FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

During this week’s Lower Form and Middle | Upper Form morning meetings, we discussed resolutions. I showed the boys some of Pope Francis’ suggestions for New Year’s Resolutions. We discussed how he wants us to find joy in the simple things. “Too many people’s lives,” Pope Francis says, “are like Lent without Easter. Sometimes we are tempted to complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a thousand conditions were met.” He reminds us to find simple joy and share it with others. I explained my ‘simple joys’ to the boys... [Click here to read more.]

PORTRAIT RETAKES ARE NEXT WEEK

If your son enrolled here after the third week of October ’15, he missed his school portrait. We want to make sure all students appear in the yearbook, so please have him here on time THIS Wednesday, 1/14. Any student who was absent or would like to have his portrait retaken may sit as well. Order forms are not necessary as you can order online but they are available if you’d like. Let us know if you would like him to be called down to sit. Please call customer service with other questions (800-220-7667).
MF & UF ENRICHMENT COURSES

Enrichment course paperwork was distributed today in homerooms. Students are asked to be mindful of those 'full year commitments' they've made when selecting their courses for the second (and final) marking period of the year. Enrichment will not reset again. Students should consult Mrs. Rubio in Room 207 with questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!

The faculty and staff of Saint Edmond's Academy would like to thank those families who gave individual gifts or contributed to the 2015 Faculty/Staff Christmas Fund. We are always grateful for all of the wonderful things that our families do for us and the Academy. We all want to wish you, and your family, a happy, healthy and holy 2016! We appreciate you!

DELAWARE 87ers EVENT ON FRIDAY, 2/5

As part of Catholic Schools Week festivities, the Saint Edmond's community invites you to join us as the Delaware 87ers take on the Maine Red Claws on Friday, 2/5 at 7pm. Arrive early for courtside access as the players warm up. This event is open to current Saint Edmond's families as well as our friends in the community! Click here for a printable flyer and ticket info. Contact Pete Duncan.
FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The official total raised during Make a Wish Week was $1469.50!

FROM THE PARENTS' GUILD

Parents’ Guild is sponsoring BUNCO Night on Saturday, January 30th for our students, families & teachers. Please join us for a pasta dinner and a game of fun. Bunco (for all ages!) is a dice game of partners. You and your partner roll the dice with another team of two and collect your wins with small prizes. You keep your partner for all the games but play against a different team of two for each round. There are about 10 rounds. It is a night of fun and excitement and a lot of craziness with small victories and defeats, all with the roll of dice. Bunco is a very long-standing tradition of S.E.A that has made legends among us. Tickets are available at the door $5/child and $10/adult. We will, however, ask you to 'reserve' by way of EVITE which we’ll publish 1/15. The ticket price includes dinner, raffle tickets and many door prizes. We will have over 50 giveaways. Many items will be donations by our faculty and also gift cards to local stores. Parents’ Guild is also sponsoring a Knight of Red Coats on Saturday, April 30th. It will be an evening of cocktails, food and fun. The planning will be done at the next Parents’ Guild meeting. Please join us.

Please save the following dates for these exciting 2016 Parents' Guild sponsored events.
Thursday, February 4th: Parents’ Guild Meeting 7pm
Saturday, March 19th: Student Dance
Saturday, April 30th: A Knight of Red Coats

Thursday, 1/14
'A' Day
Friday, 1/15
'B' Day

DANCE TO BE RESCHEDULED

Please note Saint Ann's School has cancelled the dance they had scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday, January 9th).

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Click here to see the schedule of upcoming basketball games!
AUDITIONS HERE SUNDAY!!!

Auditions for the *Spring Musical* will be held **THIS Sunday (1/10)** from 6-9pm. Audition materials were available this past week. Open to students in grades 4-8, female siblings of current students or alumni, or female students who've taken part in our summer theatre programs. Please contact **Ms. DeHart** with any questions.

**BARNES & NOBLE NIGHT | BOX TOPS**

All of the wonderful, new books from our *Barnes & Noble* bookfair have been entered into the library system, including a new donation this week from the Roman, 2-1. *(Thank you, Cincilla Family!)* The total profit from our sale was **$564.06** which tops our proceeds from last year! I also received a check from the *Box Tops for Education* program this week in the amount of **$637.00**. This number just goes to show how ten cent clippings can truly add up when a community is working together. Thank you so very much for your continued support of the Box Tops program. In February, we will have a major collection effort, so please keep gathering.

**JUNIOR LANCERS LACROSSE PROGRAM**

We are proud to announce that Delaware Orthopaedic Specialists will be sponsoring our lacrosse program beginning in 2016. Their generosity will provide for the purchase of much needed equipment, team gear, and enable us to start the Lancer Juniors program. This program will offer after

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**LUNCH MENU**

**MONDAY, 1/11:**
- Chicken Pattie Sandwich ($3.50)
- Rice ($1.25)

**TUESDAY, 1/12:**
- Hot Dog ($2.50)
- French Fries ($1.50)

**WEDNESDAY, 1/13**
- Meatball Sandwich with Chips ($3.50)

**THURSDAY, 1/14**
- Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich with Whipped Potatoes ($3.50)

**FRIDAY, 1/15**
- Pizza ($2.00) ($2.50)

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**CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER NEEDS**
school training sessions for JK through 2nd grade. We will focus 100% on introducing them to the sport and to development. More info soon!

GET A SIGN; SPREAD THE WORD

Please be sure to spread the word about our Open House for prospective families being held on Sunday, January 24th at 1pm. Please refer families, friends and neighbors to this page to register. If any current families would be willing to display our 18" x 24" yard sign promoting the event, please contact Pete Duncan in LF carline or by stopping into his office. Remember: If you still have a sign from our November Open House, we'll provide you with a 'patch' to advertise the new date and time. Thanks again!

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Please send your special intentions to us. We'll list them here each week and then pray for you as a community each morning during daily prayer.

Join us this week as we keep the following sick or suffering members of our community in our prayers...

-- Patricia Pack, Tyler Saccomandi's Grandmother and Saint Edmond's Academy Cafeteria Volunteer
-- Zoe Benton, sister-in-law to Jonathan Benton
-- Nicholas Poplos' grandmother
-- Paul Hendrix, grandfather of Matthew Hendrix

and for the Repose of the Souls of...

-- Joanna Glenn, beloved grandmother of Jack Krukiel
-- Jennifer Lynn Hearn, Colton Steele's aunt
-- Megan Ann O’Neill & Michael Curcio

Tuesday, 1/12: 0
Wednesday, 1/13: 3
Thursday, 1/14: 1
Friday, 1/15: 3

BAND PRACTICES

MONDAY, 1/11:
Jazz Band

TUESDAY, 1/12
No practices

WEDNESDAY, 1/13
Lancer Band
(percussion)

THURSDAY, 1/14
Jazz Band

FRIDAY, 1/15
Beginner Band
(winds & brass)