



Principal's Post

January 25, 2018

Dear Parents,

The Student Council Micro-Minis Dance is tomorrow, Fri., Jan. 26th from 6:30-8:00 pm 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. **Those parents who had previously paid for the dance which was to have been held on Jan. 12th 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@ssppschoo.com and she will provide you with a refund.**

We have a very important HSA Parent Meeting/Open House scheduled for tonight at 6:30 pm in the school gym. There will be a brief HSA meeting followed by a time for parents to see student projects, artwork, bulletin boards and STREAM activities and tour classrooms. Mrs. Zogaria will also be available to sign students up for Spring Sports (Girls Softball (gr. 5-8), Boys Volleyball (gr. 5-8) and Soccer (gr.1-8)). Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

Progress Reports were uploaded to the Parent Portal for students in grades 3-8. Please check your parent account to see if one has been generated for your child.

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.

Our Catholic Schools Week schedule is enclosed in your Family Folder. SSPP will be celebrating the Olympics again this year! When you visit tonight you will be able to get a preview of the classroom doors that are being decorated for the week. This is always a fun time for the students and teachers. Make note of each day's special dress for the day!

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 (found on our school website) by next Fri., Feb. 2nd.

Re-registration is currently in process. Please complete and return your forms (which were sent home last week) 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.**

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 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 the Family Folder section of our website or you can order and pay for tickets directly on our website.

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. 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. Please see the website for more information about each program as well as registration forms.

Parents, I ask once again to please enter the building with your child if you are bringing them to school for an after school activity to be sure that the adult in charge of the activity is on site. A child was left unattended in the gym prior to the coach's arrival. Fortunately, our maintenance staff was here, but that is not always the case.

Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart is hosting upcoming workshops and clinics for girls in grades 4-7. F.D.B.D. (Father/Daughter Bonding Day) is a workshop for dads and daughters which will be held on Sun., Feb. 11th from 1:00-4:00pm for a cost of \$20.00/family. The Practice Entrance Exam for 7th grade girls will be held on Sat., Mar. 3rd from 9:00-12:00 noon. The cost is \$20.00. They



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also offer FREE Sports Clinics for beginning players for Softball, Field Hockey, Volleyball and Lacrosse. Visit sacredheartacademy.org for more information and to register.

There are many ways you can help our school during this last half of the school year. **Our one required family fundraiser, Sweepstakes tickets, is beginning.** Enclosed in your Family Folder, Grades K-8 families will find 16 tickets for purchase or sale. 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.

Enclosed in your Family Folder is a "Family Donation Form" which 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!

Dr. Gregory Fabiano from the University of Buffalo is offering a free program to 50 students in grades K-4 (this year) for children who have trouble with ADHD behaviors in school. The program will run for three years to find out the best way to help the children. If a child qualifies, they will have a coach who will work with the teacher across the school year and meet with families and teachers to provide behavioral therapy based on the child's response to treatment. To learn more or to apply, call (716) 829-2024.

Our Ms. Stachewicz has been hospitalized this week, but is doing well. She sends her love and hopes to return soon. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lester