FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

I don’t know if you’ve ever watched Joel Osteen, preacher/author, on television, but I occasionally stumble upon his show as I surf through the channels. The other night, his sermon addressed difficult times which are “just a part of life”. But it was his strong words, “*Nothing happens to you, it happens for you*” that resonated with me most. What a challenge it is to change one’s thinking! It is important for children (and adults) to demonstrate resilience through challenges and find a way to find a positive outcome. I think I found my next Monday Morning lesson for the boys!

As you may have heard, Mr. Marencin injured his knee in carline last week. Thank you for the outpouring of concern and support. I spoke to him this week. All tests have been completed, and he is now just waiting to hear when his surgery will be scheduled. The boys ask every day how he is doing and look forward to his return. Mr. Triller, a former high school teacher, has graciously stepped into Mr. Marencin’s shoes and will remain in place until Mr. Marencin returns. Thank you, Mr. Triller. We promise to have Mr. Marencin’s gradebooks updated by Wednesday. Thank you for your patience!

This upcoming Monday, teachers will participate in more professional development. Part of our day will be designated to lockdown drills and other emergency preparedness procedures. After we meet, I will offer information to you and your sons. The safety of our boys is what matters.

Sincerely, Tricia

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**CALENDAR EVENTS**

**MONDAY, 1/18**
+ No Classes

**SUNDAY, 1/24**
+ Open House

**FRIDAY, 1/29**
+ Progress Reports

**SUNDAY, 1/30**
+ Bunco Night 6pm

**THURSDAY, 2/4**
+ Parents’ Guild Meeting 7pm

**FRIDAY, 2/5**
+ DE 87ers event

**SUNDAY, 2/6**
+ Admission Testing
PORTRAIT RETAKES WERE THIS WEEK
Retakes were this past Wednesday. If you plan to order online, please use the code: 00590AR. All questions should be directed to Barksdale Portraits at 1-800-220-7667. Click here to see their latest offers.

ACADEMICS UPDATE
Progress Reports for all students for the second trimester will be posted in NetClassroom on Friday, 1/29. A progress report is a snapshot of your son's progress at the midpoint of the trimester. Parent/Teacher Conferences are being held on Thursday, 2/11 (from 3:30-8:00pm) and are by appointment only. Look for an email containing a link to the Signup Genius.

Enrichment courses will begin on Wednesday, 1/20. Student Assembly / Morning Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 1/19.

ANNUAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST
Gerrit Elliman (6-1) was the third place winner of the local Claymont Lions Club annual peace poster contest. This year's theme was "Sharing Peace". His poster took weeks to complete and features two gold doves on either side of an hour glass. The top of it has the world and the bottom of it has a person receiving "life giving" water. Gerrit is pictured here with Mrs. Downs, SEA Art Teacher.

SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT AT 87ers GAME!
Get ready for a night of fun and basketball at the Bob Carpenter Center! 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, February 5th at 7pm. Arrive early for courtside access as the players warm up. This event is open to current S.E.A families as well as our friends in the community! Ticket order forms are in your son's Friday Folder, or click here to download. Ticket orders must be in to the SEA Main Office by Monday 1/25.

WEDNESDAY, 2/10
+ Ash Wednesday
Mass at 8:15am

THURSDAY, 2/11
+ Conferences after school (3:30-8pm)

FRIDAY, 2/12
+ No Classes

MONDAY, 2/15
+ No Classes

LETTER DAYS
Tuesday, 1/19
'C' Day
Wednesday, 1/20
'D' Day
Thursday, 1/21
'E' Day
Friday, 1/22
'F' Day
Monday, 1/25
'A' Day

ST. JOHN'S TOURNAMENT
JV Red and Varsity Red basketball teams will play in the championships at SJB on Saturday Night. JV (6:30pm) and Varsity (8:15pm)
Go Lancers!
FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Saint Edmond’s Academy Winter Classic will be held tomorrow (Saturday, 1/16). All the Academy’s CYM Basketball Teams will be playing here in the Field House. This is a great opportunity to spend part of your day hanging out with other SEA parents and friends and watching other SEA Lancer Basketball teams play. Games are as follows...

3rd & 4th Grade Black vs. IHM #1 at 9:00am, 3rd & 4th Grade Gray vs. Holy Angels #1 at 10:00am JV Black vs. St. John’s #3 at 11:00am JV Gray vs. St. Ann’s #1 at 12:00pm Varsity White vs. SMM #4 at 1:00pm Varsity Black vs. St. John’s #3 at 2:15pm Varsity Gray vs. SMM #2 at 3:45pm Varsity Red vs. IHM #1 at 5:00pm

AN EVITE FROM THE PARENTS' GUILD

Please join us on Saturday, 1/30 for a pasta dinner and a game of fun. Bunco (for all ages!) is a dice game of partners. You roll the dice with another team of two and collect your wins with small prizes. 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 (49 years!) Tickets are only available at the door $5/child and $10/adult. We will, however, ask you to let us know you plan to attend by responding to the EVITE you received this afternoon. The ticket price includes dinner, raffle tickets and many door prizes. We will have over 50 giveaways!

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

TERRANOVA TESTING

Students in grades 3 through 7 will take the Terra Nova test 3/2-3/11. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments those mornings.

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, 1/18: No Classes

TUESDAY, 1/19: Deli Sandwich with Chips ($3.50)

WEDNESDAY, 1/20: Ravioli Dinner ($3.50)

THURSDAY, 1/21: Taco ($1.75)

FRIDAY, 1/22: Pizza ($2.00) ($2.50)

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Tuesday, 1/19: 2
Wednesday, 1/20: 2
CONGRATS TO MR. RUTH'S MATH TEAMS!

On Tuesday SEA participated in the third of 4 Delaware Math League regional competitions that are being held this year. In Round 3, the following students represented SEA:

8th Grade Team: Drew Blackwell, Connor Lehmann, Riley McAvinue, Charles Parson, Connor Garrison

7th Grade Team: Max Iacono, Sebastian Gropp, Jack Krukiel, Gavin Sidhu, Jacob Piretti, Seamus Oliver (a 6th grader)

Special recognition goes out to 8th grade teammates Riley McAvinue, Connor Lehmann, and Charles Parson for being among the top 13 overall scorers (out of 51 students in the region). Seamus Oliver, Gavin Sidhu and Jack Krukiel had similar success for the 7th grade team, with overall scores that ranked them among the top 12 overall scorers (out of 49 students in the region). The final competition will be February 1st at PS DuPont Middle School. The boys are doing a great job of representing SEA in a challenging division...Keep up the great effort!

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 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!

Friday, 1/22: 2

Click here to join the volunteer fun!

BAND PRACTICES

MONDAY, 1/18
No Practices

TUESDAY, 1/19
No Practices

WEDNESDAY, 1/20
Lancer Band
(winds & brass)

THURSDAY, 1/21
Jazz Band

FRIDAY, 1/22
Beginner Band
(percussion)
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...
--Norma Cofrancesco, Chas Egoville's grandmother
--Pat Pack, Tyler Saccomandi's grandmother
--Zoe Benton, sister-in-law to Jonathan Benton
--Nicholas Poplos' great-grandmother
--Paul Hendrix, grandfather of Matthew Hendrix
--The McHugh Family
--J.L. | Arianne Missimer | Christopher White

and for the Repose of the Souls of...
--Joanna Glenn, grandmother of Jack Krukiel
--Jennifer Lynn Hearn, Colton Steele's aunt
--Megan Ann O'Neill & Michael Curcio