

# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

September 29, 2016

SSPP SCHOOL

**Thank you** to all who came out to Meet Our Teachers last Thursday night. The turn out was great, the energy was high and the positivity was evident! There is so much to look forward to this year...

Our new **School Board members** introduced themselves to our families at last week's Meet the Teacher night. If you missed it, or would like to know a little more about them, please check out their "Bios" on our school webpage. Click on "School Board" under the "Parents" tab.

Enclosed in this week's Family Folder is your first order form for the year to get you started on ordering your **Scrip gift cards**. Remember, we're not asking you to purchase gift cards for things you don't need, but rather to purchase these gift cards for the things you'll already be buying next week. Return your order form by Monday morning and you will receive your gift cards by Friday. All it takes is a little planning ahead in order to make this work. It's truly a painless fundraiser that can generate a lot of money for our school without spending anything extra! (See the reverse side of this newsletter for more details)

Our **Wrapping Paper Sale fundraiser** is "wrapping up" soon - be sure to get your orders in!

The **7th Annual Community Clothing Exchange** will take place Sat., Oct. 15th from 9:00 am -12:00 pm in the school gym. Everyone is invited to "shop" for gently used donated clothing, shoes and accessories for the entire family - free of charge. If you would like to donate clothing to the exchange, please launder it, sort by size and gender and place in a labeled box or bag. Donations may be dropped off in the open SSPP garage anytime from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Tues., Oct. 4th through Fri., Oct. 7th as well as the same times Tues., Oct. 11th through Fri., Oct. 14th. Volunteers will also be needed for this event. Set up and sorters are needed on Fri., Oct. 14th starting at 2:30 pm, staffers during "shopping" hours on Sat., Oct. 15th, and clean up crew on Sat., Oct. 15th starting at noon. Questions? Call Rose Quebral 635-9488 or Sara Jager 634-2663.

The mobile **SEFCU banking branch** will be coming to our school on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Regular Tuesday morning banking will resume beginning October 11th.

For more information on our student banking program through SEFCU, please visit our school website under the "Doing" tab.

The Sisters of St. Francis will be hosting their **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** on Sun., Oct. 23rd at Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall at 10950 Main St. in Clarence. All proceeds from this dinner benefit the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities.

They are **looking for students in grades 7-12 to help** serve, wait on tables, set and clean the tables after each seating, pour drinks, and clean up afterwards. The students will work either a 4 hour shift 10:30 am-2:30 pm or 2:15 pm - 7:00 pm or clean up crew 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. They may also work the entire dinner from 10:30 am-8:00 pm. This is a great way for students to earn community service hours. If your child is interested, please have them complete a Volunteer Form for this event from the Family Folder on the school website.

If you'd like **to attend the dinner fundraiser**, tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10. Reserve your tickets in advance by calling 632-2155 ext. 685 or purchase them at the door.

Next Fri., Oct, 7th has been designated as the day for the annual test of the **Emergency Go Home Procedures** in accordance with Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Dismissal will occur 15 minutes earlier than usual on this date. This exercise will be conducted to test our emergency early dismissal plan. After school care and activities will not be affected.

Our HSA Committee has agreed to generously donate **recess equipment** for our students. Thanks to your fundraising efforts, the kiddos now have enough Four Square balls, basketballs, footballs, jump ropes, hula hoops and sidewalk chalk to keep them occupied and to last a while!

Students in **grades 2 & 6 will be taking the CogATs next week.** The CogATs (Cognitive Aptitude Tests) appraise the development of students' reasoning abilities using verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal cognitive tasks. The abilities appraised are those that enable students to acquire, organize, store in memory and recall information; to make inferences; to detect relationships; to comprehend and analyze problem situations; to form concepts; to discover and remember sequences; to recognize patterns; to classify or categorize objects, events and concept; to infer rules and principles; and to relate and use previous experiences to accomplish new learning tasks or solve novel problems.

We use the results of the CogATs to:

- Adapt instruction to the needs and abilities of the students
- Provide a measure of cognitive development
- Identify students whose predicted levels of achievement are markedly discrepant from their observed levels of achievement

- Identify strengths and weaknesses of general cognitive skills so that strengths could be used to facilitate learning and weaknesses addressed effectively
- Help identify students for academically gifted programs
- Identify students whose levels of cognitive ability indicate that they may be at risk of encountering difficulties in learning so that appropriate early interventions can be implemented
- Help students and parents make appropriate educational decisions

Students cannot study for the test; they need only get a good night's rest and eat a nutritious breakfast.

Students in grade 2 will do a practice test with Mrs. Nigro so that they know what to expect. The results of the CogATs will be sent to parents a few weeks after the tests are taken. The report will provide a detailed explanation of the results.

**Wouldn't it be nice to do all of our fundraising without having to actually sell or buy anything extra?**

**It CAN be done!**



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- On average, our family spends about \$250.00 on groceries. \$100 at other retailers for prescriptions, clothing, miscellaneous items and approximately \$50.00 a week on entertainment (out to dinner, parties, etc).



- If we purchased the BARE minimum in gift cards from SSPP – take a guess how much money our school would make from me in just one week....

TOPS	4%	\$100.00	\$4.00
TARGET	3%	\$75.00	\$1.88
WALGREENS	6%	\$25.00	\$1.50
AMC	8%	\$25.00	\$2.00
Red Robin	9%	\$25.00	\$2.25
Visa	1.25%	\$150.00	\$1.88
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13.50</b>

<b>\$13.50</b>	Per week
<b>\$540.00</b>	x 40 weeks of school
<b>\$54,000.00</b>	x 100 Families

