buy, Barnes and Noble, Regal Cinemas, Target, Walmart, Panera, TJ Maxx, Tim Hortons and Tops can be purchased through the main office for on the spot delivery!

Another Christmas gift idea is purchasing Sabres vs. Predators tickets for the game on March 19th! I know they're not playing well right now, but attending this game with a group of families from SSPP along with family and friends will be a lot of fun, whether they win or not!!! Tickets are being sold for \$29.00 each and a portion of these sales will go toward our school! See the attached flier for more details.

At this same game, we will be doubling our fundraising efforts by participating in the 50/50 Raffle! We will need many volunteers to help sell tickets for this event – and you'll get to see the game as well! Let's try and make this a fun and successful event!

And yet, here's another gift idea. Zetouna Olive Oils gives back to our school 40% of your purchase! They have oils, vinegars, gift sets, tagenes, and entertaining dishes as well.

Be sure to snap pictures of all of your Christmas shopping receipts, too, in your Shoparoo app! When you Snap pictures of your receipts from any store that primarily sells food, health or beauty items, our school will earn Roo Points which are cash donations! Whether you're shopping at a supercenter, dollar store, or local convenience store - it doesn't matter where you shop or what items you buy - Shoparoo will make a cash donation for every receipt! Available at the App Store and Google Play Store.

If you haven't already done so, please sign up to receive text alerts from the school via Remind about various events and notifications. This is especially helpful with the winter weather approaching! Click here <https://www.remind.com/join/sspp14221> to register.

Speaking of weather, remember that if Williamsville Central Schools close or cancel activities, we will do the same. Many times our school is listed separately as well (be sure to look for the "Williamsville" designation rather than "Hamburg"!), but I generally wait for the cue from the District before I proceed with cancellations.

Congratulations to the Lukan family for winning the November Volunteer Scrip Gift Card! Stop by the office any time to select your card.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lester