FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear S.E.A Families,

“Resilience is that ineffable quality that allows some people to be knocked down by life and come back stronger than ever. Rather than letting failure overcome them and drain their resolve, they find a way to rise from the ashes. Psychologists have identified some of the factors that make someone resilient, among them a positive attitude, optimism, the ability to regulate emotions, and the ability to see failure as a form of helpful feedback. Even after a misfortune, resilient people are blessed with such an outlook that they are able to change course and soldier on” (Psychology Today). We need to understand that some failure with our sons can lend itself to helping them develop resilience. We cannot always swoop in to save them. [Click here to read more.]

HOW TALL WAS ABE LINCOLN?

To celebrate Presidents' Day, the Junior Kindergarten students read Abe Lincoln Remembers by Ann Turner. What really caught their interest was that Abraham Lincoln was 6'4" tall. But just how tall is that they wondered? Mrs. Rottura taught them how to find out. They used rulers, yard sticks and tape measures all week! They measured everything they saw and also took turns measuring each other. Then, they invited some of their tallest friends in the school to get measured. It turns out that Mr. Holsten (who is pictured here standing next to our life-sized Abe Lincoln) was just about as tall as Honest Abe. The boys loved that!
Mr. Murphy's First Grade Farmers

Mr. Murphy's First Grade Science class did an excellent job selecting and planting seeds for the lower form science greenhouse. The boys planted and grew carrots, lettuce, spearmint and various flowers. As the plants grew, their progress was observed and shared weekly using a microscope camera and the Smart board. That way everyone could easily see and compare the seedlings.

Fifth Grade Parents: Save the Date!

At 7pm on Thursday March 5th, the fifth grade students will be knighted! This ceremony is the culmination of six weeks of hard work in all of their classes. The students have been busy learning about life during the Middle Ages and creating projects to demonstrate that learning. The ceremony is a special way to honor and celebrate the boys' effort and achievements.

'How-To' with Homeroom 1-1

The first grade boys have been very busy working on their 'How To' writing pieces. Mrs. Manalo and Mrs. Hartman have been learning a lot this week! They've learned how to make a pizza, train a dog to sit, and also how to grow trees. They even learned how to correctly wear hockey goalie pads! Good Job, First Graders!

It's Playoffs Time!

The Athletic Department is proud to announce that all of our playoff-eligible basketball teams are in their league's Semi-Final game. 3rd & 4th Grade 'Red' Semi-Final Game is tonight (here at SEA) against Saint Mary Magdalen at 6:00pm. JV 'Red' Semi-Final Game is this Sunday, here at SEA against the late. Click here to visit Rush's website.

Calendar

Click here for the calendar. Remember also that it's important to track academic and classroom items in NetClassroom.

The end of Trimester 2 is Wednesday! Report cards will be posted on 3/6.

Letter Days

Monday, 2/23 'e'
Tuesday, 2/24 'f'
Wednesday, 2/25 'a'
Thursday, 2/26 'b'
Friday, 2/27 'c'

Lunch Menu

Monday, 2/23:
Crispy Chicken Sandwich ($3.25)
Rice ($1.25)

Tuesday, 2/24:
Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich with Whipped Potatoes ($3.50)
winner of the 10am game Saturday. Game time is 1:10pm. **Varsity ‘Red’** Semi-Final Game is tonight at St. Peter’s New Castle against SJB. Game time is 7:15pm. **Varsity ‘Gray’** Semi-Final Game is tomorrow, at St. Peter’s New Castle against Saint Mary of the Assumption. Game time is 5:15pm. **If We Win:** 3rd & 4th Championship Game is next Friday (2/27) at SEA. Game time is 6:30pm. **JV ‘Red’** Championship Game is next Friday (2/27) at SEA. Game time is 7:45pm. **Varsity ‘Red’** Championship Game is Sunday, 2/22 at Sallies. Game time is 6:00pm against the winner of St. Ann’s and St. Mary of the Assumption. **Varsity ‘Gray’** Championship Game is Sunday, 2/22 at Sallies. Game time is 4:30pm against the winner of SJB and SMM.

