

# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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SSPP SCHOOL

**We have a great deal of information to give to you this week, so please take the time to read the information in this letter and within your Family Folder.**

Our **2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade** classes have earned a free **jeans day** tomorrow for being the top sellers of Scrip cards during our December contest.

Our Student Council will be hosting a **Movie Night** for all students tomorrow night, Jan. 13th from 6:30-8:30 pm. Students should wear their comfy clothes or jammies, and bring your pillows, blankets and a favorite stuffed animal! Parents, you get to enjoy a 2 hour break! Admission is \$5.00/student. See the flier for more information.

On Sun., Jan. 29th, our school will be hosting an **Open House** for prospective students from 1:00-3:00, following the Catholic Schools Week Mass. Enclosed in your Family Folder, you will find 5 business cards which can be distributed to friends and family members to promote this event. Word of mouth has always been our best marketing tool, and we are asking for your help by sharing your experiences at SSPP with others. If you add your family name to the back of the card and your referral attends our Open House and brings the card with them, we will provide you with one ticket for a chance to win the tuition credit for our Sweepstakes event.

Our one required family fundraiser, **Sweepstakes tickets**, is beginning. Enclosed in your Family Folder, you will find the 10 tickets that your family is responsible for purchasing or selling (Grades K-8). Pre K families are asked to sell 5 tickets if possible. This fundraiser, in conjunction with our 5K Race, are 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 5th. The amount of any unsold tickets/family will be added to your tuition account after this date. (Please see page 47 of the Parent/Student Handbook). In addition, if your family sells more than the required 10 tickets, each additional ticket will earn a chance to win a tuition credit for the 2017-18 school year, so it behooves you to sell more than 10!

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*** Due to a planned power outage in our area scheduled for next Thurs., Jan. 19th, we will need to cancel classes for all students. Although the work is scheduled to be completed in the morning hours, we cannot be assured as to the time when power will be restored. This not only affects the lighting system in the school, but also the heat, phone system, and doors as well. For the safety of the students, we felt this was the right decision. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about the next school year already! **Re-registration** is in process. Enclosed in your Family Folder, you will find your re-registration paperwork. These forms need to be completed and returned along with your \$100 re-registration deposit by **Fri., February 3rd**. *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.* **PLEASE help us by returning your forms by this date!**

There is a very important **HSA Parent Meeting** scheduled for Thurs., Jan. 26th 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 2016 events and provide information on the events and happenings for the 2nd half of this school year. We will also have updates from our teachers regarding school programs, they will share projects, display STREAM activities, roll out our Catholic Schools Week plans (Jan. 29th - Feb. 3rd), and open the school to you in order to view our 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.

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 proceeds benefit the BISON Fund.

Please join us for our **Barnes & Noble Book Fair** this weekend on Sat. & Sun., Jan. 14th & 15th from 12:00-3:00 at the Transit Road location. We will host in-store events such as Scavenger Hunt (earn a free Jeans day!), Student Musicians, Teacher Readers, and Student Artwork on display. A percentage of the sales made from Jan. 7-15 using ID #12064390 both in store and online will go to SSPP School. See the flier for more details - vouchers and/or ID numbers are needed in order for us to receive the credit.

### Schedule of Events

#### Sat., Jan. 14th

12:00-1:00 - SSPP Musicians  
1:15 ~ Celebrity Reader Ms. Stachewicz  
1:30 ~ Celebrity Reader Mrs. Brierley  
1:45 ~ Celebrity Reader Mrs. McIntyre  
2:00 ~ Celebrity Reader Miss Amato  
  
2:30 ~ Celebrity Reader Mrs. Godzich

#### Sun., Jan. 15th

12:00-1:00 - SSPP Musicians  
1:15 ~ Celebrity Reader Mrs. Dernbach  
1:30 ~ Celebrity Reader Mrs. Nigro  
1:45 ~ Celebrity Reader Mrs. Walters  
2:00 ~ Celebrity Reader Ms. Dopp  
2:15 ~ Celebrity Reader Mrs. Hill  
2:30 ~ Celebrity Reader Mrs. Kaye  
2:45 ~ Celebrity Reader Mrs. Griffasi

The following students will have **art work on display** in the Café:

Leo Skuce, Jordyn Bickel, Teagan Olsen, Benjamin Cerny, Kaelyn Andrzejewski, Olivia Miranda, Abby Macias, Owen Vorburger, Lily Zdon, Joseph Luisi, Bridget Georger, Lily Sivick, Jude Voelkl, Brooklyn Shufan, Morgan McCormick, Kayla Macias, Jalen Burgin, Adrianna Zogaria, Macey Kovach, Lynn Ntanios, Ronnie O'Hara, Alex Nakhla, Carly Allen, Ella Whitney, Makena St. George, Ashley Anderson, Savannah El Saddique, Jacob Ackerman, Matt Pepper, Liam McCarty, Victoria Nalbach, Amelia Marchese, Olivia Zon, Phillip Attea, Liana Weiss, Sophia Young, Aidan Ross, Ceci Brooks, Riley O'Malley and Heidi Weinheimer

Violinists will also be performing, as well as SSPP grads Samantha Klaybor and Grace Young, who will take to the stage to sing songs from *Pocahontas*.

Many thanks to Mrs. McIntyre for mounting and labeling all of the art work, Mrs. Erdman for coordinating the music, all the teachers for their support, and to Mrs. Young for helping to organize this event!

The **BISON Fund is accepting Pre-Applications** for funding for the 2017-18 school year for families **new** to BISON. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28, 2017. The highest scholarship amount has been raised to \$1,900/child. Apply online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. Applications will be entered into a lottery drawing in early March. Funding is based on household income. **Current BISON families will be emailed a link for requalification on Feb. 13th.**

Be sure to check out our **blog (The Parent and the Classroom)** on the school website at <http://sspps.school.com/best-books-of-2016-top-6-for-teens/>. Mrs. Anain has provided a list of the *Top 6 Books for Teens for 2016*. Next up will be *Top Picks for Kids 10 and Up*.

Another way to promote our school is by proudly displaying an **SSPP car magnet** on your vehicle! They are available in the school office for a \$5.00 donation.

Our **December Volunteer Scrip gift card** winner was the McGraw family! Congratulations to them! Start completing your January forms in order to be eligible to win this month.

Many thanks to all who participated in our **Christmas program** last week. It was a beautiful night with our singers, musicians and Kindergartners performing. Many thanks to Mrs. Erdman for spearheading the evening and to SSPP grad Michael Sobol, Mrs. Russ, Mrs. Speller, Mrs. Kaye, Mrs. Yetto, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Zuccaro and Mrs. Griffasi for all of their assistance as well.

Our next major HSA event will be our ever-popular **Theme Tray Auction**. This family-friendly affair has always been well attended and a great deal of fun! Each family is asked to donate a theme basket to be raffled off during the event. Within a few weeks, I am buried under them as they are stored in my office. I don't mind, because I get 1st views of all the wonderful baskets! Please see the enclosed flier for more information about this event and about the basket donations.

We will be **collecting toilet paper, paper towel, and wrapping paper rolls** (I know, we should've asked before the holidays for the wrapping paper ones!) for an upcoming engineering project, so if you would like to donate any, please turn them in to your child's classroom teacher.