

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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SSPP SCHOOL

Our **Meat Knight** Raffle was a blast and a huge success! Many thanks to Helen and John Brodnick and John and Katie Piscitello for their efforts in spearheading this event and to the many, many volunteers who stepped up to make this event successful. Thanks also to all who attended and brought friends and family along. Nearly \$8,000 was raised! It was also determined that the money raised from the 50/50 Split would go directly to our STREAM program for which we are grateful.

Congratulations to Michelle Georger, the winner of our **October volunteer** Scrip gift card! So far, for the month of September, we have tracked 128 volunteer hours and for October, 288 hours! Thank you!!! Keep tracking your **November Volunteer Hours** so that you have a chance to win a Scrip gift card this month!

Our **Christmas Expo** will be held on Sat., Dec. 3rd from 9:00-3:00 in the gym and will feature vendors, crafts, snacks, and a visit from Santa! If you would like information on being a vendor for this event, please visit our website under the *Parents-Home School Association* tab. See the enclosed flier for more information.

Shoparoo is a super easy app to use to earn money for our school. Simply shop for any product at any store, snap a picture of your receipt, and Shoparoo will donate money to our school. We just received a check in the amount of \$874.48 and we only have a small number of families participating! Imagine what we could earn if everyone started "snapping" their receipts! The app is available at the App Store or Google Play.

Orders and payment for our **Poinsettia Sale** are due by next Wed., Nov. 23rd, with pick up on Wed., Dec. 7th. The proceeds from this sale provide a nice little Christmas bonus for our teachers, so we thank you for your participation!

Our student art show, **Winter in Buffalo** will be on display in the Arcangel Gallery at the Botanical Gardens from Nov. 25th - Jan. 15th. An opening reception will be held on Sun., Dec. 11th from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Looking to keep a little volleyball in your life? 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to **open gym time for volleyball**. It will be a two hour window, so come as you wish. First hour will be true open time to work on specific techniques, with Coach Young and Coach Allen mixing in some drills. The second hour will be a scrimmage for all those that come. At this point, no RSVP is required. The sessions will be held from 4-6pm on Sun., Dec. 11th, Sun., Jan. 1st, Sun., Jan. 22nd, Sun., Feb. 12th, Sun., Mar. 5th and Sun., Mar. 26th. Mark your calendars!

On Sat., Dec. 3rd, the Special Olympics of New York will be hosting their 10th annual **Polar Plunge** to benefit local Special Olympic athletes at Woodlawn Beach. They are encouraging family members and students to join in on this event. Any students that are involved will be able to earn community service hours through the organization. For more information, please see the flier on our school website, Facebook and Twitter pages.

Even though the **weather** has been mild so far this fall, we know snow is on its way! If school will be **closed** due to weather, we will notify the local TV stations and will be listed as "Ss. Peter and Paul School, Williamsville". If the Williamsville School District is closed, our school will be as well. Also, please be aware of the days that your local school district may be closed and ours is open - they will not be providing transportation on some of these days.

Our 8th grade class is collecting food and paper products for the **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** at our parish for the holiday season. If you are able to help, please see the enclosed flier for the needed item to bring in for your child's grade level. Collection boxes are found in each homeroom. Thank you for your support.

I spent 3 days in Albany earlier this week for a Religious and Independent Schools Administrators Conference and really benefited from the workshops and speakers. I was grateful to have been able to attend, for it gave me a renewed sense of excitement for this school year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lester

PLEASE NOTE: I'VE ADDED AN EXTRA DAY TO OUR CHRISTMAS BREAK - THURS., DEC. 22ND.