FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

Dear Academy Families,

On March 6, 2015, Dr. Scott began her Knightly News letter “I cannot believe I am writing my letter from home due to snow!” A year later, almost to the day, I look outside my window and see snow – just not enough for a delay or school cancellation (sorry, boys). It is hard to believe that we started spring sports practice this week, and the spring musical is just over one month away. It looks as though the weather will improve next week, and we can place this cold weather behind us. On Friday, March 18th, we will celebrate a liturgy for the Feast of St. Joseph. I encourage any and all parents who are able to attend. At this liturgy, Brothers Tom Meany, Joe Ash & Michael Smith will renew their vows as Holy Cross Brothers. It will be a special moment for the boys to see the Holy Cross Brothers renew their commitment to the order. The students at Saint Edmond’s continue to be active in all areas. Almost 40 boys are involved in the “Seussical the Musical”, over 40 are involved with Academic Clubs (Science Olympiad, Math League or Speech), and 160 boys are on a spring sports team (lacrosse, track, baseball or rugby). These are terrific numbers which illustrate our boys’ commitment to being well-rounded young men who want to grow in all ways! Trimester 3 begins Monday. Everyone is working hard heading into the home stretch– and we want to recognize that fact! On Monday, April 4th, we will be giving a Headmaster’s Holiday at S.E.A. I wanted to make the parents aware of this well in advance of this date, as this is the Monday after Easter Vacation. The next day (Tuesday the 5th) students will begin wearing their warm weather uniform. Also, please be sure you are saving the date for The Knight of Red Coats on Saturday, 4/30. The Parents’ Guild is planning a really spectacular evening.

Enjoy the (hopefully) last snow of the season and your weekend! --Brian
TWO IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGES

Friday, March 11th at 10:15am, we invite you to our safety and emergency preparedness assembly hosted by Wilmington Policeman and current parent Dan Seleman. Please [click here](#) for the details. Also, please note that S.E.A is now closed on Monday, 4/5 for a Headmaster’s Holiday. See Headmaster’s note above for details.

NO ‘TARDIES’ DURING TERRANOVA TEST

Students in grades 3-7 will continue to take TerraNova tests all next week. Parents should be aware that their son must be in homeroom by 8am all 8 days of testing. If a student is tardy, he will be asked to sit in reception or another designated area until the first portion of the day’s testing concludes. **No student will be permitted to interrupt testing already in progress.** [Joe Cincotta](#) will coordinate the ‘make-up’ date for any student who is tardy or absent. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation with this. We also remind students to get to bed early each night.

MORE PLAYOFFS UPDATES!

Congratulations to the JV Gray team for winning their first game in the St. Peter’s Tournament against St. Mary of The Assumption by a score of 32-15. With this win, they now advance to the next round of the tournament against St. Anthony’s. The game will be on Saturday, 3/5 with a 5:00-5:15 start time at St. Peter’s in New Castle.

On Friday (2/26), the JV ‘Red’ team won the Saint Edmond’s Academy League Championship 39-38 over Saint Mary of the Assumption. On Sunday Afternoon, Varsity ‘Gray’ won the CYM ‘Y’ Division Championship 29-19 over Saint John the Beloved. On Sunday Night, Varsity ‘Red’ were runners-up in the CYM ‘C’ Division Championship (42-41 in O.T) against IHM but went on later that evening to smash [Our Lady of Perpetual Hope](#) in the OLPH Championship with a final score of 70-40.

BOOK DRIVE: BOOKS without BORDERS

In Monday Morning Meeting, we introduced a new service project designed by Jacob Piretti ‘17 and Seamus Oliver ‘18. Students are asked to take part in an 8-day ‘Book Drive’. Collection dates are Wednesday, 3/2 through Friday, 3/11. We are collecting children’s picture books and chapter books. We need both types to cover all reading levels. We will be giving the books to the New Castle County Police Department who will share them with children on home visits in low-income communities.

**Tournament**

MARCH 24 - APR 1
- Easter Vacation

MONDAY, 4/4
- Headmaster’s Holiday

TUESDAY, 4/5
- Warm Weather Uniform Begins

SATURDAY, 4/9
- Speech Competition at Ursuline
- Grade 4 Science Olympiad

**LETTER DAYS**

Monday, 3/7
- ’a’ Day

Tuesday, 3/8
- ’b’ Day

Wednesday, 3/9
- ’c’ Day

Thursday, 3/10
- ’d’ Day

Friday, 3/11
- ’e’ Day

Remember: ‘New Trimesters begin with an ’a’ day.

**PRACTICE EXAMS**

7th Grade Parents:
- [Salesianum School](#) Sat., 3/12 (8:30)
- [Archmere Academy](#) Sat., 4/16 (9:00)
or on visits related to domestic violence. Each book counts as one point for the homeroom. To conclude the drive, students may have a free Tag Day on Friday, 3/11. There will be one winner per form. Winners in each form will be awarded with a special surprise from Dr. Scott.

**BOX TOPS DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS**

Last week, during our Box Tops Blitz, over 3,300 Box Tops were collected by fifty-four families. Thanks to this combined effort, we will earn $339.00 from the Box Tops for Education program. The classroom with the highest total was homeroom 8-3 (Mr. Michael Reichert ’98) with 457 Box Tops. The highest contributors were Antonio Thompson (3-1) and Ben Russell (8-3). This week proved how successful any collection effort can be when we all work together!

