



# Principal's Post

January 18, 2018

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## Important Dates

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
*Student of the Month  
Pancake Breakfast*

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Progress Reports  
Posted Gr. 3-8*

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Algebra Midterm*

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm  
*HSA Parent Meeting  
& Open House for  
Current Families*

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 7:45 am  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Paraliturgy*

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>  
*Jeans Day - \$1.00*

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am  
*Catholic Schools  
Week Mass/  
Reception in  
Cafeteria to follow*

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00  
*Open House*

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
*Catholic Schools  
Week*

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Dear Parents,

**The Student Council has rescheduled their Micro-Minis Dance to Fri., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm.** Eighth grader, Joe Abt, will be bringing in his sound system and lighting and providing the dance tunes **for students in grades PreK- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.** The cost for admission is \$5.00 - please send your payment in an envelope marked "Dance" with the child's name and grade. **Those parents who had previously paid for the dance which was to have been held on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> will be credited for the rescheduled date. If you will not be able to attend on this date and have already paid, please notify Mrs. Hill at [fhill@sspps.school.com](mailto:fhill@sspps.school.com) and she will provide you with a refund.**

**There is a very important HSA Parent Meeting scheduled for next Thurs., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 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. 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 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.** PLEASE help us by returning your forms by this date!

**As a reminder, transportation requests for bussing 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.



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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://ssppschoo.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.** The St. Thomas More Guild is an organization of Catholic lawyers that try to emulate the principles of honesty, integrity, dedication to one's profession, family, and above all, their Catholic faith. 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://ssppschoo.com/joining/st-thomas-more-guild-scholarship/>.

**In honor of our Mrs. McIntyre receiving the Sr. Lucille Socciarelli/Fr. John Sturm Making a Difference Award, we will be hosting a dinner for her on Sat., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.** 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! (Mrs. McIntyre is one of three award recipients at Ss. Peter and Paul School. She now joins the ranks of the esteemed Ms. Amato, who won her award in 2010 and Mrs. Hill, who was the 2002 recipient.)

**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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.FRCDB.com/SNOWBALL).

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Lester*