FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families & Friends of SEA, “Prayer is a need of our soul; it is the life of our heart.” This past week, I had a young boy struggle with coming to school. On our daily walk around the school, he asked me if I knew why he was having such a hard time when it came time to begin each day. It was such an honest moment for this little guy, and I truly had no answer for him. We were just about to enter Liturgy together so I thought to ask him if he ever spoke to God. He responded that he did. So, I suggested he talk to God during Mass. He smiled and said, “Why didn’t I think of that?” ...it was so sweet! [Click here to read more.]

ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE FUN

Mrs. Manalo & Mrs. Hartman’s 1st Grade Class gathered with Mr. Walsh’s 7 ELA-2 Class yesterday in the Library to work on their gingerbread houses together. Each 1st Grader was paired with a 7th Grader who could guide him. We always look forward to this event, and we thank the parents who came in to share in the fun.

SPEAK UP FOR SCHOOLS!

Speak Up, a national online research project facilitated by Project Tomorrow gives individuals the opportunity to share their viewpoints about key educational issues, particularly concerning 21st
century education and technology. Each year, findings are summarized and shared with national and state-level policy makers. Participating schools and districts can access their data online, free-of-charge in February 2015. The survey closes on 12/19. Please speak up for what you feel is most important at Saint Edmond’s Academy by taking this brief survey which takes about 10 minutes. Click here to begin Speaking Up! Thank you in advance!

COME CHEER ON OUR B-BALL TEAMS!

While we continue to enhance our new website/portal, we will publish the upcoming basketball schedule here a few times this season. Click here to view this weekend's schedule of games.

FACULTY & STAFF CHRISTMAS FUND

In keeping with a nearly 25 year old tradition, we are again asking for donations for the Faculty & Staff Christmas Fund. Please consider sending a donation, in any amount, to the attention of Bill D'Amato by Wednesday, 12/17. Thank you as always!

NUMBERS BEE COMPETITION

Congrats to our high-scoring representatives at the three recent Numbers Bee Competitions. At the 1st taping, Connor Lehmann ‘16, Riley McAvinue ‘16 and Tim Wildman ‘16, along with Ben Turulski ‘16 as an alternate, represented S.E.A and put in a very long night due to some technical difficulties. In the 2nd taping, Maclaren Blow ‘17, Thomas Oakes ‘17 and Sam Willey ‘17, along with Michael Acierno ‘17 as an alternate, represented us. This past Friday at a special mixed-grade match up, pitting three of our top-scoring 7th & 8th graders against each other (James

classroom dates of importance through the NetClassroom calendar.

LETTER DAYS

Monday, 12/15 'e'
Tuesday, 12/16 'f'
Wednesday, 12/17 'a'
Thursday, 12/18 'b'
Friday, 12/19 'c'

LUNCH MENU

Monday, 12/15:
Crispy Nuggets ($3.25)
Rice ($1.25)
Tuesday, 12/16:
Hot Dog ($1.75)
French Fries ($1.50)
Wednesday, 12/17:
Meatball Sandwich w/ Chips ($3.50)
Thursday, 12/18:
Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich w/ Whipped Potato ($3.50)
Friday, 12/19:
Pizza ($2.00) ($2.25)

URSULINE DANCE TONIGHT!

Click here for details.
Click here for the permission slip.

GLOBETROTTER TICKET ORDERS
Tallman '15 & Matt Witterholt '15 and Charles Parson '16). All students tested their ability to solve problems mentally and did so often more quickly than the host could read them. We're not giving away any results though because we hope you'll tune in when it's televised in the near future. We'll keep you posted on the airing dates. Congrats to our students and to Mr. Ruth for all the time and dedication! We're proud!

BARNES & NOBLE and SANTA'S VISIT

Santa was a big hit at our Barnes & Noble in-store event on Wednesday. (Thank you, Santa!) Families were able to shop for a cause and have their gifts wrapped (thanks to our faculty volunteers!). An unexpected surprise was the donation of new reading materials by the Ebeid, Loring, Turner & Downs Families. If you couldn't make it to the sale, there's still time to shop. Online purchases made today and tomorrow using our 'Checkout Code' (11508470) will be added to our Wednesday evening sales totals. Thank you for your continued support of the Thomas P. Sweeney Library. Merry Christmas!

7th GRADE ART CLASS CHALLENGE

Mrs. Downs' 7th grade art classes were challenged to build the strongest, tallest structure they could manage using only 'found' materials. They searched and found plenty of items but they all agreed to use only cardboard tubes, masking tape and newspaper. They then broke up into four teams of four to build their structures which then had to pass a 'strength' test (i.e. Mrs. Downs whacked it with a cane) which of course they loved. The winning team was Josh Miller, Charles Parson, Ben Russell and Josiah Tucker. We love the way boys learn!

DUE NOW!

Come see the students in our three choral programs sing the National Anthem at an upcoming Harlem Globetrotters game. Click here for the order form due back to Ms. Dehart ASAP.

PORTRAITS

Retakes are on Tuesday. Please make sure your son is on-time that morning. This is the only make-up date. Email Bridgid with questions. Thanks!
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.