**DROP EVERYTHING AND READ (3/2)**

*Drop Everything and Read!*

At 2pm on Wednesday, in the 7th and 8th grade classrooms of the Academy, that is exactly what our Upper Form students did, in celebration of Read Across America Day. They left their hallowed halls and ventured back in time, to the Lower Form. Big guys and little guys sprawled, hunkered down, and otherwise got comfortable for a round of reading!! As in all things......Go Lancers!!!!

**WARM WEATHER UNIFORM BEGINS 4/5**

Beginning on **Tuesday, 4/5** (first day back from Easter Vacation), students will wear their **Warm Weather Uniform**. The Lancer Closet (located in Andre Hall) is very well stocked. Mrs. Slesky and Ms. Gravino have been working to display the nicest of the gently-worn items, and they’re ready for business. Please stop in anytime the Main Office is open. We accept cash or check (payable to the S.E.A. Parents’ Guild). The uniform guidelines are listed in the Student Handbook provided on 'Book Day' each year. Click [here](#) for an outline of our Warm Weather Uniform guideline. Thanks!

**THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING US!**

Twenty-three members of our choral ensembles did us proud as they sang *The National Anthem* at the Bob Carpenter Center on February 27 for the University of Delaware Men's Basketball game against Elon. Great job, guys!

**PLEASE HELP!**

Please click [here](#) or contact Maureen Maister if you're able to help us with the **Black Light Dance** for Grades 6, 7 & 8 on Saturday, March 19th. **We very much need your help** with several different aspects of the setup and staffing the event. More help means a safer and more enjoyable time for our boys!

**TAKE CHARGE @ TARGET ($)**

Target Take Charge of Education program just sent us a check for $1200! Visit their [website](#) to help us out! Many thanks!

**LUNCH MENU**

**MONDAY, 3/7**

- **Chicken Nuggets** ($3.50)
- **Rice** ($1.25)

**TUESDAY, 3/8**

- **Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich with Whipped Potato** ($3.50)

**WEDNESDAY, 3/9**

- **Meatball Sandwich with Chips** ($3.50)
CONGRATS TO DANIEL SAMBUCO '17

Over the summer, Daniel Sambuco '17 tried out (along with 200 other talented ice hockey players!) for the USA Hockey District Team that traveled to the Pee Wee Quebec Tournament. The Atlantic District chose just 18 players to represent the Flyers Pee Wee Quebec Team. Last week, Daniel traveled to Quebec City where he played in front of 10,000 fans at the Vidéotron Centre! The team competed against ice hockey players from 5 different countries. The Quebec Flyers Coaching Staff was NHL Goalie Brian Boucher, NHL Forward Simone Gagne and Head Coach Pat Ferrill Vice President of Flyers Skate Zone. Daniel learned the French Canadian culture while staying with a host family for 9 days. Congrats to Daniel for the opportunity of a lifetime!

URBAN PROMISES | PENNY WARS

Under the leadership of Mr. Fahey, S.E.A has teamed up with a local non-profit, Urban Promise for a basketball tournament on Saturday, March 19 (Field House, 9am-1pm). The goal of Penny Wars is to raise money for this tournament. We are hoping to raise $1000 through the Penny Wars fundraiser to be held from from Friday, March 11th, through Thursday, March 17th. Additionally, we will finish the Penny Wars with a $2 Tag Day for St. Patrick’s Day on the 17th. Please click here to access an outline of the Penny Wars point system. We hope for a successful tournament with an objective to unite our two communities.

READ ACROSS AMERICA | DR. SEUSS

On Tuesday, March 1st, the Lower Form students celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday with a ‘Green Eggs & Ham’ breakfast. The boys wore their silliest hats, Mr. D’Amato and Mrs. Ford read Green Eggs and Ham, and a very special visit from our very own Cat in the Hat, Sam Truluck ’17, took place. Mr. Cann and Mrs. Harmon once again made a delicious breakfast, which we always appreciate. It was a very fun morning for all of the boys!

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.

THURSDAY, 3/10
Hot Dog ($1.75)
French Fries ($1.50)

FRIDAY, 3/11
Pizza --Lenten
($2.00)($2.50)

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER NEEDS
Monday, 3/7: 1
Tuesday, 3/8: 0
Wednesday, 3/9: 1
Thursday, 3/10: 2
Friday, 3/11: 3

Click here to join the volunteer fun!

BAND PRACTICES
MONDAY, 3/7
Jazz Band

WEDNESDAY, 3/9
Lancer Band
(percussion)

THURSDAY, 3/10
Jazz Band

FRIDAY, 3/11
Beginner Band
(percussion)
Join us this week as we keep the following sick or suffering members of our community in our prayers...
--Carolyn Marchione (Mena D'Amato's mother)
--Pat Jefferson (alumni grandparent)
--Kitty Riley, Great-Grandmother to Niko Reiter
--Rae Emerich, Jax Trickey's grandmother
--Norma Cofrancesco, Chas Egoville's grandmother
--Kelly Panella, aunt of Nicholas Poplos
--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
--great-grandmother of Nicholas Poplos
--Megan Ann O'Neill & Michael Curcio