

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

November 3, 2016

SSPP SCHOOL

Our **2nd Annual Meat Knight** will be held **NEXT FRIDAY**, Nov. 11th. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the first spin will be at 7:00 pm.

Many volunteers are needed to help make this event a success...if you can help for a time during this evening, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/2eLxO1a>. We are in need of ticket sellers, runners, and people to man tables. Please help with this super fun event if you can!

The **Halloween Party** was a blast! There were so many families there and the best, most creative costumes - it was very difficult for the witches to determine the winners. Many, many, many thanks to Cathy Kujawa and Laurie Boshart for spearheading this event and to all of those that helped with set up, clean up, crafts, spooking, food, etc., etc. Cathy and Laurie have already signed up to chair this event again next year!

For the second time, Mrs. McIntyre has arranged for our student artwork to be exhibited in **The Arcangel Gallery at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens**. The exhibition will run from Nov. 25th - Jan. 15th. During this time, the gardens will be set up for winter and will have their poinsettia show on display. Our 5th-8th grade students have been working on pieces in art class under the theme **"Winter in Buffalo"**. Thirty of these pieces were chosen to be displayed at the exhibition. The students whose works were chosen are: from Grade 5 - Makena St. George, Oaklie Zdrojewski, Isabella Prospero, and Quinn Flaherty. From Grade 6 - Abby Brooks, Kennedy Kovach, Victoria Nalbach, Ashley Dooley, and Ryleigh Montasser. From Grade 7 - Isabella Allen, Jaiden McKee, Henry Weimer, Liana Weiss, Courtney Beals, Sophia Young, Olivia Zon, and Brianna Bernas. Finally, from our 8th Grade - Colin McCarty, Emily Pantera, Noor Ntanios, Heidi Weinheimer, Hannah Schultz, Ben Michlinski, Sarah Schaefer, CeCi Brooks, Kiersten Mojica, Lauren Devin, Kristina Benz, Mary Jager, and Matthew Snodgrass. A reception in honor of the artists will be held on Sun., Dec. 11th from 2 until 4 p.m. There is an admission fee for entrance to the gardens. We hope that you will be able to attend this wonderful event.

The momentum is starting to build with our **Scrip program**. Please try to remember to place an order each Monday morning for all of the buying you will do for the following week by pre-purchasing Scrip gift cards. You will receive your gift cards by Friday. SSPP School benefits *greatly* from this program, so please participate weekly! An order form is enclosed.

The **winner of the October volunteer** will be chosen tomorrow. Many thanks to those who submitted their volunteer hours - we have seen a great increase in the number of families that are pitching in to help with our events. This is what makes them so successful! Start tracking your **November Volunteer Hours** using the form that was sent home last week!

Surprising news to relate - the Buffalo News is no longer sponsoring the **Scripps National Spelling Bee**. This means that there is no organization that will host the local Bee and fund the sending of the winner to Washington, DC. For this reason, we have decided not to hold the Spelling Bee competition in January this year. Hopefully, an organization will come forward next year to sponsor this event once again.

We held our first **School Safety Shelter in Place Drill** this week with the assistance of officers from the Amherst Police Department. It went really well; we were so proud of the students who did as they were instructed and followed directions to a "T"! Public and private schools are now mandated to hold both fire and lock-down drills each year now.

The **Halloween Photos Booth photos** from Saturday's party have been downloaded to Shutterfly. Here is the link where you can access the photos: <https://pix.sfly.com/saWkVe> From the Shutterfly site, you can easily download them to your account and print and/or purchase. Thank you Miro for taking these beautiful shots!

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Our annual **Poinsettia Sale** is underway; order forms are enclosed in your Family Folder. The proceeds from this sale provide a nice little Christmas bonus for our teachers!

Our Christmas Craft Fair is undergoing a change this year. We are calling it a “**Christmas Expo**” and it will feature vendors, crafts, snacks, and a visit from Santa! This will be held on Sat., Dec. 3rd from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. If you would like information on being a vendor for this event, please visit our website under the *Parents-Home School Association* tab.

Regarding the **testing of drinking water for lead**, our new Parish Business Manager, Judy Monaco, has made arrangements for our school to be tested next Thurs., Nov. 10th. We will keep you posted about the results of this testing.

Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade girls Varsity Volleyball teams for making it to the Diocesan playoffs! Last night, both teams played in the prequarterfinals and our 8th grade team moved on to the quarterfinals. The 8th graders will be playing again tonight in the semifinals at 6:30 pm against St. Amelia’s at the Buffalo Niagara Court Center in West Seneca. Many thanks to coaches Tracy Allen, Patrick Young and Anna Benz. Good luck tonight, girls!

Our **Fall Scholastic Book Fair** will be held Mon., Nov. 14th - Thurs., Nov. 17th during school hours.

Volunteers will be needed to help set up initially, open up in the mornings, close down in the afternoons, cash out, and pack up at the end of the fair. If you can help with this event, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/2euZlpf>. This is a great event for grandparents to volunteer for! We welcome all assistance. **PLEASE NOTE:** Virtus training is NOT necessary in order to volunteer for this event.

Please note the following **changes/additions to your Family Directory**: The phone number for the Weiss family is 725-1174 rather than 725-7100. The email address for the Beck family is debeck701@gmail.com, for the Colacicco family is skhaag81@gmail.com and for the Stallone/Maurer family is romaurer@aol.com. In addition, for the Frysz family, please change the 310-8397 number to 424-6573 and use the email mvfrysz@gmail.com as the primary email.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.
~Colossians 3:15

Have a lovely weekend!!

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Lester*