

Principal's Post

February 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

We are so excited and proud to be celebrating Mary McIntyre at tonight's Catholic Education Dinner. She will be receiving the Sr. Lucille Socciarelli/Fr. John Sturm Making a Difference Award for her dedication to Catholic Education and her faith. Not everyone will be able to attend tonight's dinner, so we would like to continue to honor Mrs. McIntyre by **hosting a dinner for her here at SSPP on Sat., Feb. 10th.** A reception will begin at 5:30 (following 4:30 Mass) and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. This is an adult-only event. Please join us in celebrating our award-winning teacher who we are so proud of! Order forms can be found in your Family Folder or you can order and pay for tickets directly on our website.

I was hoping for a better turnout of parents to our HSA Parent Meeting/Open House last Thursday. There was so much to see! Student artwork and projects were on display and the HSA presented important information on upcoming events and activities planned for students and families.

Many thanks to all those parents and students who helped out and took part in last Sunday's Catholic Schools Week Mass, Reception, and Open House. We couldn't have done it without you!

Catholic Schools Week has been so exciting! From the SSPP Olympic Opening Ceremonies to baking bread and making placemats, to K9 visits, reptiles and exotics, tours of classroom doors, planetarium presentations, magic event, Minute to Win It, raffle tickets and the passing of the torch, we've had an exceptionally busy and fun-filled week!

Mother/Son Fun Day will be held at the Transit Bowling Lanes on Sat., Feb. 10th from 1:00-3:00 pm. This event is for all moms and sons from PreK 3- grade 8. (A "substitute mom" is welcome to attend as well!) The cost is \$15.00 per person. **Please send in your payment and order form by tomorrow.**

Our HSA is hosting another Box Tops Contest starting now! All Box Tops need to be turned in by Feb. 16th. The class that brings in the most will win an Ice Cream or Pizza Party and free jeans day! Our last contest earned the school nearly \$1,000, so let's try and beat that amount this time! Use the Ice Cream Collection sheet to attach your clipped box tops.

Re-registration forms along with your \$100 re-registration deposits are due tomorrow, Fri., February 2nd. Once again, the 1st class to return 100% of their re-registration forms will earn a free jeans day! *Even if you do not plan on returning to SSPP next year, we will need your form returned stating this.*

As a reminder, transportation requests for bussing for students that do not reside in the Williamsville district must be made to the district in which you reside by April 1st in order to be assured that your service will not be interrupted for the 2018-19 school year. Forms can be found on our school website under the "Joining" tab.

SSPP is participating in the 32nd Annual Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale. Please use the order form and return to school by Mon., Feb. 12th. Flowers will be delivered to the school on Mon., March 5th. Mixed Bouquets are \$8.00 each and Tribute Bouquets are \$30.00.

The 7th Annual Snowball Dance will be held for students in grades 5-8 tomorrow, Fri., Feb. 2nd at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center. The 5th and 6th grade dance will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm and the 7th and 8th grade dance from 9:00-11:00 pm. Tickets are \$35.00 each and include admission, pizza, cookies and a local DJ. Over 90% of the funds raised through ticket sales will go directly to assist Diocese of Buffalo families with tuition costs. Tickets can be purchased online only at www.FRCDB.com/SNOWBALL.

At the other end of the seasons, SSPP Summer Program information has been updated for 2018 on our school website under the “Doing” tab. We have 2 different programs available again this summer; a PreK/Kindergarten Enrichment Program and a Camp for 6-10 year olds. Summer Camp information for 6-10 year olds is enclosed and the PreK/Kindergarten program has been distributed to each of the classes. Information and registration can also be found on our school website.

Michelle Unger will once again be hosting her Mind Your Manners class beginning March 5th from 2:00-3:00 pm in Room 104. This class is open to all grade levels and students will learn about first impressions, handshakes and introductions, how to write a Thank You note, public speaking, setting a table, table manners and much more! Registration and information can be found in your Family Folder.

Our one required family fundraiser, Sweepstakes tickets, is beginning. Fifteen tickets are required to be sold by each family (\$150.00 total). Pre K families are asked to sell 8 tickets if possible. This fundraiser, as well as our 5K Race, is the major means of earning money for our school. The \$10,000 in prize money will be awarded at the Charge of the Knights 5K race on May 20th. Tickets are due back to the school office by **May 4th**. The amount of any unsold tickets/family will be added to your tuition account (K-8) after this date. (Please see page 48 of the Parent/Student Handbook). In addition, if your family sells more than the required 15 tickets, each additional ticket will earn a chance to win a tuition credit for the 2018-19 school year, so it behooves you to sell more than 15!

Another way to help our school is through basket raffle donations and/or 5K sponsorships. Our “Family Donation Form” outlines our needs. Please help if you can, or if you know someone else outside of our school families that might want to sponsor, please let them know!

We’re also in need of volunteers for ticket sellers for the Sabres Foundation 50/50 Raffle at the March 19th Sabres Game. If you are interested, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aa8a92ca1fc1-sabres> . All participants (must be 18 and older) get free admission to the game. The more tickets we sell, the more money our school earns!

The Charge of the Knights Race Committee is also looking for volunteers. Jennifer Jakubowski (jenale04@gmail.com) and Carrie Kovach (kovach03@gmail.com) are looking for volunteers to help with the food tent, sponsorship, the beer tent, race coordination, entertainment, sweepstakes, basket raffles, and volunteer coordinators. If you would like to be a part of this exciting event, please email one of these ladies!

Ms. Stachewicz is still in the hospital and is participating in intensive physical therapy. She appreciates your well wishes and prayers!

Have a good weekend!

Mrs. Lester