



Principal's Post

January 11, 2018

Important Dates

Jan. 11th 7:00

Sports Booster Meeting

Jan. 12th 6:30-8:00pm

Micro-Mini Dance PreK-Gr. 2

Jan. 15th

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 17th 6:30pm

HSA Committee Meeting

Jan. 23rd

Student of the Month Pancake Breakfast

Jan. 24th

Progress Reports Posted Gr. 3-8

Jan. 24th

Algebra Midterm

Jan. 25th 6:30 pm

HSA Parent Meeting & Open House for Current

Dear Parents,

Our Christmas Program was held yesterday afternoon and it was lovely!

What a nice way to make the Christmas season last just a little bit longer. Many thanks to Mrs. Erdman, Mrs. Russ, Mrs. Kaye and Mrs. Yetto for all of their hard work in putting the show together and to our performers: the Kindergarteners, the 3rd – 5th grade chorus members and the band!

Our Student Council is hosting a Micro-Minis Dance tomorrow, Friday,

Jan. 12th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Current 8th grader, Joe Abt, will bring in his sound system and lighting and provide the dance tunes **for students in grades PreK- 2nd grade.** The cost for admission is \$5.00 - please send your payment in an envelope marked "Dance" with the child's name and grade. Refreshments will be available for purchase as well. Along with Student Council members, the dance will be chaperoned by Mrs. Hill and 3 additional SSPP teachers. **Parents, this is an inexpensive way for you to spend some time with your significant other!! If you'd feel more comfortable hanging around to make sure your kiddos are "ok", you are welcome to hang out as well.**

There is a very important HSA Parent Meeting scheduled for Thurs., Jan. 25th at 6:30 pm in the school gym.

During the meeting, the HSA Committee members will update you on our fundraising achievements so far, how we compare to last year, recap 2017 events, and provide information on the events and happenings for the 2nd half of this school year. We will share student projects, display STREAM activities, roll out our Catholic Schools Week plans (Jan. 28th - Feb. 2nd), and open the school to you in order to view our classrooms, student artwork and bulletin board displays. We only touch base as a whole school twice per year, so we ask that you make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

We will be having an Open House for new prospective families on Sunday, Jan. 28th from 1:00 – 3:00 following our Catholic Schools Week Mass at 11:30.

Please mention this to any friends or family members who may be looking for a new school to call "home". Word of mouth is the very best advertising.

We will be sending out our 2018-19 re-registration forms next week. Please make every effort to return your forms by the date provided. Many early decisions regarding next year are made based on those returns.



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The BISON Fund is a privately funded tuition assistance program for economically eligible families with children entering grades K-8. **The Fund is now accepting Pre-Applications for funding for families who would like to apply for the 2018-19 school year who are new to BISON. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28, 2018. The highest scholarship amount has been raised once again this year and is now capped at \$2,100/child.** In addition, a new 15% funding bracket has been initiated which will allow some families that previously did not qualify for funding to qualify for a 15% scholarship. This will also help families that exceed the 25% bracket. The income guidelines have been increased significantly this year as well so that more families will be eligible to apply. **The Income Eligibility Scale based on 2017 total annual income can be found on the BISON website or our school website at <http://sspps.school.com/joining/financial-aid/>. Apply online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. Applications will be entered into a lottery drawing in early March. Current BISON families will be emailed a link for requalification on Feb. 15th.**

A scholarship opportunity is available for a student attending a Catholic elementary school in grades 6-7 in the amount of \$850.00 and another for \$1,500.00 for a student in grades 8-11 attending (or who will be attending) a Catholic high school for the 2018-19 school year through the St. Thomas More Guild. St. Thomas More was a lawyer who lived during the reign of Henry VIII of England and rose to the position of Chancellor. He lived by the principles of honesty, integrity, dedication to his profession, his family, and above all, his Catholic faith. He was martyred for refusing to turn his back on his faith. The St. Thomas More Guild is an organization of Catholic lawyers that try to emulate those principles as well. Student applicants must submit an essay with the scholarship application in which the student identifies someone they consider to be a modern St. Thomas More and explain why that person was chosen and what makes that person a modern St. Thomas More. More details as well as the scholarship application can be found on our school website at <http://sspps.school.com/joining/st-thomas-more-guild-scholarship/>.

The 7th Annual Snowball Dance will be held for students in grades 5-8 on 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. The Snowball Dance was created as an extension of the Diocesan Gala 22:6 dinner to encourage Catholic students to share in the mission and make a difference themselves in the lives of those families seeking Catholic education. The festive evening provides a chance for students to celebrate Catholic schools in an atmosphere of joy and clear purpose. 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. If you have any questions about the Snowball Dance, or if you need to pay for your ticket(s) by check, please contact Audra DiStefano at adistefano@buffalodiocese.org. Invitations were given to each 5th-8th grader in homeroom.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,



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Mrs. Lester