FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

Today was one of the best SEA days I can remember. What's better than a 'Student Vs. Faculty' basketball game played in the interest of raising money for childhood cancer? I don't think we ever have laughed THAT hard or THAT much as a community! It was a close game for Lower Form teachers versus Lower Form students. However, during the Middle Form game, seemingly endless three-point shots delivered by Bryce Flowers, made it impossible for the faculty to get ahead. The Upper Form game was so close during the first quarter. At the beginning of the second quarter... [Click here for more.]

SIGN the PETITION | HELP L.F. SCIENCE

The 3rd grade is building upon their 'water cycle unit' by reading several books in ELA, such as One Well: The Story of Water on Earth by Rochelle Strauss and Down the Drain: Conserving Water by Anita Ganeri. These books focus their attention on the issues of water scarcity and water pollution. While in science class, they are making PSAs about water pollution using iMovie on their iPads. They are asking for 90 seconds of your time to help! Please complete the online pledge to properly dispose of cooking grease by placing it in cans in the trash and not by putting grease down your drains. In addition, you can ask friends and neighbors to sign on behalf of Saint Edmond’s Academy. Their efforts tie in with one of The Academy's Five Core Values ('Building Community'). Great Schools, Clean Streams is a public service campaign to reduce...
pollution in New Castle County. This is the contest summary from their website: “This spring, five private schools in New Castle County will win gift certificates to pay for on-campus projects and classroom materials! Schools win the gift certificates by collecting pledges from parents and other NCC residents to dispose of used cooking fats, oils and grease properly. It's easy to make the pledge, simply go to this site between now and 5/22 and answer a few questions!

NEED FOR CAFETERIA HELP

We need at least 3 volunteers for the cafeteria each day, and we have very few signed up for next week. We're asking all families to please consider taking a shift. Even if you can't stay the full three hour shift. Click here to see if any of the days or times work for someone in your family.

MOST ASSUREDLY A NEW TRADITION

Student Council's brilliant last fundraiser a 'Student Vs. Faculty' basketball game was held today in the field house. Grades 2 & 3 played their teachers first. Brendan Burke had two slam dunks (with a 'ladder-like assist' from Mr. Holsten) and Elijah Duval stole a ball from a teacher every other lap. The Middle Form game followed next. Bryce Flowers scored three '3 point shots' which won the game for them! The Upper Form faculty came out ahead in their game, though. This is most likely due to a brilliant last minute call by Coach D'Amato which involved subbing in The Swisher, Brian Johns who gained a much needed two points. Proceeds from this very special fundraiser will be given to the B+ Foundation in honor of Savannah Pauley, sister of JC Pauley, Class of 2015.

Click on the following numbers to see the action.
One | Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven | Eight | Nine
Ten | Eleven | Twelve | Thirteen | Fourteen | Fifteen | Sixteen | Seventeen

REQUIRED!!!
SUMMER MATH

Please click here to access 'summer math' assignments for your son. Students who will be in grades 4-8 in the Fall need to purchase the 'skills sharpener' material outlined in this PDF.

SPECIAL NEW RATE OFFERED

The Newport Rowing Club has introduced a very special rate for students from SEA. Click here for their summer camp details.

LAX CAMP

Click here to sign up for Rippin’ Rope Lacrosse Summer Camps. Camp is open to Boys and Girls--ages 7-17.

LETTER DAYS

Monday, 5/18 'f'
Tuesday, 5/19 'a'
Wednesday, 5/20 'b'
Thursday, 5/21 'c'
FIFTH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Mrs. Oswinkle's 5th Graders conducted 'character interviews' this week. Readers paired up to write talk show interview questions and answers for a main character from the novel *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck. One student chose the role of talk show host, and it was his job to write thought-provoking questions for the character to ask. The other student posed as the character who was to be interviewed. He wrote creative responses to the questions based on the character's personality traits. The students did a wonderful job bringing the characters to life through their thorough examination. They worked hard to incorporate authentic vocabulary from the time period, and included factual information from the era of the Great Depression.

SEVENTH GRADE DISSECTION ACTIVITY

Mrs. Perkins' 7th grade Life Science class concluded their year-long study of living organisms with the dissection of the white rat *Rattus Norvegicus*. Rats are considered to be ideal specimens for student dissection because their anatomy is very similar to that of a human. Much of the faculty took time out of their day to stop in to observe the student teams as they worked but a very special visitor, Brother Michael, was quite impressed with the work of the Class of 2016 students during his visit to the McConnell Science Lab.

ANNUAL D.C. FIELD TRIP WITH GRADE 8

On Tuesday, the graduating class traveled to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Despite the fact that it was the hottest day of the year so far, the boys walked over ten miles! They made their way to many of the sites for which the District is famous. In the morning,
students walked the Tidal Basin to check out the Jefferson and Lincoln Monuments and also saw the newest monument, dedicated to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. On the way to see several of the Smithsonian museums in the afternoon, the 8th graders had a glimpse of the Presidential motorcade, which was believed to have been carrying the Commander-in-Chief back to the White House. The students and faculty would like to thank the chaperones who took time from their busy lives to enjoy this special day with them.

SAY 'NO' TO THE 'R-WORD' TAG DAY: 5/21

On Thursday, 5/21 the students will participate in a Tag Day in support of "Say No To the R-Word." Your son's $2.00 contribution will help raise awareness of the movement aimed at facilitating the elimination of the derogatory use of the 'r-word' from everyday speech and promote the acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities.

CATERPILLAR, CHRYSALIS, COURTYARD

For the past 23 days the young scholars in our Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes have been studying caterpillars. As the boys excitedly watched, the tiny caterpillars began to eat and grow. As they grew, the class made many different observations (e.g. "their feet looked like suction cups", "they got fatter and fuzzier"). After a few days spent in observation of their eating and crawling patterns, the boys noticed the caterpillars beginning to hang upside down and soon all of the caterpillars had entered the next phase in their life cycle- a chrysalis! Between Monday and Tuesday, the boys witnessed beautiful painted lady butterflies emerge from their chrysalis. The students took the butterflies outdoors to our courtyard to release them in a very beautiful moment.
ATTENTION 7th GRADE FAMILIES

In the Fall, your son will have HSTP class here twice per cycle. If you would like to purchase the book they use (Master the Catholic High School Entrance Exam 2016) to give your son a head-start over the summer, please send a $20 check made payable to SEA to the attention of Mr. Cincotta by MONDAY. Your son will receive the book before the end of the school year.

UPPER FORM ENRICHMENT: TV STUDIO

Mr. Johns’ TV Studio is an enrichment course open to 7th and 8th graders. It meets twice a cycle and produces broadcasts that are shown in (Upper and Middle Form) Monday Morning Meetings. The 8th graders recently produced a retrospective about the history of the mascot of the Academy, and the origins of the Lancer on the wall of the Lower Form Gym. A group of 7th graders known as “The TV Studio Skit Squad” adapted a half-time speech skit of a comedian to a production of their own. The members of the Skit Squad are Connor Garrison, Brian Burns, Michael Marine, Oliver Conaty, Nick Horgan, Ben Turulski and Will Jaskot. The skit earned rave reviews from and students and faculty alike. We wanted to be sure to share it with you. Click here to enjoy.

YEARBOOKS: PLEASE PURCHASE NOW

Please click here to download the yearbook order form. Orders should be received by Monday! Help us reduce waste and save money by only ordering what we need. Questions may be directed to Mr. Johns or Mrs. Rubio. Thank you!