FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

About eight years ago, we surveyed S.E.A current parents. We asked them to prioritize their expectations of the school’s administration. Safety was ranked number one. Since then, we have shifted to all locked doors (accessed only by security code or keycard). At that time, additional cameras were installed, and all cameras have since been upgraded as of last summer. All employees carry a new state-of-the-art ‘two-way radio’ on their person at all times. Safety protocols which were put into place by a team of genuine national security experts and emergency drill procedures have been...[Please click here for more.]

SAVE THE DATE (April 30th!!!)

Saturday, April 30th will be the Knight of the Red Coats. Planning is well under-way, and the event chairs are busy pinning one good idea after another. Knight of the Red Coats is an evening of cocktails, food and fun. It is an opportunity for all those who support Saint Edmond’s Academy, parents, teachers, staff and alumni, to gather and socialize. The evening includes a silent auction, putting challenge, wine wall and raffle. We can't overstate how excited we are. Formal invitations will be mailed to you very soon.

COMMUNITY MEMBER NEEDS OUR HELP

While on vacation with her family in August 2015, Gail Kurtzhals (Michael ‘17) was hospitalized with severe dizziness. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The doctors were able to remove 90% of her tumor, and although the tumor was not malignant, her road to recovery has been long and difficult. Gail has not been home since before her vacation to Disney in August. She has been in and out of the hospital...
with severe complications. Gail still has a long road ahead of her and will require round the clock care for the unforeseen future. For those that know Gail, you know that she is a remarkable, caring and giving person. We wanted to be sure to share the family's GoFundMe page with you. Take a look.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS FOR CLASS OF '17

If your son is in seventh grade, then it's not too soon to start thinking about high school. We are here to help your son as he prepares and we're here for you as you navigate the process. We will, therefore, keep you posted on the things we hear...any new 'test prep course' or practice test date that we hear of! Remember to contact Joe Cincotta with questions, too!

- Salesianum School Saturday, 3/12 (8:30)
- Saint Mark's HS Saturday, 3/12 (8:00)
- St. Elizabeth High School Saturday, 4/9 (8:30am)
- Archmere Academy Saturday, 4/16 (9:00)

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

All boys who plan to participate in the Blue Rocks Reading Challenge will need to submit their completed book marks to the library no later than Wednesday, March 23rd. Due to the Easter break, we must collect these forms prior to the holiday in order to meet the April 1st deadline. After an amazing Box Tops Blitz collection, we did not expect many box tops to come in last week. Nevertheless, we happily received donations from the Hall, Pinelli and Johnson families. We appreciate your efforts!

'BLOCK LIGHT DANCE' NEXT WEEKEND!

Next Saturday, 3/19, the Parents' Guild is hosting a Black Light Dance (open to students in grades 6, 7 & 8 at S.E.A, U.A, I.H.M, St. Mary Magdalen, St. Ann's & St. Anthony's). Cost is $10 (at the door) and all students must bring this signed permission slip to the door. Spread the word!

Click here for the flier! Click here for the permission slip.

WARM WEATHER UNIFORM BEGINS 4/5

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, 3/14
'f' Day
Tuesday, 3/15
'a' Day
Wednesday, 3/16
'b' Day
Thursday, 3/17
'c' Day
Friday, 3/18
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REPORT CARDS

Trimester 2 Report Cards and Honor Roll certificates were handed out at dismissal. These are
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. Sclesky 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!

**CONVEY YOUR 2016-2017 PLAN TO US**

If you plan to re-enroll your son for the 2016-2017 School Year, but have not yet returned his contract, please do so as soon as possible. It's important for the administration to know the anticipated number of students for the upcoming school year so they can make the best decisions regarding retaining and/or hiring teachers, determining class sizes and course offerings available for students. Please contact Pete Duncan, Director of Admissions, if you have any questions. We appreciate your prompt response.

**WORD OF MOUTH MEANS THE MOST**

*Whom do you know that might love S.E.A as much as you do?* At a weekday *Open House* event, new families get the opportunity to see us in full-swing. Parents will recognize the warmth of our faculty and staff and can easily see how their son will find his bright beginning in our classrooms. Presentation and tours will last approximately 2 hours. Prospective students are welcome to attend. Please refer a friend or neighbor to join us and register to do so. Click [here](#).

**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 Friday, March 11th, through Thursday, March 17th. Additionally, we will finish in NetClassroom.

**PLEASE HELP!**

Please click [here](#) or contact Maureen Maister if you're able to help us with the **Student Dance** for Grades 6, 7 & 8 on 3/19. **We very much need your help** with setup and staffing. More help means a safer time for our boys!

**TAKE CHARGE @ TARGET ($)**

The 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, 3/14**

- Crispy Chicken Sandwich ($3.50)
- Rice ($1.25)

**TUESDAY, 3/15**
the *Penny Wars* with a **$3 Tag Day** for St. Patrick's Day on the **17th**. Please [click here](#) to access an outline of the Penny Wars point system.

**ROCK YOUR SOCK SALE BEGINS 3/15**

Students and staff will take part in Rock Your Socks day on Monday, March 21st. This event takes place on World Down Syndrome Day (March 21st). The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. **Student council will sell socks during enrichment or lunch periods on Tuesday, 3/15 through Friday, 3/18 for $2 per pair**. Students who do not purchase socks from our stock sale can pay two dollars on the day-of to wear their own mismatched socks.

**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...

-- *Carolyn Marchione (Mena D'Amato's mother)*
-- *Pat Jefferson (alumni grandparent)*
-- *Zoe Benton, Sister-in-Law of Jonathan Benton*
-- *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*

**CAFETERIA\nVOLUNTEER\nNEEDS**

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