



Principal's Post

September 14, 2017

Important Dates

Sept. 21st 6:00 pm
Room Parents Meeting

Sept. 21st 6:30 pm
Meet the Teacher Night

Sept. 21st 6:30 pm
Winter Sports Sign Ups

Sept. 29th 7:45 am
Paraliturgy Gr 4

Sept. 29th 7:00 pm
Welcome Back Dance

Dear Parents,

One week down already and what a great week it was! Our **Family Fall Fest** was a huge hit – we were finally blessed with a perfect day. Many, many, many thanks to Kim Adamczyk for all of her efforts in putting this great event together, almost single-handedly. She had a crew of helpers who lent a hand; Rebecca Attea, Jennifer and EJ Merriman, Amanda Zdrojewski, Jennifer Jakubowski & Matt McCormick; and we are grateful to them as well. We had a variety of contestants who participated in the chili, soup and cupcake cook-offs and I was thrilled to be a judge once again. The winner of the chili cook-off was Mr. David Hill (Mrs. Hill's husband), the soup cook-off prize went to 6th grader, Isabella Prospero and her dad, Mr. Vincent Prospero, the cupcake winner was Mrs. Katherine Dunlop, and the crowd favorite was Makena St. George and her sister, Brittany (for the 2nd year in a row!) Many thanks to all who came to support this opening year event.

The **2017-18 Family Directory** is being prepared, so if you have any changes that need to be made, or if you do not want your family to be included, please indicate this on the forms sent to you in the summer mailing and return those to the main office as soon as possible. If no changes are required, there is no need to return the form and your information will be printed as we have listed in our database.

The **Room Parents Meeting will be held on Thurs., Sept. 21st at 6:00 pm** prior to the start of our Meet the Teacher Night. There are still several spots open - moms or dads - especially in the Pre K and for Ms. Amato's 7th grade homeroom as well! If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up here <http://bit.ly/2gJSk6Z>.

We will have our **Meet the Teacher Night next Thurs., Sept. 21st at 6:30 pm**. We will begin with introductions of all of our teachers followed by a brief HSA meeting in the gym and then you will be able to visit your child's teachers and classrooms.

Please remember to complete the **application for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program** if you think your child(ren) might qualify. Once complete, please turn it into the main office as soon as possible to my attention in order to begin receiving these benefits. ***If your child(ren) received free or reduced lunches last year, they will continue to do so until the end of this month, but you MUST complete the application again this year in order to continue benefits after that.***

Speaking of lunch, Mrs. Simons has asked me to let you know that she is able to provide **snacks for birthday celebrations and class parties**. All of the available snacks fit nutritional guidelines and are low fat and low sugar. She asks that you please place your order with her one week in advance. The available snacks and order form is enclosed in your folder.



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Our annual **Wrapping Paper Sale** begins today. The catalogs and order forms are enclosed. Orders can also be placed online. Please take some time to go through the catalog and share with friends and family. There is so much more than wrapping paper available! Students can earn prizes for sale levels and our school benefits greatly from each sale.

Our next HSA fundraising event, **Meat Knight Raffle**, will be held on Fri., Nov. 10th at SSPP. If you've never been to a Meat Raffle, you must come to ours! It is a blast! Reserving a table with your friends and family makes it more fun, so you'll find a ticket order form in your folder which allows you to do so.

Fr. Jerry has proposed the idea of having one **9:30 Sunday Mass per month devoted to one of our classes**. The students and parents can take part in the readings, altar serving and bringing up of the gifts. Following Mass, a coffee and donuts reception will be held in Neumann Hall under the church. The parish will happily provide the refreshments, but we will ask for assistance from Room Parents to pick them up. We decided to begin with our 8th grade class on Sun., Oct. 8th. There is no swim meet this day, so it will make it easier for families to attend. Ms. Amato will prepare the students and we will touch base with Room Parents regarding the reception. We hope that this will bring a nice community feeling to our school and parish.

Thanks to the generous donations from students and parents at our Opening Family Mass yesterday, we were able to raise **\$750.00 for the Red Cross to assist those affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma**. We'd love to bring the total donation up to \$1000.00, so we have decided to have a jeans day tomorrow to try and do that. Normally, we ask for \$1.00 from each child, and that is still our suggestion, but if your child feels led to donate more, we could easily reach our \$1000.00 goal! Thanks for your support!

Finally, our **2nd-8th graders will be participating in a Writer Residency program through Just Buffalo Literacy Center due to a grant awarded to us from the Upon This Rock Campaign**. Our students and teachers will be working with a professional writer, Sherry Robbins, over the next 8 months and will be composing original poems and prose. We are the first Catholic School to partner with Just Buffalo and hope that it can lead to great writing experiences for our children in the future.

Happy Weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lester