FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

Did you know that in 2013, 14.7% of boys’ visits to a pediatrician resulted in a mental health diagnosis, as compared to 8.2% of girls? Did you know these numbers have increased over the past five years? This past Monday, we gathered as a faculty to learn and discuss how to promote emotionally healthy boys. During the month of October, Educational Leadership magazine dedicated an entire publication on over ten articles to promote the mental health of all students. Each faculty was placed in groups of three and given one article to read, discuss, and present to the rest of the faculty. We discussed how teachers can respond to the emotional needs of students... [Click here to read more.]

JOIN US ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th

Join us for a Spanish Mass on Tuesday, 12/8 (8:15am). This liturgy celebrates The Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day, with some Spanish language to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank You to our Community for making the 5th Grade Neighborhood Thanksgiving Food Drive, organized by Brian Johns '88, an incredible success. Debbie Quinn from the Claymont Community Center was ‘overwhelmed’ with the generosity of SEA families during this ‘extreme’ time of need. The students raised more than 5,000 points in food items including over 70 turkeys. The class contributed the most was Mrs. Alcarrese’s K-1 class. They brought in 28 turkeys!

Brian Ray, our Headmaster, received a very warm note from the Executive Director of the CCC who wrote: “Last week, when Mr. Johns, Mr. Derrickson and Mr. Downs arrived (not once but twice) in the SEA van loaded with their donations, we were elated. We are happy to share that we were able to distribute 127 turkeys to our Claymont neighbors in need...and because of Saint Edmond’s, we should be able to give out that same amount again in December for other families receiving a Christmas bird from us.”

BISHOP TO VISIT S.E.A ON DAY OF PEACE

Academy students and faculty will be taking part in a ‘day of peace’ next Thursday, December 10th. Boys will wear the traditional colors symbolic of peace, blue and white, and will spend the day learning about finding peace within themselves as well as spreading peace to the greater community. Saint Edmond’s is also honored to host Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., the Ninth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington on this day to join us.

HELP US DECK THE HALLS!

We have opened the doors to any parent who wishes to decorate our campus’ halls and common areas. The following zones are available for your decoration: Lower Form Common Area (area near the Library), Upper Form Landing (near the Chapel), Upper Form Entrance (near the Principal’s office), Field House Entrance. Please consider your availability and interest in decorating 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!

Christiana Hospital

SUNDAY, 12/13
+ Student & Staff Musicians to Perform at LOVE Park 12-1pm

MONDAY, 12/14
+ Barnes & Noble Night 5:30pm
+ ‘Make a Wish Week’ Begins!

FRIDAY, 12/18
+ Christmas Mass 8:15

LETTER DAYS

Friday, 12/4
‘C’ Day

Monday, 12/7
‘A’ Day

Tuesday, 12/8
‘B’ Day

Wednesday, 12/9
‘C’ Day

Thursday, 12/10
‘D’ Day

Friday, 12/11
‘E’ Day

SPIRITWEAR SALE

Click here for general
FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will lead a weeklong fundraiser in support of the Make a Wish Foundation. Each day that week, students will donate $1 to participate in wardrobe related activity. **Monday**, 12/14: **SEA Spirit Wear**. **Tuesday**, 12/15: **Crazy Sock Day** (with uniform!). **Wednesday**, 12/16: **Football Jersey Day** (in lieu of blazer, shirt & tie). **Thursday**, 12/17: **Santa Hat Day** (with uniform!). **Friday**, 12/18: Business Casual Tag Day. Each ‘event’ requires a $1.00 donation to be collected by the homeroom teacher.

FROM THE PARENTS' GUILD

Classroom Christmas parties will be on Friday, December 18th--the last day of school before Christmas Vacation begins. The Ambassadors for each Form, Sharon Davis (JK-3), Jill Fella (4-6) and Cathy Russell (7-8) will be contacting you with information for each of the homerooms. Parents may begin dropping off after 1:15. Parties begin at 2pm. Parents are welcome!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US

Our holiday Barnes and Noble night is just over a week away! The Concord Pike location of Barnes & Noble will host a reading event for SEA on Monday, December 14th. A percentage of all purchases made in the store that day (using one of the attached vouchers) will be credited to the Academy library. **Can’t make it to the store?** Online purchases made between Friday, 12/11 and Thursday, 12/17 will also be included in our sale total. Simply use the online bookfair identification number (11719028) when you check-out. **What a wonderful way to do your Christmas shopping while supporting the school library!**
LOVE PARK PERFORMANCE ON 12/13

A very talented group of Academy students and staff will kick off Make a Wish Week with a performance in Love Park's Christmas Village on Sunday, 12/13 from 12-1. All stores surrounding Love Park will be open for business, and a portion of their proceeds that day will go directly to the Make a Wish Foundation. Come out and see our musicians, do some Christmas shopping and help make some very important wishes for sick children come true. Make a Wish sees its needs increase every year. If you're not free to attend on the 13th, perhaps consider making a donation. Please click here to view details organized by the daughter of an alum. Share her flier if you can!

2015 ST. FRANCIS FOUNDATION REINDEER BALL AT DUPONT COUNTRY CLUB

Sharon Davis (mom to Rex and Stone) is the chairperson for The 2015 Saint Francis Foundation Reindeer Ball which is a children’s gala being held this Sunday evening (12/6) from 4-7pm at Dupont Country Club. Activities include visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus (and other very special guests!) dinner and dancing (to the sounds of DJ Officer Offbeat Magic), stilts, tightropes, gingerbread cookie decorating, ballet performances, face painting, balloon twisting and so much more. Click here to register or contact Gina Kennedy at 575-8270 or gkennedy@che-east.org.

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 this 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. Please make 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, 12/17. Thank you for your consideration!
SEND YOUR INTENTIONS TO US

Do you or a loved one have any special prayer intentions you might like to share with us? We believe there's strength in numbers! Please send your special intentions to us. We'll list them here each week, and we'll pray for you as a community each morning and during daily prayer which is led each morning during announcements by our Student Director of Religious Affairs, Nicholas Horgan ‘16.