

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

September 15, 2016

SSPP SCHOOL

Wow! What a blast our **Family Fall Fest** was! So many people stepped up to help Kim Adamczyk, Amanda Zdrojewski and Andrea Tevens make this a wonderful community event. The chili and soup were delicious and the cupcakes were out of this world! Congratulations to Joel and Reagen Jakubowski for their winning soup, John Brodnick for his chili, Maria Quinteros for her cupcakes, and Makena and Brittany St. George for Crowd Favorite and Queen of the Fall Fest!

Thanks to all who helped and to those who came out to support this great event.

If you think your child might be eligible for a **free or reduced price lunch**, please be sure to complete and return the application which was sent home last week by **September 28th**.

If you received these benefits last year and are eligible to continue this year, you must reapply. Your benefits will end on September 30th if a new application is not received.

Reminder that the Signature Page for the **Parent/Student Handbook** (found on our school website under the "Parents" tab) must be signed and returned to the school office by each K-8 family by **September 23rd**. The handbook outlines all of our school policies and procedures which is important for each family to know, understand and follow.

Meet the Teacher Night will be held next Thurs., Sept. 22nd at 6:30 pm. We will begin the evening with a meeting in the gym updating you on coming events and information to share. Following the brief meeting, we will introduce you to our teachers and you will have time to visit them and their classrooms for an overview of what your child will be learning this year. We also hope to offer babysitting services as well on site under the guidance of several parents and older students.

Don't forget about our **Wrapping Paper Sale fundraiser!** Catalogs and order forms were sent home last week in your Family Folders.

Parent Reports have been generated from BOCES for those students who participated in last year's **NYS ELA and Math Assessments** (for students currently in grades 4-8). They are enclosed in your Family Folder. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the reports.

Changes for our **Family Directory** (address, phone number(s) and/or email address(es)) will be accepted until 9/21/16, at which time the Directory will be finalized and sent to print. If you do not wish to be listed, please let me know this as well. Each year we produce a Family Directory for each PreK-8th grade family so that you can easily communicate with one another. These should be available to you within a few weeks.

Are you available occasionally on a **Thursday morning** from about 9:00-12:00? If you are, and you'd like to help Mrs. Borcuch by **stuffing Family Folders**, she could really use a few volunteers! She may only need assistance a few times/month, so you won't be needed every Thursday. If you can help, please email her at lborcuch@ssppschoo.com.

Sr. Patricia is available for tutoring on either Mon., Tues., or Wed. from 2:00-3:00 pm. She has 2 spots available for students in grades 1-4 who need extra assistance in any subject area. She charges \$20.00/hour. If you are interested, please send a note into school with your child indicating this and we will get the information to Sr. Patricia.

Next Mon., Sept. 19th from 4:00-8:00 pm, **Yotality** on Main St. will be donating a portion of their sales back to SSPP. Fliers must be presented at time of purchase. These were sent home in last week's folder, were also emailed home and can be found on our school website. We also have \$10.00 Yotality gift cards through Scrip available in the office, and purchasing these ahead of time will earn additional money for our school.

Zetouna Olive Oils were selling their extra virgin and infused olive oils at Fall Fest and they were a big hit! We will continue to offer these oils to you for purchase, as our school will receive **40% of your purchases** as a donation! Order forms are included in the Family Folder and Michelle Georger will be selling the oils at Meet the Teacher Night as well.

Fr. Jim O'Connor, a former pastor of SSPP Parish, will be presenting an inspiring talk on Pope Francis' "**The Joy of Love**" on Tuesday, October 4th from 7 - 8:30pm in SSPP Church. All adults are invited to attend. This presentation is sponsored by our SSPP MOMS group.

The **SSPP MOMS group** is a Ministry Of Mothers Sharing group. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the Neumann Rooms below the church. They begin with a meet and greet (with chocolate and wine!), have a presentation or a speaker, followed by guided discussion. These meetings are designed for all women for any point on their spiritual journey - mothers, grandmothers, godmothers or spiritual mothers! It's a great opportunity to connect with our parish community and share in the joys and struggles of motherhood and faith. For more information, please visit our school website under the Parents tab or contact Rose Quebral at 634-9488 pquebral@verizon.net

David Butler, the founder of **InSchool Music**, is a **piano** teacher with 32 years of teaching, and composer of multiple styles of music. **Guitar teacher**, Drew Azzi-naro, has 10 years teaching experience and has been successful both in getting students in to conservatories and helping many people find their way expressing and enjoying music as a life long hobby. InSchool Music provides lessons for students in various local schools and has been partnering with SSPP for several years now. If your child would like to pursue piano and/or guitar lessons here at SSPP during school hours, please register at inschoolmusic.net. Any questions, please call Dave at 716-816-5697.

The mobile SEFCU banking branch is on the road! They will be coming to our school on **Thursday, October 6th at 11:30am**. They will have some prizes and will give the students the opportunity to make their weekly deposits on the Mobile Branch. New bankers will be able to open student banking accounts as well. For more information on our student banking program through SEFCU, please visit our school website under the "Doing" tab.

Our Character Trait for September is Truthfulness

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Deborah Lester*