FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

I write this letter with a heart full of joy after celebrating our day of peace here yesterday. The boys knew the expectations and exceeded them. We were kind, patient and thoughtful.

Bishop Malooly celebrated our day of peace today by talking to the boys about peace in the world and how small moments of peace in our community really do make a difference. A group of seventh graders, on their own, sold World Peace bracelets with all proceeds going towards a world peace organization. The bracelets were in such high demand...

[Click here to read more.]

END OF THE FIRST MARKING PERIOD

Report cards were posted in NetClassroom this afternoon. We've also printed them and delivered to students in their homerooms (along with any Honor Roll or High Honors awards earned). If you have questions about course averages, effort grades or skills ratings, please contact your son's teacher. If you have any other questions or need your log-in info, please contact us.

STUDENT SHARES HIS TIME & TALENT

The Thomas P. Sweeney Library was so fortunate to receive the gift of time (and paint) from 8th grader, Connor Lehmann. Connor was aware that I had an old table that desperately needed refinishing. After many hours (12 total!) of sanding, priming and painting, a beautiful reading table emerged! It is located right outside of the library doors. A new Box Tops for Education collection basket has been placed on
the top thanks to Mrs. Janice Lehmann. Students may now drop off Box Tops at any time of the day. I would like to thank Connor so very much for his hard work!

PHOTO FORMS? SEND TO BARKSDALE

Portraits were delivered to students in homeroom on Monday. Orders should be mailed to Barksdale Portraits (380 Turner Way, Aston, PA 19014) or completed online. Please direct all questions to them (800-220-7667). Retakes will be held on Wednesday, January 13th. You may also go there to have your son sit. It's just over the PA line in Aston.

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. Parents may begin dropping off items after 1:15. Parties begin at 2pm. Parents are welcome!

Please save the following dates for these exciting 2016 Parents' Guild sponsored events:

Saturday, January 30th 2016: Bunco & Family Dinner
Thursday, February 4th 2016: Parents’ Guild Meeting
Saturday, March 19th 2016: Student Dance
Saturday, April 30th 2016: A Knight of Red Coats

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US

FRIDAY, 12/18
+ Christmas Mass
  8:15

LETTER DAYS

Monday, 12/14
'F' Day
Tuesday, 12/15
'A' Day
Wednesday, 12/16
'B' Day
Thursday, 12/17
'C' Day
Friday, 12/18
'D' Day

SPIRITWEAR SALE

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

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Click here to see the schedule of upcoming basketball games!
Our S.E.A Barnes & Noble 'in-store' reading event is THIS Monday, December 14th. A percentage of all purchases made in the Concord Pike location of the store (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 book fair identification number (11719028) when you checkout. Mrs. Hayes-Hartman will be in the store from 5:30-8:00pm at the 'Wish List' table. Please consider supporting this event when finishing your Christmas shopping!

'LOVE PARK' PERFORMANCE SUNDAY!

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!

DELaware Math LEague RESULTS

On December 1st, Academy students participated in the 2nd of 4 Delaware Math League regional competitions. The following students represented us 8th Grade Team: Drew Blackwell, Connor Lehmann, Riley McAvinue, Charles Parson, Collin Sclesky / 7th Grade Team: Max Iacono, Sebastian Gropp, Jack Krukiel, Gavin Sidhu, Sam Truluck, Seamus Oliver (a 6th grader!). Team comparisons are difficult to draw at this point, however, our boys strongly represented in each of the first two competitions. Special recognition goes to 8th grade teammates, Drew Blackwell, Riley McAvinue and Charles Parson for being among the top

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, 12/14:
Crispy Chicken Sandwich ($3.50)
Rice ($1.25)

TUESDAY, 12/15:
Deli Sandwich with Chips ($3.50)

WEDNESDAY, 12/16
Ravioli Dinner ($3.50)

THURSDAY, 12/17
Taco ($1.75)

FRIDAY, 12/18
Pizza ($2.00)($2.50)

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Monday, 12/14: 1
Tuesday, 12/15: 1
Wednesday, 12/16: 3
Thursday, 12/17: 1
Friday, 12/18: 2

BAND PRACTICES

MONDAY, 12/14:
Jazz Band

TUESDAY, 12/15:
8 Overall Scorers (out of 66 students in the region). Seamus Oliver, Max Iacono and Jack Krukiel have had similar success for the 7th grade team, with overall scores that rank them among the top 11 overall scorers (out of 55 students in the region). Keep up the awesome effort, boys! Their next competition will be held on 1.15.16.

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!

JOIN US IN PRAYER
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.

Join us this week as we keep the following sick, suffering or lonely members of our community in our prayers:
--Jonathan Bention's Sister-in-Law, Zoe
--Nicholas Poplos' grandmother
--Rosario Barbagallo's grandfather
--Anna & Martha Ann Szczerba
--Kim Mauk--Arianne Missimer
--J.L.
--Suzanne Lundy

WEDNESDAY, 12/16: All of Lancer Band

THURSDAY, 12/17: Jazz Band

FRIDAY, 12/18 Beginner Band (Percussion)

All rehearsals are 2:45-3:20
and For the Repose of the Souls of...
--Megan Ann O'Neill
--Michael Curcio