FROM DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

Today, students, dressed all in pink, pray for the lives of families affected by breast cancer. For me, and for so many people, it is quite personal. My dad, my sister and many other family members have been diagnosed with some form of breast cancer. I know I am not alone. Daily I hear of families taking on the fight of breast cancer. It seems to be part of the landscape anymore. But, as I talked to the boys this week, we discussed how challenges will always be a part of life. Our response to these challenges is what matters most. We are part of a community who needs our collective help as they fight the fight. Today, as the boys covered themselves in pink...

[Click here to read more.]

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

As the parent or guardian of a current S.E.A student, you know first-hand all that is great about our school. Every year our Board and administration work diligently to make sure that our financial needs are not only met but that continuous enhancements and upgrades take place on our campus. Meeting our financial goals is achieved through tuition, donations from individuals like you, and donations from foundations and/or corporations. Did you know that when applying for grants from foundations and corporations one of the key factors they look for from schools is the percentage of participation in the Annual Fund from the school’s families? Achieving 100% participation from our current SEA families is critical when asking for foundation and corporate giving. If you have not yet returned your Annual Fund gift, please consider doing so. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30 so a gift given during that time period counts towards our 2015-2016 Annual Fund. Making your gift before December 31 will count as a tax deduction for you for 2015. Remember, it is not the size of the gift that matters, just your participation! You may return your Annual Fund envelope to school or make an online donation by clicking here. For any questions please contact Sue Johnson. Thank you for your participation!
FROM THE PARENTS' GUILD

Be sure to join us here tomorrow from 6:30-8:30 for a courtyard display of decorated pumpkins, a parking lot full of trunks popped open for 'trunk or treaters' to visit, a hayride and a haunted house in the 1920s mansion on our campus. *We're getting really excited!* It is going to be a great event. There are concession sales and a $5.00 *suggested donation* to enter the haunted house but otherwise this is a free event organized in the spirit of building and keeping community here at this amazing place we call S.E.A. Costumes are welcomed!

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Click [here](#) to see which events you can attend THIS WEEKEND in support of your favorite Lancer athlete.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Online Signups for 1st & 2nd Grade Instructional b-ball begin on Monday, 10/26.

PROGRESS REPORTS | CONFERENCES

First Trimester Progress Reports will be posted in NetClassroom today after 5pm. These reports reflect your son's progress at the midpoint of the First Trimester. Parent/Teacher conferences coincide with the release of progress reports so that your attention is drawn to anything needing to be addressed before final grades are issued at the end of the marking period. *Signup Genius* links are available in the email you will be receiving this afternoon. Conferences are Monday, 11/2 and are held in three sessions (Morning, Afternoon or Evening). Questions about progress should be directed to teachers. Questions about conferences should be directed to the Registrar. If you need your username or password (to access NetClassroom), contact us.

SERVICE HOURS ARE AVAILABLE

*Does your son or daughter need to perform service hours for Confirmation or by high school requirement?* Several service hours opportunities are now available throughout the year here at S.E.A (after school and/or on weekends). The next opportunity is to help with the clean up (of the Pumpkin Carve event) on **Sunday, 10/25 (9-12pm)**. Contact us!

**THURSDAY, 11/19**

+ Talent Show 6:30

**LETTER DAYS**

- **Monday, 10/26**
  - 'C' Day
- **Tuesday, 10/27**
  - 'D' Day
- **Wednesday, 10/28**
  - 'E' Day
- **Thursday, 10/29**
  - 'F' Day
- **Friday, 10/30**
  - 'A' Day

SPIRITWEAR SALE ON NOW

Get your S.E.A gear from A's Sporting Goods Click [here](#) for general spiritwear purchases. Click [here](#) for Basketball apparel.

**SUPPLY REQUEST**

*Do you have any clean, empty milk or O.J. (cardboard) containers?* If so, please send them to Mr. Skolfield for an upcoming Knighthood project.

**LUNCH MENU**

**MONDAY, 10/26:**

- Chicken Patty Sandwich ($3.50)
- Rice ($1.25)

**TUESDAY, 10/27:**

- Deli Sandwich w/ Chips ($3.50)

**WEDNESDAY, 10/28:**

- Ravioli Dinner w/ Garlic Bread ($3.50)

**URSULINE ACADEMY PLAY THIS SUNDAY**

Ursuline Academy presents *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at the Anna Raskob Auditorium this Saturday and **Sunday**. Tickets cost $8.00 each and are available at the door only. Showtimes are tomorrow, October 24th, at 7:30pm and **again this Sunday**, October 25th at 2:00pm.
COPING AS A FAMILY: Thursday, 10/29

Today our faculty and staff wore pink to raise awareness (and funds) for those affected by breast cancer. A cancer diagnosis affects the entire family unit. Families with young children or teens may be wondering what resources are available to them to learn more about coping together. There are a lot of local resources. Christiana Care is bringing many of these organizations together for you. Consider attending their free event (10/29 from 4-7pm) focused on helping children understand and cope when a loved one is suffering. Please click here to view more details. The registration deadline of 10/22 is not firm. You may continue to register until the day-of. Spread the word!

THOMAS P. SWEENEY LIBRARY UPDATE

The Scholastic Book Fair will open THIS Monday, October 26th. An informative flyer of potential sales items was sent home with your son last week. If you have any questions about the process or timeline, please contact our librarian, Mrs. Hartman by email.

THURSDAY, 10/29:
- Hot Dog ($1.75)
- French Fries ($1.50)

FRIDAY, 10/30:
- Pizza ($2.00) ($2.25)

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Tuesday, 11/3: 1
Thursday, 11/5: 2
Friday, 11/6: 2

JOE CONKLIN EVENT 11/20

Joe Conklin will perform at Archmere on Friday, 11/20 at 7:00pm. Cost is $25. Click here to purchase tickets.

BAND PRACTICES

MONDAY, 10/26:
- Jazz Band

WEDNESDAY, 10/27: Lancer Band (Winds)

THURSDAY, 10/29:
- Jazz Band

FRIDAY, 10/30: Beginner Band (Percussion)

All rehearsals are held from 2:45-3:20