FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Dear Academy Families,

It is hard to believe we are into the second half of the year! I hope that the snowstorm wasn’t too great of an imposition, and that you all had a chance to enjoy some time outside. The Ray Family had a great time sledding at Rockford Park. We ran into several S.E.A families, which only served to further affirm our decision to join this community. This upcoming weekend we look forward to more community time here watching our basketball teams compete and enjoying our first Bunco Night!

As we head into this part of the year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on two announcements and one date I hope you’ll save.

**Contract Renewal Packets**
Early next week, contract renewal packets will be mailed to all returning students to the Academy. The Board of Directors, at their January 19th meeting, approved a 3% tuition increase for the 2016-2017 academic year. This new tuition rate will be included in the mailed packet. Setting tuition each year is important and necessary at any school. We worked together to determine an increase that helped with the financial plan for the school as well as continuing a tuition structure that was realistic for our families. We have made good strides in continuing to secure our financial footing as a school, with more work to be done.

**Summer Camps at Saint Edmond’s Academy**
The response to the summer camp survey was incredible! Over 50% of those polled responded that they would be interested in summer camp offerings here. I am excited to share that we will be offering camps this summer. In addition to our current offerings (Basketball, Baseball,
Lacrosse & Drama), an eight-week, full day camp will be offered - including offerings for both boys and girls. The camps will allow us to meet the needs of our parents, and attract new families to the campus. We are finalizing the details, and will have a full schedule and announcement out soon.

The Knight of the Red Coats
In an effort to continue the theme of community this year, the Parents' Guild is planning an event for Saturday, April 30th. The evening will be a night for the parents, alumni and supporters of the school to come together for fun, food and entertainment -- all in support of Saint Edmond's. The group is already hard at work and will begin planning the evening soon. Please mark the date on your calendars and do join us on Thursday evening at 7pm for the next Parents' Guild meeting.

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow night. Have a great weekend!
--Brian Ray

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES
Student Council has arranged a few fun things to help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week. MONDAY, 2/1: $2.00 ‘Spirit Wear Tag Day’ TUESDAY, 2/2: ‘No Homework Night’ & a ‘Special Lunch’ chosen by student votes WEDNESDAY, 2/3: ‘Faculty Dress Down Day’ THURSDAY, 2/4: Students write a thank-you to their parents who have chosen Catholic Education for them! FRIDAY, 2/5: ‘Red, White & Blue Tag Day’. Remind students to listen to announcements each day in homeroom for other info.

ACADEMICS UPDATE--ALL GRADES!
Progress Reports for the second trimester will be posted in NetClassroom this afternoon. Progress reports are a snapshot of your son’s progress at the midpoint of the marking period. which ends on 3/4. Conferences are being held on Thursday, 2/11 (3:30-8:00pm) and are by appointment only. Look for an email sent to you this upcoming Monday, 2/1 containing a link to the Signup Genius page where you’ll arrange your own conferences. Also, please note that students in grades 3-

FRIDAY, 2/12
+ No Classes

MONDAY, 2/15
+ No Classes

SATURDAY, 3/19
+Student Dance

LETTER DAYS
Monday, 2/1
’F’ Day
Tuesday, 2/2
’A’ Day
Wednesday, 2/3
’B’ Day
Thursday, 2/4
’C’ Day
Friday, 2/5
’D’ Day

Remember: We skip the letter day if snow or ice closes us!

BASKETBALL GAMES UPDATED
TONIGHT 1/29
+ 5:00pm - JV 2 SEA
JV Gray vs. ICS
+ 6:00pm - Varsity Y
SEA Varsity Gray vs. St. Anthony's #1
7 will take the TerraNova test 3/2 through 3/11. Please avoid tardies and absences during that time frame and consider rescheduling appointments you may have set outside school during that time. Joe Cincotta is happy to discuss testing with you before, during or after. If your son is in our Andre Program, you will receive a note from the program coordinator, Kristin Winchell. Please be sure to respond.

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

How much do you really know about the importance of Annual Giving at Saint Edmond's? Did you know that participation in the campaign by our current parents is MORE important than the dollar amount that you give? Click here to learn even more quick facts about the Saint Edmond's Annual Fund and why your participation matters! Contact Sue Johnson (email link) in the Advancement Office to learn how your gift can make a difference.

JOIN US TOMORROW NIGHT FOR BUNCO!

FAMILY BUNCO NIGHT is tomorrow evening at 6pm. We welcome all ages of students, families and teachers. There will be a pasta dinner by Mr. Joe Cann and then a dice game perfect for ages 4 to 104. Bunco is a 49 year old tradition at Saint Edmond’s Academy. It has made legends among us! Tickets are available at the door. Parents’ Guild is also hosting The Knight of the Red Coats on Saturday, April 30th. It will be an evening of cocktails, food and fun. The planning will be done at the next meeting THIS Thursday (2/4) at 7pm in the Thomas P. Sweeney Library. All parents are welcome!

LIBRARY SPONSORS AN HR CONTEST

The library will be sponsoring a Box Tops Blitz the week of February 22nd-26th! Students will be asked to collect as many Box Tops as possible. Grandparents, friends, and neighbors can also contribute. Once you have gathered your Box Tops, place them in an envelope or plastic baggie (with name & homeroom written on the envelope) which can be dropped off at either the Upper or Lower Form donation baskets. At the end of the week, the homeroom that collects the most Box Tops will receive a free tag day! Start saving

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SEA Varsity Black vs. SMM #3

TOMORROW 1/30
+ 2:00pm - PreJV SEA 3/4 Black vs. SMM #2

MONDAY 2/1
+ 7:15pm - Varsity O SEA Varsity White vs SJB #4

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, 2/1
Chicken Nuggets ($3.50)
Rice ($1.25)

TUESDAY, 2/2
Grilled Cheese ($3.00)
Tomato Soup ($1.25)

WEDNESDAY, 2/3
Pasta with Meat Sauce ($3.50)

THURSDAY, 2/4
Hot Dog ($1.75) French Fries ($1.50)

FRIDAY, 2/5
Pizza ($2.00) ($2.50)
now to help your homeroom win the Box Top Blitz!

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...

--Rae Emerich, Jax Trickey's grandmother
--Norma Cofrancesco, Chas Egoville's grandmother
--Pat Pack, Tyler Saccomandi's grandmother
--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

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Monday, 2/1: 2
Tuesday, 2/2: 0
Wednesday, 2/3: 0
Thursday, 2/4: 2
Friday, 2/5: 2

Click here to join the volunteer fun!

BAND PRACTICES

MONDAY, 2/1
Jazz Band

TUESDAY, 2/2
No Practices

WEDNESDAY, 2/3
Lancer Band
(winds & brass)

THURSDAY, 2/4
Jazz Band

FRIDAY, 2/5
Beginner Band
(percussion)