FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! We so appreciate all you do for the Academy, but most importantly, for allowing us to be part of your son’s life. This past Monday during morning meeting, we had the honor of listening to a 1984 alumnus, Nate Andrisani. He spoke to the boys about the Make-A-Wish Foundation and how much the boys will make a difference in the life of a stranger who needs our help the most. He left the boys with this message, “We at Saint Edmond’s are ordinary people doing an extraordinary miracle.” On the same day, I returned to my office and Father Beretta sent his weekly letter to the Salesianum families stating, “It is the ordinary, everyday miracles that matter most.” Same message, same day, two different messengers. I can’t help but believe God is talking to me this week and asking me to do something special for someone! So as we reflect during this holiday season, I hope we all take time to do something extraordinary for someone else. May your holidays be blessed with laughter, prayer, and family.

HELP US ACHIEVE 100% PARTICIPATION?

Christmas is only a week away, and we are all busy getting ready for the holidays. We are happily giving gifts to our families, friends, neighbors and teachers not because we need to but because we want to. We hope that in this season of giving, you will choose to remember the Academy’s Annual Fund. All Annual Fund dollars support our school in ways over and above what tuition dollars cover. As of this week, our participation from our current
families is at 20%. Achieving 100% participation from current S.E.A families is critical when asking for foundation and corporate giving. A gift given now still counts towards our 2015-2016 Annual Fund. Making your gift before December 31st will count as a tax deduction for you for 2015. Remember, it is not the size of the gift that matters, just your participation! Make an online donation now by clicking here. For any questions, please contact Sue Johnson. Thank you for helping us reach this goal!

NEW TRADITION AT CHRISTIANA CARE

On Sunday, December 12th, 25 singers from Men's Ensemble, Academy Singers, and Academy Chorus assembled at Christiana Hospital to carol for those caring for patients, families visiting, and patients. We were very warmly received and requested to make our visit a yearly tradition. Congratulations to all of our performers for an excellent job on the annual Middle and Upper Form Christmas Concert! All of your work paid off! Wishing everyone a Merry & Blessed Christmas and the best of New Years.

CAROLING AT THE P.A.L ON MARKET ST.

Thank you to all those students, teachers and family members who participated in our First Annual Caroling at the PAL event. The event was quite a success and a very unique opportunity for our boys to connect with students attending public schools throughout the area. We look forward to bringing more of these community events to our calendar. Connect with Mr. Fahey with your thoughts or suggestions. Thank you for joining us there! Merry Christmas!

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council led a weeklong fundraiser in support of the Make a Wish Foundation. Each day this week, students donated $1 to participate in wardrobe related fun. They are pleased to announce a preliminary
total of $1276! So cool!

FROM THE PARENTS' GUILD

The Saint Edmond’s Academy tradition of Knighthood continued last Thursday evening. Our 5th Grade students became Knights of the Light after completing projects for each class. The 28 students learned aspects of life in the Middle Ages after a 6 week quest of work and dedication. Thank you to the committee chairperson, Theresa Marini-Kain, Joelle Florax and Terri Truono for organizing the ceremony and reception. A special recognition to Joe Cann for the catering and the Salvati's, Truono's and McGhee's for the gifts given to the boys to acknowledge their accomplishments.

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

SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS SOON!

Auditions for the Spring Musical will be held on Sunday, January 10th from 6-9pm. Audition materials will be available the week we return from Christmas break. There will be an opportunity during the enrichment period that same week to practice the audition music with Ms. DeHart. Open to students in grade 4-8, female siblings of current students or alumni, or female students invited by the director or those who have performed in the summer theatre programs. Contact Ms. DeHart with any questions.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Click here to see the schedule of upcoming basketball games!

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, 1/4: Grilled Chicken Sandwich ($3.50) Rice ($1.25)
TUESDAY, 1/5: Quarter Pounder ($3.50) French Fries ($1.50)
WEDNESDAY, 1/6 Pasta with Meat Sauce ($3.50)
THURSDAY, 1/7 Italian Sub with Chips ($3.50)
FRIDAY, 1/8 Pizza ($2.00) ($2.50)
BARNES & NOBLE NIGHT | BOX TOPS

Thank you to those families who supported our Barnes & Noble Night. We’ll share our sales total with you in the next edition of TKN. Our wish list table was a huge success! A special thanks to Alex and Sam Fella, Cole Fenice, Thomas Healy, Lincoln Illingworth, Andrew Minuti, Nate Ray, Thomas Stoops, Mrs. Alcarese, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Maffia, Mr. Skolfield, and Mrs. Turner, all of whom purchased and donated books to the library. Box Tops Update: Last week we collected two hundred box tops from the Russell and Conaty families. Thank you so very much for your donation! In February, we would like to have a Box Tops Blitz, which would be a major show of support for our collection efforts this year. Please clip box tops over the holiday to help us with this endeavor. Every little bit helps!

JUNIOR LANCERS LACROSSE PROGRAM

Saint Edmond’s has a proud tradition of producing some of the best lacrosse players in the State. We have an estimated 17 alumni from some of our most recent classes playing in high school, committed to college programs or playing in college. We are proud to announce that Delaware Orthopaedic Specialists will be sponsoring our lacrosse program beginning in 2016. Their generosity will provide for the purchase of much needed equipment, team gear, and enable us to start the Lancer Juniors program. This program will offer after school training sessions for Pre-K through 2nd grade. We will focus 100% on introducing them to the sport and to development. Keep your eye out for more details after the Christmas break.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR GOLF OUTING!

Mark your calendars for the Ninth Annual SEA Lancer Club Golf Outing at the Springhaven Club in Wallingford, PA on Friday, June 10th. We look forward to your joining us on the links for tee time at 8am. You will

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BAND PRACTICES WEEK OF 1/4:
No Practices
receive complete details on Golfer Registration, Sponsorship and Advertising opportunities shortly. Sponsorship and Advertising opportunities are important ways for your business or firm to participate as well. We have capacity for 120 golfers, so get your foursome(s) ready!

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Do you or a loved one have any special prayer intentions you might like to share with us? 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...
--Joanna Glenn, grandmother of Jack Krukiel
--Zoe Benton, sister-in-law to Jonathan Benton
--Nicholas Poplos' grandmother
--Sr. Patricia Carson R.S.M, great aunt to Thos. Stoops
--Paul Hendrix, grandfather of Matthew Hendrix
--for the healing of estranged families everywhere

and For the Repose of the Souls of...
--Megan Ann O’Neill
--Michael Curcio