

Principal's Post

March 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

I'm not sure how else to ask, plead and beg of you to PLEASE RETURN YOUR RE-REGISTRATION FORMS IF YOU HAVE NOT YET. There are nearly 50 families who have not yet responded and we are now way behind with paperwork that needs to be completed for next year based on our enrollment numbers for 2018-19. We are not able to complete any paperwork until all forms are in. *Even if you do not plan on returning to SSPP next year, we will need your form returned stating this.* PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORMS! PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!

I also want to remind K-8 families to please sell or purchase your required 15 Sweepstakes tickets. Pre K families are asked to sell 8 tickets if possible. 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! A form is enclosed.

We're also in DESPERATE 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://bit.ly/2EZ3T1E>. All participants (must be 18 and older) get free admission to the game. The more tickets we sell, the more money our school earns! **We have to have approximately 30-40 sellers, and as of today, only 9 have signed up.**

The Talent Show is coming back to SSPP this year under the direction of Mrs. McIntyre! Students in grades 4-8 who would like to showcase their talents are invited to try-outs which will be held on Thurs., March 8th from 2:00-4:30 pm. Please find more information on the enclosed flier.

Our students and Mrs. Erdman have been hard at work putting together this year's school production *Pirates! The Musical!* Join our salty crew of colorful scallywags when Bluebeard, Yellowbeard, Whitebeard, Purplebeard – well, you get the picture – along with the No Beards hoist the Jolly Roger and set sail for a mighty adventure! "We're off to sail the rollicking sea, pirates all are we!" But...ARRRR, and shiver me timbers! There's a stowaway on board! Perhaps the King of the High "Cs" will know what to do...Show times are 12:30 and 7:00 pm on Tues., March 13th. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

This year's Comedy Night scheduled for April 14th is shaping up to be an even better event than last year's, and last year's was GREAT! For \$35.00 per person (or \$250.00 for a reserved table of 8), you will get a buffet dinner from Chef's, performances from 2 hilarious stand-up comedians (Dan Viola and Moody McCarthy), beer, wine, soda and a basket raffle. See the enclosed flier for more details.

Speaking of basket raffles, in lieu of the Theme Tray Auction this year where each family was asked to donate a basket to be raffled off, we are instead asking each grade to donate the components for baskets to be raffled off at Comedy Night and the 5K Race. Donated items are asked to be turned in to homerooms by March 27th. Please see the enclosed flier for more information.

Spring STREAM Academy signups will be held during the week of March 19th. The finishing touches are being put on this section's Academies, but look for favorites such as Arcade Academy, Bee Bots and Badminton, plus several others; some are brand new. The Academies will be open to students in grades K-8. Look for more detailed information coming soon.

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish's St. Ann's Sodality will be holding its annual event on Sun., April 15th. This year's event entitled "*Tiptoe Through the Flowers*" will feature a delicious luncheon and giant basket raffle at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. There will be no fashion show portion for the event. Presale tickets are \$35.00 each for adults and \$15.00 for children 12 & under. An order form is enclosed. **The St. Ann's Sodality has always been generous to SSPP School; each year they make a monetary donation from the proceeds of their annual event to the school which is used directly for student benefit.**

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus will be holding an Open House for students in grades 7-12 on April 21st from 9am to Noon. Students (accompanied by an adult) will tour the Medical Campus facilities and hear from experts at Buffalo Manufacturing Works, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, the Jacobs Institute, Oishei Children's Hospital, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, UB Jacobs School of Medicine; Biomedical Sciences and Unyts and then will have the opportunity to test drive the Robotic Surgery Simulator (RoSS®), see an active research laboratory, try on a pair of Cinemavision goggles, see where more than 50 simulation scenarios take place, watch a pre-recorded surgery, learn about crystals and how they are formed and used to study diseases, see robotic demonstrations and 3D printers in action, try their skills at bio-art, and even take a turn as a virtual welder. **This event is FREE but space is limited and registration is required. RSVP by April 11 at www.bnmc.org/April21.**

There is a national effort to encourage students to leave school at 10:00 am on March 14 to join a protest against gun violence in the wake of the most recent school shooting in Florida. We will not be participating in this event as a school. If you do wish for your child to participate, you should keep your child home that day. (This would constitute an illegal absence.) If you wish to sign out your child from school for the event, you certainly may do so, but only the parent/guardian may pick up the student. Any tests administered, or lessons taught this day would be the responsibility of the student, and not the teacher. **We will pray this day as a school for peace in our country and in our schools.**

Many of you have been asking about and praying for our Ms. Stachewicz. She has allowed me to share with you and the children that she has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). She is undergoing therapy presently and is attending visits with her doctors. Her spirits are up, she feels good, and she thanks you all for your good wishes and prayers. Her recovery will take some time, so we are taking things day by day! Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,