**S.E.A CHOIRS TO PERFORM NATIONAL ANTHEM AT HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS GAME ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8th!**

On invitation, members of our three choirs will sing the National Anthem at an exhibition game by the world renowned Harlem Globetrotters at the Wells Fargo Center on Sunday, March 8 at noon. A total of 55 SEA families will attend with many of them coming to show their support for our singers and enjoy a fun family evening. Pre-purchased tickets are now in and ready for pickup. Lower Form parents should contact Ms. DeHart regarding pickup. Middle and Upper Form students may sign for their tickets and take tickets home unless parents would prefer to pick them up personally from the Music Room. **Congrats, singers! We know you will make us proud!**

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

If your son is in sixth or 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 for questions, too!

**Ravioli Dinner**
($3.50)

**THURSDAY, 2/26:**
- **Steak Sandwich** ($3.25)
- **French Fries** ($1.50)

**FRIDAY, 2/27:**
- **Pizza** ($2.00) ($2.25)

**MEETING!**

The next Parents’ Guild meeting will be on Thursday, 3/19 at 7pm. Please join us.

**FLORIDA TRIP**

Brother Joe would like to remind families that he will respond to any and all Florida questions when he reaches out by phone in the next couple of weeks. He will not forget you!

**STUDENT DANCES**

The Saint Ann’s School dance that was scheduled for tomorrow evening has been cancelled!
Saint Mark’s High School is offering a two-day ‘test prep course’ on Tuesday, 3/10 & Thursday, 3/12. 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Cost is $115 per student which includes the fee for sitting the ‘practice test’ on Saturday, March 14th (8:00am - 12:00pm).

REQUEST FROM THE YEARBOOK STAFF
The yearbook staff is looking for Fall Sports, Activities and Event photos. You can upload the photos to our yearbook dropbox using this link or use the QR code to upload directly from your Smartphone or iPad. To upload photos from a computer, click on the link above and then click on the Upload Photo button and choose a photo from your computer or device. From a Smartphone, iPad or tablet, use a QR Scanner app (e.g. Qrafter) and scan the code above.

FREE EKG SCREENINGS AT SALLIES
Heart In The Game’s 5th Annual Free EKG screening will take place tomorrow at Salesianum School in the gymnasium at 10:00 am. The purpose of this program is to identify and prevent Sudden Cardiac death among our youth. Click here.

TARGET GIVES TO SAINT EDMOND’S!
We're excited! The Target Take Charge of Education program just sent us a check for $479! This is a really easy way for families and friends of S.E.A to contribute to our Annual Fund. We love this program because you don't have to use a credit card to sign up. You can get the Target Red Debit Card which gives back 1% of your purchases. Visit their website to learn more and to sign up!

2/21 at St. Mary of the Assumption. Click here for details.

3/7 at Saint Edmond's Academy. Details will be provided at a later date.

All dances are for students in grades 6, 7, & 8 only!

45th ANNUAL S.E.A BOYS’ B-BALL CAMP!
Click here to register your son for our 45th Annual basketball camp.

IPAD INSURANCE
Click here for details about participating in the Academy’s iPad insurance plan.

SOCIAL SKILL
Good Practice: Always walk on the right side of the corridor or sidewalk.
AND THE WINNER IS...

Parents' Guild President, Vince Dills officiated the third drawing of the 2015 Grand Raffle. The winning ticket belonged to Mark & Amie Pinelli (Parents of Luke, K-1). The winning ticket will be re-entered for the final drawing on Saturday, 2/28 at the Beef & Beer. If you haven’t bought a ticket yet, why not do it for the $5000 final drawing? Please click here for the form.

BEEF & BEER SILENT AUCTION
BASKETS VALUED AT MORE THAN $8000!

Thank you to those who have organized or contributed to the homeroom gift baskets to be auctioned off at the 2nd ANNUAL PARENTS’ SOCIAL (BEEF & BEER) to be held NEXT SATURDAY.

Parents were extra creative this year, and the baskets are really exciting! Please remember to bring cash or a check the evening of the benefit. No credit cards are accepted at this venue. Please contact Gretchen McDonnell with questions. Time is running out. We promise you a very fun evening! Join us! Click here to buy your tickets. See you there!

CAFETERIA HELP REQUESTED!

If you haven’t yet signed up to help in the cafeteria, please do so. We need at least 3 volunteers for each day, and we’re asking all families to sign up for at least one day! Click here to see our list of immediate need.