FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

Every year, around this time, I tend to write about the same topic—college basketball. I am a huge fan. Of course, I am selective about which teams I watch (Duke, Villanova, and Syracuse!) I love the intensity of college basketball, and I love that you can never assume the winner. How can you not appreciate a team like Duke coming back in the final minutes against UNC?! ...Just perfect! (For those of you who might wonder, Why Duke? You should know my niece plays field hockey there so I have converted.) If you think about it, there is much to be learned from college basketball. Watching an underdog rise to the challenge and find success makes you really appreciate the perseverance! Perseverance is just as important in academics as it is in sports. For any sport, you have to work tirelessly to achieve moments of success. The same rings true for academics. Boys must work for success; it is earned. Boys need to persevere during those challenging moments when the work seems too much. High grades come from not only doing the work, but doing the work well. This requires his commitment, even when he’s tired or disinterested. We have to remind them to reach deep down inside and find ways to give beyond what is expected. These underdog college basketball teams did not upset the nationally-ranked teams because they set their sights on being satisfactory. Through long hours of practice and amazing perseverance, they found greatness. It’s a powerful lesson for our young men. That said, please come on out to support our basketball teams as they strive for success in the playoffs starting tonight...and wear red! Click here for game time info.
PLAYOFFS BEGIN HERE TONIGHT!

The regular season has ended for a number of our basketball teams and playoffs have started. This is a very exciting time of the season for players, parents and coaches. During this time of heightened emotions and competition, let's remind the players to continue working hard, set good examples of sportsmanship, and to support their teammates. Parents, continue to be good leaders of sportsmanship in the stands through positive cheering for all players, coaches and referees. Click here for a list of the upcoming playoff games which start here TONIGHT and many of which are THIS SUNDAY!

THE BOX TOPS BLITZ BEGINS MONDAY!

Ready...Set...Collect...The Box Tops Blitz begins on Monday! All box tops collected next week (2/22 through 2/26) will be tallied by homeroom. The winning homeroom will select a tag day just for their class! Be sure to include your son’s name and homeroom on all submission envelopes before turning them into the Library.

AT LITTLE NEST PORTRAITS UNTIL 3/31

Little Nest Portraits will be donating 20% of their sales to the schools of clients’ choice for any session booked between Feb. 15th and March 31st. Upon booking, clients will have the opportunity to designate S,E,A to receive 20% of their session! They'll also be awarding an extra $500 to the school that raises the most money during our 6-week program. Spread the word! Click here for a look at their amazing work!

QUICK NOTE FROM THE PARENTS' GUILD

The Parents’ Guild has been busy planning our middle school dance. Click here for the date, time, cost and link to the required permission slips. A Signup Genius will be set up to coordinate chaperones and decoration. We'll need your help so please stay tuned.

LETTER DAYS

Monday, 2/22  'a' Day
Tuesday, 2/23  'b' Day
Wednesday, 2/24  'c' Day
Thursday, 2/25  'd' Day
Friday, 2/26  'e' Day

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

PRACTICE EXAMS

7th Grade Parents:
+Salesianum School
Sat., 3/12 (8:30)
+Archmere Academy
Sat., 4/16 (9:00)

VOCAL PERFORMANCE

Members of Academy Chorus, Academy Singers, and Men's Ensemble will sing the National Anthem at 'The Bob' as the Blue
THE 9th ANNUAL LANCER CUP

The 9th Annual Lancer Cup is slated for Friday, June 10th, at the Springhaven Club in Wallingford, PA. You and/or your business can support this traditional SEA event as a valued sponsor or advertiser. Please visit here for further information and the link to arrange your support today.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?

S.E.A is the place to be this summer! With choices ranging from a full day camp, to specialty sessions in art, music, theatre, engineering, Minecraft, Hispanic culture, basketball, lacrosse, and baseball, there is truly something for everyone. Spend your summer on our campus and get ready for a great time! Click here for more details.

ROCKY’S READING CHALLENGE

Rocky’s Reading Challenge bookmarks were sent home with students today. The boys will receive two free Blue Rocks tickets (game date yet to be determined) once they have completed the reading challenge. Completed bookmarks are due to the library March 30th.

MEET SOME OF OUR CAST!

The Fab Four of "Seussical, Jr" - Riley McAvinue, Will Kain, Sam Truluck, Frankie Frabizzio lead a very talented cast in our spring musical. Fun for the whole family and not to be missed. There will be no advanced ticket sales, so SAVE THE DATE - April 15, 16, and 17, 2016 and plan to join us for an unforgettable evening of musical theatre!

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...

Phoenix on Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 PM. Go singers!

TOMORROW

Saint Ann's dance is tomorrow, 2/20 from 7pm-10pm. Click here for the details. Click here for the link to required forms.

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, 2/22
Grilled Chicken Sandwich ($3.50)
Rice ($1.25)

TUESDAY, 2/23
Deli Sandwich with Chips ($3.50)

WEDNESDAY, 2/24
Ravioli Dinner ($3.50)

THURSDAY, 2/25
Hot Dog ($1.75)
French Fries ($1.50)

FRIDAY, 2/26
Pizza -- Lenten ($2.00) ($2.50)
--Kitty Riley, Great-Grandmother to Niko Reiter
--Rae Emerich, Jax Trickey’s grandmother
--Norma Cofrancesco, Chas Egoville’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, 2/22: 1
Tuesday, 2/23: 1
Wednesday, 2/24: 1
Thursday, 2/25: 2
Friday, 2/26: 2

Click here to join the volunteer fun!

BAND PRACTICES

MONDAY, 2/22
Jazz Band

WEDNESDAY, 2/24
Lancer Band
(Percussion)

THURSDAY, 2/25
Jazz Band

FRIDAY, 2/26
Beginner Band
(Percussion)