FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,
As I am sure you have heard, this week has been very difficult for our high school brothers and sisters at Salesianum and Padua. Having my own children at each high school, I can tell you that it has been a week full of questions and sadness. What I admire most about both of these school communities is their strong sense of brotherhood & sisterhood. Sitting at the funeral for Tyler, I was so touched by the beauty of the ceremony, the power and depth of the sentiments spoken by Father Beretta, Brendan Kennealey, and Tyler’s friends as well as the perseverance of the family and Salesian gentleman. You could not help but feel their strong faith in God and the genuine love of their community. We believe the same can be said of Saint Edmond’s Academy. We believe in God’s love. We believe in the power and importance of brotherhood in our community, and we believe that every child deserves to learn and be loved here. Thank you for trusting us with your... [Click here to continue reading.]

HOLIDAY CARE on MONDAY, APRIL 4th

With the extension of Easter Vacation through Monday, April 4th, S.E.A. will offer holiday care to families. The program will run from 7:30am to 4:30pm and can accommodate a limited number students. The cost for the day is $35. Drop-Off and Pick-Up will take place in the Lower Form (JK-3) and Upper Form (4-8) Extended Day locations. To sign up, please contact Mr. Cincotta no later than Wednesday, March 23rd. Please note that we intend for this to be a fun-filled day of structured activity. Students should bring their own lunch. A snack will be provided.
FROM THE PARENTS' GUILD (April 30th!!!)

Have you been saving the date for our big event?

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 Edmund’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!

+ St. Elizabeth High School  Saturday, 4/9 (8:30am)
+ Archmere Academy  Saturday, 4/16 (9:00)
A SPECIAL MASS THIS MORNING

The Academy celebrated the Feast of Saint Joseph with a special Liturgy today. Brothers Thomas Meany, Joseph Ash & Michael Smith renewed their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as Brothers of Holy Cross. The Feast of Saint Joseph was especially important for this ceremony, as he is the Patron Saint of the Brothers of Holy Cross. The brothers’ dedication to their vocation is a testament to responding to God’s call, and we are so grateful for their 50 plus years of service to God, the Church and the people they impacted over the years. Thank you, Brothers! May God bless you and keep you.

'BLACK LIGHT DANCE' IS TOMORROW

Tomorrow, 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 mandatory permission slip.

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. 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!

ROCKY BLUEWINKLE and BOX TOPS

On Wednesday afternoon, the Lower Form students had a special visit from the Wilmington Blue Rocks mascot, Rocky Bluewinkle. Rocky encouraged the boys to make reading a daily habit. He shared two of his favorite stories and reminded the students that their

TAKE CHARGE @ TARGET ($)

The Target TakeCharge of Education program just sent us a check for $1200! Visit their website to help us out! Many thanks!

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, 3/21
Grilled Chicken Sandwich ($3.50)
Rice ($1.25)

TUESDAY, 3/22
Italian Sub with Chips ($3.50)

WEDNESDAY, 3/23
Meatball Sandwich with Chips ($3.50)

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Monday, 3/21: 3
Tuesday, 3/22: 1
Wednesday, 3/23: 2
Tuesday, 4/5: 3
Wednesday, 4/6: 3
'completed' Rocky's Reading Challenge book marks are due back to school this coming Wednesday (3/23). This deadline is school-wide, so please have your son return his signed form to the library in order to receive two free Blue Rock's tickets. Box Tops Update: Last week we received an additional $10.00 in Box Tops, which increased our year to date earnings to $800.00. This wonderful news means that we are only $200 away from our goal for this year. Please continue to clip box tops at home and help us reach our target!

ATTENTION, CLASS of 2017 FAMILIES

At S.E.A, it is customary for the 7th grade moms/dads to staff our graduation so that the 8th grade parents can just enjoy the Mass, ceremony and reception. Please contact us to offer your time and talents to the 8th Grade Graduation Committee who will need quite a bit of help with the planning and staffing on Sunday, 6/5. Click here to add your name to the list of those who are saving the date. We appreciate your time.

ROCK YOUR SOCKS SALE BEGAN 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 sold socks Tuesday through Friday for $2 per pair. Students who did not purchase socks from our stock sale can pay two dollars on the day-of to wear their own mismatched socks to show their support for this cause.

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...-- 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
--The McHugh Family
--J.L. | Arianne Missimer | Christopher White

and for the Repose of the Souls of...
--Carolyn Marchione (Mena D’Amato’s mother)
--Paul Hendrix, grandfather of Matthew Hendrix
--Joanna Glenn, grandmother of Jack Krukiel
--Jennifer Lynn Hearn, Colton Steele’s aunt
--great-grandmother of Nicholas Poplos
--Megan Ann O’Neill & Michael Curcio