FROM DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

I truly believe that each person is a child of God. I believe it as a parent, as a principal, and as a citizen of this world. I think as we turn on the news every day, it is hard to believe there is any light at the end of this dark, global tunnel of issues. This past weekend, with the terrorist attacks in Paris, was no exception. Monday morning so many students, from the youngest to the oldest, approached me and asked if I knew about Paris. I was inundated, and knew I had to change my Morning Meeting to address this issue. So, we started our meeting with the peace sign symbol with the Eiffel tower in the middle. The boys knew this symbol and why it was prevalent today. But how do you even discuss such a complex topic [Click here to read more.]

THANKSGIVING MASS: TUESDAY, 11/24

Please join us for a special mass on Tuesday, November 24th (the last day of school before our holiday break begins) at 8:15am in the Rollins Center for the Performing Arts. This year we have invited First Responders from several New Castle County emergency agencies to join us so we can show our appreciation for all that they do. The students thought this would be a great way to show gratitude at Thanksgiving. Light refreshments will be served in the Anthony N. Fusco, Sr. Great Hall after Mass. Please respond if you are able to attend.

JOIN US! 9th ANNUAL ALUMNI TOURNEY

Please join us on Wednesday, November 25th at 6pm for the 9th Annual SEA Alumni Basketball Game as we celebrate the incredible legacy of three Saint Edmond’s Academy legends: Bill D’Amato, Joe ‘Bubba’ McDonald and George Leidy. As a way to recognize the immeasurable impact that these three gentlemen have had on the Academy, we will officially unveil the respective naming of the lower gym and the two courts after them—Bill D’Amato (Gym), Joe McDonald (Field House Court) and George Leidy (Lower Gym Court). Because this event gains more popularity each year, its organizers have
decided to change the format to a ‘3-v-3’ tournament. This will allow for all attendees to participate more while maintaining the original intentions of the night. All teams can look forward to playing a few games throughout the evening. Interested players may register online as a team of three, a team of two (we will assign you a third), or as an individual (we will place you on a team). Only one player from each team will need to complete the registration with the other players’ names. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the cafeteria. Please click here to register your team!

ATTENTION, PARENTS OF ATHLETES!

The winter basketball season starts with the Academy’s 46th Annual Thanksgiving Tournament, Friday, 11/27 through Saturday, 12/5. The Tournament, now named the Brother Ralph Edmiston Classic after the Academy’s first varsity basketball coach, is the first of two showcase basketball tournaments hosted by SEA. This year, we will send 10 teams into interscholastic competition: three teams for grades 3 & 4; four Junior Varsity team (gr 5 & 6), and four Varsity teams (gr 7 & 8). The Academy and its 116 basketball students need your support to make these showcase events successful. Please click here to visit the SignUp Genius page to volunteer for one or more timeslots.

LITERALLY HELP US DECK THE HALLS!

On Wednesday, 12/2, the doors will be opened to any parents who want to decorate our campus’ halls and common areas. The following ‘zones’ are available for your decoration: Lower Form Entrance (near the cafeteria), Lower Form Common Area (newly renovated area near the Library), Upper Form Landing (near the Science Center and Chapel), Upper Form Entrance (near the Principal’s office), Field House Entrance. Please consider your availability and interest in decorating on Wednesday, between 8am and 3pm, and the zone of your choice. Your willingness to work with others in these areas of campus, and help us put our ‘holiday face’ on is greatly appreciated. Contact Helen Foster to sign up. Thanks for your decorative vision and Christmas spirit! We so appreciate it!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US at B & N

The library will sponsor a Barnes & Noble Christmas shopping event on Monday, December 14th. Saint Edmond’s families can shop at the Concord Pike store any time throughout that day, and a percentage of all sales will be donated back to the school library. Between the hours of 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SEA faculty will be available for free gift wrapping. If

LETTER DAYS

Monday, 11/23
‘D’ Day
Tuesday, 11/24
‘E’ Day
Tuesday, 12/1
‘F’ Day
Wednesday, 12/2
‘A’ Day
Thursday, 12/3
‘B’ Day
Friday, 12/4
‘C’ Day
Monday, 12/7
‘A’ Day

SPIRITWEAR SALE

Click here for general spiritwear purchases. Click here for Basketball apparel.

FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Mr. Johns and Mr. Derrickson packed up all the food you so generously gave and delivered it to the CCS this morning. The winners of the contest will be announced soon.

WISH LIST

Do you have any of .
you are unable to shop in person, **online purchases** will also be accepted. Specific guideline for online purchases will be provided closer to the date. As you’re making that Christmas shopping list, please keep this wonderful event in mind! A special ‘thank you’ to all the families that continue to support our **Box Tops for Education** program. Recently, we received Box Tops from the Seshadri and Alzamora families. We so appreciate your continued efforts. If you have any Box Tops at home, please encourage your son to drop them off at the library or in the Upper Form hallway drop spot.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS OF THE C/O 2017**

If you’ll recall, we have implemented a 5-hour service requirement for your 7th grade son. Our goal for the Class of 2017 is to make time to be of service here. Volunteer opportunities are listed in the two ‘ourney’ blurbs above and likewise can be found on the principal’s door. Please click [here](#) to access the form students must hand in to Mr. Fahey.

**JANUARY TRANSFER PROGRAM**

The search for prospective families is in full swing, but we’re also looking to our current SEA families for new enrollments. If any current Saint Edmond’s families wish to enroll their son who is NOT presently attending the Academy, for either the **January Transfer Program** or September 2016, please contact Pete Duncan so that he may begin this process and reserve those seats sooner than later. There are plenty of reasons to consider our January transfer program. Get the process started by arranging a Student Shadow Day here in the next couple of weeks!

**FACULTY & STAFF CHRISTMAS FUND**

For many years, it has been customary at Saint Edmond’s Academy for parents of our students, if they desire, to make a monetary contribution to the **Faculty / Staff Christmas Fund** which is distributed among all of the members of the faculty & staff. Many families find this option attractive because it eliminates the difficulty and expense of purchasing individual gifts. You may contribute any amount to this fund, and please remember there is no obligation to participate. If you do take part, please make your checks payable to **Saint Edmond’s Academy**, and put **Christmas Fund** on the memo line. Send checks (in an envelope) to the attention of Bill D’Amato. All checks should be in by 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 17th. **Thank you for your consideration!**

**LUNCH MENU**

**MONDAY, 11/23:**
- Chicken Nuggets ($3.50)
- Rice ($1.25)

**TUESDAY, 11/24:**
- Turkey Dinner ($3.50)

**CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

- Monday, 11/23: 1
- Tuesday, 11/24: 1
- Tuesday, 12/1: 1
- Wednesday, 12/2: 2
- Thursday, 12/3: 2
- Friday, 12/4: 2

**BAND PRACTICES**

**MONDAY, 11/23:**
- Jazz Band 2:45-3:20

There are no other practices this week.
TONIGHT AT ARCHMERE ACADEMY

Join the Archmere Academy Fathers' Club TONIGHT as they host an evening of impressions and comedy from Joe Conklin (of 94.1 WIP). This event is open to anyone looking for an evening of laughs. Tickets are $25 per person. Doors will open at 7:00pm. The show starts at 8:00pm. Click here to buy your tickets or reach out to Ed McAvinue for info.