FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear S.E.A Families,
Every year at this point in the academic calendar, I tend to write about keeping grades and other academic expectations in perspective, and I find myself reminding parents to help their son set new goals for the upcoming trimester. This year, it seems ever more important to find that perspective. I am not sure if everyone has been able to catch the local news but there has been a lot of discussion about the very tragic suicide of an 8th grader, Cayman, who attended The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr. This news mandates we all take a moment to pause. Pause to celebrate your children and your loved ones. Just pause. Life as a student can often be challenging, stressful and tiring. But school also brings laughter, excitement, camaraderie and learning. Does it really matter in the timeline of life if our son received a 94.3 or a 95 average in the 7th grade? Life’s value should never depend on a single score, a single difficulty or a single moment in time. Life’s value should be worth more moments, more events, more challenges and more successes. We need to teach our sons how to be patient, how to be resilient and yes, how to celebrate even the smallest of successes. We need to listen when they tell us life is not going their way. We need to laugh with them and cry with them. But for tonight, in honor of Cayman, whose life ended way too soon, let’s just let our children know they are loved. I know I will.

May your weekend be blessed,
Tricia
MRS. MCARTHUR'S THIRD GRADERS

Mrs. McArthur's third grade class has been working with context clues. They put their skills to the test by trying to figure out the meaning of the unknown words in the famous poem 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Caroll. Using the meanings of the words they came up with, the boys were also able to create illustrations to accompany the poem! Can YOU comprehend every word they're saying? Please click here to watch their video. So cool!

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN MUSICIANS

Mr. Pisarcik's Junior Kindergarten music class has been learning how to write music notation as well as create music notation using popsicle sticks. JK musicians have been recreating rhythms and chanting rhythmic syllables as a class to practice steady beat, tempo and playing rhythm instruments. Well done, Boys!

OUR STUDENTS SHINE AT DELAWARE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

An original musical, "Welcome Back to Oz: Dorothy Meets the Patchwork Girl", premiered at the Delaware Children's Theatre on March 7th and features the talents of two of our students: Frankie Frabizzio, 7th grade, and Michael Marietta, 2nd grade. We are proud of our students' efforts and success to be included in this production. If you want to see the show, the dates are Saturdays and Sundays through March 29th at 2:00 PM and also one special Friday night show on the 20th at 7:00 PM. The audience can also meet the cast after the show is over. We hope some of our families will take their children to see the show and also say hi to Frankie.

SUMMER PLANS?

Click here to view the pdf of the Shoestring Productions summer (dramatic arts) offerings.

LAX SEASON BEGINS!

SEA's 3rd & 4th Grade Team, JV Team and Varsity Lacrosse teams will kick off their seasons by competing in the Joppatowne Jamboree lacrosse tournament in Joppa, MD on Saturday, March 21st! Go Lancers!

LETTER DAYS

Monday, 3/16 'd'
Tuesday, 3/17 'e'
Wednesday, 3/18 'f'
Thursday, 3/19 'a'
Friday, 3/20 'b'

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, 3/16: Chicken Nuggets ($3.25) Rice ($1.25)

TUESDAY, 3/17: Quarter Pounder ($3.25) French Fries ($1.50)
and Michael while you are there!

**IMPORTANT!!! TERRANOVA TESTING**

Students in grades 3-7 will be taking the TerraNova test later this month. Click here for the schedule for student in Grade 3. Click [here](#) for the schedule for students in grades 4-7. Parents should try to make sure their sons are on time for school each day that testing is conducted. When a student arrives late, he will miss testing for that day. Students arriving in their homeroom after 8:00 cannot be permitted to interrupt testing already in progress. Mr. Cincotta will coordinate the 'make-up' date for any student who is tardy or absent. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation with this.

**SPIRIT WEAR SALE CONCLUDING SOON**

The Al's Sporting Goods Saint Edmond's Academy Online Stores are now open for all Spring Sports Apparel, P.E. Uniforms and Spirit Wear. To access the online stores, please click here. **The store is only open now through Monday, March 16th at 9pm!**

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ACADEMY CHORAL GROUPS EVENT**

Last Sunday 41 members of the combined Academy Singers, Academy Chorus and Men’s Ensemble sang the National Anthem prior to the exhibition game presented by the internationally known Harlem Globetrotters at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. It was a memorable event on court and off cheered by 55 SEA families. We can be proud of our singers for their effort and achievement. Congratulations to all participants and many thanks to our parents for supporting this event.

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**THURSDAY, 3/19:**

- **Taco** ($1.75)

**FRIDAY, 3/20**

- **Pizza** ($2.00) ($2.25)

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**REMINDER!**

If your son is going to be absent, tardy or dismissing early, please call or email the Main Office. Teachers don't always have a chance to forward things to the attendance manager before she releases the daily report at 9:30. Contact Renie!

**KNIGHTHOOD**

The fifth grade Knighthood ceremony will now be held on Monday, March 16th.

**MEETING**

Please join the Parents' Guild for their next meeting. It will be held at 7pm on Thursday, 3/19.

**FLORIDA TRIP**

Brother Joe would like to remind families to please
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 you as you navigate the process. We will 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. The Saint Mark's High School Practice Test is this Saturday. Have you registered your son?

CELEBRATE OUR EXCITING S.E.A VIDEO!

The Admissions Department recently released a video which highlights the unique qualities of an Academy education. The film was produced, written and narrated by current S.E.A parent, Claudia Gomez, mother of Matteo Powell in JK, whose experience in television and journalism with FOX 29 provided a professional yet personal voice to the piece. Claudia collaborated with SEA alumnus Gavin Pease '99 who directed and co-edited the film. He volunteered his experience in film production to help tell the story of what sets us apart from other schools. The film captures the essence of Saint Edmond's Academy from the perspective of faculty and staff, alumni, students and parents. The video currently sits on our website’s ‘Home Page’ and ‘Admissions Landing Page’. Please be sure to click here to view it and to share! We're really proud!

PARENTS' GUILD REQUEST

ATTENTION, 7th Grade Families!

please reach out to us to offer your time and talents to the 8th Grade Graduation Committee who will need quite a bit of help with snack items for the trip.

PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons for students in grade 2 and up are available on a first-come, first-served basis for the summer and next fall. Limited openings are available. Contact Ms. DeHart for more information.

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

Remember to cover your mouth to when you sneeze or cough.
the planning and staffing of Graduation on Sunday, 5/31. Click here to help out!

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.