



Principal's Post

November 29, 2018

Important Dates

Nov. 30th
*6th Grade
Paraliturgy 7:45 am
Jeans Day
HSA Movie Night
6:00-8:30 pm*

Dec. 2nd
*X-STREAM Games &
Expo @ St. Joe's
Collegiate Inst.
12-3:30*

Dec. 5th
Poinsettia Pick Up

Dec. 5th
*HSA Board Meeting
6:30 pm*

Dec. 7th
Report Cards K-8

Dec. 10th & 11th
Santa's Secret Shop

Dec. 12th
*K & PK4 Christmas
Program 6:00pm*

Dec. 13th
*PK4 Christmas
Program 6:00pm*

Dec. 14th
*3rd Grade
Paraliturgy 7:45am*

Dec. 14th
*11:30 Dismissal K-8
12:00 Dismissal PK
Parent/Teacher
Conf. K-8 12:30-2:30
PK Prof Dev Day*

Dear Parents,

Enclosed in your Family Folder is a summary of the 3-year Strategic Plan for our school, "Building a Foundation for Life". This plan was developed through the efforts of our School Board and identifies the Goals that we are striving to achieve within the next three years, as well as the Objectives which indicate the methods we will use in order to reach these goals. Please take a few moments to read through this document. If you have questions, concerns or comments about this plan, please contact the School Board at SSPPSchoolBoard@gmail.com or join us for one of our "Coffee Chats" on Wed., Dec. 5th at 2:00 and 2:45 pm in the gym or Fri., Dec. 7th at 7:30 and 8:30 am in the cafeteria where Board members will be available to introduce, further explain and answer any questions you might have. Light refreshments will be served.

Our Forensics/CSI STREAM Academy students will be participating in the X-STREAM Games & Expo at St. Joe's Collegiate Institute this Sunday under the guidance of Mrs. Thomas. The performance is being run by our Mrs. Lindner with the assistance of Mrs. Griffasi. The X-STREAM Games feature Robotics competitions, Kitchen Chemistry Bake Offs, Shark Tank Innovators, and other Academy demonstrations. The Expo runs from 12:00-3:30 pm and the entrance fee is one canned food item to support the SJCI Food Basket Drive. Our students will be taking part in their Forensics/CSI Presentation at 1:00 in the Commons area.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the Sabres game on Nov. 21st. Our group sold \$37,000 worth of tickets and earned an easy \$2,000 for our school!!

Our Poinsettia Sale has been extended to tomorrow. Proceeds from this sale go directly to benefit our teachers for their Christmas bonuses from our HSA! Orders and payment can directly online at www.sspppoinsettia.deco-education.com. **The plants will be available for pick up from the gym on Dec. 5th.**

Our HSA is sponsoring a movie night for students in grades PK 3 - 5 tomorrow night from 6:00-8:30 pm. The movie "Elf" will be shown and pizza, snacks and drinks will be included in the \$10.00/child fee. The movie will be shown in the gym, so students are encouraged to bring their blankets and pillows to get comfy! You might be able to get some Christmas shopping done while the kids are here! A few adults are needed this evening to help supervise, and we welcome some middle school student helpers as well (service hours!) Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ba8a82daa8-hsamovie> to attend the evening or to volunteer. Payment should be sent to the main office tomorrow morning in an envelope marked "HSA Movie Night".



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If you're looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your child's teacher and you want to help SSPP raise money at the same time (without spending more!), consider the Wish List of gift cards that you can order for your teacher through our Scrip program! Orders received by Monday will be available on Friday. You can use the order form, order online through www.shopwithscrip.com, or order and pay through our school website at <http://sspps.school.com/parents/order-scrip-online/>.

Scrip gift cards make excellent gift ideas for family members and friends as well! And purchase them ahead of time to use as you shop!!! This is an EASY way to earn extra money for our school!

And then when you're done shopping, take a picture of your receipts through the Shoparoo app (available in the Apple store and at Google Play) and earn even MORE easy money for SSPP!!!

Thanks to all those who generously donated non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.

There are still wrapping paper orders that need to be picked up from the gym. Come any time the school is open – they can be found on the bleachers.

Marks close next Mon., Dec. 3rd ending the first trimester (already!). **Report cards will be posted to the Parent Portal the morning of Fri., Dec. 7th for students in grades 3-8 and will be mailed this same morning for students in grades K-2.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences for students in grades K-8 will be held on Fri., Dec. 14th from 12:30-2:30 and Mon., Dec. 17th from 4:00-7:00 pm. Please sign up with the specific teacher(s) you would like to conference with on our school website under the *Current Families* tab– *Parent/Teacher Sign Up*: <http://sspps.school.com/parents/parentteacher-conference-sign-up/>.

Because we will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences in the afternoon of **Fri., Dec. 14th, our K-8 students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.** Our **Pre K** teachers will be attending a Professional Development workshop this same afternoon, therefore their students **will be dismissed at 12:00 pm.**

Our Santa's Secret Shop will be open for business on Mon., Dec. 10th and Tues., Dec. 11th during school hours. The students will be given the opportunity to shop for gifts for family members and friends. Each gift is \$2.00 and we will have helper "elves" to wrap and label the gifts for the children to keep them a surprise. Students will be given blank lists from their teachers in case you'd like to use them to make their shopping a little easier and more organized.

Our Kindergarteners and PK 4 students will be performing a **Christmas concert** for their parents on **Wed., Dec. 12th at 6:00 pm** and a 2nd group of PK 4's will perform on **Thurs., Dec. 13th** at the same time in the school gym. Our 3rd-5th grade chorus and our school band will perform their **Christmas concert** on **Tues., Dec. 18th at 12:30 pm in the school gym and at 7:00 pm in the church.** Parents and family members are welcome to attend. Singers are to wear a white top/shirt with dark pants or skirt. 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are required to participate. Please send a note to or email Mrs. Shepherd if there is a concern about this (gshepherd@sspps.school.com).

Our next **Sports Booster Meeting** will be held on Thurs., Dec. 13th at 7:00 pm in Room 104.



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On Sunday, Dec. 16th, the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Ss. Peter and Paul Faith Community invites you to attend Babinelli Sunday Mass, Blessing the Christ Child, at either 9:30 or 11:30 am. Following the tradition popularized at the Vatican by Pope John Paul II, we ask that each family bring with them the baby Jesus figurine from your nativity set to be blessed by Father Jerry during Mass just in time for Christmas!

Our next Teacher Treat will be held on Wed., Dec. 19th. We are asking our Pre K families to host this event. If you would like to donate a special homemade or purchased treat or a monetary contribution to this Christmas luncheon, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/2SggRhK>. These luncheons are so appreciated by our wonderful staff members and it is such a nice way to say "Thank You" to them for all that they do for our students.

Christmas break will be here before you know it! The students are scheduled to be off from school beginning Fri., Dec. 21st. School will resume on Tues., Jan. 2nd.

Please update your Family Directory to note the following address change for the Fecher family:
Student – Jackson Fecher /8820 Cambridge Court /East Amherst, NY 14051

Reminder: Our 6th grade Paraliturgy and Student of the Month Assembly will be held tomorrow morning at 7:45 am. Parents are welcome to attend. It is also a Jeans Day - \$1.00 for charity!

Follow this link to view this weekend's Parish Bulletin at
<https://container.parishesonline.com/bulletins/14/0958/20181202B.pdf>.

Have a nice weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lester

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